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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## TORONTO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND CHARITABLE SOCIETY ELECT 2013 - 2014 EXECUTIVES

### SSC Alumni Association Toronto

At the Association's Annual General Meeting, held in Toronto on Sun. 29 Sept., 2013, the following were elected to the Executive Committee for the 2013 - 2014 year :

**President :** Paul Archer

**Vice-President :** Hugh Hazlewood

**Secretary :** Arthur Veerasammy

**Assistant Secretary :** Paul Camacho

**Treasurer :** Beverly Vandeyar

**Assistant Treasurer :** Arthur Veerasammy

**Directors :** Errol Chapman, Tyrone De Abreu, Andrew Insanally, Des Jardine, Vibert Lampkin, Renuka Persaud, Bunty Phillips, Albert Smith, Godfrey Whyte

### SSC (Guyana) Alumni Society

At the Society's Annual General Meeting, held in Toronto on Sun. 29 Sept., 2013, the following were elected to the Board of Directors for the 2013 - 2014 year :

**Chairman of the Board :** Bunty Phillips

**Vice-Chairman :** Errol Chapman

**Directors :** Paul Archer, Frank Delph, Des Jardine, Vibert Lampkin, Arthur Veerasammy

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**Public Relations Officer :** Godfrey Whyte

**Officers-at-large :** Hugh Hazlewood, Albert Smith

(Editorial)

## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

*The snow lay on the ground, the stars shone bright,  
When Christ our Lord was born on Christmas night.*

*Venite adoremus Dominum.*

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*(Traditional English Carol)*

It's not yet officially Winter (just a few days to go by the calendar) but, here in Southern Ontario, there has been a fair amount of snowfall which has stayed around on the ground in the snow-belt areas, making the operators of the ski resorts very happy. Here in Toronto, it has been a bit milder, and only some dustings of snow remain on the ground.

It is at this time of year when we review what has happened over the past year, and make plans for the next year.

This has been a moderately successful year for both the Toronto Alumni Association and the Alumni Society in raising funds for the College. These funds have enabled us to acquire and send to the school equipment and books which were requested by the teachers. We hope to improve our fundraising next year and to continue to provide all help requested by the College.

We use the royal or editorial pronoun "we" but, of course, nothing could have been achieved without YOU. We might make the plans, but it is YOU, the alumni/ae and our

friends, who implement the plans by giving the support and financial assistance which enable us to meet our aims. You have paid your membership dues, made extra monetary contributions, and attended our events and, for this, we extend to you our very hearty **THANKS**.

It is also at this time of year that the act of giving comes prominently to the forefront. This is not an accident. This time of year is called, correctly, **Christmas** (and not the Holiday or Festive Season) as it honours and celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ after whom the period is named. The celebrations at this time are *religious* in nature, and part of these celebrations commemorates the first Christmas gifts offered when the three Wise Men visited the Christ child and offered Him kingly gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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*Biography of Jesuits at St. Stanislaus College - 4*

### **FR. ALOYSIUS PARKINSON, ENGLISH MASTER**

Fr. Aloysius Parkinson was born on 4 January, 1888, at Leigh in Lancashire and was educated at Stonyhurst College, Lancashire. He went to the Jesuit novitiate centre of Manresa House, Birmingham, on 7 September, 1906, to study Philosophy, after which he taught at the Jesuit school, Mount St Mary's College in Derbyshire, from 1914 to 1918 when he went to the Jesuit centre of St. Beuno's, Wales, for Theology. He was ordained as a priest on 2 February, 1922, and then taught at Hodder (part of Stonyhurst College) where he was Superior in 1925 and 1926, until his Tertianship at St. Stanislaus College (now closed), Tullabeg, Ireland, in 1926. Fr. Parkinson sailed from Dover on 10 September, 1927, and reached Georgetown (British Guiana) on the 26th.

He taught at St Stanislaus College until 1940; he was a successful English Master, produced College plays, and was a keen photographer. In 1940, he became Parish Priest at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Main Street.

