



# St. Peter's College Old Boys' Union

(Since 1927)

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016/17

89<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 89th Annual General Meeting of St. Peter's College Old Boys' Union will be held on Sunday, 2nd July 2017, at the D. J. Nicholas Perera Hall, St. Peter's College, Colombo 4, at 10.30 a.m.

### PROGRAMME

- 8.15 a.m. – Holy Mass
- 9.15 a.m. – Rector's Breakfast
- 10.30 a.m. – Annual General Meeting

12th May 2017

### AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Read Notice convening the Meeting
2. Opening Prayer by Rev. Fr. Rector
3. Two minutes silence to be observed in memory of Old Boys, teachers and students who have passed away during the year
4. Excuses
5. Adoption of the minutes of the 88th Annual General Meeting
6. Adoption of the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 26th January 2017
7. Adoption of the Annual Report for the year 2016/17
8. Adoption of the audited Statements of Account for the year 2016/17
9. Address by the Patron on the affairs of the College
10. Address by the President
11. Resolutions, if any
12. Election of Office Bearers

Nominated Office Bearers by the outgoing Committee of Management:

- Patron (Rector – Ex-Officio), Ex-Officio Vice-Patrons (All living past Rectors), Ten Vice-Patrons, Three Past Presidents.

The following Office Bearers will be elected:

- President
- 6 Vice Presidents (and in addition 1 Vice President – to be nominated by Fr. Rector)
- Hony. General Secretary
- Hony. Assistant General Secretary
- Hony. Treasurer
- Hony. Assistant Treasurer
- Hony. Editor
- Hony. Assistant Editor

Committee Members representing the following periods in College:-

1977 and prior	- 2 members	1993 – 1997	- 2 members
1978 – 1982	- 2 members	1998 – 2002	- 2 members
1983 – 1987	- 2 members	2003 – 2007	- 2 members
1988 – 1992	- 2 members	2008 to date	- 2 members

Other Committee members - 5 members

13. Election of Auditor
14. Close of Meeting
15. Singing of the College Anthem

By order of the Committee of Management



Algi Wijewickrema  
Hony General Secretary  
12th May 2017

## HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR 2016/17

- First day at school for year 1 students – Colombo and Gampaha
- Global Peterite Reunion
- Golden Gleam 2016
- Inter Batch Cricket Tournament for the Gerry de Mel Trophy
- Sing-Along
- Stag Night 2016
- Teacher Insurance
- Medical Camp for Staff

## OUR RECTORS

The Old Boys' Union wishes to pay humble tribute to our Rectors who have guided the destinies of our Alma Mater over the past 95 years.

N.B. Until 4<sup>th</sup> December 1977 the Rectors were also the Presidents of the Old Boys' Union.



Founder Rector –  
Rev. Fr. Maurice Le Goc  
OMI



1<sup>st</sup> Rector – 1922 - 1943  
Rev. Fr. D J Nicholas  
Perera OMI.



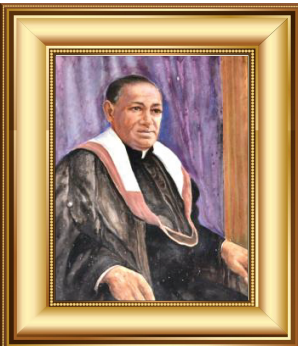
2<sup>nd</sup> Rector – 1943 - 1955  
Rev. Fr. Basil Wiratunga  
OMI



3<sup>rd</sup> Rector – 1956 - 1963  
Rev. Fr. Arthur N  
Fernando Mis. App.



4<sup>th</sup> Rector – 1963 - 1971  
Rev. Fr. Mervyn  
Weerakkody Mis. App.



5<sup>th</sup> Rector – 1971 - 1975  
Rev. Fr. Theadore E Peiris  
OMI



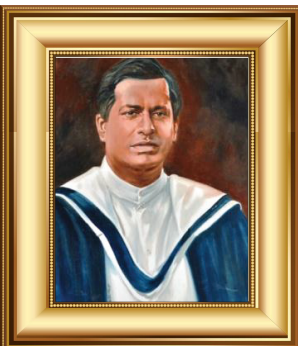
6<sup>th</sup> Rector – 1975 - 1976  
Rev. Fr. Claver Perera  
Mis. App.



7<sup>th</sup> Rector – 1976 - 1977  
Rev. Fr. Francis Madiwela  
Mis. App.



8<sup>th</sup> Rector – 1978 - 1994  
Rev. Fr. Joe E  
Wickremasinghe Mis. App.



9<sup>th</sup> Rector – 1994 - 2005  
Rev. Fr. Felician R Perera  
Mis. App.



10<sup>th</sup> Rector – 2005 - 2014  
Rev. Fr. Travis Gabriel  
Mis. App.



Present Rector – 2014 to date  
Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin  
Mis. App.

## OUR PRESIDENTS

The Old Boys' Union of St. Peter's College was instituted on 15th October 1927 and up to 4th December 1977 the Rectors of the College were ex-officio Presidents of the Old Boys' Union.

Since December 1977 the following lay Presidents have led the Union:



**Mr. J A R Felix**  
1977 - 1980



**Mr. Shelly Wickramasinghe**  
1980 - 1983



**Mr. V P A Perera**  
1983 - 1984



**Mr. Mano Chanmugam**  
1984 - 1987 &  
2002 - 2003



**General Deshamanya  
Denis Perera**  
1987 - 1990



**Mr. Ranjit Weerasena**  
1990 - 1992



**Mr. C E Maurice Perera**  
1992 - 1993



**Mr. C Abeygoonewardene**  
1993 - 1996



**Mr. Nivard A L Cabraal**  
1996 - 1999



**Mr. Gerry De Mel**  
1999 - 2002



**Mr. Harin Gunawardena**  
2003 - 2006



**Mr. Suranga Senevirathne**  
2006 - 2009



**Mr. Roshan Dharmaratna**  
2009 - 2011



**Surgeon Commodore  
Nielhan Samaranayake**  
2011 - 2013



**Surgeon Rear Admiral  
N.E.L.W Jayasekera**  
2013 - 2014



**Mr. Romeish de Mel**  
2014 to date

## MESSAGE FROM THE PATRON



St. Peter's College is inspired by the essence of Catholic Education i.e. integral education and functioning with this vision in focus, St. Peter's is becoming a school 'par excellence' in Sri Lanka. With more and more emphasis on education, our mission is to give the first place in all our endeavours to the imparting of quality education, with sports, co-curricular activities and extra-curricular activities also given its place. The aim being to provide a holistic education and create a well rounded student who will go out to society and the world with confidence and self belief, carrying with him values and ethics that are inculcated in him at St. Peter's.

St. Peter's College in its 95 year long history has produced many a Peterite who has won acclaim nationally and internationally bringing glory to his 'Alma Mater'. These Old Boys have left an indelible imprint upon society through their unique and invaluable service to humanity. As the College anthem spells out they have kept the Blue, White and Gold flag unfurled, through their dedication to duty and the deep sense of loyalty they have for St. Peter's.

The Old Peterites have been and continue to be a source of inspiration and a tower of strength to St. Peter's College and a strong motivating force for the present boys. They continue to pass on the hallowed Peterite traditions to the present Peterites by engaging in various activities of the school. The Peterite Old Boys have always stood by College encouraging and ensuring the progress and development of Peterites and St. Peter's in the right direction. This is very evident in the way they support efforts of the College to organise the Big Match, the Peterite Walk and sports activities, such as cricket, rugby, etc.

I wish to place on record my sincere gratitude to Mr. Romeish De Mel, the out going President and the committee of management of the OBU for all the support extended towards the progress of the College and for the inspirational leadership in helping College realize its aims and objectives.

I wish the President to be elected and his committee all the very best and look forward to working closely with them in the future.

Let me also offer all Old Peterites my prayerful blessings in their endeavours and wish them prosperity in all their undertakings. May the Lord bless each one of them and their family members and may His merciful love and the care and protection of Mary our beloved Mother be with them.

**God bless you all!**

**Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin**  
**Rector / Patron**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As in the past two years it is my pleasure and privilege to send this message to the OBU's Annual Report, though unlike in the previous two occasions, this will be the last time I will have the pleasure of doing so.

Looking back on the three years of Presidency you may find that the present Committee has not initiated new projects. This I must say was deliberate as in my opinion we needed to ensure that the projects already in place were well supported.

Having said that, I am proud of the fact that events such as the Honours Night in 2015/16 and the Global Peterite reunion held in March this year (2016/17), were highly successful events that would remain in the memory of participants for a long time.

As mentioned in this report, we were keen to carry out renovations and refurbishments to the OBU Secretariat with the hope that we can be put it to better use and achieve the goal before the end of current year, 2016/17. However in view of technical requirements that we did not wish to compromise on, we have had to delay same. On a happier note I can add that work can be started as soon as the contractual documents are signed.

Another important decision that was taken in the year under review was the temporary suspension of the clauses adopted last year regarding the appointment of the President of the OBU as decided at a Special General Meeting (SGM) held on 26th January 2017. The minutes of the said SGM is contained in this report elsewhere. The sub-committee has not completed their discussions and therefore the Committee of Management (COM) awaits their recommendations.

I am truly grateful to the affiliated bodies, Batch Groups, the Gampaha Branch, our Sports Foundations and our overseas Branches for all the work they have done which contributed to the success of the year under review as can be seen in our Report for this year.

I would also be failing in my duty if I do not thank the outgoing committee, for their unstinted hard work, dedication and support of our OBU. The core team of the Hony. General Secretary, Asst. Secretary, Hony. Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer certainly put their "shoulders to the wheel" to make the engine of the OBU run smoothly. As much as everybody contributed in their own forms and capacities, I would like to single out two individuals, who, without their incredible support, this OBU could not have functioned smoothly and these are none other than our very capable Hony. General Secretary, Mr. Algi Wijewickrema and our Asst. Secretary, Mr. Haariz Rahman.

Algi was an absolute tower of strength to me personally and to the OBU. His "never say no" attitude, his impeccable grammar and writing skills, and unblemished values, ethics & morals, are an inspiration and example to us all. I would certainly not have been able to complete the 3 years in office, if not for his incredible supports and encouragement. THANK YOU ALGI. It is gentlemen and "unsung heroes" like you who have made this OBU the brilliant rock it is today.

Haariz is the "wind beneath our wings". His very pleasing demeanour and unassuming personality was in no way reflective of the huge contribution he made to the OBU. His attention to detail and dedication to perfection is truly inspiring. Haariz was the "hard worker" who burnt the midnight oil to bring all records and documents into the order it is today. THANK YOU HAARIZ. You too are one of those "unsung heroes" of the Peterite OBU.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank Fr. Rector and the priest community for their support to the OBU.

In conclusion, I would like to wish the new President and his team all success in the new year to serve College and the OBU even better.

**God bless St. Peter's, the OBU and all my brother Peterites.**

**Romeish de Mel  
President – St. Peter's College OBU**

# THE OLD BOYS' UNION

The Old Boys' Union (OBU) of St. Peter's College dates back to the year 1927, the same year that St. Peter's was officially promulgated (changing its name from St. Joseph's College South to St. Peter's), when the Old Boys formed themselves into a Union. The first Rector, Rev. Fr. Nicholas Perera OMI was also the first President of the Old Boys' Union at its inauguration and up until Fr. Francis Madiwela (Rector in 1977) decided that the President of the OBU should be an Old Boy, Rectors continued to serve as Presidents. Since 1977, sixteen laymen have been Presidents and have rendered yeomen service to the OBU and College.

The Rectors who served as Ex-Officio Presidents of the OBU were Rev. Fathers D J Nicholas Perera OMI, Basil A Wiratunga OMI, Arthur Nicholas Fernando, Mervyn Weerakkody, Theodore Peiris OMI, Claver Perera and Francis Madiwela who rendered yeomen service to the OBU. During this period the Hony. Secretary had an important role to play as the Chief Executive Officer. Among these indefatigable Secretaries we have the pleasure of recalling the services rendered by M/s. Charles de Silva, Neville C R Weerasinghe (who served as the General Secretary for a considerable length of time), Major Edward Dias, P Julian Grero, Shirley Wijeratne, I M Wirasinghe and C E Maurice Perera.

When Fr. Francis Madiwela mooted the idea of a lay President for the OBU in 1977, a 3 man sub-committee comprising of M/s. J A R Felix (Chairman), C E Maurice Perera (Secretary) and George Wijesinghe was appointed to draft a new constitution which was unanimously adopted on the 4th of December that year and the first lay President of the OBU in the person of Mr. J A R Felix was unanimously elected while the Rector took up the post of Patron.

Since 1977 to date Mr. J A R Felix has been succeeded as President by M/s. Shelly Wickremasinghe, V P A Perera, Mano Chanmugam, General Deshamanya Denis Perera VSV, Ranjith Weerasena, C E Maurice Perera, DIG Camillus R Abeygoonewardena, Nivard Cabraal, Gerry de Mel, Mano Chanmugam, (who served 2 terms), Harin Gunawardena, Suranga Senevirathne, Roshan Dharmaratne, Surgeon Commodore Nielhaan Samaranyake, Surgeon Rear Admiral N E L W Jayasekera VSV USP and the present incumbent, Romeish de Mel who have, each in his own way, guided the destinies of the OBU with loyalty and dedication.

The Honorary General Secretaries during this period when lay Presidents led the OBU, have been no less diligent in the exercise of their duties and among them were M/s. Christie Rodrigo, Ernie Gunaratne, Terry Williams, Noel Jayasundera, Gerry de Mel (twice), Stanley Jayasinghe, Dunstan Fernando, Gihan Siribaddana, Nemantha Hatarasinghe, Kevin Edwards, Sriyan de Silva, Shehan D Fernando, Randy Roche, Haariz J Rahman (twice) and Denver Rozairo. The present holder of this office is Algi Wijewickrema.

When speaking about the Old Boys' Union we cannot forget the different Foundations, Batch Groups, our branch at Gampaha and Overseas Branches whose support to the OBU and College have been invaluable.

The OBU has over 6100 members and takes pride in the fact that the objectives of the Union as spelled out in the Constitution have been more than amply realised during these past 89 years.

# GENERAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The General Committee of Management has pleasure in submitting its Annual Report for the year 2016/17 together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2017. This Report was duly adopted by the General Committee at its meeting held on 25th May 2017.

As in the past the OBU was closely involved with the College in providing support, in whatever required form in the spheres of sports, academic activities and extra-curricular activities. Reports on the different activities that the OBU was involved in are detailed in this report.

The Global Peterite Reunion was the major event that was in the calendar for the year under reference which was held spanning nine days from 2nd to 10th March 2017. It was unfortunately affected by changes to the 50 over Josephian – Peterite cricket match which was postponed from 11th March to 25th. While many came from overseas and enjoyed the activities organised, some were disappointed due to the postponement of the 50 over cricket match. The welcome ceremony and cocktails with the Stag Night, the Big Match, the Back to School event and the dinner-dance were thoroughly enjoyed by those who made it. More details are available in this report under Activities During the Year.

At a Special General Meeting (SGM) held last year the OBU constitution was amended to appoint a President rather than elect one at the AGM (the minutes of the SGM was published in the Annual Report for the last year). However, with a view to accommodating different views that emerged since then, at an SGM held on 26th January 2017 a sub-committee was appointed to review the process for the election of the President and in the event a decision was not reached, recommended and approved at another SGM before the AGM due in 2017, the resolution provided that the system that prevailed prior to the adoption of the resolution last year would prevail. The minutes of the said SGM held on 26th January 2017 appears elsewhere in this report.

Although we looked forward to completing repairs to the OBU Secretariat and Lounge building to enable us to use the entire building, it was not to be during this year. Though plans were laid to achieve this, since we had to ensure that work done would not require repetition particularly with regard to water proofing, we had to consider the different proposals by qualified engineers and contractors and consequently delay the selection of contractors and the execution of plans. However, we are happy to report that we are now ready to award the contract to a qualified contractor and commence work. The work is expected to be completed within 4 – 5 months.

The contribution by the Sub-Committees, Batch Groups, Foundations and the branch at Gampaha, in supporting the OBU and College was indeed praiseworthy and the Chairmen and the Presidents of these Sub-Committees, Batch Groups, Foundations and the Branch need to be congratulated for the excellent work done by them.

Close links were maintained with the overseas branches and the magnanimous assistance received from many of them was indeed commendable, not to mention their enthusiastic participation in the Global Peterite Reunion, benefiting both the OBU and our Alma Mater and we take this opportunity to say a big thank you to them for their generosity.

## Composition of the General Committee of Management

<b>Patron</b>	- Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin – Rector (Ex-Officio)
<b>Vice Patrons</b>	- Rev. Fr. Felician R Perera (Ex-Officio) - Rev. Fr. Travis Gabriel (Ex-Officio) - Lankamanya (Dr.) Lester James Peiris - Prof. Willie Mendis - Mr. Kumar Paul (Snr.) - Mr. Mano Chanmugam - Air Chief Marshal Roshan Goonetilleke - Dr. Ananda Soysa - Prof. Rohan Jayasakara - Mr. Eardley Thilakaratne (up to September 2016) - Mr. Nivard Cabraal - Mr. Ranjith Weerasena - Mr. Romeish de Mel
<b>President</b>	- Mr. Romeish de Mel
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	- Surgeon Rear Admiral Nicholas Jayasekera (up to February 2017)*
<b>Nominated Past Presidents</b>	- Mr. Gerry de Mel - Mr. Suranga Senevirathne - Mr. Roshan Dharmaratne
<b>Vice-Presidents</b>	- Mr. Kevin Edwards - Mr. Asela Lihinikaduwa - Mr. Jerry Anderson - Mr. Paul Newman - Mr. Ravika de Silva - Mr. Dushantha Gunewardene
<b>Hony General Secretary</b>	- Mr. Algi Wijewickrema
<b>Asst. General Secretary</b>	- Mr. Haariz Rahman
<b>Hony Treasurer</b>	- Mr. Dion Saverimuttu
<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>	- Mr. Shiran Yatagama
<b>Hony Editor</b>	- Mr. Sujith Silva
<b>Asst. Editor</b>	- Mr. Yuwanmini Landersz

General Committee	Mr. Suren Perera	Mr. Hasitha Herath
Mr. Hilal Abdulla	Mr. Navin Fonseka	Mr. Fouzan Ali
Mr. Hiran Fernando	Mr. Kanishka Hewage	Mr. Naresh Raymond
Mr. Randy Roche	Mr. Jeyakanth Lawrence	Mr. Gimhan Perera
Mr. Aruna Perera	Mr. Shan Amarasekera	Mr. Dishan Anthony
Mr. Kevin Rasquinho	Mr. Kumantha Ranasinghe	Mr. Malinda Perera
Mr. Lawrence Paiva	Mr. Dilanka Peiris	Mr. Samitha Perera
Mr. Roshan Abeygoonewardene		
Mr. Rohan Ekanayake		

\* Committee membership terminated as per constitution, due to absence at 3 consecutive meetings

## **Members Not Eligible for Election as Office Bearers**

Mr. Vinoj de Silva who had missed 3 consecutive meetings in the year 2014/15 and ceased to be a Committee Member will not be eligible for election until the year 2018/19.

M/s. Sujeeva Dahanayake and Kirkinston Michael who missed 3 consecutive meetings in the year 2015/16 and ceased to be Committee Members will not be eligible for election until the year 2019/20.

Surgeon Rear Admiral Nicholas Jayasekera will not be eligible to be nominated to serve in the Committee as a Past President until the year 2020/21.

The following Committee Members who have served 3 consecutive years from 2013/14 will not be eligible for re-election to the same office/post by virtue of the fact that they have served as General Committee members for 3 consecutive years. However they may be elected to any other office/post except in the case of the Mr. Romeish de Mel, President:

M/s. Romeish de Mel, Algi Wijewickrema (Hony. General Secretary), Haariz Rahman (Asst. General Secretary), Dion Saverimuttu (Hony. Treasurer), Mr. Shiran Yatagama (Asst. Treasurer) and Sujith Silva (Editor) and Committee Members, M/s. Randy Roche and Kumantha Ranasinghe

## Meetings of the Committee of Management

13 Committee meetings were held (2 in December '16 and 2 in May '17) in the year 2016/17 and attendance of the Committee members at these meetings are given in the table below.

N. B. The Presidents of Foundations who are members of the Committee of Management also attended meetings though their attendance is not recorded here.

#	Name	Total No. of Meetings	Present	Excused	Absent	Attendance %
1	Mr. Romeish de Mel	13	11	2	0	85%
2	Surgeon Rear Admiral Nicholas Jayasekera*	8	0	0	8	-
3	Mr. Gerry de Mel	13	11	2	0	85%
4	Mr. Suranga Senevirathne	13	12	1	0	92%
5	Mr. Roshan Dharmaratne	13	5	7	1	38%
6	Mr. Kevin Edwards	13	13	0	0	100%
7	Mr. Asela Lihinikaduwa	13	10	3	0	77%
8	Mr. Dushantha Gunewardene	13	12	1	0	92%
9	Mr. Jerry Anderson	13	12	1	0	92%
10	Mr. Ravika de Silva	13	13	0	0	100%
11	Mr. Paul Newman	13	13	0	0	100%
12	Mr. Algi Wijewickrema	13	10	3	0	77%
13	Mr. Haariz Rahman	13	13	0	0	100%
14	Mr. Dion Saverimuttu	13	12	1	0	92%
15	Mr. Shiran Yatagama	13	10	3	0	77%
16	Mr. Sujith Silva	13	6	5	2	46%
17	Mr. Yuwanmini Landersz	13	8	4	1	62%
18	Mr. Hilal Abdulla	13	9	1	3	64%
19	Mr. Hiran Fernando	13	9	3	1	64%
20	Mr. Randy Roche	13	9	4	0	64%
21	Mr. Aruna Perera	13	9	2	2	64%
22	Mr. Lawrence Paiva	13	11	0	2	85%
23	Mr. Kevin Rasquino	13	4	4	5	31%
24	Mr. Roshan Abeygoonewardene	13	9	4	0	64%
25	Mr. Rohan Ekanayake	13	10	1	2	77%
26	Mr. Suren Perera	13	8	3	2	62%
27	Mr. Navin Fonseka	13	6	5	2	46%
28	Mr. Kanishka Hewage	13	9	2	2	64%
29	Mr. Jeyakanth Lawrence	13	4	3	6	31%
30	Mr. Kumantha Ranasinghe	13	12	1	0	92%
31	Mr. Dilanka Peiris	13	13	0	0	100%
32	Mr. Hasitha Herath	13	9	1	3	64%
33	Mr. Shan Amarasekera	13	4	8	1	64%
34	Mr. Fouzan Ali	13	11	1	1	85%
35	Mr. Naresh Raymond	13	11	2	0	85%
36	Mr. Gimhan Perera	13	7	4	2	54%
37	Mr. Dishan Anthony	13	10	2	1	77%
38	Mr. Sudesh Mendis	13	12	1	0	92%
39	Mr. Malinda Perera	13	5	4	4	38%
40	Mr. Samitha Perera	13	5	4	4	38%

\* Committee membership terminated as per constitution, due to absence at 3 consecutive meetings

## **Foundations, Sub-Committees and Affiliated Bodies**

The following Served as Presidents or Chairmen and Secretaries of the respective Foundations, Sub-Committees and Affiliated Bodies:

### **Basketball Foundation**

President – Mr. Amindra Wimalasena

Secretary – Mr. Trevin Juriensz

### **Cricket Foundation**

President – Mr. Kanishka Hewage

Secretary – Mr. Kanishke Jayasumana

### **Football Foundation**

President – Mr. Warren Dalton

Secretary – Mr. Lawrence Paiva

### **Rugby Foundation**

President – Mr. Fazal Mohamed

Secretary – Mr. Dilshan Perera

### **Tennis Foundation**

President – Mr. Shalain Fernando

Secretary – Mr. Dasitha Medis

### **Track & Field Foundation**

President – Mr. Manujaya Fernando

Secretary – Mr. S Mario Fernando

### **Health Sub-Committee**

Chairman – Mr. Naresh Raymond

Secretary – Mr. Lakshan Nanayakkara

### **Old Peterites' Sports Club (OPSC)**

Chairman – Mr. Ravika de Silva (from Mar. 16)

Secretary – Mr. Kumantha Ranasinghe

### **Old Boys' Union House – Lounge (OBUH)**

Chairman – Mr. Jerry Anderson

Secretary – Mr. Zakir Mohamedally

## Members Enrolled During the Year April 2016 – March 2017

The following 263 were the Old Boys enrolled as members of the OBU during the period April 2016 – March 2017:

Name	Name	Name
H D C P M Appuhamy	I. S. Godellawatte	Y. S. Mendis
S M I S Abeywickrema	E. S. M. Goonawardena	S. Mohanakkumar
M I S Ameer	T. T. Grero	M. Z. Mohideen
D D Amerasinghe	T. Y. R. Gunaratne	U. Mohideen
D D Arukgoda	H. D. T. F. Gunasekara	H. M. D. U. G. Mudalige
S Aluvihare	S. A. Gunawardana	T. M. B. Mudalige
D D Amerasinghe	T. P. Gunawardana	T. M. I. Meedin
M A Anandaraj	D. N. Gunsekera	K. J. Meckroni
S R Anandaraj	S. D. Gurusingha	A. J. Mohammed Nizamdeen
P R Anthony	P. R. N. Gunaratne	M. A. Mukthar
U M Aponso	S. R. Gunawijeya	S. A. Nanayakkara
R S Arsakularatne	M. Z. Hussain	T. D. Nanayakkara
G S K Aponso	T. D. R. Hameen	Y. R. Nanayakkara
S. M. Abeywickrama	I. M. Haputhanthri	J. S. Nithipan
M. H. H. Akram	D. J. Hardy	L. D. S. Nanayakkara
H. S. Amaratunga	D. Hettiarachchi	V. E. Richard
B. R. M. V. Bandara	N. V. Hewawasam	R. A. S. P. Ramanayake
M. Balakrishnan	H. J. D. Hendricks	P. A. R. T. Ranasinghe
A. M. Bamunugama	H. K. M. I. D. Herath	P. C. Ranasinghe
R. M. T. S. Bandara	C. J. Henricus	R. M. S. M. Ratnayake
S. C. A. Bogahawatte	R.N.A. Jayalath	B. K. I. J. S. Rodrigo
P. I. Bosco	A D S N Jayakody	N. A. J. S. Rodrigo
P. S. Boteju	H.A. Joseph	N. A. P. L. Rodrigo
K. G. M. Bandara	M. T. C. Jayawardana	R. A. R. C. Rupasinghe
J Charles	J. M. D. M. R. Jayawardane	R.P. Serpanchy
L. L. S. R. Cabral	D. N. Jayakody	S.E. Seneviratne
L. D. Chathuranga	M. L. Jayakody	M.K. Silva
A.R.H. De Jong	S. H. Jayasingha	N. Sakthiendra
A. S. K. Dabare	L. L. Jayasingha	G. R. Samarasinghe
K. N. Dabare	W. A. M. C. L. Jayasingha	N. Sathurolibawaan
A. S. E. Dabrera	A. J. M. S. V. Jayasundara	K. Selvaraj
S. P. Dammage	K. S. R. Jayathilaka	P. A. Seneviratne
A. P. Das	C. R. A. Jayatilaka	D. S. O. Seram
R. A. E. V. M. De Alwis	M. L. Jayawardana	G. A. M. Shiran
R. M. G. De Mel	S. R. Jayawickrama	K. A. C. Silva
M. G. P. De Silva	A. Jerald	K. M. D. N. C. Silva
R. A. S. N. De Silva	N. B. L. Jayawardana	L. R. M. D. Silva
U. K. A. De Silva	R. B. Jarkie	R. A. Silva
D. C. Dehoedt	D. R. R. Jayasinghe	R. R. S. Silva
S. B. Dehoedt	R.N.A. Jayalath	W. S. D. Soysa
T. Delgahapitiya	A D S N Jayakody	U. H. Sudayachandran
R. K. Delpachitra	H.A. Joseph	M. A. Sukry
P. M. Dharmaratne	M. T. C. Jayawardana	T. Suresh
J. A. D. Y. P Dilakshan	J. M. D. M. R. Jayawardana	H. C. D. Silva
D. V. B. Dissanayake	D. N. Jayakody	S. S. V. Sharma
R. H. F. Dissanayake	M. L. Jayakody	J. B. D. Seneviratne
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D. C. Doolwela	L. L. Jayasingha	A. P. Selvarajah
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M. S. A. De Silva	A. J. M. S. V. Jayasundara	S. M. S. J. B. Thalghawatta
T. Y. N. De Za	K. S. R. Jayathilaka	C. A. Thevendran
Y. H. Edirisuriya	C. R. A. Jayatilaka	P. B. Tennakoon
H.S. Fernando	M. L. Jayawardana	M. V. Udakumbura
W.J.R. Fernando	S. R. Jayawickrama	R. G. Ulwishewa
N. M. Fernando	A. Jerald	S. N. Vass
M. S. Fernando	N. B. L. Jayawardana	A. Vijayakumar
K. S. H. Fonseka	R. B. Jarkie	A. B. Vishvanad

