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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Take notice that the St Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society (SSCGAS) will hold the Annual General Meeting at 4544 Sheppard Ave East, Toronto on Sunday, September 29, 2024 starting at 1:30 p.m. This meeting will elect the directors and officers for the year 1 September, 2024, to 31 August, 2025.

Refreshments will be available from 1:15 p.m. for those members attending in person. If you are unable to attend in person, a Skype Link will be available from 1:15 p.m.

If you are unable to attend the meeting in person or by Skype, please complete the attached Proxy Form and appoint a representative who will vote on your behalf.

The Skype Link: <https://join.skype.com/s1Fi3ZyrZ8FY>

Agenda

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| 1. Call to Order | - Alfred |
| 2. Adoption of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of St. Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society – 24 Sept., 2023 | - Alfred |
| 3. President’s Report | - Alfred |
| 4. Treasurer’s Report | - Bunty |
| 5. Resolution ratifying actions of Officers and Directors on behalf of the Society | - Alfred |
| 6. Resolution waiving the audit or the financial review of the Financial Statements | - Alfred |
| 7. Election of Board of Directors | - Alfred |
| 8. New President’s Acceptance Speech | |
| 9. Any other business | - New President |
| 10. Adjournment | - New President |

Stephen Budhu
Secretary.

St Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society
Dated the 21st day of August, 2024

PROXY FORM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of ST. STANISLAUS COLLEGE (Guyana) ALUMNI SOCIETY 29 September, 2024

If you wish to appoint a person other than the persons designated on this form, please insert the name of your chosen proxy-holder in the space provided.

The undersigned member in good standing of the St. Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society hereby appoints the President, Alfred Carr or, failing him, the Secretary, Stephen Budhu, or, failing them, the Treasurer, Bunty Phillips, or failing them, Art Veerasammy, Assistant Secretary, or failing them, **(print name of person appointed)**

as proxy-holder of the undersigned, with the power to attend, vote, and otherwise act for and on behalf of the undersigned with respect to all matters that may come before the AGM of 29 September, 2024.

Signature of Member in Good Standing

Day Month Year

Note: Only those members, paid-up to the date of the meeting, may vote at the AGM.

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Proposed Slate for Board of Directors and Officers September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025

Board of Directors

Alfred Carr **Chair**
Renuka Persaud **Vice-Chair**

Stephen Budhu, James Fung, Renuka Persaud, Bunty Phillips, Marcelline Ramcharan, Art Veerasammy

Officers

Alfred Carr **President**
Renuka Persaud **Vice-President**
Bunty Phillips **Treasurer**
Stephen Budhu **Secretary**

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MINUTES OF AGM OF 24 SEPTEMBER, 2023

The Annual General Meeting of St. Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society was called to order at 2:17 p.m. on September 24, 2023, by President Alfred Carr

Bunty Phillips
Art Veerasammy
Godfrey Whyte

In Attendance: Paul Abdool, Malcolm Barrington, James Fung, Hugh Hazlewood, Des Jardine, Bunty Phillips, Marcelline Ramcharan, and Arthur Veerasammy.

Des Jardine made a motion to accept the Board of Directors as listed above. The motion was seconded by Paul Camacho and carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Attending Via Skype:

Wayne Austin, Stephen Budhu, Paul Camacho, Edward Isaacs, and Renuka Persaud.

Election of Officers

Elections for proposed Officers from 1 September, 2023, to 31 August, 2024.

Those Holding PROXIES:

Stephen Budhu for: C. Anthony, Mark E. Anthony, S. Benjamin, W. Brereton, Andre DePeana, N. Mangru, Eric Shivnarine, and J. Williams

Hugh Hazlewood for: Paul Hazlewood

Des Jardine for: Joe Schuler

Bunty Phillips for: Tony Clarke, Rick DaCosta

Arthur Veerasammy for: Wilfred Carr, Vibert Lampkin, and Albert Smith

Officers:

Malcolm Barrington: *President*
Tyrone DeAbreu: *Vice-President*
Stephen Budhu: *Secretary*
Art Veerasammy: *Assistant Secretary*
Bunty Phillips: *Treasurer*
Alfred Carr: *Assistant Treasurer*

Paul Camacho made a motion to accept the officers as listed above. The motion was seconded by James Fung and carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Minutes of last AGM

Stephen Budhu made a motion to accept the Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting. The motion was seconded by Des Jardine and carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Waiver of Audit

Alfred made a motion to waive the Audit Report. The motion was seconded by Bunty Phillips and carried unanimously with one abstention.

President's Report:

The President's report was presented by Alfred Carr who promised to provide the membership with a hard copy.