In 1947, he was sent to Barbados (then part of the Vicariate of British Guiana and Barbados), to be Parish Priest at St Patrick's, then the only Catholic Church in the island. In 1957, Barbados was attached to the diocese of St. George in Grenada, and Fr. Parkinson was made Vicar General to Bishop Field, O.P. When in 1958 the Dominican Fathers took over St. Patrick's parish, he relinquished his office as Parish Priest and became Chaplain of the new Presentation College at Verdun, St. John, while continuing as Vicar General. At the College, his humour and understanding of boys made him inseparable from the school; he took religion and art classes. Those who were taught by him (at Hodder, at least) will remember his wonderful cartoons. Even when age made it difficult for him to continue active duties, he remained on, affectionately cared for by the Presentation Brothers until he was finally moved in 1966 to the Catholic Hospital for medical attention.

Fr. Fenn, one of the Fathers in Guyana, writes:

"He was of a quiet disposition, unobtrusive, never pushing or aggressive, never got excited; he was kindly and never lost his temper. Always tolerant, on hearing others criticized he was always ready to excuse, often with a joking remark. He was always cheerful, his humour being dry and not boisterous. A good community man, he was always a good listener; he let others do the talking and was not a conversationalist, seldom initiating a topic. But he would interject a witty remark now and again. He enjoyed visiting socially in the evenings, but there was the same lack of dialogue; he was content to sit and smoke, depending on others to keep the ball rolling.

"This passivity could be embarrassing especially when he was Superior. He did not seem to realize the value of time. At 'Swizzles' before dinner or supper, he would sit smoking, leaving his companions to contribute to the recreation. When interests flagged and conversation came to a standstill, the community being anxious to get to the table and return to their lawful avocations, he would still sit silent, oblivious of the fact that time was running on.

"He could hardly be called a leader; he did not exhibit enthusiasm, he just did his job quietly. As a preacher he was not inspiring; his manner was quiet and unemotional, his voice, though clear, was monotonous. As a College Master, he was responsible for the annual drama, but I used to wonder how he could coach boys in acting when he had so little play in his own voice.

"During his sickness and helplessness, he still continued to be cheerful, greeting his visitors with a smile and replying jokingly to enquiries about his health. Conversation, as before, had to be maintained by the visitor. Latterly, however, though he still welcomed visits, he did not care for them to last more than ten minutes or so. To cut the visit short without giving offence, he would enquire innocently 'What time do you have lunch?' or something similar.

"Fr. Parkinson died on 13 March, 1968, and was buried in the Churchyard of St. Patrick's, Bridgetown, where he had been Parish Priest for eleven years. He was the last in a line of Jesuits to serve the small community of Catholics in the island of Barbados, which had originally been given to the British Guiana Mission as a place where the worn-out might find rest. In the Churchyard, I saw the graves of Frs. Beauclerk (1909), O'Donnell (1921), Killion (1925), Besant (1944), and Sellier (1953). There are doubtless others. The Dominicans had purposely kept a piece of ground for the repose of the last Jesuit Parish Priest.

"The church was packed for the afternoon funeral Mass, sung by our own Bishop Carter from Jamaica, who happened to be in Barbados as observer at the Caribbean Anglican-Methodist conversations. The Bishop gave the Absolutions afterwards, and I said the prayers at the graveside. The Dominicans were most kind in making the arrangements for the funeral (and one of them gave an excellent address). The Presentation Brothers were also in attendance to pay their last respects to one who, on handing over St Patrick's to the Dominicans, was their Chaplain for seven years." R.I.P.

