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School of Our Fathers

Thy spirit first to life awoke
In eighteen hundred and thirty five;
Beneath the sway of Marsh and Boake,
Thenceforth did Lanka's leaning thrive.

Refrain

School where our fathers learnt the way before us
Learnt of books and learnt of men, through thee we'll do the same.
True to our watchword "Disce Aut Discede"
We will learn of books and men, and learn to play the game
Within thy shade our fathers trod
The path that leads to man's estate;
They have repaid the debt they owed;
They kept thy fame inviolate.

Refrain

And we their loyal sons now bear
The torch, with hearts as sound as oak;
Our lusty throats now raise a cheer
For Hartley, Harward, Marsh and Boake.



Note: Principal H. L. Reed composed and set to music 'School of Our Fathers' in the Third Term of 1927. Much credit for the magnificent performance of the College Choir goes to Mrs. H.L. Reed who was assisted by R.C. Edwards.



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Message from the President

December 31, 2022

Dear family, friends and fellow Royalists,

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming you all to the 31st Annual New Year's Eve Gala hosted by the Royal College OBA- Ontario (ROCOBA). It is a honour to have served as the President for the seven years, along with a distinguished group of gentlemen, who have supported the alumni with distinction.

ROCOBA Ontario is celebrating 31 years in Canada. Our founding fathers who settled in Toronto and its surrounding areas formed this alumni in 1991. It takes a lot of effort, dedication, commitment and financial stability to sustain such an organization year over year. Let me take this opportunity to thank the past Presidents and their committees along with the army of volunteers for their Himalayan efforts to keep the Royal College flag flying high in our adopted home.

The past three years have not been easy for most of us. Times have been tough as many of us have been impacted by the COVID virus. Let's take a moment to remember family and friends lost here in Canada and abroad.

As we continue to build the alumni here in our great province of Ontario, the Executive Boards and the membership have supported some good causes. This year, we will continue to build on the ROCOBA Education Fund, which will help support young Royalists in Sri Lanka who face financial hardships. ROCOBA – Ontario will continue to partner with the Royal College Union (RCU) in contributing to the Loyalty Pledge and fund scholarships.

You will be entertained by the lovely Corrine Almeida backed by Matrix along with DJ Chami throughout the evening.

Our Dance Committee Chair, Haritha (Sam) Samarajeeva has worked tirelessly with the Dance Committee to provide you all a fantastic evening. An event of this magnitude would not be possible without the generous financial sponsorship from our major Corporate and Individual sponsors, volunteers, staff at Scarborough Convention Centre. Also, our lovely spouses have worked behind the scenes to make this event a success. A big Thank you to all.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your continuous support. Without you, our guests, the success of this Gala and all other events would not have been possible.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for 2023. Let the fun begin and together, usher in the New Year.

Floreat!!!

Dilkaran Rajendra

President

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A MESSAGE FROM PREMIER DOUG FORD

I want to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in the 31st New Year's Eve Gala of the Royal College Old Boys Association of Ontario.

First, I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the many contributions of the Sri Lankan Canadian community to Ontario's culture, our prosperity and our public life. Your talents and skills have helped build this province and Canada.

Thanks to the wonderful team who organized this much-awaited gala after a two-year hiatus. Alumni associations play an important role in giving back to the community, forming beneficial professional and social networks, and building a stronger Sri Lankan community within this great province.

I wish all of you the hope and renewal that comes with the new year. Have a happy, healthy and prosperous 2023!

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From the Dance Committee Chair.

Distinguished guests and fellow Royalists,

On behalf of the organising committee, it's my pleasure to welcome you all to the 31st Annual New Year's Eve Royal Gala Dinner Dance.

We were unable to organize the annual New Year's Eve dance due to covid the last 2 years. To make this year's event special, we are featuring one of the best female singers Corrine from Sri Lanka.

This year we have gone that extra mile to provide you with a bigger and better event than the previous years.

A portion of the profits made by today's event will be donated to Royal College in Colombo to generate Scholarships for needy children. Thank you for supporting us for a worthy cause.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all advertisers & sponsors for supporting today's event, DJ Chami, Matrix and Corrine for entertaining us tonight.

A big "Thank You" to the following who worked hard and tirelessly to make this event a success

President Dilkaran Rajendra, Dance Committee, ROCOBA members and their spouses.

On behalf of ROCOBA let me wish you all A Very Happy New Year.

