

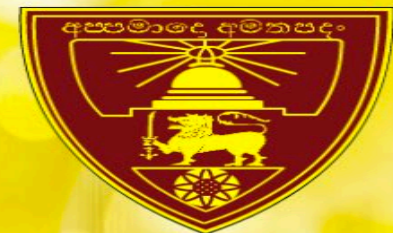
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Message from the President – Ananda College Alumni Association Canada

Dear Maroon's Night Guests,

It is with Great honor that I take this opportunity to welcome you to the Ananda College Alumni Association in Canada (ACAAC), Annual Gala Dinner dance, held in Toronto in June 2016.

This is an occasion for all alumni of Ananda, their partners, friends and well-wishers of the College to get together on a summer evening and enjoy Good food, music and the friendly ambiance of the event.

The intent of the ACAAC is to further our friendships and help each other here in Canada and help the needy students back in Sri Lanka, within the framework of the brilliant and caring education of the prestigious academic Institution, Ananda College.

We would very much like to invite you to join us in celebrating the institution, which gave us the core foundations to learn, be confident, and live in peace and harmony. Respect and understanding of others were the corner stones of our primary education, which we would like to share with all of you here tonight.

I thank you immensely, for being here tonight as our guest, and the many sponsors of the souvenir, in declaring your support and encouragement. This enables us to assist the less fortunate children to achieve a solid education to navigate the ever challenging world in the future.

Thank you for supporting a very worthy cause, while having a great evening.

Wishing you the very best for the future.

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Message from the Principle – Ananda College Colombo.

It gives me great pleasure to send you this greetings at the Ananda College Alumni Association in Canada “Maroons Nite” Dineer dance. I am indeed proud to state that ACAAC is recognized as a sound international organization with true “Anandians” bound with a bond of brotherhood. The useful and timely support offered to their alma mater for past few years are really admirable.

I thoroughly believe that every effort taken by the Association to launch effective assistance programs are really fruitful and represents long term investments that have direct impact on the next generation of “Anandians”.

Hence I see the ‘Maroons’ Night Dinner Dance’ organized by Ananda Alumni Association in Toronto, Canada as a forum for it’s Members, their families and close friends to have an opportunity interact and tighten their bond of brotherhood to serve their alma mater and Motherland in an effective and measurable way.

Let me extend my warm wishes to Ananda College Alumni Association in Canada.

May the Blessing of Mother Ananda always be with you!

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***Message from Hon. Minister of Ports, Shipping and Aviation,
Arjuna Ranatunga***



Dear Fellow Anandians in Ontario!

It's with great pleasure that I convey my well wishes for the Maroon's Night 2016, organized by the Ananda College Alumni Association in Canada. Past pupils of Ananda College, living all over the world, have contributed immensely throughout the years to the development of college welfare. The funds collected by organizing events such as these have helped students in their education as well as in other fields.

Throughout the years, Anandians have taken the leading role to bring glory to Mother Sri Lanka. We Anandians living in Sri Lanka always appreciate with gratitude the support our brothers living abroad has shown the school and the country.

Once again, I would like to acknowledge and extend my well wishes to the Ananda College Alumni Association in Canada.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Arjuna Ranatunga', with a horizontal line drawn through it.

Arjuna Ranatunga

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Message from the Consul General of Sri Lanka in Toronto

I am delighted to send this Message of Felicitation to be included in the souvenir being published on the occasion of the “Maroons Night Toronto – 2016”, organized by the Ananda College Alumni Association of Canada.

The Ananda College for over 126 years, as one of the premier educational institutes in Sri Lanka, is the alma mater of thousands of professionals, who were nurtured and guided during their school days and beyond. The quality of education that they received, as per the motto of the College “Appamado Amatha Padang (Diligence leads to Perfection)”, inculcated in them strict discipline, higher values and ethics and assisted them to render great service to their motherland, and their countries of residence.

In keeping with this motto, the Association has been endeavouring to assist deserving students for over a decade. I wish to commend the Association for this noble service, and for its contribution in bringing communities together. The Consulate General is looking forward to working closely with the Association in this regard.

I am confident that the Maroons Night Toronto 2016 would help further enhance the good work of the Association, and I wish the Maroon Night Toronto – 2016, tremendous success.

U.L. Mohammed Jauhar
Consul General of Sri Lanka

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Soft Music & cocktails	7.30
Live music & dancing	8.00
Welcome Speech – President	9.00
College Song	9.10
Dinner Served	9.30
Dancing continues	10.30
Midnight dessert	12.00
More Dancing	12-1.30
Close of event	1.30