## THE SUBSTITUTE DECISIONS ACT

*By alumnus Justice (ret.) Vibert Lampkin*

As we grow older, we are more prone to disease and injury, many of which may render us incapable, both physically and mentally, of looking after ourselves and our property, or of making rational decisions for our care and the care and management of our property. Indeed, long before old age sets in, accidents may also similarly render us incapable and, in this case, age may have no bearing on the issue. How often have we seen well-meaning family members not only in conflict among themselves but also in conflict with doctors and hospitals with respect to the care of a loved one or the management of the assets of someone who could no longer take care of their assets! Should the family member be kept on life support with the hope that there will be some miraculous revival, oft times against medical advice because there is no medical hope of revival? Should the home be sold to help to pay for the care of the owner when he or she is incapable of making a rational decision with respect to the sale thereof? These disagreements very often wend their way into court, leaving it to a judge to make the ultimate decision. *The Substitute Decisions Act of Ontario* helps to ease the pain of making such momentous decisions.

On 3 April, 1995, *The Substitute Decisions Act* ("SDA") became law in Ontario. As the name suggests, this Act deals with decisions to be made by others on a person's behalf. The mechanism by which this is achieved is by the execution of a *Power of Attorney for Property* or a *Power of Attorney for Personal Care*.

A power of attorney is simply a legal document which the grantor executes, authorising someone to act as his or her agent or attorney. The term "attorney" in this context simply means "agent". It does not mean lawyer although the grantor may certainly appoint his or her lawyer as the attorney. Most people think of powers of attorney in terms of property. Many people have given a power of attorney to their spouse, their adult child, a good friend, or their Solicitor, to carry out functions which they are unable to carry out for themselves. Thus, residents of Canada with property – whether land, bank accounts, or other assets - may appoint an adult son or daughter in Guyana, or a good friend, or his or her Solicitor there, to sell and transport the property on their behalf or to withdraw money from their account to pay the rates and taxes on the property.

A power of attorney may be either general by which a person may appoint an attorney to do practically everything on his behalf, except make a will. Or, it may be a special or limited power of attorney by which a person may appoint an agent or attorney to do only certain specified acts on his or her behalf. The SDA provides for two types of limited Powers of Attorney.

There is a *Power of Attorney for Property*, which a person

may execute for his or her agent to make decisions about and manage his or her property and finances. For many years, people have been able to designate someone through a power of attorney to look after their property and manage their assets. But there was no similar right for personal care until the SDA gave persons that right. The SDA provides for a *Power of Attorney for Personal Care* to authorise an agent to make decisions on his or her behalf should the person become mentally incapable of making those decisions.

With respect to the Power of Attorney for Property, only persons who are at least eighteen years of age and mentally capable can make a valid power of attorney. The attorney must also be at least eighteen years of age.

The grantor may choose anyone he or she wants; of course, he or she must have the confidence that the attorney will faithfully carry out his or her wishes. He or she should know the attorney very well, and the attorney must be someone he or she trusts absolutely. The attorney should be someone who has the best interests of the grantor at heart and should be someone who has good judgment and whom the grantor is satisfied can and will manage his or her affairs well. The grantor may love his son with all his heart and soul and he may be prepared to lay down his life for his son. However, from his knowledge of his son, he may know that his son is a spendthrift and cannot manage his own affairs properly. In that case, there is no sense in appointing his son as his attorney to manage his property because the chances are that he will mismanage the grantor's property.

Before the attorney is chosen, the grantor should get the consent of the person that he or she is willing to act as the grantor's attorney because there is no point in appointing someone who will not take the responsibilities that the appointment will bring because he or she is too busy looking after his or her own affairs or bringing up his or her families or living too far away or who cannot act because the person is ill or infirm.

Many persons choose a trust company as their attorney. Trust companies charge a fee for their services based upon the value of the property and the income it brings in. It would therefore be wise to get some idea of the probable cost involved. The Public Guardian and Trustee may also be approached to see if he or she would consent to being appointed. Of course, a fee would be involved - there are no free lunches these days.

The attorney has to account for his or her dealings with the grantor's property. He or she must use due diligence in the management of the grantor's affairs. But, the grantor must be aware that misuse can and does occur - even in close families. I know personally of a family where the father is suffering from Alzheimer's Disease.

## MEMBERSHIP

The following is the list of alumni who are currently paid-up members in 2013. The names in *italics* are alumni who have paid since the last issue of the newsletter was published. Membership is based on the calendar year.

<b>CANADA (118)</b>	Frank Delph <sup>4</sup>	Desmond Kawall <sup>4</sup>	Peter St. Aubyn <sup>3</sup>	Richard Harford <sup>3</sup>
Lance Alexander	Vyvyan Deryck	<i>Aubrey Kellawan</i>	Albert Smith	Ronald Harford <sup>3</sup>
Glenmore Armogan	Roger Devers	John King <sup>1</sup>	Winston Sparrock <sup>1</sup>	John Jardim
Bernard Austin <sup>4</sup>	Terry Devers	Vibert Lampkin <sup>6</sup>	Albert Sweetnam <sup>1</sup>	
Malcolm Barrington <sup>2</sup>	Neville Devonish <sup>1</sup>	John Lopes	Walter Tiam-fook	<b>U.K. (4)</b>
Gerard Bayley <sup>4</sup>	Frederick Dias <sup>4</sup>	Geoffrey Luck <sup>3</sup>	Arthur Veerasammy <sup>1</sup>	Christopher Cho-Young <sup>3</sup>
Rene Bayley	<i>Ronald Dias</i>	Dereck Mahanger <sup>3</sup>	Beverly Vandeyar	Desmond FitzGerald <sup>1</sup>
Teddy Boyce	Jerome D'Oliveira	<i>Gerard Martins</i>	Vibert Vieira	Tony Gomes <sup>4</sup>
Randy Bradford <sup>2</sup>	<i>Terry D'Ornellas<sup>4</sup></i>	Michael Mendes de Franca <sup>5</sup>	John Vincent <sup>5</sup>	Neville Jordan <sup>1</sup>
Ian Camacho <sup>4</sup>	<i>Edward Driver</i>	Vincent Mendes de Franca <sup>4</sup>	Howard Welshman <sup>1</sup>	
Paul Camacho <sup>4</sup>	Paul Duarte	Richard Miller <sup>1</sup>	Godfrey Whyte	<b>U.S.A. (23)</b>
<i>Wilfred Carr</i>	Carlton Faria <sup>4</sup>	Perry Mittelholzer <sup>1</sup>	David Wong <sup>4</sup>	Luke Abraham <sup>3</sup>
Joseph Castanheiro <sup>4</sup>	Joe Faria <sup>8</sup>	Clarence Nichols <sup>2</sup>	Raymond Wong <sup>3</sup>	<i>Anthony Bollers<sup>4</sup></i>
<i>Antony Chapman</i>	Paul Farnum	Anthony O'Dowd <sup>1</sup>	Gerry Yaw	Ronald Chanderbhan <sup>4</sup>
Errol Chapman	Raymond Fernandes <sup>1</sup>	<i>Malcolm Pequenezza<sup>4</sup></i>	Brian Yhap	Brian Chin <sup>1</sup>
Vernon Chaves	Nigel Fisher <sup>3</sup>	Leslie Pereira <sup>4</sup>	<i>John Yip<sup>1</sup></i>	Lawrence Correia