Sam Samarajeeva

Dance Committee Chair





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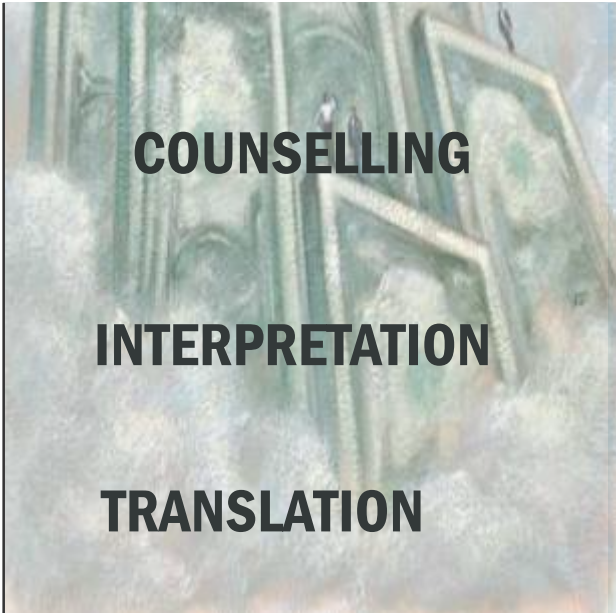
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Sir Robert Wilmot Horton (Governor of Ceylon) 1831 – 1837

Sir Robert Wilmot Horton, Baronet (B.A.) was born on 21st December 1784, Educated at Eton College and Christchurch College, Oxford. Member of Parliament for Newcastle (1818-1830) Under Secretary of State of Colonies (1821) in the Liberal Government of Lord Liverpool. Knighted on 22nd June 1831. Governor of Ceylon 1831 to October 1837. Resigned as Governor an year before his term expired. He succeeded to the Baronety on the death of his father Sir Robert Wilmot. Governor Horton died on 31st May 1841 at Sudbury Park England.

Sir Wilmot's wife Anne Beatrix according to records was one of the most beautiful women of that time.

Sir Robert Wilmot (Jr.) was the only son of Sir Robert Wilmot, Baronet of Asmaston in Derbyshire by his first wife Juliane Elizabeth, second daughter of Hon. James Byron. Sir Robert Wilmot (Jr.) married Anne Beatrix, eldest daughter of Eusebius Horton of Catton, Derbyshire. Anne Beatrix the beautiful heiress was a cousin of Lord Byron the famous Poet. Sir Robert Wilmot assumed the name Horton by Royal Licence on 8th May 1807 in compliance with the Last Will of his father in law.

Mr. Wilmot, Horton's half-brother by his father's first wife was in the Ceylon Civil Service before Horton's arrival as Governor. He served as Government Agent of Southern Province. Horton's cousin E.P.Wilmot was a District Judge.

Governor Horton, a Liberal, originated many new measures recommended by the Colebroke-Cameron Commission. These included:

Inauguration of Ceylon's First Legislative Council and Executive Committee (all nominated by the Governor). The first meeting of the Unofficial Legislative Council is dated 1st October 1833 presided by the Governor Sir William Horton.

Abolished Compulsory Labour – abandoning Governments claims to free service.

Right to private property and temples were left untouched.

Abolished government's monopoly of the Cinnamon Trade (1833) (which came down from Dutch times).

He ruled that Moors and Malabars (Tamils) had the right to own houses and land in Fort and Pettah (forbidden earlier by the Dutch).



Started the first newspaper (Colombo Journal) published in 1832.

Started the FIRST MAIL COACH in Asia-the passenger and Postal Service to Kandy (earlier carriage was by palanquin and Bullock Carts).

Government interest in Higher Education took concrete shape with the formation of the Schools Commission (1834) and he instituted the First Government School in the Island – THE COLOMBO ACADEMY.

Sir Robert Wilmot was a great statesman, who made his mark in England particularly on the question of emigration of the poor of the British Isles to the England Colonies in the North Americans and Southern Hemisphere. In Ceylon, there was only the Government Gazette to read, so the Governor started the "Colombo Journal" which was printed at the Government Press.

Converting of Marsh's Private Hill Street Academy to a Government School was solely due to the efforts of Sir Wilmot Horton. He paid personal attention to the welfare of the school, promptly appointed a 2nd teacher from the Colonial Secretary's Office. He even attended the First Examination held at the Academy on 29th June 1837 some time before his premature retirement from Ceylon later that year.

Royalists PAST & PRESENT owe a debt of gratitude to His Excellency Sir Robert Wilton Horton a founder of Royal College.



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31ST ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE ROYAL GALA DINNER DANCE



Bystec Holdings unveils SL's first US Open-spec tennis courts at Royal College

Dr. Sukumar Nagendran inaugurates the Tennis Complex named after him at the Royal College Colombo premises

First serve of the new tennis court by Dr. Sukumar Nagendran

Reputed high-quality, all-weather tennis court contractor Bystec Holdings Ltd. has unveiled Sri Lanka's first US Open-spec tennis courts at the Royal College, Colombo.

This facility was gifted by Royal College Old Boys East Coast Foundation, USA (RCOBEFC) with a generous donation by Dr. Suku Nagendran, a distinguished old boy from Royal College.

The newly established court was aptly named 'P. Nagendran Tennis Complex', honouring the memory of Dr. Suku Nagendran's late father.

The project was envisioned, planned, supervised and executed by a group of fellow Royalists from the Group 96 batch.

Bystec Holdings also marked history, obtaining the exclusive rights to Laykold, the official surface brand of the US Open, to implement the same tournament-grade tennis court surfaces in Sri Lanka, giving players a more competitive edge. This project is the first of many to implement Laykold surfaces, according to the company.