Amendments to the Constitution

Marcelline made a motion to accept Amendments to the SSCGAS Constitution. The motion was seconded by Bunty Phillips and carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephen Budhu made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion, seconded by Arthur Veerasammy, was carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Adjournment

Bunty Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:14 p.m. The motion was seconded by Paul Abdool and carried unanimously with no abstentions.

Election of Board of Directors

Elections for the proposed Board of Directors from 1 September, 2023, to 31 August, 2024.

The Meeting adjourned at 4.14 p.m.

Board of Directors

Malcolm Barrington: Chairman
Tyrone DeAbreu: Vice Chairman
Paul Abdool
Stephen Budhu
Alfred Carr
James Fung
Renuka Persaud

The meeting was recorded by:

Arthur Veerasammy
Asst. Secretary.

OBITUARIES

Alumnus (50-55) Joseph Anthony Castanheiro passed peacefully on Friday, 9th August, 2024, at the age of 86 at Centenary Hospital in Scarborough. He was supported with the love and care of family and PSW staff over the duration of his illness. He was the first-born child of Cyriaca Marie (née Nobrega) and Oscar Gabriel Castanheiro on 31st March, 1938, in Georgetown, British Guiana.



Joe was predeceased by his first wife Joan Angela (née Watson) and is survived by his second wife Anne (née Dummett). He was the beloved father of Neil (predeceased, survived by his spouse, Rose), Graham (Patricia), and Rolf (Monika), and the proud grandfather to Alexander, Christian, Melina, Aidan, and Nathan.

Joe was the dear brother of Margaret (predeceased by Stafford), Bernard (predeceased by Evyonne Tat), Andrew (Mitzie), Rozalind (Mark), and predeceased by Adrian (Donna), and Gerard (Elsie). He will be missed by his many nieces and nephews.

Joe was an amazing son, brother, and father. The grounding he achieved in his formative years, growing up as the eldest of seven in British Guiana, allowed him to develop the coping skills to build a resiliency to the challenges he faced throughout his life. He often spoke of his mentors - his grandparents Francis and Philomena, Granny Cash, and Uncle Lucas. He also particularly wanted to acknowledge a primary school teacher, Mr. Spencer, at St. Mary's R.C. School (also known as Brickdam School), who was instrumental in supporting him to write his entrance exam to St. Stanislaus College. He pleaded with his father to support him financially to attend secondary school, and his wish became a reality.

Joe had an accomplished academic and athletic career, representing St. Stanislaus College in cricket and football, and winning medals in track and field. These years he enjoyed - "to say that I enjoyed my time at Saints would be an un-

derstatement".

After graduating from St. Stanislaus College, with the guidance and recommendation of a priest, Joe began his career in banking that carried him throughout the country and the Caribbean. It was during this time that he met his wife, Joan, while in Barbados, and all his children were born on different islands in the Caribbean.

To provide more opportunity for the boys to further their education, the family emigrated to Canada in January 1977 during one of the worst snow storms Toronto has seen to date.

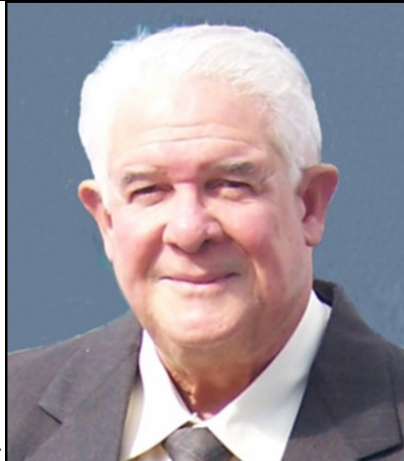
After Joan's untimely passing, Joe was fortunate to have gained a great partner in Anne and, together as a team, they were instrumental in charity work and travelling the world.

Joe was always committed to community service and volunteered his time in worthwhile organizations. True to his compassionate nature, never forgetting where he came from, he contributed to the Guyana Christian Charities, obtaining needed supplies for the hospitals and orphanages in Guyana. He also worked with the Toronto Saints Alumni Association to run golf tournaments to support the College, as well as on special projects to help St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (also known as Brickdam Cathedral) in Guyana.

Joe was well respected in his professional capacity. He was loved dearly and will be missed by an abundance of friends. He was a man of integrity and was measured in every decision he made. Family was paramount to him. Joe wrote: "Nothing succeeds like hard work".

His family wishes to thank the staff from Golden Oak Seniors, private caregivers, Centenary Hospital 8th floor SW staff, and Scarborough General Hospital Kidney Clinic for their care and support at his time of great need. Donations, made to Covenant House, Guyana Christian Charities, or a charity of your choice in Joe's memory will be appreciated by the family.