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A. J. Francis  
M. B. M. D. Fernando  
H. Fernando  
M. W. Farook  
M. Fernando  
T. D. N. A. Fonseka  
R. Gunaratnarajah  
P. Gengatharan

D. R. R. Jayasinghe  
T.P. Karunaratne  
K.N.W. Karunaratne  
T.S.L. Karunaratne  
S. Krishantha  
P. V. Kadigamuwa  
M. A. E. K. Kanchanasiri  
P. D. Kannangara  
A. S. Kathriarachchi  
A. F. T. Kingsley  
R. J. Kiriialla  
S. H. C. Kumarsinghe  
P. R. Kirthisinghe  
P. D. P. Lakmal  
K. D. L. Lakshan  
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P. L. K. C. Liyanage  
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A.D. Mervyn  
M. B. A. Muthuarachchi  
A. N. Muheeth  
A. P. Machado  
R. A. A. Madushan  
H. Manoharan  
H. A. A. Marlon  
F. E. C. Martinez  
V. S. Mellawa Thanthrige  
B. L. A. P. Mendis  
D. S. L. Mendis  
N. N. Mendis

D. C. L. Vithanage  
S. A. Vithanage  
V. Varatharajan  
D.R.D. Wenistaslas  
K.L. Weerasena  
D.T. Wijesuriya  
W.A.D.T. Wijethilaka  
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Y. D. Waduarachchige  
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Y. M. Weerasekara  
C. A. R. Weerasinghe  
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I. D. Weerasinghe  
N. M. A. N. Weerasinghe  
A. R. Weeratunga  
V. N. Wickrama  
D. S. P. H. Wickramarachchi  
S. J. I. Wickramaratne  
T. D. Wickremasinghe  
P. W. Wijayamohan  
B. Y. Wijayasundara  
E. D. Wijerathne  
R. V. B. Wijeratne  
M. D. N. K. Wijewardana  
D. R. J. Wilathgamuwa  
D. V. De S. Welihinda  
S. A. Yatagama

## In Memoriam

Based on information received by the General Committee, we place on record the passing away of the following Old Peterites and Staff during the year and offer our deepest sympathies to their families:

Drs. Tony Don Michael and Cornall Felix  
M/s. Ashok Samarasekera  
Edgar Cooray  
Charith Perera  
Joseph Shelton Fernando  
Denzil Abeysekera  
Robin St. Claire Forbes  
Bede Perera  
Trevor Georges  
Peter De La Harpe  
Marlon George  
Clinton de Alwis  
Ananda Caldera  
Cedric Perera  
Nichols S Kamal  
Terry Williams  
Royle Van Sanden  
Jeremy Jarkie  
Alavi Moulana  
Reginald Alles  
Carlyle Neydorff  
Frank Pompeus  
Nalin Dias  
Eardley Tillekeratne (Vice-Patron)  
Eardley Ragell  
Ranjith Peiris  
Ronnie Forbes  
Toby Classen  
Vinitha Rajakaruna  
Bernard Joseph  
Shane Weerakkody  
Allandon Corteing  
Nimal L Perera  
Roger Gomez  
Cajetan Rodrigo (Staff)

May they all rest in peace!

## **Activities During The Year**

### **The Global Peterite Reunion**

The OBU for the first time in its history organised a reunion of Peterites scattered across the globe which was held from 2nd to 10th March 2017 to celebrate our own 90th year of existence and the 95th anniversary of our Alma Mater.

The events in connection with this Global Peterite Reunion were organised under the Chairmanship of Mr. Roshan Dharmaratne and spanned 9 days in March. This included welcome cocktails on 2nd March coinciding with the Stag Night, the Joe-Pete Big Match on 3rd and 4th, Back to “Skool” on 5th, OBU Committee meeting on 9th March and the gala event, the Reunion Get Together on 10th March.

There were the past captains and team members of cricket, rugger and other sports, not forgetting those in other pursuits who came from overseas mingling with their classmates, batch mates and team mates based here in good old Sri Lanka.

Going by the responses received, to say that those who attended enjoyed the events thoroughly would be an understatement and to those who missed out on it we are sure they missed a great event.

The OBU Committee of Management congratulates and thanks Mr. Roshan Dharmaratne for his dedication to this highly successful event.

### **Welcome of Year 1 students at Colombo and Gampaha**

As has become an annual feature in the calendar of St. Peter’s College, the students joining College at year 1 are welcomed at elaborate ceremonies at Colombo and at the Gampaha Branch. This is supported by the OBU.

At College the welcome ceremony was held on 18th January 2017 while at the Gampaha Branch it was held on 10th January 2017. The Colombo’s welcome ceremony was attended by Mr. Romeish de Mel, President and many members of the Committee of Management while Mr. Algi Wijewickrema, Hony. General Secretary represented the OBU at Gampaha.

The Committee wishes to thank Mr. Haariz Rahman (Asst. Secretary) for coordinating successfully, the activities undertaken by the OBU in connection with both events.

### **Golden Gleam – 2016 (OBU Dance)**

We record with pleasure the success of yet another OBU Dance “Golden Gleam - 2016”. With the theme being “On Board”, the Dance Committee led by Co-Chairmen, M/s. Amindra Wimalasena and Paul Newman had not spared any pains to transport the guests to flights beyond their expectations.

The Dance was held at the Colombo Hilton on the 13th of August 2016 with “Misty” and “Black” in attendance and was patronized by many enthusiastic Peterites and well wishers along with their partners. The Priest Community of St. Peter’s College and the Presidents of the Old Boys’ Unions of the Quadrangular Schools were also present to enjoy the event.

The dance generated a profit of Rs.4.3 million.

The Committee of Management is grateful to the Co-Chairmen, M/s. Amindra Wimalasena and Paul Newman for conducting the event successfully.

### **Teacher Insurance**

The Teacher Insurance scheme to assist them to some extent in meeting their medical expenses is funded by the OBU and this continued this year too at a cost of Rs.406,000/-. The renewal of the policy was done effective February 2017 and some teachers have already benefited from this scheme.

## **Other OBU Events**

Other OBU events such as the Inter Batch Soft Ball Cricket Tournament for the Gerry de Mel Trophy, the Gary Melder Trophy match between the Old Boys of St. Peter's and St. Joseph's, the Quadrangular sports events, the Sing-Along, the Stag Night 2017, etc. are reported elsewhere in this report under the relevant Sports Foundation or Sub-Committee.

## **Reports on the OBUH, OPSC and the Sports Foundations**

### **Old Boys' Union House (OBUH)/ Lounge**

The activities of the Old Boys Union House (OBUH) for the period under review were organised under the Chairmanship of Mr. Jerry Anderson and a committee comprising of dynamic and experienced members.

During the period under review the OBUH committee focused on completing some of the urgent improvements required for the building, the lounge and the kitchen. The committee also organized a number of events with the objective of increasing patronage at the Peterite Lounge and generating funds.

The donation of window blinds by a member, Mr. Vinoshan Richards is gratefully acknowledged

#### Retro Night – September 2016

The first 'Club Night' for the year was organised on 14th September 2016 to coincide with the improvements done to the kitchen. The event was a success with retro music and a great atmosphere for all members who gathered.

#### Peterite Den

The lower ground floor area was refurbished and launched as the Peterite "Den" on 22nd October 2016 and was declared open by Mr. Roshan Dharmaratne. It is furnished with tables and chairs to fit the casual atmosphere that the Den caters to. The Den is open to all member of the OBUH and is open on the same days as the Peterite Lounge.

The Committee records with gratitude the generosity of Mr. Sudesh Mendis who donated all tables and seats for the Den.

#### Pete Fest

The 'Pete Fest' organised in the style of 'Oktober Fest' was also held on 22nd October 2016 with the launch of the Peterite Den. The ambiance of the German Beer festival was created through the décor, furniture and themed food & beverages. The event was attended by over 100 members and their guests.

#### Lighting of the Christmas Tree

The Christmas season at the Lounge was commenced with the Lighting of the Christmas tree by Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin, Rector, on 3rd December 2016 followed by a social and singing of Christmas carols.

#### Annual Christmas Sing-Along

The annual Christmas sing-along was held on 10th December 2016 with the popular band 'Cosmic Rays' leading the Petes in singing. This was held at the College hall with over 300 Peterites and friends in attendance. Those present thoroughly enjoyed themselves singing with the band.

### Annual Stag Night

The Annual Stag Night was held at the College grounds on 2nd March 2017. This year's the Stag Night which coincided with the Global Peterite Reunion saw an unprecedented gathering of over 600 Old boys of all ages. The band 'Fire' and many guest artists entertained the crowd while those present reminisced of years gone by and danced till well past midnight.

### Events connected to the Global Peterite Reunion (GPR)

The OBUH arranged the welcome cocktails for the GPR on 2nd March 2017 prior to the Stag Night and a special meal of 'roast pang' with crab curry after the Back to School event on 5th March. The social and fellowship night in connection with the GPR hosted on 10th March 2017 at the Peterite Den with dinner and dancing, was also well supported by the OBUH.

## **Old Peterites' Sports Club (OPSC)**

The OPSC Management Committee consisted of M/s. Ravika de Silva (Chairman), Kumantha Ranasinghe (Secretary), Dilanka Peiris (Asst. Secretary), Dion Saverimuttu (Treasurer) and Shiran Yatagama (Asst. Treasurer) and Mr. Suranga Senevirathne (Nominated Past President) who was a consultant to the OPSC.

The Chairman of the OPSC, Mr. Ravika de Silva has been elected one of the four Executive Vice-Patron of the Saints Quadrangular Committee for the next 4 years and Secretary for the current year while Mr. Sujith Silva has been elected Editor.

### The 49th Saints Quadrangular

The 49th Saints Quadrangular involving Old Boys of the four premier Catholic Schools namely St. Anthony's, Katugastota; St. Benedict's; St. Joseph's and St. Peter's, was held on 6th and 7th August 2016 with the official opening ceremony held on 6th August 2016 at St. Joseph's College, Colombo.

Peterite teams participated in all events and were successful in grabbing places in the following events:

Rugby – Champions

Cricket Main Quadrangular – 1st Runner up

Basketball – 2nd Runner up

### Gary Melder Trophy Cricket

The cricketers of yesteryear from St. Peter's and St. Joseph's met in a 25 over match played on 2nd October 2016 at St. Peter's College Grounds. The event was coordinated for St. Peter's by the OPSC.

Mr. Ranmore Martinez, former Peterite cricketer and current ICC umpire was the Chief Guest.

The following represented the Peterites:-

Asanga Perera, Niranjan Dabare, Riaz Farouk, Anjelo Rajarathnam, Renuka Nonis, Dishan Fernando, Priyan De Silva, Susan Bandara, Damian Tissarachchi, Ranmore Martinez, Roshan Ekanayake, Sanjaya Rajapakse, Duleep Gunasekara, Sujeewa Dhahanayake

The match was won by the Josephians by 5 wickets. Peterite Renuka Nonis was chosen best batsman and Sanjaya Rajapakse was chosen the best bowler.

### Gerry de Mel Trophy Tournament

The 2016 inter batch 6 a side soft ball cricket tournament for the Gerry de Mel Trophy known for short as the Gerry de Mel Trophy Tournament was worked off on 20th November.

Despite the inclement weather there was enthusiastic participation from many batches and in some cases several teams were fielded by one batch.

The Chief Guest this year was Mr. Chanaka Goonewardena, a distinguished all rounder from St. Peter's.

Though there was a short interruption due to rain, the tournament was worked off smoothly by OPSC which was responsible for conducting the tournament.

The eventual winners of the main Trophy on offer, the Gerry de Mel trophy, was the 2005 Batch led by Dilanka Peiris while the runners up were the 2008 Batch captained by Akshu Fernando who received the Suraj Perera Trophy.

In the over 40 category the winners were the 87-92 Batch ('A' Team) led by Riyaz Farouk who grabbed the Dr. Neilhaan Samaranyake trophy while the runners up trophy, the Malik Mendis trophy, was won by 93-94 (B Team) captained by Eraj Jayawardena.

### Anthonian Rugby Carnival

While several teams from among the Peterites participated in the above tournament, the Old Peterites over 40s team were runners up in their category while the below 40s team was eliminated at the semi-final match.

### The 2nd Trinity-Peterite-Thomian Hockey Carnival (TPT) – 10th September 2016

The 2016 edition of the TPT took place at the St. Peter's College Grounds.

This Hockey Carnival, established in 2015, serves as a frontier to maintain and further develop the standards of hockey in the respective schools of Trinity College Kandy, St. Peter's College and S. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia, providing the opportunity for players from various generations to re-live their passion for the sport along with their families.

The Chief Guests gracing the occasion were Mr. Andrew Foulter Watt (Principal, Trinity College), Mr. Romeish de Mel (President-OBU, St. Peter's College) and Mr. Asanka Perera (Sub Warden, S. Thomas' College).

The carnival was carried out as a hockey sevens tournament under five different age groups.

The defending champions St. Thomas' along with Trinity were declared joint champions in an exciting U 19 final.

### Inaugural Thomian-Peterite Hockey Encounter for the Ranil Abeynaike Memorial Trophy

In another event coordinated by the OPSC, St. Thomas' College Mt. Lavinia won the inaugural Ranil Abeynaike Memorial hockey encounter when they beat St Peter's College in the under 19 match by 4 goals to nil played at the Astro Turf on 25th February 2017.

The Thomians led 2-0 at half time.

### Quadrangular Athletics Meet

The Quadrangular Athletics Meet was held on 25th and 26th February 2017 at the St. Peter's College Ground. The Old Peterites won the old boys championship for the 2nd consecutive year.

### Appreciation

The Committee of Management thanks the Chairmen and Committees of the OBUH & OPSC for the work done in coordinating and successfully conducting the many events reported above.

### Basketball Foundation (BF)

At their AGM held on 1st September 2016, the Basketball Foundation (BF) had elected Mr. Amindra Wimalasena as its President with the following supporting him:

Vice-Presidents: M/s. Tharanga Silva & Lakshan Samarasinghe; Secretary: Mr. Trevine Juriansz; Asst. Secretary: Mr. Yohan Dole; Treasurer: Mr. Lasantha Fernando and Assistant Treasurer: Mr. Nishadha Silva.

#### Peterite Basketball League 3

The “Peterite Basketball League 3” an Inter House Basketball tournament organised by the BF to stimulate students to be actively involved in Peterite Basketball and promote the sport at House level had been held at the St Peter’s College Basketball Court on 3rd, 4th & 5th November 2016 from 2.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. There had been over 250 players participating in this the 3rd edition of this annual event.

#### Back to Courts 2016

Building on the success from the inaugural “Back to Courts 2015” tournament, the BF along with the past basketball players of St. Peter’s College had once again organized this event. The ultimate goal of the “Back to Courts” program is to inspire all Old Boys to be actively involved in the future of Peterite Basketball and be positive role models to the present players. The event had been held at the St. Peter’s College Basketball Court on the 18th of December 2016 from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. There had been 80 Old Boys representing 10 teams participating in this event.

#### Upgrading College Basketball Equipment

As per the Foundation’s objectives, the annual upgrade of Basketball equipment had been concluded in March 2017. An amount of Rs.176,000/- had been spent to ensure that the current team/coaches have up to date equipment to train the Peterite cagers.

### Cricket Foundation (CF)

The AGM had been held on 28th November 2016, with the patronage of the Rector, Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin and Mr. Romeish de Mel, President of the OBU.

The CF had sponsored the cost of air fare for Mr. Shanaka Fernando, Assistant Cricket Coach, to attend the Representative (Level 2) Cricket Coach Accreditation Course conducted by Queensland Cricket in Australia during the period 9th - 12th January 2017.

A successful Fellowship Night had been held on 27th January 2017 at the College Hall again with the patronage of Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin with over 200 past cricketers, old boys, parents and well-wishers attending.

The Cricket Foundation had sponsored the pre-Big Match team building and motivational programme for the 1st XI cricketers. This outbound 2 day programme had been attended by the 1st XI squad and the coaching team and held on 25th and 26th February 2017 in Avissawella.

The Tuskers Tent and the Joe-Pete Past Cricketers dinner, had been jointly organized with the Past Cricketers’ Association of St. Joseph’s College and had been held to coincide with the Big Match season. The Tuskers Tent had been organised on 3rd and 4th March 2017 at the P Sara Stadium and the Joe-Pete Past Cricketers’ Dinner on 8th March 2017 at Jetwing Colombo 7.

18 new Life Members had been added to the membership of the CF between December 2016 and March 2017 bringing the total number of Life Members to 41, as at 31st March 2017.

The Inter House Cricket Tournament at College had been revived after a lapse of more than 20 years, with the U15 and U17 tournaments. Conducted as a T20 tournament with a group stage and a knock-out stage, matches had been held from 20th April 2017 at the College Grounds, with the finals and awards ceremony on 2nd May 2017. 240 students had taken part in this tournament, with the Cricket Foundation, the Coaching Staff and the College Administration contributing towards conducting it successfully.

A sub-committee has commenced work on the Peterite Cricket League 2017, the main fund raising event of the Cricket Foundation and it is expected to be conducted during Aug-Sep 2017.

Groundwork has been initiated for the Cricket Foundation to have its dedicated online presence. Currently in the design stage, they hope to create a platform to publish and share match updates of all age groups and Cricket related events organized in College.

### **Rugby Foundation (RF)**

The 9th Annual General meeting of the Rugby Foundation (RF) had been held at the D J Nicholas Perera Hall on 23rd June 2016 with the Rector, Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin in attendance.

The Office Bearers elected at that AGM and functioning currently are:

President: Mr. Fazal Mohamed, Vice-Presidents: M/s. Mangala Dharmapriya and Roshan Opatha, Secretary: Mr. Dilshan Hareen Perera, Asst. Secretary: Mr. Ziyen Badurdeen, Treasurer: Mr. Dastaquir Ismail and Assistant Treasurer: Mr. Nuwan Samarasekera.

#### **Nutrition Programme for the 2016 / 2017 1st XV squad-**

On the 7th of October 2016, a nutrition programme had been held to educate all players on what their role is in taking nourishments and how they should control their food intake which would benefit their pre season and in season strengthening. This had been conducted by the team doctor, Old Peterite, Dr. Clive James.

#### **The Rugby Outing-**

The Annual Rugby outing for the 1st XV squad had been held at the beginning of the season with assistance of the RF and College. This had been a great booster for the team.

#### **Junior Rugby Development:**

The junior rugby development team had formulated a theme as “Champions of life” to support and nurture junior rugby players of St. Peter’s College to be all round students on and off the field. One of the key objectives of 2016/17 had been to set up a support structure building from U6 to U16, introducing U6 and U 8 rugby at St. Peter’s and the “Building Bridges” program which is aimed to be launched in August 2017. The entire program is centred around 7 key values that would drive junior rugby and the aim is to keep reinforcing quality rugby players for the senior squad possessing basic fundamentals, being groomed from U 6 to U 16.

The “wolf cubs” programme which had been introduced in February 2017, had been a roaring success with over 180 boys from Grade 1, 2 & 3 turning out for practices on day one. At other junior age categories such as U10 and U12, the RF had witnessed over 4 - 6 teams at each age group, which is an encouraging indicator towards building a solid and sustainable rugby culture at St. Peter’s College.

The RF aims to strengthen the U 10 and U 12 age groups during 2017/18 and launch a sustainable development plan with a solid fund raising plan through the “Building Bridges” program which would hopefully elevate the rugby program to bring about true sportsmanship and character which they hope to see in every rugby player passing out from St. Peter’s College.

### Inter House Rugby Tournament (IHRT)

The annual IHRT had been held on 22nd October 2016 at the College grounds. The day had started with Holy Mass for all participants. This had been held in a carnival atmosphere and more than 450 students from age groups U 12, U 14, U 16 and U 18 had taken part. A distinguished Old Peterite Mr. Viran Constantine had been the Chief Guest for this tournament. There had been many who had attended this event with Rev Fr. Rector Trevor Martin, the College Priest community, the tutorial staff, well wishers, parents and many old boys joining.

As this had been one of the main fundraisers for the Rugby Foundation there had been many corporate sponsors who had helped make it a great success. Outstanding players of all age groups had been awarded scholarships at this tournament.

### Evening of Fellowship

Rev. Fr. Rector Trevor Martin and the Rugby Foundation had held an “Evening of Fellowship” for some distinguished Old Peterites on the 2nd of December 2016. The purpose of it had been to obtain direct support to fund rugby expenses incurred in the season. It had been a great success and all present had supported the cause generously.

### Sponsor for the Rugby Season 2017

The RF assisted Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin to raise over 70% of the total cost of the annual rugby budget through sponsorships and donations.

### Night with the Champions

A gala Dinner dance had been organized by the Rugby Foundation and the Champions of 2006, 2007 and 2008 commemorating 85 years of Peterite rugby and the 10th year celebrations of League and Knock out champions. This had been a great evening with many past SPC captains and players patronising this gala event. There had been felicitations of Coachers and support staff who were also part of successes achieved by the champions.

### Legends Game

With the dawn of the schools’ Dialog league 2017 rugby season, the customary “Legends” game between the Old Boys and the 2017 Peterite rugby team was played on 6th February 2017, organised by the RF. The Old Boys team had been captained by Mr. Manoj Bakshani. There had been a big gathering of Old Boys to watch this match which had been played in the College grounds. The present team led by Mast. Diyath Fernando had won the match. Thereafter Medals had been distributed to all players who took part by the Chief Guest, Mr. Prasanna Wimalasena, a distinguished past rugby player.

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### **Tennis Foundation (TF)**

The Tennis Foundation reports another successful year for Tennis at St. Peter's College where the Peterites have performed exceptionally well both in the local and the international arenas. The TF had played a major supporting role being a source of strength through programmes conducted and being actively involved in tennis related activities at College.

The TF had taken the initiative of contributing towards each Peterite tennis player selected to the National Team and in addition sponsorships had been obtained for high performing players in different age groups who needed financial assistance. Sponsorships had been obtained to help them participate in international tours, facilitate the purchase of tennis equipment, accessories, provision of nutrition, boarding and coaching fees.

Awareness programmes had been carried out for parents in the primary school and at the same time the parents of the tennis players in the Primary school had been briefed on a few occasions on the tennis programme, in order to show the direction of the sport.

The Tennis Foundation had facilitated the annual encounter between the Old Peterites and the present boys and this had been followed by a fellowship where the present boys and the Old Boys had been able to acquaint themselves and share experiences and knowledge.

The TF acknowledges with gratitude the tremendous work done by the indefatigable Head Coach, Mr. K. D. Y. Pathiraja who has been the source behind the accomplishments of St. Peter's College tennis since 1998 and the untiring endeavours of Mr. Bernard Jesuthasan, Master in Charge of tennis during the period.

The TF has also expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the Rector, Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin and Fr. Thilina Pathum, Sports Coordinator for the continuous support given.

### **Track & Field Foundation (T&F Foundation)**

Mr. Manujaya Fernando had been re elected as President of the T&F Foundation for the year 2016/17 while Mr. Mario Fernando had been elected as the Secretary at the AGM .

The Foundation had sponsored the track suits for all senior athletes and skinnies for junior athletes and had also helped College administration to coordinate lodging for the college team whenever athletic meets were held in outstations and sponsored medicine and food and also organized coaching camps and provided breakfast during practices.

The T&F Foundation revived the Quadrangular athletics meet in year 2015 after 25 years and in 2017 this meet had been organized by a joint committee from Quadrangular schools, including the Peterite T&F Foundation and held on 25th and 26th February 2017 at the College grounds. The Old Peterites had won the Old Boys championship (Dr. Nielhaan Samaranyake memorial trophy) while the present boys had won the runners up trophy (Rev. Fr. Joe de Mel memorial trophy).

The Track & Field Foundation had helped the College administration to find sponsorships for the College sports meet and encourage the best talent for uplifting College athletics through coordination among coaches and athletes.

### **Gampaha Branch Activities**

The following Office Bearers had been elected at the Inaugural General Meeting in late 2015 and continued to function in the year 2016/17:

M/s Malinda Perera (President), Arusha Michael and Binara Silva (Vice-Presidents), Samitha Perera (Secretary), Shaminda Perera (Asst. Secretary), Roshan Milinda (Treasurer) and Nalinda Perera (Assistant Treasurer).

The activities organised by the Gampaha Branch included two well attended events in the Cricket Carnival 2016 and the Silver Sheen as detailed below.

### Cricket Carnival 2016

The Cricket Carnival of St. Peter's College Old Boys' Union, Gampaha Branch has been one of the major events in the Branch Union's annual calendar since 2010. It had been a successful event which had seen a large number of Old Peterites gathering in camaraderie and to showcase loyalty and their talents. The event had been held on 3rd April 2017 at College Grounds, Gampaha.

The 2010 batch had emerged as Champions and received Rev. Fr. Joe Wick ramasinghe memorial challenge trophy while the 2009 batch had been the runners up receiving the Rev. Fr. Siri Cooray memorial challenge trophy.

### Silver Sheen 2016

To celebrate the Joy of Christmas, OBU Gampaha Branch had organized its annual Christmas get-together "Silver Sheen 2016" on 10th December 2016 at 'Viana Grand'. Rev. Fr. Lakmin Silva, Director of St. Peter's College, Gampaha Branch and Rev. Fr. Prageeth Dishan had graced the occasion as guests of honour along with Vice-Principal Mr. Mathew Bernard. More than 130 members had taken part in the event adding colour to the joyful evening.

## **Reports on Batch Groups**

### **Pre-Seventies Batch Group**

The 9th Annual General Meeting of Pre-Seventies Batch had been held on Friday, 27th May, 2016 at the Old Boys' Union Secretariat. Apart from over 40 members present, the Rector/ Patron, Fr. Trevor Martin had also graced the occasion.

Mr. Algi Wijewickrema had been elected as President while the other Office Bearers elected had included M/s. Harold Jansz (IPP), Erajh Balasuriya (Senior Vice President), David Crusz (Vice President), Mindzy Gomez (Gen. Secretary), Srinath Fernando (Treasurer), Howard Daniels (Asst. Secretary) and Nihal Wijeratne (Asst. Treasurer).

### Annual Get Together

The 9th Annual get together of the Pre-Seventies "In St. Peter's Bowers" had been held on 26th November, 2016 at the GOH Rainbow Ballroom to a sell out crowd of over 190 persons on the theme of a Parliament.