<i>Bob Chee-a-tow</i>	<i>Keith Fletcher<sup>3</sup></i>	Desmond Perreira <sup>1</sup>	<i>Angus Zitman<sup>4</sup></i>	Peter Fernandes
Sydney Chin	Leslie Fung <sup>1</sup>	Michael Persaud <sup>1</sup>	<b>AUSTRALIA (2)</b>	Bernard Friemann <sup>4</sup>
Ivan Choo	Richard Gomes <sup>4</sup>	Bunty Phillips <sup>4</sup>	Michael Wight	Guy Goveia <sup>1</sup>
Tony Clarke <sup>1</sup>	Trevor Gomes <sup>2</sup>	<i>Carl Ramalho</i>	Lennox Yhap <sup>2</sup>	Edward Gouveia
Paul Crum-Ewing <sup>4</sup>	Neil Gonsalves <sup>1</sup>	<i>Marcelline Ramcharan</i>	<b>BARBADOS (1)</b>	<i>Philip Greathead<sup>4</sup></i>
Ken Cumberbatch <sup>3</sup>	<i>Alfred Goveia</i>	Linden Ramdeholl <sup>2</sup>	Geoff De Caires	John Grenardo <sup>1</sup>
<i>Edward Da Silva</i>	Orlando Goveia <sup>2</sup>	Cecil Ramraj	<b>BERMUDA (1)</b>	Michael Heydon <sup>1</sup>
<i>Ivor Da Silva<sup>4</sup></i>	Ken Hahnfeld <sup>4</sup>	<i>Mary Rayman</i>	Francis Grenardo <sup>1</sup>	Edwin Jack <sup>7</sup>
Jerry Da Silva <sup>3</sup>	Albert Hamilton	Ramon Rego	<b>BRAZIL (1)</b>	Kenneth Jordan <sup>5</sup>
Terry De Abreu	Hugh Hazlewood	Paul Reed	<i>Stephen De Castro<sup>4</sup></i>	Jolyon King <sup>3</sup>
Tyrone De Abreu <sup>4</sup>	Paul Hazlewood	Herman Reid <sup>2</sup>	<b>DOM. REP. (1)</b>	Carl Marx <sup>3</sup>
Dennis De Cambra	Jocelyn Heydorn	Joe Reis	Deep Ford <sup>3</sup>	Evan Phillips <sup>3</sup>
Hilary De Cambra <sup>1</sup>	Desmond Hill <sup>4</sup>	Romeo Resaul <sup>1</sup>	<b>TRIN. &amp; TOB. (3)</b>	Brian Ramphal <sup>3</sup>
Benedict De Castro	Ivan Holder <sup>1</sup>	Bryan Rodrigues		Peter Rodrigues
Gabriel De Castro	Andrew Insanally <sup>1</sup>	Philip Rodrigues <sup>1</sup>		<i>Keith Seaforth<sup>4</sup></i>
<i>Gregory De Castro<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>Dennis James</i>	<i>Raphael Rodrigues</i>		John Sparrock
<i>Rupert De Castro<sup>4</sup></i>	Richard James <sup>4</sup>			Leyland Thomas <sup>7</sup>
Peter De Freitas	Clayton Jeffrey <sup>1</sup>			Horace Walcott <sup>2</sup>
Andre De Peana <sup>3</sup>	<i>Anthony Jekir</i>			