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of **alumnus (52-58) Winston Bernard Sparrock**. He passed away peacefully, at Scarborough Centenary hospital, on 11 September, 2024, at the age of 83. Winston was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, remembered for his amazing kindness and cheerful nature.



Winston was born in Georgetown, Guyana, and was the last child of Cecil Augustus Sparrock and Sybil Maria Sparrock. After graduating from St. Stanislaus College (Saints) in Guyana, where he excelled in cricket, he joined the Royal Bank of Canada. Later, he was transferred to the island of Antigua, where he met his beloved wife Yolande. Together,

they started a family, welcoming a son, Sean, and a daughter, Marie Jose.

He immigrated to Canada in 1980 and settled in Scarborough where he had many friends. With the support of his brother John, who lived in New Jersey, he also cared for their aging mother, who had immigrated to Canada from Guyana. He maintained close ties with his other siblings as well: Harold, who resided in England, and his sister Mary, who lived in Australia. Upon arriving in Canada, he took on various jobs to support his family, eventually retiring from his position at the TTC.

He was blessed with two grandchildren

Obituary Winston Sparrock *(Continued from Page 3)*
 from his daughter. Having grandchildren brought new joy into his life. He loved to bounce them on this tummy and developed the nickname Church. He adored and loved his two grandchildren dearly. His presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His legacy will live on in the hearts of those he loved and who loved him in return. May he rest in peace.

and the loving sister to Jennifer (Chris), Brian (Linda deceased), and **alumnus (65-71) Phillip** (Cecelia). She will be missed by her nieces and nephews Richard, Janine, Selina, Kelly Dawn, Kyle, Angelique, Ryan, and Timothy, and by many great-nieces and nephews.



Carolyn Anne Rodrigues Fleming Cook, born on 31st Aug., 1951, passed away on 27th July, 2024. She was the beloved mother of Melissa, Gillian, and John,

DAVID MARTINS
THE PASSING OF AN ICON
By L.A. Phillips

In Finland, the musical composition “Finlandia” by its native son, Jan Sibelius, is often regarded as the country’s second national anthem; in the U.K., this appellation is given often to “Rule Britannia”, second only to “God Save the King”; in the U.S.A., the “Battle Hymn of the Republic” often stands in for “The Star-Spangled Banner”; even in Canada, there are those who espouse “The Maple Leaf Forever” (by Alexander Muir) over “O Canada”.



Well, Guyana has joined the group by taking to its heart **alumnus (46-51) David Martins’** composition “Not a Blade of Grass” as its second national anthem! In the 70s, the Tradewinds were on tour in Guyana, and David had just completed an interview on the radio, after which the interviewer implored him to write a song about the claim by Venezuela for the county of Essequibo. David went back to his room at the Pegasus Hotel, locked himself in, shut off the telephone and, in about one hour, completed the composition! Even if this were his only composition, it was sufficient for him to be able to gain membership in the exclusive pantheon of composers who have written heroic national songs.

But David was more than this. After immigrating to Canada in the late 50s, he gave up a promising song-writing career to form the band, Tradewinds, which was composed of immigrant musicians from different Caribbean islands. They achieved instant success as, only six months after formation, they recorded four songs in Toronto, and one of them, *Honeymoon Couple* (written by David), became a runaway hit in the Caribbean. They never looked back.

David continued to write original songs (110 of them) for the band as well as playing music from other composers, and they became part of Caribbean life.

David owned and operated his own club, "We Place", in downtown Toronto. The band had become a household word in the Caribbean, and it toured the Caribbean twice annually, as well as playing at the Trinidad Carnival from 1968 to 1981 as a visiting band - one of the few groups to accomplish such a feat. The band has made appearances in virtually every Caribbean country, and has played all over Canada and the U.S.A. including such prestigious venues as Madison Square Gardens, Carnegie Hall, Vancouver's Queen Elizabeth Theatre, and Expo 67 in Montreal.

In 1982, the band decided to make its base in the Cayman Islands, and recorded, at studios throughout Canada, the U.S.A, and the Cayman Islands, many albums on vinyl, cassette, and CDs.

When he retired from performing and recording, David moved back to Guyana where he lived in Oleander Gardens in Georgetown. In recent years, he was afflicted with dementia but, despite a fall at his residence and his cognitive decline, he still moved about in the yard and remained engaged with nature and was always ready to engage with visitors. Recently, it was reported that he was ailing and, on Sunday 18 August, 2024, he passed away at about 6:30 p.m. at the age of 90 years.