The 10th Annual Get together has been tentatively scheduled for Saturday 25th November 2017, at the Hotel Sapphire Ballroom with the band Black Velvet to be in attendance.

### Stag Get Together

A 'members only' stag get together had been held on Sunday, 7th May 2017 at Aqua Pearl, Moratuwa which had been attended by 49 members.

### The Scholarship Programme

The Batch has continued to support needy students under their Scholarship Programme which programme has commenced in 2010. During the year 2016/17 seven Old Boys from the Batch had contributed to their Scholarship scheme.

### Representations in the OBU and other Associations

The Batch Group is represented in the OBU and College activities by the following members of the Pre-Seventies:

Mr. Srinath Fernando - continues as President of the Welfare Society of St. Peter's College

Mr. Algi Wijewickrema - re-elected as the Hony. General Secretary of the OBU

Mr. Hilal Abdulla - also re-elected to the OBU committee as a representative of the Pre 1976 group

### **1971 –74 Batch**

The Batch group had participated in the inter batch six a side soft ball tournament for the Gerry De Mel Trophy organized by the OBU on 20th November 2016 at the College grounds.

Whenever batch members, resident overseas, had visited Sri Lanka the Group had taken time to organize get-togethers to maintain relationships and accordingly they had hosted four such members at the College Lounge for Dinner.

The Annual General Meeting of the 1971 – 1974 Batch had been held on 5th February 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Ranmal Holiday Resort (Ramadia), Gorakana, Moratuwa. The current President Mr. Malsiri Fernando had been re-elected to the post and Mr. Hiran Fernando had been re-elected as Secretary. A mega event is due to be held in August 2017 and much progress had been achieved with regard to this event which is to be held at Long beach Hotel, Koggala.

The annual Batch Get-Together had also been held on the same day as the AGM at Ranmal Holiday Resort, Moratuwa after the AGM. It had been an event attended by over 75 of their members and their families, with live music and dancing followed by lunch. A few members of the Pre-Seventies Batch group also participated at this get together.

As in the past the 71-74 Batch Group had been present at the Big Match at the P Sara stadium on the 3rd and 4th of March 2017 while another group joined the Main OBU enclosure for the Joe-Pete one day match played on Saturday, 25th March 2017 at the SSC Grounds.

The batch group had also been represented at the Sing Along and the opening of the Peterite Den organized by the OBU in November and December 2016. The batch had also been represented at the Pre Seventies Stag get together held at Aqua Pearl Resort on 7th May 2017.

### **1987 – 92 Batch**

The 87-92 Batch had had their annual fund raiser with Shafi & Gravity at Mount Lavinia Hotel in September 2016, had participated in the Gerry de Mel soft ball cricket tournament and become champions in the over 40 category, had their Hi Machan “pang” party and had been involved in the introduction of the modern classroom concept to teachers at College.

### **1993 – 94 Batch**

The AGM of the Batch had been held on 3rd June 2016 and the following had been elected to office:

M/s. Anil Philips (President), Chamal de Mel and Ramesh Rayappan (V. Presidents), Ravika de Silva (Secretary), Ravindra Ranasinghe (Asst. Secretary), Malinda Nanayakkara (Treasurer) and Mahesh Thirimanna (Asst. Treasurer) along with a committee of management.

They have organised activities as shown below.

#### **Family Gathering & Inter Class Six A Side Cricket Tournament.**

The programme had included Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Rector and over 80 families had attended the event. Breakfast had followed thereafter at the College canteen after which cricket matches had been played with 10 teams participating from the 2 year groups (93 and 94).

Cookery demonstrations and a stress management programme had kept the ladies occupied while the kids had enjoyed the day with indoor and outdoor games, magic shows, movies, bouncer, electric train rides and cartoon characters.

#### **Gerry de Mel Trophy Cricket Tournament**

The Malik Mendis trophy for the Runners-up in the over 40 category of the Gerry de Mel Trophy soft ball cricket tournament, had been won by 93-94 (B Team) captained by Eraj Jayawardena

### Joe- Pete Joint Tent - Crusaders

The Batches of Joes 93 and Peterites of 93/94 had organized the Joe-Pete Crusaders joint Tent for the 3rd successful Year. More than 120 had patronised this tent this year including family members

### OBU Office Bearers

At the OBU AGM held on the Sunday, 26th June 2016, the following batch members had been elected to the main OBU committee:

M/s. Ravika de Silva - Vice President, Sujith Silva - Editor, Navin Fonseka - Committee member.

Mr. Warren Dalton has been elected the President of the Football Foundation while Mr. Ravika de Silva is also functioning as the Chairman of the Old Peterites' Sports Club.

### PTA of St. Peter's College

The following members of the Batch hold office in the Parent Teacher Association of College

M/s. Ravika de Silva - 2nd Vice President; Nadun Gomes - General Secretary, Malinda Nanayakkara - Committee Member and Dilan Wijesuriya - Editor

With a high number of committee members in the PTA, the Batch is actively involved in contributing towards the PTA.

### Golden Gleam 2017

Mr. Ravika de Silva, Secretary of the Batch is also the Secretary to the Dance Committee, Golden Gleam 2017 and Mr. Yasantha Silva is a committee member.

### Batch Members in other Committees

The Saints Quadrangular Tournament conducted among the 4 premier Catholic schools, namely St. Anthony's, St. Benedict's, St. Joseph's and St. Peter's will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. St. Anthony's College, Katugastota will be hosting the tournament in Kandy and the following members from the 93/94 Batch are represented in the Committee:

M/s. Ravika de Silva, Executive Vice-Patron and General Secretary and Sujith Silva, Editor

### Scholarships

This Batch is helping to administer the scholarship scheme under the OBU while also continuing their usual Scholarship programme for last 16 years.

### **1995 – 2000 Batch**

The Old Peterite Batch Group of 1995-99 had been founded in 2003 under the leadership of Mr. Sanjeeva Abeygoonewardena. Later the Batch had been expanded to accommodate Old Peterites belonging to the Batch of 2000 making the Batch one of the largest under the OBU umbrella.

The Batch is currently led by Mr. Pramoda Karunatileka as President.

### Annual Batch Get Together

Their Annual Batch Get Together is organised exclusively for the batch members for an evening of fellowship and is a much anticipated event in their events calendar. The event is organised to coincide with the AGM of the batch group and the Annual Batch Get Together for 2015/16 had been held at the Peterite Den on 10th June 2016 with over 100 batch mates participating in the event.

### Battle of the Saints Cricket Carnival - 2016

The Eighth edition of the Battle of the Saints Cricket Carnival had been conducted in a grand scale on 4th December 2016 at St. Joseph's College grounds. This event has been an annual fixture organized jointly by the Old Peterites Batch Group of 1995-2000 and the Joes Batch of '99, and is unique in nature that it is a tournament jointly organized by two alumni. This year's event had seen the participation of more than 30 teams in a keenly contested tournament.

### Pearly Gates

Pearly Gates is the flagship event of this Batch, which is an exclusive enclosure organised at the annual Joe-Pete Limited over Cricket Encounter. The event had attracted over 500 Old Peterites and their families this year and had been held on 25th March 2017 at the Tokyo Pavilion of the SSC Stadium. A live band, a 'papare' band, and a DJ had been in attendance and they had organised activities for kids too.

### Once upon a time..

The Peterite Class of 1997 together with the Old Peterite Batch Group of 1995-2000 had organized 'Once upon a time' on 18th March 2017 at La Voile Blanche, Mt. Lavinia. This event for Peterites and their partners had been organized to celebrate 20 years since the Year 1 class of 1984. A host of entertainment items had been lined up including a DJ with 'Rumours' who had provided music to dance the night away.

### **2005 Batch**

Having had their last AGM on 19th May 2016 at the OBU Lounge with 67 members attending, Mr. Ashan Alles had been elected as President and Mr. Eroshan Mallawarachchi as Secretary and they have planned to hold their next AGM on 1st June 2017. The Hony. General Secretary of the OBU had also attended as an invitee.

Having formed the Batch in year 2013 they intend to keep the batch together in good spirits and to contribute to college in every way they could.

They have reported that they have 155 active members and a total of 325 members in their database of which a majority is based overseas.

They had organised two mega events for the year 2016/17 i.e. an inter batch six a side cricket carnival and the "Keys of the Kingdom" tent at the – Joe Pete Encounter 2017. The response/ feedback received had been very encouraging which has encouraged the committee to organize more events and keep up the momentum.

The Facebook page has been their platform for all the members to have close interactions with each other and to re-live memories of school days.

They continue to have the Batch trust fund for member contributions to help uplift the Batch Group and to help College.

### **2006 Batch**

The last AGM of the 2006 Batch had been held on 14th January 2016 at which Mr. Yuwanmini Landersz had been elected as President. He also functions as the Assistant Editor of the OBU.

Their activities had included the organising of the SIXERS Stand at the last Joe-Pete limited over encounter held on 12th March 2016 at the R. Premadasa Stadium where over 200 fellow batchmates, Peterites, friends and family had joined to make it a huge success.

The SIXERS Ball organised by them to celebrate 10 years after leaving College had been their first dinner dance held on 22nd October 2016 at Ramada Colombo. The chief guest had been Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin, while M/s. Romeish De Mel and Algi Wijewickrema had also been present as guests of honour. The evening had been a fun filled and eventful one with batch mates and their spouses receiving many gifts and surprises.

Despite the change of venue to the SSC Grounds the SIXERS Stand had been continued at the Joe-Pete limited over encounter on the 25th of March 2017 improving from last year on food, beverages and entertainment, with the focus on enjoying a good game of cricket for the over 400 batch mates, fellow Peterites, family and friends who attended.

### **2008 Batch**

The AGM of the 2008 Batch had been held on 25th June 2016 and the President elected had been Mr. Milinda Jayalath with Mr. Ghazali Ifthikar as Secretary and other Office Bearers elected.

They had proposed a Linen Shirt for the general body of the batch members targeting Joe-Pete Cricket Encounter, as a fund raiser project of the Batch Group. This had been based on the success of the previous project organized in 2015/16 with the purposes of promoting St. Peter's College Old Boys' Union, thereby attracting non-members to join the OBU by creating awareness through the suggested linen shirt. Funds collected from the sale of the linen shirt with the OBU logo are to be allocated for future projects initiated by the batch group for the year 2016/17.

The Batch Group has plans for the identification of a project for Grade 11 students sitting for GCE Ordinary Level Exam in 2017 to provide necessary guidance in choosing a career path through respective Advanced Level streams. This has been planned for the month of June, prior to Batch Group AGM.

A pilot project is to be conducted to support students to follow a career path before leaving school and prepare for future challenges in both personal and professional lives through a panel of experts, both Old Peterites and non-Peterites.

### **2009 Batch**

At the AGM held on 17th December 2016 Mr. Amantha Gunarathna had been elected as President while Mr. Shalind Fernando had been elected as Secretary along with other Office Bearers. They have however not reported any activities conducted but hope to have their next AGM in August 2017.

## **Sub-Committee Reports**

### **Health Sub-Committee**

The Medical Centre at College is running smoothly under the supervision of the Health Sub-Committee of the OBU, chaired by Mr. Naresh Raymond. The salary for the Nurse in charge is reimbursed to the College by the OBU.

Medical clinics are conducted once a week at the medical centre with the attendance of an old Peterite doctor or a parent doctor. This year four young old Peterite doctors had joined the roster of the weekly medical clinics and ten new Parent doctors had also joined the team.

A get together for the doctors assisting in the clinics "Pharma night" had been held at the Peterite Den on 30th September 2016 which had been a success.

The annual Medical Camp had been held this year as well for all the College Staff (including minor staff) at Rev. Fr. Nicholas Perera Memorial Hall from 2.00 to 4.30 p.m. on 23rd February 2017. Fourteen eminent old Peterite doctors had attended and 66 patients had been registered for the camp including the Priest community. The Chief Guest had been Surgeon Rear Admiral Dr. Nicholas Jayasekera – CEO, Medicine Unit, Kothalawala Defence University and the Guest of Honour Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin, Rector.

Dr. Ajith Perera, Chairman Medichcek (Pvt) Ltd and Dr. Gnanapandithan of Pearl Hospital had supported by providing all necessary equipment while Hemas, Bours and EmerchemieNB had provided drugs and diagnostics.

Brien Holden Vision Institute headed by Mr. Sanjeewa Rodrigo had supported the Eye Camp.

The Chairman has expressed his gratitude to all the doctors and sponsors who had supported the Health Sub-Committee.

### **Editorial Sub-Committee**

The Editorial Sub-Committee headed by the Hony Editor, Sujith Silva has helped revamp and re-launch the OBU website (<http://www.stpetersobu.com/>).

They had also circulated a News Letter via the web, the Peterite Email Network (PEN) and the OBU's Face Book Page (<https://www.facebook.com/obuofstpeterscollege/>).

Old Boy members are encouraged to visit our website (<http://www.stpetersobu.com/>), "like" our Face Book Page (<https://www.facebook.com/obuofstpeterscollege/>) and become members of the PEN ensuring that you are kept informed of current news of the OBU and College.

### **Appreciation**

The Committee of Management wishes to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of the OPSC, OBUH, Batch Groups, Foundations, Sub-Committees and Branches led by their respective Chairmen and/ or Presidents, to the success of OBU activities during the year under review.

## **Overseas Branch Reports**

### **From our Melbourne Branch**

At the Annual General Meeting, their 34th AGM, held on Friday, 5th August 2016 at the Harlequins Rugby Club, with 51 members attending, the elected President of the Melbourne Branch is Mr. Chanaka Perera while the Secretary is Mr. Prasad Algama

#### **Memorial Mass**

Departed Peterites had been remembered at the annual Mass that had been celebrated on Sunday, 3rd July 2016 at the Resurrection Church, Keysborough. The names of Peterites who have gone to their eternal reward were placed at the altar and were remembered in prayer.