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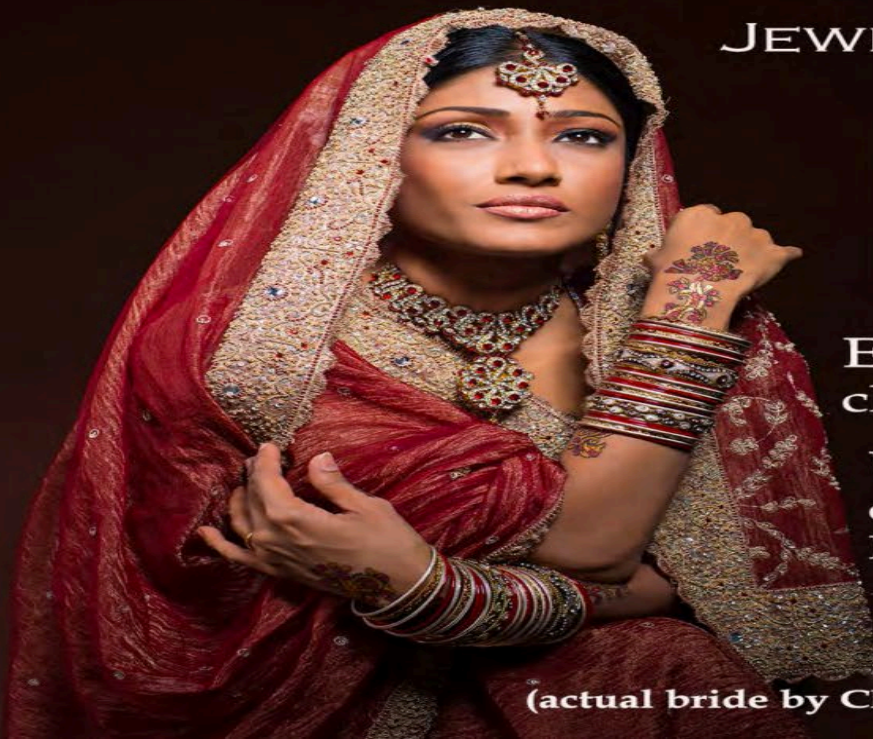
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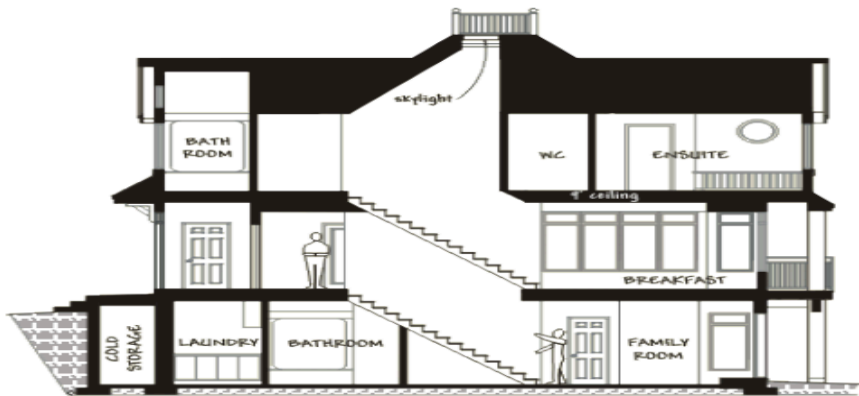
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Colonel Henry Steel Olcott

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Colonel Henry Steel Olcott (August 2, 1832 – February 17, 1907) was an American military officer, journalist, lawyer and the co-founder and first President of the Theosophical Society.

Olcott was the first well-known person of European ancestry to make a formal conversion to Buddhism. His subsequent actions as president of the Theosophical

Society helped create a renaissance in the study of Buddhism. Olcott is considered a Buddhist modernist for his efforts in interpreting Buddhism through a Westernized lens.

Olcott was a major revivalist of Buddhism in Sri Lanka and he is still honored in Sri Lanka for these efforts. Olcott has been called by Sri Lankans "one of the heroes in the struggle of our independence and a pioneer of the present religious, national and cultural revival." More ardent admirers have claimed that Olcott as a Bodhisattva

Olcott was born in 1832 in Orange, New Jersey. Henry was the oldest son of six children born to a Presbyterian businessman Henry Wyckoff Olcott and his wife Emily Steel Olcott. As a child, Olcott lived on his father's New Jersey farm.

During his teens he attended first the College of the City of New York and then Columbia University, where he joined the St. Anthony Hall fraternity, a milieu of well-known people, until his father's business failed during 1851. Unfortunately, he had to leave the university since his father could not afford the tuition.

In 1860 he married Mary Epplee Morgan, daughter of the rector of Trinity parish, New Rochelle, New York. They had four children, two of which died in infancy. Olcott was the agricultural correspondent for the New York Tribune and The Mark Lane Express from 1858 to 1860, and he sometimes submitted newspaper articles on various other subjects. He also published a genealogy of his family that traced him back to Thomas Olcott, one of the founders of Hartford, Connecticut in 1636.

He served in the US Army during the Civil War and afterward was admitted as the Special Commissioner of the War Department in New York. He was later promoted to the rank of Colonel and transferred to the Navy Department in Washington, DC. He was well respected, and in 1865 when Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, Olcott assisted in the investigation. In 1868 he became a lawyer specializing in insurance, revenue, and fraud.

In 1874 he became aware of the séances of the Eddy brothers of Chittenden, Vermont. His aroused interest motivated Olcott to commission an article from the New York Sun, allowing him to investigate the Eddy Farms. His article was popular enough that other papers, such as the New York Daily Graphic, ran it. His 1874 publication of *People from the Other World* began with his these early articles concerning the Spiritualist movement.

In 1874, while writing this series of articles, Olcott met Helena Blavatsky when both of them visited the Eddy farm. His foundational interest in the Spiritualist movement and his budding relationship with Blavatsky helped foster his development of spiritual philosophy. Olcott official conversion to Buddhism is considered the first American Buddhists. Olcott once described his adult faith as "pure, primitive Buddhism," but his was a unique sort of Buddhism.

Olcott continued to act as a lawyer during the first few years of the establishment of the Theosophical Society, in addition to being the financial supporter of the new religious movement. In early 1875 Olcott was asked by important Spiritualists to investigate an accusation of fraud against the mediums Jenny and Nelson Holmes, who had claimed to materialize the famous spirit control Katie King (Doyle 1926: volume 1, 269-277).

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