The man may be gone, but his music will live on forever. *Requiescat in pace.*

APOLITICAL APHORISMS

1. If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates. ~Jay Leno~
2. The problem with political jokes is they get elected. ~Henry Cate, VII~
3. We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. ~Aesop~
4. When I was a boy, I was told that anybody could become

5. President; I'm beginning to believe it. ~Clarence Darrow~
 6. Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you. ~Author unknown~
 6. Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other. ~Oscar Ameringer~
- Advice for voting : vote early.....and often!* 😊

COMING EVENTS

The following is some information about the Society's upcoming events for 2024. As you can appreciate, some of the events are still in the early stages of planning, and you will be informed as the planning crystalizes.

Wills and Estate Planning

SSCGAS will be hosting a presentation on the importance of having a properly drawn-up and updated will and power of attorney for both personal care and property, and the steps which need to be followed in completing the documents. This will be held on Thursday 3rd October in the church hall of St. Elizabeth of Hungary R.C. church, 432 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, M2N 3B7 (on the north side of Sheppard, west of Bayview Ave.). The door will be open at 6:30 p.m., with the official presentation starting at 7:00 p.m. Please come prepared with any questions.

There is no charge for attendance. However, registration is needed so that the room can be prepared to accommodate all attendees comfortably. To register please respond to:

a.carr@st-stanislaus-gy.com.

Trip to Guyana

Last year, we informed you of the plan by the family (in England) of Fr. Herbert Feeny SJ to honour him by establishing a scholarship in his name to enable a qualified Saints student to attend the University of Guyana (UG) for four years. The family would contribute half of the cost, and the other half would be raised by other donors. The St. Stanislaus College (Guyana) Alumni Society (SSCGAS) volunteered to fund the second half.

Fr. Feeny spent 24 years (46 – 70) as a Senior (and Lab) Master at the College and would be known to many Saints graduates. Therefore, SSCGAS decided to invite graduates to donate to the scholarship, and it would contribute the remaining amount. Some have done so, and we thank you. However, changes have occurred, and Guyana is now blessed by a financial largesse due to its oil resources. Later last year after the announcement of the scholarship plan, the Guyana government stated that, starting in 2025, education at UG would be free for qualified Guyanese students, so that the proposed scholarship was no longer viable.

After learning of the change, the member of Fr. Feeny's family, who was in charge in England, visited Guyana to assess the situation and find out how the family could still help the College. He found the two science laboratories in a rather sorry state, a fact known already to both the College's Board of Governors and the Ministry of Education. He then offered financial help for any renovations to be made to the labs.

The Ministry and the College have developed a plan, including costs, for the renovation of the labs, to be completed this year during the school's summer holidays to make the labs ready for use at the start of the new school year in September. The Guyana government has promised to cover half of the costs, and the remaining half must come from donations by other organizations and individuals. The family of Fr. Feeny has pledged the amount which it had promised for the scholarship, and SSCGAS has agreed to donate \$20,000 US to the project. Those alumni, who had

already donated, have agreed for their donations to be transferred to this project. Other alumni are invited to follow suit.

Since Fr. Feeny was instrumental in creating the first lab at the school, the labs will be known as The Fr. Feeny Laboratories. A plaque will be made and displayed to acknowledge, by name, the organizations and individuals who have donated to this project.

The renovated labs will be opened officially on 8th October, and some alumni have decided to be present at this event. Please contact us if you would like more information about joining this trip.

Wills and Estate Planning

There will be a presentation on the importance and the process of creating Wills and Estate Planning on Thurs. 3rd Oct., in the church hall of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 432 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto.

The door will be open at 6:30 p.m., with the official presentation starting at 7:00 p.m. Please come prepared with any questions.

There is no charge for attendance which is not restricted - all are welcome. However, **registration is needed** so that the room can be prepared to accommodate all attendees comfortably. To register, please respond to: a.carr@st-stanislaus-gy.com.

Fall Dance

After an absence of several years due to the epidemic, a Fall Dance will be held this year on Saturday 26th October at the Rembrandt Banquet Hall, 10 Milner Business Court, Scarborough (near the intersection of Markham and Milner roads).

The cost is \$65 per person, and this includes a (served) sit-down dinner. Drinks will be available on sale. Payment for tickets will be by e-transfer, and the address to which payments may be made is paysaintssociety@gmail.com.

Honouring St. Stanislaus Kostka and the College

Last year, we held our initial event to honour St. Stanislaus Kostka, after whom the College is named, and the College itself. We are making this an annual event and will again hold this event this year on Saturday 2nd November at the same site as last year, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 432 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto. It will begin with a Mass at 1:30 p.m., followed by a get-together at about 2:30 p.m. in the church hall in the basement. The Mass Offertory collection will be donated to the church for the use of the church facilities.

There are those alumni who may be non-Catholic Christians, non-Christians, or even non-religious. Nevertheless, we invite all alumni (and their spouses) to attend the Mass, as observers if not as participants. For those who prefer not to attend the Mass, we invite you to come after the Mass for the get-together.

There is no charge to attend, but we need to know if you plan to attend so that we can provide enough refreshments for the get-together. Please reply to Bunty Phillips at lphillips@st-stanislaus-gy.com

MEMBERSHIP

The following is the list of alumni who are currently paid-up members in 2024. Membership is based on the calendar year.

CANADA (88)

Paul Abdool
Lance Alexander⁴
Howard Amo
Alwyn Appiah¹
Paul Archer¹
Glen Armogan³
Bernard Arokium¹
Marcellus Arokium⁴
Bernard Austin
Michael Barrington²
John Rene Bayley
Vince Bettencourt⁴
Teddy Boyce²
Ian Camacho¹
Paul Camacho⁶
Alfred Carr⁵
Wilfred Carr⁴
Joseph Castanheiro³
(*dec*)
Bob Chee-a-tow
Sydney Chin⁴
Gerry Chin-sam¹
Ivan Choo
Tony Clarke⁵
Paul Crum-ewing²
Richard DaCosta²
Edward DaSilva
Russell D'Abreu
Derek D'Andrade³
Terry DeAbreu
Gregory DeCastro

Rupert DeCastro³
Peter DeFreitas⁴
Andre DePeana¹
Raymond Dias²
Jerome D'Oliveira
Paul Duarte
Joe Faria³
Raymond Fernandes
Keith Fletcher¹
Andre Fredricks³
Darwin Fung⁴
James Fung¹
Richard Gomes⁷
Harold Gonsalves
Neil Gonsalves⁴
Ken Hahnfeld
Albert Hamilton¹
Paul Hazlewood
Monty Henson¹
Desmond Hill³
Andrew Insanally
Richard James²
Desmond Jardine⁴
Clayton Jeffery⁵
Anthony Jekir⁴
Gregory Kellawan³
Amanda King¹
Vibert Lampkin⁵
John Lopes¹
Colin Nurse¹
Anthony O'Dowd
Michael Persaud

Renuka Persaud
Compton Pestano¹
L. A. Phillips³
Carl Ramalho (*dec*)
Marcelline Ramcharan³
Linden Ramdeholl
Romeo Resaul⁴
Bryan Rodrigues
Joseph Schuler⁴
Savitri Seenauth
Maurice Serrao
Robin Shaw
Michael Singh⁴
Albert Smith²
Peter St. Aubyn³
Cecil Subryan²
Albert Sweetnam⁵
Michael Texeira¹
Arthur Veerasammy⁴
Vibert Vieira⁴
Paul Vincent
Howard Welshman⁴
David Wong⁴
Brian Yhap¹
John Yip⁵
Angus Zitman¹

AUSTRALIA (1)
Lennox Yhap²

BARBADOS (1)
Geoffrey DeCaires⁴

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (1)
Deep Ford¹

GUYANA (1)
Fitzgerald Yaw³

TRINIDAD (3)
Richard Harford¹
Ronald Harford¹
P. I. Gomes⁸

U.K. (7)
John DaCosta¹
Tony Gomes⁴
Julio Faria¹
Leyland Grant¹
Neville Jordan⁵
Charles Kennard
Raymond Pancham¹
(*dec*)

U.S.A. (34)
Clydewyn Anthony²
Mark Anthony²
Mark E. Anthony²
Wayne Austin²
Lloyd Barker²
Stephen Budhu²
Rev. Andrew Chan-a-sue¹
Ronald Chanderbhan

Dalip Etwaroo
Bernard Friemann
Trevor Gibbs²
Edward Gouveia
Philip Greatehead
Leyland Hazlewood²
Michael Heydon¹
(*dec*)
Lloyd Houston³
Edward Isaacs²
Wilfred Jack¹
Kenneth Jordan³
Jolyon King⁴
Nevrindra Mangru²
Christopher Martin²
Vince McBean⁴
Carlyle Moore¹
Godfrey Nurse¹
Hugh Christopher Patrick²
Horace Persaud²
Hugh Rodrigues³
Peter Rodrigues³
Richard F. Rodrigues³
Gyanda (Eric) Shivnairain⁴
John Sparrock
Leyland Thomas³
Jolyon Williams²

VENEZUELA (1)
Michael Chin-a-loy²

There are 137 paid-up members. (*dec - deceased*)

Notes :

1. These (28) alumni have paid in advance through 2025.
2. These (25) alumni have paid in advance through 2026.
3. These (18) alumni have paid in advance through 2027.
4. These (22) alumni have paid in advance through 2028.

5. These (7) alumni have paid in advance through 2029.
6. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2030.
7. This (1) alumnus has paid in advance through 2031.
8. These (2) alumni has paid in advance through 2032.

SPECIAL NOTICE ON MEMBERSHIP

Membership is paid by calendar year i.e. January to December. Therefore, membership up to 2023 expired on 31st December, 2023. If your name is not in the above list, you are no longer a paid-up member. Please submit your membership fees as soon as possible. See page 8 for the membership form and address, or pay electronically at www.torontosaints.com.

The fee is \$25 (Can) per year but, if you pay \$100 (Can) for 4 years, you will receive an extra year for no further charge. Selecting the multiple year membership will mean that you will not need to worry about having to remember to pay the fees for the next five years.

Coming Events

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New Year's Eve Gala

By popular demand, this again will be on at the same place as the last two years, Scarborough Convention Centre, 20

Torham Place, Scarborough, on Tuesday 31st December. The cost will be \$135 per person, and more details will be available as soon as we have announced it formally.

REMEMBERING 9/11

By *Alumnus (44-51) Justice (rtd.) Vibert Lampkin*

As is our wont, my wife, Lorna, and I watched the TV show *60 MINUTES* on Sunday evening of 8th September, 2024. The entire one hour programme was devoted to the memory of the 343 members of the New York Fire Department who lost their lives on 11 September, 2001. Family members and colleagues of the deceased firefighters were interviewed. There were videos of the planes flying into the towers, the explosions, the bravery of the firefighters in their efforts to save as many lives as possible in the burning towers, the images of humans either falling or jumping from the towers to their death rather than dying by fire or smoke.

I remember that day very well - just as I remember the day when John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Both events have evoked conspiracy theories and allegations that the authorities have hidden the true facts from the public.

On that morning, I left home in Don Mills, for work in Newmarket, some forty five kilometres north. Court started at 9.30 a.m. and I left home just about 8.00 a.m. I did not go along HWY 400 but along Don Mills Road to Leslie which is slower with speed limits from 60 to 80 kmh in some parts as opposed to 100 kmh on the highway. But it is a scenic route - past farms, a small lake, two golf courses, in parts overhanging trees, a train line crossing. My radio was on CBC, listening to Andy Barrie, the American Canadian host of *Metro Morning* from 1995 until his retirement in 2010.

About 8.45 a.m., Andy Barrie, in the middle of his programme, said words to the following effect:

"Hello. An aeroplane has just flown into one of the towers of the New York Trade Centre."

I said to myself: "I knew it was bound to happen one day with all those towers in the sky and those planes flying around. Someday there will be an accident."

I continued on my way. As I was driving into the court yard a few minutes later, Barrie said:

"There is a second plane with its tail sticking out of the second tower."

I realised immediately - this was no accident.

When I got into the building, many had not yet heard what had occurred. Of course, for the next few days as the news filtered out, there were discussions among us.

On Friday, 14 September, 2001, as I entered the courthouse, the judges were all in a line waiting. When I en-

tered my chambers, two of them followed me: Justice Bill Gorewich, and Justice Joseph Kenkel. I was the oldest of the twelve Judges. Bill Gorewich was the next oldest. Joseph Kenkel, our American born Judge, whose initials are 'JFK', was the youngest. They said that they had a discussion among themselves and with the Judges of the General Division, the Crown and Court Staff and agreed that the court will hold a Memorial Service over the luncheon period at 1.30 p.m. to honour those who had suffered on September 11 and that I should deliver 'Eulogy'. I told them that was impossible. I was in the middle of a hotly contested serious assault case; the time was too short for me to prepare anything. They pressed me and I succumbed.

They left. I got gowned and went in to continue my assault trial at 9.30 a.m. At the morning break at 11.00 a.m., I started to write. Court recommenced at 11.15 a.m. I was not half way through what I wanted to say. At 1.00 p.m., the court broke for lunch. I ate nothing. At 1.25 p.m., Bill Gorewich came to my door to get me. I was still writing. I needed a few more minutes. I completed and printed my statement and we entered Court Room 401, the largest courtroom in the building. The place was packed with Judges, Justices of the Peace, Crown Attorneys, Defence Counsels, Court Staff, and members of the public. The Senior Judge of the General Division made a few remarks and introduced me. I had my say (*see below*). The ceremony was over just after 2.00 p.m.