Of the 154 paid-up members, 147 are renewals from last year.

Notes to Membership List :

1. These (30) alumni have paid in advance through 2014.
2. These (10) alumni have paid in advance through 2015.
3. These (18) alumni has paid in advance through 2016.
4. These (32) alumni has paid in advance through 2017.
5. These (4) alumni have paid in advance through 2018.
6. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2019.
7. These (2) alumni have paid in advance through 2020.
8. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2022.

## YOUR SMILE FOR THE DAY

## A Machine That Catches Thieves

Don't Laugh!!

In the U.S., they invented a machine that catches thieves. They took it out to different countries for a test. In the U.S.A, in 30 minutes, it caught 20 thieves.

In U.K., in 30 minutes, it caught 500 thieves.  
In Spain, in 20 minutes, it caught 25 thieves.  
In Ghana, in 10 minutes, it caught 6,000 thieves.  
In Nigeria in 5 minutes, it caught 9,000 thieves.  
In Guyana, in 3 minutes, dey tief de machine!  
I thought I told you not to laugh!

**THE SUBSTITUTE DECISIONS ACT**

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His wife is long deceased. There are two children of the marriage, a son and a daughter, both of whom are married with their own families. Because of his employment, the son, who had been the father's attorney, had to move hundreds of miles away. So in a lucid period, by family agreement, the father appointed the daughter as his attorney. Now, a few years down the road, it has been discovered that the daughter has apparently been taking the father for a ride, and about \$100,000.00 is unaccounted for. What is worse, she refuses to attend any family meetings to go through the books with the accountant to resolve the matter even though her husband is willing to co-operate. For obvious reasons, the brother is unwilling to go to the Police because, if she is charged with fraud in these circumstances and found guilty, she may well be incarcerated because she is in the position of a trustee of her father's property. And offences involving a breach of trust, in the absence of extenuating circumstances, usually carry a jail sentence. One advantage therefore of appointing a Trust Company or the Public Guardian and Trustee to manage the property is the knowledge that there is a professional and impartial manager to manage the property.

Joint attorneys can be appointed, which means that they have to act together. That has both positive and negative results. If they are compatible and agree on the management of the grantor's affairs, there is no problem. And the grantor will have some assurance that they would have discussed between themselves matters about the management of the property before embarking on a course of action. If, however, there is constant disagreement between them, there will be problems. Either nothing will get done or lawyers will have to be consulted and proceedings instituted, and the costs will in all likelihood be borne by the grantor's estate.

Substitute attorneys may also be appointed. That is to say, one person may be appointed and, if he or she cannot act for any reason, a substitute attorney may step in to take his or her place.

Power may be given to manage the grantor's property absolutely or to make any kind of financial decision on the grantor's behalf - except make a will. The grantor may also limit the attorney's power to deal with his or her property. For example, authority may be given to deal only with certain types of property or certain bank accounts. Conditions may also be imposed on the attorney, such as:

- providing that the power of attorney should become effective only if the grantor becomes *non compos mentis* or unable by reason of infirmity of the mind or some physical incapacity or by reason of hospitalisation for a specified period of time to manage the property;
- requiring the attorney to consult with specific persons, e.g. family members, the grantor's Solicitor, or financial advisors, before certain decisions are made;

- specifying the types of investments the attorney may or may not make e.g. specifying that the attorney may invest in Government of Canada bonds or Guaranteed Investment Certificates but not in the stock market or in real estate.

The attorney must:

- act with honesty and integrity and in good faith for the grantor's benefit;
- explain to the grantor what the powers and duties of an attorney are;
- encourage the grantor to participate, to the best of his or her abilities, in decisions about his or her property;
- foster regular personal contact between the grantor and those family members who are supportive of the grantor;
- consult from time to time with the grantor's supportive family and friends and with whoever is providing personal care to the grantor;
- put the grantor's financial needs first. If there are funds left over, the needs of the grantor's dependants are the next priority. After that, if there is still money left over, it may be spent to satisfy the grantor's other legal obligations;
- keep accounts of all transactions. There are guidelines for how money may be spent on gifts, loans, and charitable donations.

Under the SDA, the attorney will be entitled to be paid unless the grantor states otherwise. The rate is set by Regulation.

The document must be executed in the presence of two witnesses who must be present together and who must sign the document in the presence of the grantor. The following persons cannot be witnesses:

1. The attorney or the attorney's spouse or partner. A partner is either of two persons who have lived together for at least one year and have a close personal relationship that is of primary importance in both persons' lives.
2. The grantor's spouse or partner;
3. A child of the grantor or a person whom the grantor has demonstrated a settled intention to treat as his or her child.
4. A person whose property is under guardianship or who has a guardian.
5. A person who is less than eighteen years old.

The Act also allows for a Power of Attorney for Personal Care. This is an appointment which the grantor makes in advance of any mental incapacity so that the attorney may make decisions if the grantor becomes mentally incapable. The term, "mentally incapable", means an inability to understand information that is relevant to the making of a decision or an inability to appreciate what is likely to happen if a certain decision is made or isn't made. The incapacity may be caused by an accident or an illness, and it may be temporary, only lasting for weeks or months, or it may be permanent with no reasonable hope of recovery. Unfortunately, the older we get, the more likely we are



**OBITUARIES**

\* **Alumnus (1945) Michael E. G. (Mickey) Da Silva** died peacefully at Community Nursing Home (Aspen Wing) in Pickering, Ontario on Sunday, 10 November, 2013, in his 86th year. Beloved husband of Bridget (Pinkey) nee Fernandes for 63 plus years and dear father of Michael (Doris) of Brampton, Geoffrey (Terry) of Toronto, Thomas (James) of Napanee, Richard (Mary) of Toronto, Jacqueline King (David) of Vero Beach, Florida, and Rodney (Rita) of Richmond Hill. Brother to Flavio, (**alumnus**) **Manny** (deceased), Joan, Celine, David, Jacqueline, Mary-Anne, and Paul. Grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of 5. An esteemed athlete of his youth, a member of the Ontario Soccer Referees Association, and accountant by profession, he has touched many lives and will be sorely missed. Special thanks to the doctor and staff of Community Nursing Home (Aspen Wing) for their loving care over the last year. Interment of Michael's ashes at Pine Ridge Memorial Gardens will be in the spring. Donations to Guyana Christian Charities would be appreciated.

*(Editorial)* **THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**  
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Today, we continue this tradition by trading gifts with family and friends.

This time of year also celebrates God's gift to us of becoming man like us and enduring great suffering unto death for our sins and our redemption. He suffered to help us in our need. So also should we take the time during this period to follow God's example to remember those in need not only of physical comforts but also of spiritual sustenance. Not only should we give to the needy but also we should remember in our prayers those who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit.

Yes, Christmas is a *religious* celebration, and we should pause every now and then during our frantic activities to contemplate the true meaning of this celebration. This can be found by examining the works and teachings of Jesus Christ throughout His short span of thirty-three years on earth as a human. He taught us to be good and kind to and respectful of others. Just as He forgave us our sins in sacri-

ficing His life for us, so we also must try to forgive any perceived or real injuries done to us in the past, and make a firm effort in the future (our New Year's resolution!) to avoid getting ourselves into situations which may result in ill-feeling among ourselves, not an easy task considering the current uneasy world situation, but we can but try.

Christmas is a joyous time. A babe is born, who is Christ the Lord. This is "...good tidings of great joy...to all the people..." and the event brings "...on earth peace to men of good will..." (Luke Ch. II, v. 10 & 14). These are sentiments which can be expressed to all, regardless of choice of religion or lack of religion. It is the happiness of the event which makes us feel more charitable to others (even to our enemies) at this time of year, though we should try to feel the same way throughout the whole year.

In keeping with this sentiment, the Executive of the Toronto Alumni Association and the Toronto Alumni Society wish to send to all alumni/ae and friends its best wishes for a holy, peaceful, and **MERRY CHRISTMAS**, and a safe, successful, and **HAPPY NEW YEAR** in 2014.


**THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE COLLEGE**

On 1<sup>st</sup> May, 1866, the College was founded as the Catholic Grammar School. In 1907, the School was moved to the eastern end of its present site, and its name was changed officially to "St. Stanislaus College," the formal dedication and blessing taking place on 22<sup>nd</sup> October of that year.


In 2016, the College will celebrate the sesquicentennial (150<sup>th</sup> anniversary) of its founding.

To observe the occasion, the Alumni Associations are planning a Reunion week in Georgetown sometime in April or May of that year, the actual date to be determined later.

Alumni/ae are invited to reserve this period in their calendars and to contact their former class-mates with the intention of getting back together by attending this special Reunion.



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**THE SUBSTITUTE DECISIONS ACT***(continued from page 5)*

to become incapable - a prospect that faces all of us.

It is just as important to choose an attorney for personal care as carefully as it is to choose an attorney to manage one's finances. It does not have to be the same person, but there must be confidence that the person will carry out the grantor's wishes as far as is reasonably possible. If different persons are chosen, they should be compatible so that they can work with each other in the best interests of the grantor.

It is important that the grantor makes known to the attorney and relatives his or her wishes if he or she should become incapable of looking after himself or herself. Does he or she wish to continue residing in his or her own home, or should he or she be put into a Senior Citizens' Home or other facility? The attorney may also have to make decisions about the grantor's nutrition, hygiene, clothing, and safety. The most important decisions the attorney may have to make will probably be for the grantor's health care. Is the attorney to give or withhold consent under the Consent to Treatment Act, and in what circumstances is such consent to be given or withheld? The grantor may provide that, in such circumstances, close family members and his family doctor be consulted but leave the ultimate decision with the attorney. Assisted suicide is a criminal offence in Canada, but refusing medical treatment that will shorten one's life is not. The grantor may therefore provide in his Power of Attorney for Personal Care that, in the event that he or she becomes comatose or is in such condition that a mechanical life support system or mechanism is required to sustain his or her life indefinitely, it is his or her solemn wish and direction that such system or mechanism be used to sustain his or her life for a period not in excess of a specified time e.g. 48 hours, 7 days, or 30 days, or to have such system removed or rendered inoperative allowing the grantor to die in dignity and in a natural manner.

Much to the chagrin of parents, anyone over the age of sixteen years can make decisions about his or her lifestyle. A son or daughter can leave home or school at age sixteen, and there is nothing the parent can do about it. The parent can offer advice and can hope and pray, but there is nothing much more that can be done. It is his or her life to do whatever he or she wants with it. It may appear strange that a person can make such momentous decisions about his or her life at sixteen, but he or she cannot buy and sell real estate until eighteen! But that is the law. It is no doubt for this reason that anyone over the age of sixteen years can make a valid Power of Attorney for Personal Care, unlike a Power of Attorney for Property when the grantor must be at least eighteen years old.

A person may appoint anyone who is at least 16 years old as his or her attorney for personal care as long as the attorney is not someone who is providing him or her with health care or

with residential, social, training, or support services for compensation unless that person is the spouse, partner, or relative of the grantor. Do not therefore appoint any of the following persons, if the person is not your spouse, partner or relative:

- your landlord;
- any person who provides you, for compensation, with care in the place where you live;
- your social worker, counsellor, teacher, or advocate;
- your doctor, nurse, therapist, or other health care provider;
- your homemaker.

As before, the Power of Attorney must be executed in the presence of two witnesses who must also execute the Power of Attorney in your presence. There are similar restrictions on those who can be witnesses, as for a Power of Attorney for Property.

More than one person may be appointed as the attorney for personal care. If more than one is appointed, they should be compatible because they have to act jointly and, if they cannot agree on a particular course of action, The Public Guardian and Trustee may have to step in and the dispute may end up in court which is the last thing the grantor would want because it would only dissipate his assets.

Different persons may be appointed for different categories of decision making e.g. one person to make health care decisions and another to make personal care decisions like housing, clothing, and food.

Conditions and restrictions may be also imposed on the attorney's power to act on the grantor's behalf; for example, instructions may be given as to where the grantor wants to live but with a direction to keep the grantor in his own home as long as possible. Or, directions may be given to observe the grantor's religious beliefs when deciding about his medical care or food, or to consult with family members or others before embarking on a particular course of action.

The attorney must:

- act honestly and in good faith;
- as far as possible, try to help the incapable person become independent;
- choose the least restrictive, least intrusive course of action that is available and appropriate;
- explain the attorney's powers and duties to the incapable person;
- encourage the person to participate, to the best of his or her abilities, in his or her personal care decisions about themselves;
- try to establish regular personal contact between the incapable person and supportive family members and friends;
- consult from time to time with supportive family members and friends who provide the incapable person with personal care;
- follow the instructions and wishes of the incapable person as when he or she was capable, unless it is impossible to do so.

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