

# The Patrician

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## Notice of 2016 Annual Communion Mass and General Meeting

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - Newman College,  
Swanston Street, Melbourne at 9 am.*

The Association's Annual Communion Mass will be held at 9-00 a.m. at Newman College Swanston Street Melbourne. The Annual Breakfast will commence at 10-00 a.m. and the Annual General Meeting will follow. Breakfasters should pay \$20 for the meal and their annual subscriptions (\$20) or life subscriptions on the day(\$35). Those not attending may post their subscriptions to the secretary at the PO Box above.

The meeting will receive reports, elect a 2016/2017 committee and auditor and consider general business. Nominations for president, 2 vice presidents, secretary, treasurer and six other members should be given to the President at or before the meeting and the consent of the new nominees obtained. The election of the honorary auditor will follow. We need new committee if anyone can help.

**ANZAC Mass:** Xavier College Chapel, 10 a.m. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 10am

The Xavier Community is offering mass for the Xaverians and Patricians who gave their lives at war. Old Patricians and members of their families, especially returned servicemen, are very welcome to attend the mass and the light refreshments afterwards  
Decorations are being worn.

**MAYTIME FAIR:** Saturday 7th May 2016

While the Association no longer conducts the usual wheel at the Maytime Fair, there is still a need for the Missions and for our support of them. Please find a sheet attached for your donation. Note all donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Donations to date 2015/16 \$xxxx making a grand total since 2009 of \$xxxxxx

**2016 DINNER:** Friday 7th October 2016

The Dinner for 2016 will be held at Greenacres Golf Club on Friday, 7th October, 2016. Contact your year group and set up a table. Book early to avoid missing out!

**The website:** [www.stpats.jesuit.org.au](http://www.stpats.jesuit.org.au) continues to operate with Bob and Nola Solly operating the site. New Software has been installed which will make editing and operation easier but has changed the format slightly. Access is possible through the above link and the alumni section of the Xavier College website and the education section of the Jesuit province website.

## Minutes of the 2015 AGM

The meeting was held on 15th March 2015 .

The following were nominated and elected.

President: Bob Solly 57-63

Vice-Presidents Murray Cullinan 58-63  
Kevin Lane 61-67

Secretary: Fr. Michael Head 58-66

Minutes/Patrician Fr. Michael Head 58-66

Treasurer: Gavin Wayland 57-65

Auditor Michael Curtain 50-57

Spiritual Advisor: Fr Gerry Healy SJ 59-62

Spiritual Advisor Emeritus; Fr Jim Muirhead SJ 1933

General Committee:

Elected

Tony Gaynor 50-53 Peter Moon 68 , Jim Smith 59-66

Ex Officio Past Presidents

Peter Collery 61-68, Michael Cavanagh 59-66, Terry

O'Meara 52-61, Michael Delves 55-62, Gerry Healy SJ

59-62 Simon Clark 60-64

Ex Officio Committee Members as Past Presidents

F S (Jim) Cahir 36-39

Pat Cahir 37-40

Dennis Dalton 56-59

John Young 49-55

## Secretary's Report including Obituaries 2015/16

John George Ashton 42-48

John T Bartels

Desmond Boyd 1956

Desmond Vincent Cain 33-37

Andrew Gray 40-49

Fr Charles Vincent Hurley SJ (Staff 1967)

John Augustine Keely 36-42

Peter Kotsiakos 55-61

Ian Lever 44-51

John Lonergan 63-68

Daniel J Parsons 41-43

Thanks to Fr Michael Head SJ and Fr Gerald Healy SJ who said the Mass 2015 and to Newman College for the use of their facilities.

**Maytime Fair:** On Saturday 2nd May 2015 Thanks to all who have supported via donations over a number of years.

**Dinner:** Held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Greenacres Golf Club. 65 in attendance. Our thanks to Gavin Wayland for his ongoing work in arranging this essential get together

"The Patrician" was issued once during the year and a flyer was sent out before the dinner.

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The Association was actively involved in supporting the celebrations of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of the Irish Jesuits in Victoria. Our thanks to all committee involved in particular Kevin Lane and Jim Smith who also represented the Association at the 2015 Australian Jesuit Province Gathering at Riverview. The Association was presented with a 2015 Companions Award for longstanding service and its contribution to the anniversary celebrations. A copy of the award is attached.

The Australian Province  
of the Society of Jesus

## Saint Patrick's Old Collegians Association

### Companions Medal

St Patrick's College in East Melbourne was given into the hands of the Irish Jesuits 150 years ago when they first arrived on our shores. Over the years, the College's old scholars have played significant roles in the Church and social life of Melbourne and beyond. The Old Boys' Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary included many significant lay people and was the most significant party to welcome Archbishop Carr when he arrived in the city in 1887.

In 1912, a formal organization of past students, known as the St Patrick's Old Collegians Association, was formed at the Vienna Cofe in the city, with the first President being Sir John Madden, then Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria. The Association's involvement in the political, economic, social, cultural and religious life of Melbourne was considerable. The Sodality also continued, and oftentimes old scholars were members of both. The Sodality aided the spirituality of the Association while also providing a platform for outreach to places like Ozanam House.

The closure of St Patrick's College at the end of 1968 was a devastating blow for all associated with the College. Rather than close down, the Association decided to continue to help Old Scholars sustain the ethos they had absorbed while at school, and this ongoing work of the Association continues to this day.

One particular area of involvement has been support for the Jesuit mission in Hazaribag, inspired in part by the Old Patrician Jesuits working there. The Association raised money over many years through a stall at the Maytime Fair, and also assisted with the parking arrangements. In more recent years, they have raised funds by a direct appeal to their members on behalf of Jesuit Mission.

In 2015, for the Sesquicentenary of the arrival of the Irish Jesuits at St Patrick's, the Old Collegians' committee organized a major display of historical and current Jesuit ministries at St Patrick's Cathedral. The Archbishop supported the commemoration and students from Xavier and the Jesuit partner schools at Watsonia and Geelong took part in the weekend Masses. As a result, Association members are now considering working with the Jesuit partner schools in the hope of being able to offer to a new generation some of the Jesuit ethos that they themselves had imbibed.

After 104 years - 47 of them since the closure of the College itself - the Association is still motivated by these words from the chorus of the school song:

"Loyal to our Faith and Loyal to our school,  
God's Greater Glory will always be our rule".

In recognition and appreciation of its loyal and generous service, the Australian Province of the Society of Jesus takes great pleasure in awarding the St Patrick's Old Collegians Association the Companions Medal.



*Brian F McCoy SJ*  
Fr Brian F McCoy SJ  
Provincial

Sydney  
14<sup>th</sup> December 2015

## Financial Report: