

22nd AGM – Address by President Andrew Rajasingham

Dear Patricians ,

Good Evening!

Welcome to the 22nd AGM of the SPC AA Ontario. Thank you for your kind presence this evening.

As most of you are aware, this year we could not go ahead with many of the events and activities as initially planned by the committee , due to the tragedy that unfolded in North and East of Sri Lanka and the ripple impact it had in the form of protest marches, rallies, vigils in Toronto and other parts of Canada.

However, we worked hard to lend a helping hand to the College in every possible way.

We raised special funds for the Hurricane flood relief which amounted to \$2500 and then was immediately sent to the college. This was highly appreciated by the Rector and the SPC Alumni Association was the pioneers in sending the special funds. It is imperative to note that we raised these funds during our annual children Christmas party.

As always our patricians were generous. We kept the need of the college at the forefront of our events. In the meantime, I would like to thank Mr. Philip Francis for his effort in raising a substantial amount within couple of hours.

Gentleman, my sincere appeal is that we should keep the well being of the college in mind through all our planning and activities.

Let's not take the eye off the ball and let's pledge to keep our Alma Mater's Flag fly higher and higher.

I would also like to make a special appeal to the patrician in GTA who served in previous the SPC AA Ontario committees over the past several years to redirect their attention towards our AA to help the college in more innovative ways. Your ideas and suggestions are more than welcome.

After all, we all belong to the noble Patrician family.

Even by a conservative estimate, I would say there should be at least two hundred past patricians in GTA who served in previous committee. Again, I appeal to these noble patricians to join hands with the current committee to make great things happen for the greater good of our beloved college.

The war has ended, but as we are all aware there is no peace. We are in constant contact with the Rector to find out the pressing needs of the college student, staff and greater Patrician family members. We have been collecting funds to sponsor the war affected students who would be admitted to the college to continue their education in a secure and peaceful environment. So far we have collected \$4,250 of which Pakia Reginold and Gilroy

Ponniah \$2,200 and \$650 respectively. I would like to thank both on behalf of SPC AA Ontario for their tremendous efforts.

We need your unwavering support. We are planning to embark on various projects that would benefit the college and also boost the morale and spirit of the Patricians here in the GTA.

Long live St. Patrick's college Jaffna.

Let's keep the St.Patrick's College Jaffna Alumni Association Ontario strong and Vibrant.

Thank You!

Andrew Rajasingham