

# ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE

JAFFNA, SRI LANKA

## OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION BERGEN – NORWAY

Founded in 1990



08 & 09 of August 2009

### REUNION

Patrician's of Norway  
Fiskeri Direktorat Dinner Hall  
Bergen, Norway

## PROGRAMS

Program leader - Mr. Thomas Aloysius

College Anthem

Welcome music - Master Thomas

Speech by the OBA President Mr. Aloysius Joseph

Speech by the Chiefguest Mr. James Felecian

Speech by the Oslo Coordinator Mr. Joe Gratton

Dinner

Scottish actuation - Mr. Joe Asserwatham

Desert

Bingo - Mr. Joe Asserwatham

Tea

Dance - Miss Immaculate Rajeswaran

Vote of thanks by Mr. Jeyarej Ernest

Music program by the "ALL TO GATHER" Music band

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### **Cricket match & Barbecue party**

Sunday, 09 of August 2009 at Slettebakken, Bergen

10AM - Cricket match begins.

12:30PM - Barbecue party.

We invite all the SPC & HFC families.

OBA SPONSORING THE BARBECUE PARTY

## ***FROM THE PRESIDENT***

Dear Patrician's and their families

It gives me a great honour and pleasure to invite you all to this marvellous reunion event in which we have also invited members from the other regions of Norway.

We are also glad to inform you that we have established our own website, it is known as [www.patriciannorway.com](http://www.patriciannorway.com). We hope that many of you will visit this site and use it to communicate with us and stay updated on our plans.



Another happy news is that our OBA is planning to celebrate its 20th anniversary next year at a big scale. To achieve this goal we need your help, encouragement and co-operation which we are anticipating from you.

Last summer we arranged our traditional cricket match against the Bergen West team, followed by a barbeque party which proved to be a great success.

This year we are arranging some cricket matches with teams from OBA Oslo, Bergen West & OBA Bergen.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the organizing-committee members who have done a tremendous job at gathering members from whole of Norway to attend this event.

It is also my duty too to thank all the OBA members and their families who have travelled many miles from the other regions of Norway to Bergen to take part in this celebration and to make it a colourful one.

I hope that this OBA reunion will give us all the inspiration in the future to develop and keep alive our attachment to our college which has helped to nurture our young lives during our student-days.

Let me wish you all God's blessings and the constant protection of St. Patrick.

**"KEEP THE PATRICIAN SPIRIT ALIVE"**

I wish you all an enjoyable, unforgettable and pleasant evening.

Aloysius Joseph.



# St. Patrick's College, Jaffna

Alumni Association - U. K.

Registered Charity No: 1003157



My Dear fellow Patricians and friends,

It is my great pleasure to send you this message during your weekend gathering in Bergen Norway.

First of all let me thank you all for your generous invitation to attend the Celebrations but as you all know, I have to decline the invitation as I have already made commitments for that weekend. Even though I have not joined you in person, I will be with you in spirit.

Though we all live miles apart at different corners of the world, the Patrician spirit unite us all and make us into one whole family of Patricians. We are all united in one goal of helping our Alma Mater in her needs.

You also must have received the Annual Report of Fr. Rector which was presented at the Prize Giving Day and the details of the Academic and Sports Achievements. It made us all to be very proud to be part of its success and this success made it all worthwhile of the hard work & time we all contribute.

We, the Association in UK, are aware of your own contribution towards the success of the Alma Mater and we are very proud of your Association. I am glad to know that you are a very enthusiastic and energetic Association. We all should work tirelessly towards our common goal of well being of our Alma Mater and to raise the Global Perpetual Fund.

Finally, I wish you all a wonderful & fun packed weekend and have a great time with your fellow friends. I wish I was there!!

May God Bless you all

"Fide et Labore"

Yours truly,

Dr. N.R.Rubakumar

## Message from former students of Holy Family Convent

I am very delighted and honoured to convey my heartfelt greetings on behalf of former students of Holy Family Convent, to all of you who are present at this event. This reunion is taking place for Patricians in Norway on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of August in Bergen. I am aware that not only former students from St. Patrick's College are present, but also former students from Holy Family Convent are present along with their families. Together, we are joined in sharing this special occasion.

We have all been through a journey which was indeed worthwhile and memorable, with memories still fresh in our minds, as if it all took place just yesterday. This reunion is the time and place in which we can treasure these past special moments. It is quite evident that those who attended these schools have definitely had the advantage of not only receiving the best education, but also being raised in a rich tradition, that gives importance to qualities such as love, discipline, and courage. One unique quality that we all share is also being nurtured in the Catholic faith. I am positive that the qualities that we have all obtained are being passed on from generation to generation. Those who have been educated in these schools have definitely reached their maximum potential and have succeeded in their lives.

We have accomplished so much and have come to the next step of our journey with absolutely no regrets. However, we do not often take the time to recognize and appreciate these major accomplishments. Therefore, we must altogether take this opportunity to do so. We must take pride for those goals and achievements, which have all been major contributors to our successes. I am positive that as you look around, you are beginning to remember familiar faces, and have the opportunity during these two days, to rekindle and treasure those friendships.

There is no doubt in my mind that all of you will have an enjoyable time, and that these days will definitely bring back good school day memories. In addition, I'd also like to thank St. Patrick's College Old Boys Association in Bergen who were responsible for putting this reunion together, as it is evident that they have put a great effort in making these special days possible.

Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate former students of both St. Patrick's College and Holy Family Convent.

Wish you all the best in your future endeavours and may God bless you all.

Thank you!



Message By: Mrs. Ruphina Robert Baskaran  
B.Sc. University of Jaffna  
Engineer, Haukeland Regional Hospital, Norway

Cricket match & Barbecue party 2008



Patrickus Dinner 2008







EMBASSY OF IRELAND | Norway

### **Message from the Ambassador of Ireland.**

I am very happy to send fraternal greetings to the past pupils of St Patrick's College, Jaffna and am also happy that Ireland's involvement with the College continues. The new wing of the College dedicated to Fr Long was partially funded by the Irish Government and opened in 2006. It is interesting to note that another Irishman who bore the name Patrick, Fr. Foy, was first Rector of the College.

Your alma mater bears the name of Ireland's patron saint, a Roman Briton who wandered across the seas to establish himself in another homeland, very much as we diplomats do nowadays and as you, alumni of St. Patrick's abroad, have also done. It is fitting that the Irish abroad and their friends from Jaffna in Norway share a common patron, Patrick the wanderer.

We Irish would wish "beannachtaí Naomh Pádraig oraibh uile" ("the blessings of Patrick on you all").

All the very best for your Reunion.

Gerald F. Ansbro  
Ambassador of Ireland.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

St Patrick's College, Jaffna, Alumni Association, Colombo Branch




The Patrician Global Reunion organized by various Alumni Associations around the world has become a very popular event not only amongst the Patricians but also many others living abroad. I am happy and delighted to send this message to the souvenir of the Alumni Association of Norway which will be published to mark this event of solidarity amongst the Patricians. We are indeed very proud of your Association to host this year Reunion.

The St Patrick's College, Jaffna, Alumni Association of Colombo Branch counts little less than a century of goodwill and benevolence that has been of a great strength to our Alma Mater in many aspects. The strong point of the Association is to be positioned in the capital and possess a variety of talented members of different age groups. This time we are pleased to announce the inauguration of Young Patricians Council under the umbrella of this Alumnus. This is in order to give guidance and empowerment to our younger generation. Thanks to the able guidance of our senior vice President, Mr Mahen Perera and the vibrant assistant, Mr Peter Selvarajah who had toiled hard to make this a reality.

We are indeed in the turning point of the history of our society. We hear, read and even see a lot of things which disturbs us. The belief and the trust in god have taken us all the way. We long for a solution, and yet we look around us and see otherwise. When we get involve in this search, we must keep in mind what Jesus told us, the peace he came to bring to us is a peace that the world cannot give.

I wish all the Patricians and their families in Norway and those who participate in this reunion all the very best and happy season. Hope a lasting peace will dawn in this island nation soon!!

  
Brigadier (Dr) HL David  
President SPC AA



## *St. Patrick's College Jaffna*

**Alumni Association, Ontario-Canada**

Founded in 1987

Incorporated in Ontario as a not-profit Organization No: 951710

### **Message from the President of St. Patrick's College Jaffna Alumni Association Ontario - Canada**

On behalf of the SPC AA Ontario, I'm delighted to send my greetings to our fellow Patricians in Norway and wishing you all a very successful reunion.

Our Patrician community extends well beyond our present students, staff and parent body. It's a heartening to note how far and wide the SPC Jaffna Alumni Associations have taken root and functioning for the well being of the college. Thousands of people have passed through the College or had children, grandchildren, friends and relatives taught or teach at this noble College. Thus the SPC Jaffna's influence now extends well beyond Jaffna.

I would also like to state that our Patrician success story depends on teamwork within and among alumni associations. We are interdependent in helping the college in its hour of need during these difficult times.

As you reflect back, may your hearts be filled with a sense of wonder and gratitude for the honour and privilege of being part of this wonderful Patrician family. Keep the Patrician spirit alive and let this get together bring joy and wonderful memories that you can always treasure.

Long Live St. Patrick's College Jaffna!

Andrew Rajasingham  
President, SPC AA Ontario, Canada

## ALMA MATER

*Alma Mater blest sanctum of learning  
Where the mind is adorned with rich lore  
and each tutored faculty's yearning  
Is sated and taught to seek more.*

*Alma Mater fond nurse of my childhood  
So indulgent yet prudently firm  
Thy affection and smile cheer my boyhood  
And foster each heavenly germ.*



## The Executive Committee

President - Aloysius Joseph

Secretary – Joachim-pillai Lawrence

Treasurer – Joseph Jesuthasen

Comm. Member - M. J. Malayamaan

Comm. Member - Jeyarej Ernest

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