Bystec Holdings Managing Director Boshan Dayaratne said: "I am very pleased and excited as we managed to get the exclusive rights for Laykold in Sri Lanka and Maldives, and it is commendable for us to introduce such an international brand in the country for the very first time."

"As a former tennis player back in the mid-90s, the facilities that we had were not up to the international competition standards as we played on clay courts, which were especially rough to play on during adverse weather conditions. I am elated to be part of the force which brings the perfect balance of terrain and adaptability in all weather conditions to our country's tennis players," Dayaratne added.

According to Bystec Holdings most available tennis courts in Sri Lanka are traditionally built with clay surfaces, which often don't reflect the same consistency as hard courts. But most of the international tournaments are held on hard courts. It is important that our players get to practice on these international surfaces prior to participating in international tournaments.

"Our objective of setting up Bystec Holdings is to support our players in this context. We have converted many clay tennis courts to hard surfaces during the past several years. Now, everyone can practice on the same competition-spec surface ahead of any tournament, without worrying about adverse weather, as even rainwater will disperse in no more than 5-10 minutes on the all-weather hard court," Dayaratne said. Bystec Holdings has been involved in tennis court design and construction for over 19 years, stands by its work and takes pride in meeting the design, scheduling, and budgetary requirements of clients. The company has already constructed over 65 outdoor arenas including tennis, basketball netball and volleyball courts all around the country



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Dilkaran Rajendra and Dr. Suku Nagendran





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Normal Service Resumes as ROCOBA Rugby Win the 2022 School Tag Sevens

2022 saw a welcome return to the Sri Lankan Schools Tag Rugby Tournament held at Fletchers Fields in August. The tournament was missed by many over the last 2 years due to the pandemic. And the return saw a lot more teams and players wanting to participate.

This year's tournament saw many new teams join in the fray. St. Thomas', Trinity, Ananda, Isipathana, St. Peters, Thurstan, Wesley, Dharmarajah, and St. Josephs joined Royal to form a record 9 teams in the tournament. The standard of Rugby was higher too, and it was refreshing to see many players, young and old, enjoy themselves and showcase some great skills. Many of us miss the 'rugby spirit' from Sri Lanka, along with all the cheering crowds, rivalries, and banter that goes along with it. Win or lose, the success of this year's tournament bodes well for the Sri Lankan community in Canada as a means to relive, and show our young ones what the spirit of Sri Lankan Rugby is all about.

Amongst the 'novelty' of playing the tournament after a couple of years, one theme seemed to stay constant from the tournaments played 3 years prior to the pandemic. The fact that Royal came out victorious to make it a 4th win in a row!

Royal dominated from start to finish to win the grueling tournament. The team had to play 6 games that day and won all of them. The strategy to depend on the whole squad of 12 throughout the tournament was what helped Royal make it to the end with no injuries or fatigue; something that many opponents envied. What makes this victory even sweeter for Royal is the fact that the team had the services of some older familiar names, but also many new faces in the team.

Royal was strongly led by Kavisha, and had great support from past regulars like Thivanka, Chinthaka (or Poosa to many of us), Joel, Anishka, Asanka, and Sasanka. The team had some new members join like Shawket, Radesh, Aashiq, and Mahadhi. In addition, the Royal team had the welcome support of Suvinda, Aravinda, and DK, who graciously visited from LA. Many others supported the team and turned up for practices and helped build a strong, winning side. This truly was a team victory.

The 'secret sauce' to the Royal team's success, as has been the case for many years now, was Rajendra Inbakuar, or 'Inba Aiya' to the team. His tireless work behind the scene, organizing practices, ensuring everyone was comfortable and had what they needed. Some of the new players were new to Canada, and it was Inba who led the charge and was always around to support them settle in, and become welcome members of the team. Royal was blessed with some amazing talent, with past captains, school and club players, and even a Sri Lanka National squad player in Shawket. However, a team needs camaraderie and trust, and Inba was instrumental in building this by bringing the team together in the right, supportive environment.

Watching the Royal team play was a treat. Despite all the skill and experience in the team, not one stood out as 'the player' that everyone had to depend on. Every player was selfless, every player was supportive of his team mates, and this is what made Royal stand out among some very strong sides in this year's tournament.

Congratulations to ROCOBA Rugby 2022!





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The Annual Royal Thomian Cricket Encounter

Saturday June 18, 2022 - Sunnybrook Park, Toronto

The Joint Committee of Royal and STC OBA organized the annual Royal Thomian cricket encounter at Sunnybrook Park. Ahilesan and Kusela from ROCOBA have done an excellent job in securing the venue for the second successive year.

It was a cold but bright Saturday where we enjoyed watching the Old boys come together and play a good game of cricket.

The Royal Mustangs was captained by Kusela and STC Mustangs by Meshan. Imtiaz captained Royal and Echithran for STC in the shorter form of the game.

STC won both matches by a healthy margin. DJ Chami provided the music. We thank all the volunteers who assisted behind the scenes





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