#### **Kingswood 7s Touch Rugby**

The Melbourne Petes had fielded two teams and had had an early loss to Trinity but had worked hard to come back and beat Dharmaraja B convincingly and then Royal in a hard fought match to enter the Plate Semi-finals. The semi final had gone into extra time and Petes had emerged winners to qualify for the Plate finals against STC. The hard work had paid off eventually and they had convincingly beaten the Thomians 12-0 in the finals to lift the Plate.

#### **Championship**

The over 40s team had fallen short in their performance though giving a good fight to a strong Isipathana team after which the Rugby committee had organised an 'After Party' for the 3rd consecutive year at which more than 80 Old Peterites had participated.

#### **Back to the 70s**

The Seventies Group of the Peterite community in Melbourne had kicked off their inaugural event on Sunday, the 30th of October at St James', Anglican Church Hall, Dandenong. It had been a day for casual friendly chats as the youthful Petes had made good use of their time to recall their past memories and friendship. Peterites from near and as far as NSW had turned up for a fitting get-together.

### Golf Tournament

Though spring is not the golfer's best friend as wind and rain can create havoc, the Peterites in Melbourne, determined to have a swing and some fun had mustered 24 avid golfers on 13th November 2016 at the course. There had been a tie between Michael Van Langenberg and Len de Silva (Peterites) and Bev De Kauwe, Joe Tennakoon and Nalin Angunawala (non-Peterites). They had ended as the joint winners while trophies had been presented for the longest drive, closest to the Pin and Pros Approach.

### Peterite Christmas Lunch

The party had started off quietly but the venue had very quickly filled with excited kids running around having fun.

All had joined in the nostalgia singing carols followed by lunch to a simple and tasty meal. The kids had got their presents from Santa which had been a big draw at the event.

### Saints Quadrangular Cricket - 2017

Peterites had emerged Champions of Quadrangle Tournament of 2017 beating Joes at the grand finale. Malin Silva had led by example as the captain scoring 40 runs (retired as per the game rules) and taking 4 wickets to become the man of the match. Sanjay De Silva as the opening batsman had scored 40 runs (retired as per the game rules) and had laid a firm foundation to enable the Pete's to score 130 at the end of their 20 overs and the Joes had fallen short being all out for 115 in 19th over.

### Full –Toss 2017

Keeping with the traditions of the Big Match 'fever' in Colombo, their Stag Night had offered a great opportunity for fellowship and entertainment on 24th March 2017 at the Mount Waverley Community Centre. There had been around 80 people on the day and everyone had had a great time with a live band.

### Joe Pete 2017

The Joe-Pete Melbourne version had taken place on the 26th March 2017 at the Southern Reserve where the end result had been a repeat of what took place in Sri Lanka. Both the over 40s game and the open game had been won by the Peterites convincingly. The over 40s team had been led by Shane Pietersz and the open team by Dasun Randika.

A first of its kind in Melbourne, the Peterite Vehicle Parade organised had been an eye catching procession that had entered the grounds to cheer the teams.

### Peterites At The Oscars – 2017

The annual Dinner Dance "Peterites at the Oscars" had been held on 22nd April 2017 at The Grand on Cathies. The organisers proudly record that they had achieved the magical figure of over 500 guests. With a Hollywood style Red Carpet in line with the Oscars theme, two exclusive convertible classic cars parked at the entrance, two live Oscar statues and a Marilyn Monroe lookalike had created the perfect entry and walk through to the main hall which had also been decorated to create a glamorous ambiance. Music too had been second to none with two of Melbourne's leading bands (Next Generation and Redemption) providing great music keeping the dance floor full at all times.

The food and beverage had been really praiseworthy and a dance troupe, the Mardi Gras dances had provided extra entertainment after dinner for the guests. Celebrating 35 years of the OBSC in Melbourne, a personalized "Oscar Award" had been presented to the Past Presidents of the Peterite Melbourne OBSC.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. PETER'S OLD BOYS' UNION

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of St. Peter's Old Boys' Union, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, and the statements of financial activities account for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

#### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

#### *Scope of Audit and Basis of Opinion*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit. We therefore believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### *Opinion*

In our opinion, so far as appears from our examination, the Union maintained proper accounting records the year then ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Union's state of affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 and its surplus for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

Moratuwa

29<sup>th</sup> May 2017

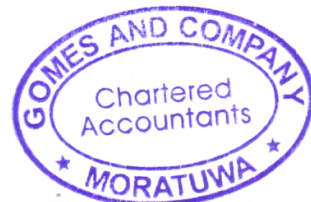
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**ST. PETER'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' UNION**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH**

	NOTE	2017 Rs.	2016 Rs.
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,014,030.45</b>	<b>1,801,726.22</b>
<b>Add:</b>			
Net Surplus/(Deficit) from Union House- <b>Schedule 1</b>		335,819.60	138,168.85
Net Surplus/(Deficit) from OPSC - <b>Schedule 2</b>		<u>(248,255.00)</u>	<u>(112,600.00)</u>
		<b>87,564.60</b>	<b>25,568.85</b>
		<b>2,101,595.05</b>	<b>1,827,295.07</b>
<b>Less: EXPENSES</b>			
Annual Report & AGM Expenses		123,800.00	160,656.00
SGM Expenses		116,391.00	-
Bank Charges & Credit Card Charges		28,620.84	35,542.71
Depreciation		590,668.94	776,617.44
Miscellaneous Expenses		54,436.25	55,200.00
Audit Fees		25,000.00	22,500.00
Secretarial Expenses		35,782.00	62,175.00
Donations		419,542.32	245,300.00
Donation Received on behalf of Batch Groups/ Foundations		-	259,910.00
Health Camp - Net Expenses		32,584.00	-
Health Centre Running Cost		379,250.00	265,600.00
Memberships & Membership Cards		61,171.65	24,804.90
Web site		30,000.00	140,000.00
Expenses for Welcome of Year 1 Students		59,630.00	49,100.00
Lunch for AL Batch		<u>152,000.00</u>	<u>108,200.00</u>
		<b>2,108,877.00</b>	<b>2,205,606.05</b>
<b>SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FROM REGULAR ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(7,281.95)</b>	<b>(378,310.98)</b>
<b>Add: Net Income/(Deficit) Transferred From Projects Completed</b>	<b>3</b>	4,251,873.40	771,426.56
<b>NET SURPLUS /(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b><u>4,244,591.45</u></b>	<b><u>393,115.58</u></b>



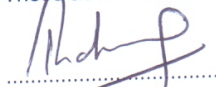
**ST. PETER'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' UNION**

**BALANCE SHEET**

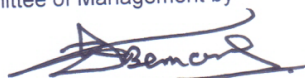
AS AT 31 MARCH	NOTE	2017 Rs.	2016 Rs.
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	4	503,789.25	821,059.63
Investment	5	<u>11,083,966.28</u>	<u>10,123,966.76</u>
		<b>11,587,755.53</b>	<b>10,945,026.39</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Inventories	6	254,888.49	129,242.19
Accounts Receivable	7	1,092,843.50	832,897.16
Short Term Investments		3,390,032.11	-
Cash & Cash Equivalents	8	<u>1,769,838.64</u>	<u>1,857,180.26</u>
		<b>6,507,602.74</b>	<b>2,819,319.61</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u><b>18,095,358.27</b></u>	<u><b>13,764,346.00</b></u>
<b>FINANCED BY</b>			
Accumulated Fund	9	17,581,155.15	13,336,563.69
4X4 Challenge scholarship Fund	10	<u>164,924.42</u>	<u>285,814.42</u>
		<b>17,746,079.57</b>	<b>13,622,378.11</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts Payable	11	168,041.70	141,967.89
Projects in Progress	3	<u>181,237.00</u>	<u>-</u>
		<b>349,278.70</b>	<b>141,967.89</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS &amp; LIABILITIES</b>		<u><b>18,095,358.27</b></u>	<u><b>13,764,346.00</b></u>

The Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements.

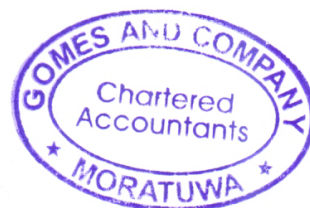
These accounts were approved on behalf of the Committee of Management by



**Romeish De Mel**  
President  
St Peter's College Old Boys' Union



**Dion Saverimuttu**  
Hony. Treasurer  
St Peters College Old Boys' Union



ST. PETER'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' UNION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2017



**NOTE 1  
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

A summary of the more important accounting policies is set out below ;

**01 General Policies**

The financial statements of the Union are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and Accounting Standards laid down by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka. These statements are prepared on a historical cost basis.

**02 Assets and Bases of their Valuation**

**2.1 Property, Plant and Equipment**

The cost of Property, Plant and Equipment is the purchase or construction cost, together with any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Provision for depreciation is calculated by using a straight line method on the cost or valuation of all property, plant and equipment, other than freehold land, in order to write off such amounts over the estimated useful economic life of such assets. The estimated useful life of assets are as follows:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Union House - Office Equipment	04 years
Union House Furniture	04 years
OBUH Lounge Electrical Items	04 years
OBUH Lounge Furniture	04 years
OBUH Lounge Fixtures & Fitting	04 years
OBU Secretariats Fixtures & Fitting	04 years
OBUH Lounge Equipment	04 years
OBU Secretariats Furniture	04 years
Accounting Software	04 years

No depreciation is provided in the year of purchase and full years depreciation is provided in the year of disposal.

**03 Liabilities and Provisions**

All known liabilities have been accounted for in preparing the financial statements.

**04 Income and Expenditure Account**

**4.1 Income**

Income is accounted on cash basis except for Sales at the Union House Lounge and Hoarding Income

**4.2 Expenditure Recognition**

Expenses are recognized in the income statement on the basis of a direct association between the cost incurred and the earning of specific items of income. All expenditure incurred in the running of the Union and in maintaining the property, plant and equipment in a state of efficiency has been charged to the income statement.

**ST. PETER'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' UNION**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIALS STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>Rs.</b>	<b>Rs.</b>
<b>NOTE 2</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>		
Commission of Credit Cards	17,645.51	18,701.68
Interest Income	1,025,031.18	419,714.65
Membership Fees	184,000.00	239,050.00
Donations	326,391.76	497,559.89
Ad Hoarding Income	450,000.00	359,490.00
Donation Received on behalf of Batch Groups/ Foundations	-	259,910.00
Membership Card	8,500.00	7,300.00
Other Income	2,462.00	-
	<u><b>2,014,030.45</b></u>	<u><b>1,801,726.22</b></u>

**NOTE 05**  
**INVESTMENTS**

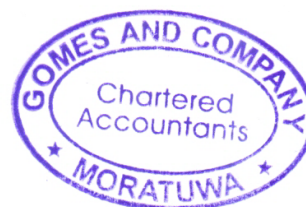
Fixed Deposits		
Union Bank - Fixed Deposit	2,740,763.19	2,532,111.12
Seylan Bank - Fixed Deposit 1	2,914,656.70	2,650,501.42
Seylan Bank - Fixed Deposit 2	2,687,831.63	2,441,354.22
Seylan Bank - Fixed Deposit 3	2,740,714.76	2,500,000.00
	<u><b>11,083,966.28</b></u>	<u><b>10,123,966.76</b></u>

**NOTE 06**  
**INVENTORIES**

Soft Drinks	42,639.31	27,743.19
"T" Shirts	67,500.00	26,527.50
Tie Stocks	-	74,971.50
Other Beverages	125,749.18	-
OBU Constitutions	19,000.00	-
	<u><b>254,888.49</b></u>	<u><b>129,242.19</b></u>

**NOTE 07**  
**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Advance Payment - Golden Gleam 2017	380,000.00	-
Advance Payment - Golden Gleam 2016	-	400,000.00
Deposits- Bottles & Crates, Electricity Connection	332,155.50	332,155.50
Other Debtors	380,688.00	40,798.72
Receivable from SPC OBU Washington DC	-	59,942.94
	<u><b>1,092,843.50</b></u>	<u><b>832,897.16</b></u>



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**NOTE 3**  
**PROJECTS**

	Golden Gleam 2015	Golden Gleam 2016	OBU Secretariat	Quadrangular Tournament	Global Re union	Donation Received on behalf of foundations	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Balance Income /(Expenses) as at 31st March 2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Add.</b>							
Receipts	286,000	12,914,870.96	228,224.40	-	1,569,500.00	656,237.00	15,654,832.36
	286,000	12,914,870.96	228,224.40	-	1,569,500.00	656,237.00	15,654,832.36
<b>Less.</b>							
Expenses Incurred	-	8,557,792.97	272,300.00	140,000.00	1,490,628.99	475,000.00	10,935,721.96
	286,000	4,357,077.99	(44,075.60)	(140,000.00)	78,871.01	181,237.00	4,719,110.40
Transferred to 4X4 Challenge scholarship fund	286,000	-	-	-	-	-	286,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit) Transferred to Statement of Financial Activities	-	4,357,077.99	(44,075.60)	(140,000.00)	78,871.01	-	4,251,873.40
<b>Balance as at 31st March 2017</b>	-	-	-	-	-	181,237.00	181,237.00



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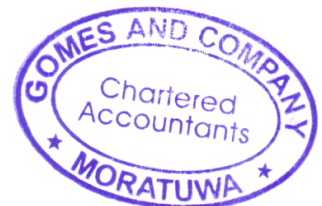
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NOTE 4

PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	As at 1 st April 2016	Additions	As at 31 st March 2017
<b>COST</b>			
Union House Equipments	171,397.00	-	171,397.00
Union House Furniture	87,500.00	-	87,500.00
OBUH Lounge Electrical Items	163,757.75	-	163,757.75
OBUH Lounge Furniture	929,975.00	150,000.00	1,079,975.00
OBUH Lounge Fixtures & Fittings	1,921,465.00	34,000.00	1,955,465.00
OBUH Lounge Equipments	180,450.00	89,399.00	269,849.00
OBU Secretariat Fixtures & Fittings	260,648.00	-	260,648.00
OBU Secretariat Furniture	191,500.00	-	191,500.00
Accounting Software	75,000.00	-	75,000.00
	<u>3,981,692.75</u>	<u>273,399.00</u>	<u>4,255,091.75</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
Union House Equipments	159,370.75	12,026.25	171,397.00
Union House Furniture	87,500.00	-	87,500.00
OBUH Lounge Electrical Items	129,343.38	34,414.38	163,757.75
OBUH Lounge Furniture	929,975.00	-	929,975.00
OBUH Lounge Fixtures & Fittings	1,303,858.50	480,366.25	1,784,224.75
OBUH Lounge Equipments	70,312.50	45,112.50	115,425.00
OBU Secretariat Fixtures & Fittings	260,648.00	-	260,648.00
OBU Secretariat Furniture	191,500.00	-	191,500.00
Accounting Software	28,125.00	18,750.00	46,875.00
	<u>3,160,633.13</u>	<u>590,669.38</u>	<u>3,751,302.50</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
Union House Equipments	12,026.25	-	-
Union House Furniture	-	-	-
OBUH Lounge Electrical items	34,414.38	-	-
OBUH Lounge Electrical Furniture	-	-	150,000.00
OBUH Lounge Fixtures & Fitting	617,606.50	-	171,240.25
OBUH Lounge Equipments	110,137.50	-	154,424.00
OBU Secretariat Fixtures & Fitting	-	-	-
OBU Secretariat Furniture	-	-	-
Accounting Software	46,875.00	-	28,125.00
	<u>821,059.63</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>503,789.25</u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIALS STATEMENTS (Cont.)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ST MARCH**

**2017  
Rs.**

**2016  
Rs.**

**NOTE 08  
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Union Bank A/C	1,093,190.02	869,866.85
Seylan Bank A/C - (OPSC)	181,590.44	305,691.44
Seylan Bank - General A/C	12,885.72	221,745.66
Seylan Bank - Union House A/C	423,347.50	278,050.60
Peoples Bank A/C	37,880.71	162,780.71
Petty Cash	20,944.25	19,045.00
	<u><b>1,769,838.64</b></u>	<u><b>1,857,180.26</b></u>

**NOTE 09  
ACCUMULATED FUND**

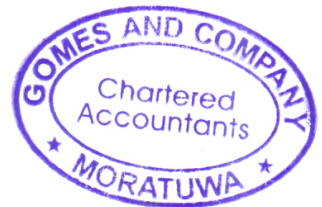
Balance at the beginning of the year	13,336,563.69	12,943,448.11
<b>Add.</b>		
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	4,244,591.45	393,115.58
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<u><b>17,581,155.15</b></u>	<u><b>13,336,563.69</b></u>

**NOTE 10  
4X4 CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Balance at the beginning of the year	285,814.42	200,267.42
Transfer from the Golden Gleam Project	286,000.00	500,000.00
Less : Payments - Teachers Insurance	(406,890.00)	(414,453.00)
	<u><b>164,924.42</b></u>	<u><b>285,814.42</b></u>

**NOTE 11  
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Auditor's Remuneration	25,000.00	22,500.00
Other Creditors	143,041.70	119,467.89
	<u><b>168,041.70</b></u>	<u><b>141,967.89</b></u>



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIALS STATEMENTS (Cont.)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 ST MARCH**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>Rs.</b>	<b>Rs.</b>
<b>NOTE 12</b>		
<b>COST OF SALES - OBUH</b>		
Inventories at the beginning of the year	27,743.19	33,189.61
<b>Add.</b>		
<b>Purchases</b>		
Soft Drinks & Ice Cubes	361,073.21	229,525.76
Payments to Lounge Caterer	<u>1,814,607.05</u>	<u>1,526,307.65</u>
	2,203,423.45	1,789,023.02
<b>Less.</b>		
Inventories at the end of the year	<u>(42,639.31)</u>	<u>(27,743.19)</u>
	<u><b>2,160,784.14</b></u>	<u><b>1,761,279.83</b></u>

**NOTE 13**

**OTHER INCOME/ (LOSS) - UNION HOUSE**

Net Expenses AGM Social	18,395.00	(18,312.00)
Net Income from Club Nights	43,403.38	(7,850.00)
Hire of Hall/Guest Tickets	57,275.00	106,025.00
Net Income/Expense from Stag Night	118,852.00	104,115.84
Net Income/Expense from Sing along	432,376.36	302,453.00
Net income from the Sale of Tie	16,228.50	10,566.00
OBUH Pool Table	500.00	1,000.00
	<u><b>687,030.24</b></u>	<u><b>497,997.84</b></u>



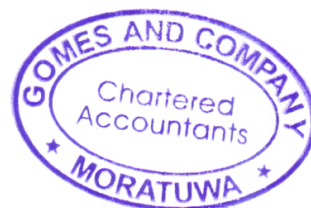
## ST. PETER'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' UNION

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

## FOR THE UNION HOUSE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH

	NOTE	2017 Rs.	2016 Rs.
<b>INCOME</b>			
Turnover		2,770,017.57	2,310,015.95
Less : Cost of Sale	12	<u>(2,160,784.14)</u>	<u>(1,761,279.83)</u>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		<b>609,233.43</b>	<b>548,736.12</b>
<b>ADD : OTHER INCOME</b>			
OBUH Lounge Membership		759,000.00	544,000.00
Other Income /(Loss) of Union House	13	<u>687,030.24</u>	<u>497,997.84</u>
		1,446,030.24	1,041,997.84
<b>LESS EXPENSES:</b>			
Salaries & allowances		839,220.70	812,735.68
Bonus		59,000.00	59,000.00
Cutlery, Glassware, Maintenance		39,262.00	32,160.00
Entertainment - Musical Group		145,262.75	96,636.91
Stationary		-	9,028.00
Union House- Telecom		33,618.00	29,063.00
Miscellaneous exp ect		64,247.01	50,794.47
Security Charges		15,414.00	14,262.00
Electricity		99,800.00	-
Membership Cards Lounge		350,346.60	321,877.05
		<u>73,273.01</u>	<u>27,008.00</u>
		1,719,444.07	1,452,565.11
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>			
<b>TRANSFERED TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>		<u><b>335,819.60</b></u>	<u><b>138,168.85</b></u>



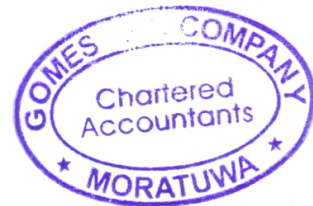
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SCHEDULE 2

NOTES TO THE FINANCIALS STATEMENTS (Cont.)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH

	2017 Rs.	2016 Rs.
<b>OLD PETERITE SPORTS CLUBS</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>LESS : EXPENSES</b>		
Cricket Tournaments	248,255.00	112,600.00
	<u>248,255.00</u>	<u>112,600.00</u>
<b>NET DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERED TRANSFERED TO STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>(248,255.00)</u>	<u>(112,600.00)</u>



# MINUTES OF THE 88TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the 88th Annual General Meeting of the Old Boys' Union of St. Peter's College, Colombo 4, held on Sunday, 26th June 2016 at the D. J. Nicholas Perera Hall.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 a.m. with the President, Mr. Romeish de Mel in the Chair.

After the Honorary General Secretary had read the Notice convening the Annual General meeting, at the request of the President, Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin, Rector/Patron led the gathering in prayer.

## Attendance

A total of 545 members had signed the attendance register.

## Excuses

Rev. Fr. Vincent Ashley, M/s. Hamza Hidayathulla, Ashan Wijewickrema, Mario Fernando, Hishantha de Mel, Dasun Hegoda, Misver Deane, Michael Elias, L M A Gomes, Suresh Melvani, Anil Philips, Ramesh Rayappan, Sanjaya Silva, Ryle Abraham, Ravi Rozairo and Shan Jaleel had requested to be excused.

## In Memoriam

Two minutes silence was observed in memory of the following deceased Old Boys, Staff and Students (based on information received by the Committee):

Rev. Fr. Anthony Malaviarchchi	Prof. Ashley Halpe (Vice Patron)	Dr. Adiel Anghie
Dr. Sivakumar Vedavanam	M/s. Cornel Warne	Iresha Lodowyke
Rukshantha Kumar Kanagalingam	M A C Farook	Upul Fernando
Cyril Goonetilleke	Chris Peters	Melville Fernando
Christie Gomesz	Chathura Silva	Joseph de Saram
Desmond Dharmarajah	Francis Vedanayagam	Anderson Algama
L P Ernst	Rex de Silva	Ronald Salvadore
Joseph James Jayawardena	Lester Perera,	Patrick Ababhayaratne
Malcolm Van Arkadie	Arthur Fernandesz	G C G Karaunaratne
Vernon Cruz	Stanley Arnold	Cecil Heyn
Umar Ali Manikku	Dilip Motha	Andrew Kelaart
Bernard Jinadasa	Richard Gabriel	Jeremy Pavy
Glennie Outschoorn	Chathura Chinthaka Silva	Mahesh Nagarajah
Samadara Rodrigo	Herbert Prins	Ranjith Amarasekera
Alavi Moulana	Tony Martin (staff)	Ms. Deepthi de Silva (staff)
Ms. Rita Fernando (staff)	Mast.Sachinda Fernando (student)	Mast. Sonal Perera (student)

## Adoption of the Minutes of the 87th Annual General Meeting

The President informed the house that the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting (87th AGM) was included in the Annual Report for the year 2015/16, which had been made available to members via the OBU website and distributed among those present at the AGM, and called upon the members to adopt the minutes.

As proposed by Mr. Gerry de Mel and seconded by Mr. Ravika de Silva, the minutes of the 87th Annual General Meeting was adopted.

## Adoption of the Annual Report for the Year 2015/16

The President called for the Annual Report for the year 2015/16, which, as mentioned above had been made available to members via the OBU website and was in the hands of the members present, to be approved by the house.

The house approved the Annual Report 2015/2016 as proposed by Mr. Roshan Dharmaratne and seconded by Mr. Camilus Abeygoonewardene.

## **The Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 26th May 2016**

The house approved the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 26th May 2016, which was also included in the Annual Report 2015/2016 as proposed by Mr. Harin Gunawardena and seconded by Mr. Suranga Senevirathne.

## **Adoption of the Audited Statement of Account for the Year 2015/2016**

The President requested that the Statement of Accounts as made available in the Annual Report for the year 2015/16, be approved by members and the house approved same as proposed by Mr. Gerry de Mel and seconded by Mr. Harin Gunawardena.

## **Address by the Patron on the Affairs of the College**

Fr. Trevor Martin, Rector of St. Peter's College and Patron of the Old Boys' Union said he wished to first of all thank God for blessing St. Peter's with such a loyal body of Old Boys. He said that he was happy to see members in such numbers finding time to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM), which showed their loyalty.

Fr. Rector added that as he had been saying during the past 2 years his intention was to make St. Peter's College the premier educational institute in Sri Lanka and that therefore education was considered the 1st priority. He said that to this end the special exams on Thursdays which were begun were going on smoothly as well as the mini prize givings and the Study Packs for the A/L students which the teachers have also now got used to.

He said in this regard that the action initiated in 2014 has proven to be right as improvements could be seen when GCE (O/L) results in 2013 and 2015 are compared. This year however he said, was a concern but improvements could be expected from next year onwards as statistics show that there would be very good results.

Through an email system which allows parents to contact College direct, many parents have started providing feedback. He said that even he could be criticized which would hopefully enable College to move forward. Explaining the rationale behind this he said as the Pope has said it was "virtute in caritatis" (truth in love) or "caritate in virtutas" (acts of charity with a sincere heart) allowing the truth to be spoken in love.

Fr. Rector said that Rs. 5.5 M was the monthly investment on education at College and Rs.15 M – Rs.18 M was needed monthly or about Rs.180 M per annum for all expenses including sports. Considering the income received, he said that there was a shortfall of about Rs.100 M. He said that even from the donations received for admissions 10% had to be contributed towards the Archbishop's fund with Rs.13.5 M to be spent on rugby and Rs.9.5 M on cricket. He thanked the OBU and the overseas branches, particularly Melbourne, Dubai and UK for financial assistance provided for various projects.

Speaking on sports he said that the cricket season was very successful with the 1st XI team becoming joint league champions and T20 champions and thanked the Cricket Foundation of the OBU for the work done by them.

Tennis too has had a very good season with the under 15 team being champions already and the under 17 team having their tournament the next day (on Monday, 27th June) and St. Peter's likely to become champions for the 10th time.

Fr. Rector announced that in the aesthetic field the junior Oriental Orchestra has also become the All Island champions.

Speaking about the projects at hand, he said the laboratory at College was 36 years old and a Neuro surgeon visiting College and other Old Boys had offered to help the project and he was planning a Walk on 25th September to raise funds for the laboratory and a pavilion which could also provide comfortable accommodation for visiting teams.

He thanked the Foundations for Cricket, Rugby, Tennis, Football, Track & Field and Basketball for their interest and assistance in supporting the relevant sport whose officials he said sometimes spent the whole day in College. He also thanked the Batch Groups for their assistance, who helped through their scholarship schemes, staff outing by the 87-92 Batch, the OBU itself for providing a health insurance cover for teachers and for many other projects carried out by the OBU. He also thanked Old Peterites who help College in other matters such as the PTA M/s. Suraj Perera and Ravika de Silva of the PTA and Mr. Srinath Fernando of the Welfare Society. He also thanked Mr. Romeish de Mel as President and other Office Bearers of the OBU for the support given during the year.

In conclusion he invited the Old Boys to attend the Peterite – Anthonian rugby knockout match scheduled for that day.

### **Address by the President**

Mr. Romeish de Mel thanked the Old Boys for attending in numbers and the outgoing Committee for the work carried out by them sometimes spending sleepless nights. He thanked the General Secretary, Mr. Algi Wijewickrema and the Treasurer, Mr. Dion Saverimuttu for the tireless work done. He also noted that there were Old Peterites from abroad who were present and thanked them too.

Mr. De Mel said he had experienced how the Peterite Old Boys do things differently when it came to preserving the unity of the OBU and mentioned how members would come up to him and criticize and pointed out Mr. Dayan Georgesz who after disagreeing was willing to agree to disagree.

He said that there were those who asked him what he had done for the OBU. He recalled how he was asked when he first took office what he was going to do and his answer was “nothing”. That he said, was because he believed that the position of the President was not an accolade though for some it was and that the OBU was there to assist College. The President stated that what the Committee has done is reported in the Annual Report and that if anyone was not happy he could contact him.

Speaking about the work done, the President mentioned about the Honours Night which he said was a huge success. He added that a process was followed in selecting persons for honours though regrettably we may have missed out some for which he apologised. He said that it was a spectacular event for which commendations from Presidents of other OBUs were received.

The other event he spoke about was the Cricketers’ Felicitation Dinner organised by the Cricket Foundation. The President thanked M/s. Chanaka Goonawardena, Kanishka Hewage, Roshan Anthony, Suranga Senevirathne and Dr. Nirmal de Silva for the tremendous work done to organise the event. He went on to recall a comment by a Royalist who was an invitee who had said that they could never have organised an event of that nature where the felicitated Cricketers were given pride of place instead of officials.

Speaking about the Peterite Professionals Directory he said that this would help foster unity among the Peterites who could use Peterites to obtain services or advice and invited the Old Boys to help enhance it and use it once complete.

The President spoke at length about the resolution brought to introduce Criteria for the Presidency. Explaining the matter he said that three years ago concerns were expressed about the direction the OBU was heading bearing in mind the problems that exist in Alumni Associations of other Colleges. He said that a proposal was brought by a Batch Group and since there were many excellent ideas expressed, a Past President, Mr. Harin Gunawardena, a consultant for international organisations including the World Bank, was invited to take the idea forward and he had discussions with Batch Groups which had given excellent inputs on which the final document for the resolution was prepared.

He said that there was no bar to recommending improvements even subsequently as the idea was to protect the OBU from fraud, embezzlement and falsification of documents as has been found and as we would not want to have Presidents who project themselves by initiating projects without considering the sustainability of such projects.

Finally he said that the only project he had in mind was to complete the OBU Secretariat building which would also house a career guidance centre for which he hoped sufficient funds would be raised.

He there after thanked the Batch Groups, Gampaha Branch and the Foundations for their excellent support.

The President thereafter said the he would have to deviate from the agenda for the pleasant task of presenting mementos to the Past President who had done tremendous service to the OBU and the following Past Presidents present at the meeting were handed over medallions as mementos:

Mr. Mano Chanmugam	– 1984 – 1987 and 2002 – 2003
Mr. Camilus Abeygoonewardene	– 1993 – 1996
Mr. Gerry de Mel	– 1999 – 2002
Mr. Harin Gunawardene	– 2002 – 2006
Mr. Suranga Senevirathne	– 2006 – 2009
Mr. Roshan Dharmaratne	– 2009 – 2011

The mementos for the following Past Presidents would be sent to them as they have not been able to be present:

Mr. Ranjit Weerasena	– 1990 – 1992
Mr. Nivard Cabraal	– 1996 – 1999
Surgeon Rear Admiral Nicholas Jayasekera	– 2013 – 2014

Mr. Lucian Rajakarunanayake speaking with the permission of the President on a matter mentioned by the President, said that it was regrettable that Vice Patrons have not attended the AGM nor requested to be excused.

## **Election of Office Bearers**

The President recommended the following appointments which were ratified by the house:

**Patron:** Rev. Fr. Trevor Martin – Rector (Ex-officio)

**Vice Patrons:** Rev. Fr. Felician Perera (Ex-officio)  
Rev. Fr. Travis Gabriel (Ex-officio)  
Lankamanya (Dr.) Lester James Peiris  
Prof. Willie Mendis  
Mr. Kumar Paul (Snr.)  
Mr. Mano Chanmugam  
Air Chief Marshal Roshan Goonathileke  
Dr. Ananda Soysa  
Mr. Eardley Thilakarathne  
Prof. Rohan Jayasekera  
Mr. Nivard Cabraal

The President announced that the outgoing Committee had recommended Mr. Ranjit Weerasena as a Vice Patron in place of Prof. Ashley Halpe who passed away recently. As Mr. Weerasena was not present, the President added that Mr. Weerasena's consent had been obtained to be nominated as a Vice Patron.

**Nominated Past Presidents** - The President thereafter tabled the names of the following three Past Presidents, recommended by the outgoing committee to serve on the Committee of Management for the ensuing year, which proposal was also ratified by the house:

M/s. Gerry de Mel, Suranga Senevirathne and Roshan Dharmaratne.

### **Election of the President**

At this point Mr. Romeish de Mel vacated the chair and invited Mr. Gerry de Mel, Past President to take the chair as pro-tem chairman.

Mr. Gerry de Mel thanked the President and the outgoing Committee for the work done details of which he said could be read in the Annual Report. He said that in accordance with the newly adopted resolution, the Past Presidents had evaluated the President, Secretary and the Treasurer and that the Committee has accepted that Mr. Romeish de Mel could continue as President. This announcement was greeted with applause and Mr. Romeish de Mel was declared President of the OBU.

Mr. Romeish de Mel then received the President's medallion from Mr. Gerry de Mel and took the Chair again as President.

**Immediate Past President:** Surgeon Rear Admiral Nicholas Jayasekera (Ex-officio)

### **Election to other Posts:**

<b>Office/ Nominee</b>	<b>Proposed By</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>
Vice Presidents:		
Mr. Kevin Edwards	from the Chair	-
Mr. Asela Lihinikaduwa	Mr. Suranga Senevirathne	Mr. Harin Gunawardena
Mr. Ravika de Silva	Mr. Nadun Gunawardena	Mr. Malinda Nanayakkara
Mr. Jerry Anderson	Mr. Roshan Dharmaratne	Mr. Suranga Senevirathne
Mr. Dushantha Gunewardne	Mr. Kevin Edwards	Mr. Randy Roche
Mr. Paul Newman	Mr. Dimithri Gomes	Mr. Ravika de Silva
(Fr. Rector's Nominee)	To be nominated later	
Hony. General Secretary		
Mr. Algi Wijewickrema	from the Chair	-
Asst. General Secretary		
Mr. Haariz Rahman	Mr. Algi Wijewickrema	Mr. Roshan Dharmaratne
Hony. Treasurer		
Mr. Dion Saverimuttu	from the Chair	-
Asst. Treasurer		
Mr. Shiran Yatagama	Mr. Dion Saverimuttu	Mr. Haariz Rahman
Hony. Editor		
Mr. Sujith Silva	from the Chair	-
Asst. Editor		
Mr. Yuwanmini Landersz	Mr. Sujith Silva	Mr. Kevin Edwards

Office/ Nominee Committee (1976 and prior)	Proposed By	Seconded By General
Mr. Hiran Fernando Mr. Hilal Abdulla	Mr. Roshan Dharmarante Mr. Erajh Balasuriya	Mr. Jerry Anderson Mr. Ranjith de Silva
(1977 - 1981) Mr. Randy Roche Mr. Aruna Perera	Mr. Dushantha Gunewardene Mr. Ramesh Fonseka	Mr. Ramesh Fonseka Mr. Randy Roche
(1982 - 1986) Mr. Lawrence Paiva Mr. Kevin Rasquinho	Mr. Mevan de Silva Mr. Sherad Fernando	Mr. N Gomes Mr. Keith Wijesuriya
(1987 – 1991) Mr. Roshan Abeygoonewardene Mr. Rohan Ekanayake	Mr. Suranga Senevirathne Mr. Dishan Anthony	Mr. Dishan Anthony Mr. Roshan Fernando
(1992 – 1996) Mr. Suren Perera Mr. Navin Fonseka	Mr. Madusha Silva Mr. Nedun Gunawardene	Mr. Dimithri Gomes Mr. Malinda Nanayakkara
(1997 – 2001) Mr. Kanishka Hewage Mr. Jeyakanth Lawrence	Mr. Zakir Mohomadali Mr. Pramoda Karunatillake	Mr. Dayan Georgesz Mr. Trevin Coongne
(2002 – 2006) Mr. Dilanka Peiris Mr. Kumantha Ranasinghe	Mr. Ashan Alles Mr. Gehan Amarasinghe	Mr. Gimhan Perera Mr. Dilanka Peiris
(2007 to date) Mr. Hasitha Herath Mr. Shan Amarasekera	Mr. Dilshan Silva Mr. Darshana Fernando	Mr. Dilshan Kulasinghe Mr. Shalinda Fernando
5 Other Committee Members Mr. Fouzan Ali Mr. Naresh Raymond Mr. Sudesh Mendis Mr. Gimhan Perera Mr. Vinoshan Richard	Mr. Suranga Senevirathne Mr. Harindra Sirisena Mr. Dimithri Gomes Mr. Dilanka Peiris Mr. Dayan Georgesz	Mr. Haariz Rahman Mr. Suranga Senevirathne Mr. Suren Perera Mr. Jehan Fernando Mr. Zakir Mohomedally

### Appointment of Auditors

The President proposed that M/s Gomes & Co. continue as auditors. This was accepted by the House.

As per the constitution the Presidents of the Foundations will also be ex-officio members of the Committee of Management.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded at 12.40 p.m. to the lusty singing of the College anthem and a call for three hearty cheers to St. Peter's College led by the President.



**Algi Wijewickrema**  
**Hony. General Secretary**  
25th July 2016

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 26 thJanuary 2017 at 6.30 p.m. at the Rev. Sr. Flora Hall at St. Peter's College, Colombo.

The meeting opened with a prayer by the President who was in the Chair.

Thereafter, at the invitation of the President, the Hony General Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

## Attendance

40 members had signed the attendance register.

## Excuses

The following had sent their excuses:

M/s. Kevin Edwards, Hasitha Herath, Jerry Anderson, Shan Amarasekera, Mario Fernando, Randy Roche, Hilal Abdulla and Sujith Silva

## The Resolution

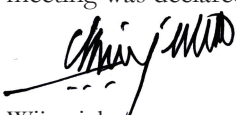
The President read out the resolution to be adopted, as was published in the Notice the Meeting, which is reproduced below.

- (1) Render inoperative Clause 8 (i), (ii) and (iii) of the Constitution of the St. Peter's College Old Boys' Union (OBU) and Annexure 'D' along with the forms (Calling for Nomination Form and Character Evaluation Form) so as to make amendments to the said Constitution with regard to the appointment of a President.
- (2) Appoint a sub-committee to recommend amendments to the Constitution of the OBU or enactment of new provisions in relation to the election of the President of the OBU. This sub-committee will report back to the Committee of Management (COM). Once ratified by the COM, a Special General Meeting (SGM) will be summoned for the approval of the said amendments with the entire process being endeavoured for completion within a period of ninety (90) days.
- (3) Such Amendments once approved as aforesaid, are expected to be operative for elections from 2018 onwards.
- (4) For purposes of clarification, the effect of the aforesaid non operation will bring into operation the previous provisions relating to the election of the President.
- (5) To appoint M/s. Algi Wijewickrema (Convener), Asela Lihinikaduwa, Dushantha Gunewardene, Kevin Edwards, Ravika de Silva Anil Philips, Ashley Fonseka, Damitha Gomes, Dayan Georgesz, Dinesh Rodrigo & Kanishka Hewage to be members of the said sub-committee.

Mr. Sivaji Felix inquired as to who was moving the resolution and the President informed that it was the Committee of Management that was moving the resolution.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The meeting was declared closed thereafter at 6.38 p.m.

  
Algi Wijewickrema  
Hony General Secretary  
SPC – OBU  
31st January 2017

## OLD PETERITES IN THE NEWS

- National Honours were conferred on:
  - Abbas Akberally (Desamanaya)
  - Mineka (Micky) Wickremasinghe (Desamanya)
  - Dr. Lakshman Weerasena (Desabandu)
  - Prof. Rohan Jayasekara (Vidyajothi)
  - Prof. Willie Mendis (Vidyajothi)
  
- Rohan Victoria – appointed Vice President of Asian Packing Federation
  
- Hishantha de Mel – appointed Vice President, John Keells Group & Chief Executive Officer John Keells PLC.
  
- The following represented Sri Lanka at different rugby tournaments
  - Danushka Ranjan as captain
  - Dulaj Perera
  - Suhiru Anthony
  - Lee Keegal
  - Sharo Fernando
  - Kevin Dixon
  - Anuradha Herath
  - Banuka Nananyakkara
  - Rajeev Perera as Assistant Coach for 7s and 15s

The items published above are based on information reaching the Committee of Management.

# Foundations

## Cricket



## Rugby



# Foundations

## Basketball



## Tennis




# Overseas Branch - Melbourne



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Committee of Management wishes to thank Rev. Fr. Rector and the entire priest community of St. Peter's College for the assistance and cooperation rendered to the OBU throughout the year.

We also take this opportunity to thank all Tutorial staff, the Administration staff and the minor staff for their support to the OBU whenever the need arose.



**Algi Wijewickrema**  
**Hony. General Secretary**  
**25th May 2017**

## COLLEGE ANTHEM

(Words by L T Minor of the staff of St. Joseph's College and music by George de Niese of the staff of St. Peter's College)

### **Chorus**

Lend a heart and lend a hand  
And lift the flag on high,  
Let its glorious colours give  
A greeting to the sky

Golden gleam and silver sheen  
And blue that crowns the world,  
Set the flag a-flying boys,  
Keep the flag unfurled.

While in boyhood here we linger,  
Mid a garden's fragrant flowers  
Who will dare to point a finger,  
When such joys are ours

Work enduring, play alluring,  
Fills our happy hours,  
Ills all curing, health ensuring  
In St. Peter's Bowers

And our flag is floating proudly  
Let us sing its praises loudly

**(Repeat chorus)**