I returned to my chambers. A number of people, including Bill Gorewich and Joe Kenkel, dropped by to thank me. I had a quick lunch and entered my courtroom to continue my trial. Defence Counsel rose and said:

"Your Honour, my client and I attended the Service over the lunch hour and heard what you said. My client and the complainant have spoken. My client will enter a plea. My friend and I have a joint submission with respect to sentence."

The plea of 'Not Guilty' was struck. The Defendant was re-arraigned. He entered a plea of 'Guilty'. An agreed Statement of Facts was put before me. The joint submission was made, which did not involve jail-time. I endorsed the joint submission. Court was adjourned. I returned to my chambers, closed my door, sat at my desk, put my head on my over my hands on my desk, and wept.

EULOGY ON NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

Today has been declared a National Day of Mourning in Canada and in the United States to mourn the loss of lives experienced by Americans, and particularly those in New York and Washington D.C., who have suffered most by the terrible and horrific events of this week. I understand that this is only the fourth National Day of Mourning declared in our country's history, the last being at the time of the death of Governor General Georges Vanier.

We share the suffering of the families and friends of those

who lost their lives and of the injured. We applaud the incredible acts of bravery of those passengers who, on the evidence available, engaged and fought the hijackers in the plane over Pennsylvania causing it to crash, thus giving up their own lives while saving the lives of countless others on the ground. We applaud the incredible acts of bravery of firemen and police officers who gave their lives in attempting to rescue those in peril and distress. We applaud the incredible acts of bravery of the medical

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personnel and other workers, the army of volunteer citizens who at the risk of their own safety, went to the aid of those in distress.

This week's events are just another instance of man's inhumanity to man. We see it here in our courts on a daily basis on a much smaller scale. But, from the beginning of time, it has always been there. It started, of course, when Cain murdered his brother Abel. It has continued unabated on a much larger scale. The world has endured two World Wars in the last century. And there have been countless other wars throughout the history of mankind. They continue today.

We in North America have been relatively fortunate. Generally speaking, major wars have been kept away from our shores. By today's standards, the wars fought on these shores have been minor skirmishes - except perhaps the American Civil War. We can no longer feel safe and secure and smug.

When I was a youngster growing up during the Second World War before my teenage years, perhaps the most troubling question I had often pondered was why did God, the Almighty, the All Powerful, who sees and knows all things long before they occurred, why does He allow these terrible things to happen? The Priest always answered that God made man and gave him free will to separate him from the other animals. Having done that, He does not interfere. That is more or less the same answer a Priest gave two nights ago on a television programme. I have never been satisfied with that answer. It doesn't seem to make sense. As lawyers, we know that, if a human being

sets in motion an action or a procedure which he knows will do harm to another, that person would be liable both civilly and perhaps criminally. But you can't sue God. You can't charge Him with a criminal offence.

The events of this week, the events of other disturbances in other areas of the world are enough to test one's faith. Nevertheless, I still believe that there are enough good people in the world - as indeed the events of this week have proved - to restore faith in mankind. It is not too much to hope for that, one day, the world will be a better place.

In our day and age, we have sent men to the moon. We have propelled objects into the outer reaches of our universe and have put (*objects into*) orbits in space. We have built the most powerful and sophisticated array of weapons imaginable. Yet, we have lost the ability to talk to each other. If only people, if only nations, will start talking. We have forgotten the maxim that those who live by the sword shall perish by the sword.

On this day of sadness and mourning, we join hands with our friends across the border, who have lost their loved ones and those who have suffered injuries, in the hope that justice and peace would eventually prevail. We hope that God would bring comfort to all who have suffered. We hope that level heads would guide us along the path of righteousness so that those who died would not have died in vain.

And may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

I invite you to observe a minute's silence in memory of those who died on September 11.

Lampkin J.

GOLF TOURNAMENT 2024

SSCGAS held its annual golf tournament on 20 July, 2024 at the Club Links Rolling Hills Golf Course.

Sixty golfers, many of whom were regular supporters of our organization, participated in a shotgun start. The day was ideal for golfing, cool to start with in the morning, and gradually warming up to a very pleasant day.

All golfers had completed their round by 1 p.m. and repaired to the Club House for a drink and lunch. Prior to lunch, Des Jardine thanked the golfers for their support, and the golf committee for organizing the day's event. Frances Carr had the longest ladies' drive, and the winning foursome was Frank Williams, Terry Romalho, Mark Vieira and Mark DaSilva.



COLLEGE NOTES

THE PRESIDENT ENDORSES THE COLLEGE

The President of Guyana, Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, is an alumnus of St. Stanislaus College, and he recently gave a rousing endorsement of his alma mater. His endorsement follows below.

As a country boy, being awarded a place at St. Stanislaus College was not just an honour; it was a transformative experience that expanded my horizons. The moment I stepped into the school, I was immersed in an environment that celebrated not only academic excellence but also the importance of personal growth.

At ‘Saints’, I was provided with a holistic education that encompassed academic studies, sport, music, and even impromptu elocution, allowing me to explore my interests and develop new skills. The school’s commitment to nurturing well-rounded individuals was evident in every aspect of school life, and I quickly realised that I was part of something truly special.

The finest facilities for sport, agriculture, and the arts provided me with the tools to thrive in various disciplines, while the guidance of some of the country’s finest teachers inspired me to push my boundaries and reach for my dreams. Their support and dedication were instrumental in shaping my character and instilling a strong sense of discipline. Looking back, I can confidently say that the all-round education I received at St. Stanislaus College had molded me into the person I am today, instilling values of hard work, service, and leadership. If I had to choose again, I would opt once more for Saints, my beloved *Alma Mater*.



SAINTS FIELD HOCKEY TEAMS ARE WINNERS

The Saints field hockey teams have been very successful in recent tournaments.

In both the Under 16 and the Under 21 Girls tournaments, the Saints Sensations emerged as the champions.

On the male side, in the Under 16 Boys tournament, the Saints Legends were the champions while the Saints Sigmas placed third.

In the Under 21 Boys tournament, Saints entered two teams and both ended up in the final, with Saints Clovelly taking first place and Saints S’Team being the runner-up.

Congratulations to all the members of the teams for their excellent play.



GUYANA FIELD HOCKEY TEAM 1980 - 1981

The success of today’s field hockey teams at St. Stanislaus College should not come as a surprise to those who have been following this sport over the years.

In the past, Saints students have gone on to become members of the country’s field hockey teams.

As an example, the Guyana Field Hockey team of 1980 - 1981 (shown in the accompanying photograph) which toured Barbados included three players who came out of Saints.

These players were Charles Carter, Peter Correia, and Mark Fisher.



STUDENT SUCCESS AT CAPE

Omari Holder, a student of St. Stanislaus College, is one of Guyana's top performers at this year's Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE). He secured Grade One passes in eight units, Grade Two passes in five units, and a Grade Three pass in one unit.

In an interview with the *News Room*, Holder opened up about his dreams and aspirations. First, he wanted to be one of the country's top performers after heading to St. Stanislaus College from the Annadale Secondary School.

Now, he wants to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to study aerospace engineering. One day, he envisions exploring space and possibly living on another planet, like Mars.

His interest in space and extraterrestrial life largely originated from his childhood fondness for cartoons like Jimmy Neutron. As he read and learned more, he solidified his desire to one day study and work in the field.

"I think it's a really good field to get into to be able to explore space and go to other planets, find resources, and maybe establish communities and be able to live on other planets like Mars. I would really like to see that happen in my lifetime," the CAPE top performer said.

The young man is also interested in aviation, mathematics, and music, and his extracurricular activities reflected some of these interests.

Speaking about his CAPE experience, Holder said it was initially a huge adjustment for him, moving from the Annadale Secondary School to St. Stanislaus College.



"I was never really a particularly bright student; my grades were very average but I had a dream. I wanted to do something big. Ever since I got into Saints, I said I wanted to try my best to be in the top five for the country," Holder highlighted.

With support from his family, teachers, and colleagues, he did it, and he hopes his story can motivate others.

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Thur. 3 Oct., 2024 Welcome 6:30 p.m. Presentation 7:00 p.m.	Wills and Estate Planning	St. Elizabeth of Hungary R.C. Church 432 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto M2N 3B7 (on north side Sheppard, 100 m. west of Bayview)	<i>Not applicable</i>
Sat. 26 Oct., 2024	Fall Dance	Rembrandt Banquet Hall 10 Milner Business Court Scarborough	\$65 per person (includes sit-down dinner)
Sat. 2 Nov., 2024 Mass - 1:30 p.m. Social - 2:30 p.m.	Mass to honour St. Stanislaus Kostka and College, followed by meet-and-greet with refreshments	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church 432 Sheppard Avenue East, Toronto, ON (west of Bayview Ave.)	<i>Not applicable</i>
Tues. 31 Dec., 2024	New Year's Eve Gala	Scarborough Convention Centre 20 Torham Place, Scarborough	\$135 per person
Sat. 26 April, 2025 (tentative) (7:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.)	Spring Dance (Dinner 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)	West Rouge Community Centre 270 West Rouge Drive (Hwy 401/Hwy 2/ Port Union Rd.)	\$65 per person (all inclusive - dinner and all drinks)

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