



THE LANCELOT

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The Knightlight

For those who dare to let the imagination into artistry.

Why ATHENA MOSAIC?



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Meet The Team Knights

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Many minds, one purpose, our mosaic of Athena's courage and insight!

Editor's NOTE



Design and storytelling have the power to move people, and that spirit drives every page of this year's bulletin. As Chief Bulletin Editor of the Leo Club of Colombo Knights, I'm thrilled to present a space where creativity and purpose meet.

Each edition is more than a collection of updates, it's a living gallery of our club's passion. From vibrant layouts to thoughtfully written features, every detail is meant to capture the enthusiasm, determination, and imagination that define our members. The bulletin is our way of preserving moments that matter, while sharing the heartbeat of our community with everyone who reads it.

Creativity, after all, is not just decoration; it's communication. It's the way a photograph tells a story without words, or how a bold design can spark a feeling of excitement before a single sentence is read. Through this bulletin, I hope to create that kind of connection: one that invites every reader to pause, reflect, and feel a part of the Leo journey.

As we move through the year, I'm excited to explore new ideas, experiment with fresh visuals, and spotlight projects that showcase the true impact of our club. Whether it's a service initiative that changes lives or an event that strengthens our bond as Knights, each story is an opportunity to celebrate what we can achieve together.

Here's to a year of creativity that speaks, stories that inspire, and a bulletin that shines as brightly as the spirit of the Colombo Knights. May these pages not only inform but also motivate, reminding us all of the strength, dedication, and imagination that make our club exceptional.

Warm regards,
Leo Dinulaka Nimdiya
Chief Bulletin Editor 2025/26
Leo Club of Colombo Knights



Why ATHENA MOSAIC?

The Theme Introduction

For this September edition of *The Lancelot*, we proudly present our theme **Athena Mosaic**, a tribute to the goddess of wisdom and strategy, and a reflection of the spirit of the Leo Club of Colombo Knights. Like the many intricate pieces of a mosaic, our members come together as bold individuals, each bringing unique strengths and colors that form a powerful whole.

Athena represents courage, intellect, and purposeful action, qualities that mirror the heart of every Leo who dares to **Rise, Serve, and Conquer**. This theme celebrates not only the bravery of our “Knights,” but also the harmony that emerges when diverse talents unite to serve the greater good.

Our chosen palette of bold black and vibrant yellow adds depth to the story: black symbolizes power, renewal, and divinity, while yellow radiates wisdom, optimism, and the light of knowledge. Together they embody the strength, determination, and bright vision that guide our club’s journey.

Through **Athena Mosaic**, we honor the art of collaboration, the beauty of service, and the unyielding spirit of those who fight for a better tomorrow. Each page of this issue reflects that strength, an inspiring testament to the warriors who build something greater, piece by piece, for the world around them.

Immediate Past President's ADDRESS

Dear Knights,

It feels both special and humbling to be writing this message as the Past President of our Leo Club. Looking back at my time in office, I am filled with gratitude for the friendships built, the lessons learned, and the service we were able to carry out together. Being a Leo has never just been about projects or positions—it has always been about the people and the impact we create as a team.

To the new President, Board, and members, I want to wish you nothing but the very best as you take on the year ahead. It won't always be easy—there will be challenges, obstacles, and moments of doubt. But I truly believe that it is in those moments that you will discover your strength, your resilience, and your capacity to grow. Every struggle you face will shape you into better leaders and stronger individuals.

My hope for the club is that you continue to go beyond numbers and titles and focus on creating meaningful projects—ones that truly touch lives and leave lasting change in the community. Even the smallest act of service, when done with sincerity, can make a difference to someone's world. And along the way, don't forget to enjoy the journey, cherish the friendships you build, and celebrate the little victories.

I am proud of each and every one of you, and I know the club's best days are still ahead. Keep believing in yourselves, in each other, and in our cause that binds up together.

Leo Lion Nadil Kodithuwakkou
Past President 24/25
Leo Club of Colombo Knights



Meet the **TEAM** Introduction to the Board Members



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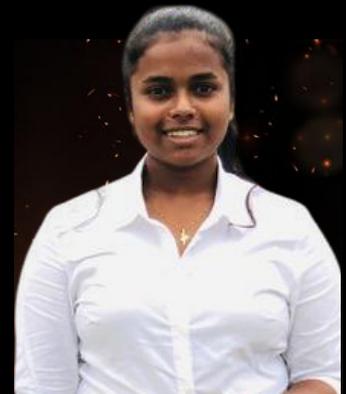
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Intro to LEOISM

The LEO movement is the youth extension of the Lions Clubs International. The word LEO stands for Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity, which furnishes the youth with skills, confidence, and responsibility. The LEO movement was founded in 1957 by Jim Graver and William Ernst. In 1964, the LEO club program became a sponsored program of Lions Clubs International. By 1967, the LEO program became an official youth program of Lions Clubs International, expanding to over 18 countries with 200+ Leo clubs.

Leo clubs initially divide into two tracks. Namely, Alpha Leo Clubs and Omega Leo Clubs. Alpha Leo clubs include youngsters aged between 12 and 18 years, while Omega Leo clubs include members aged between 18 and 30. Under these two tracks, talented, responsible, and sensible youth leaders are born.

The Leo movement is dedicated to serving the community with absolute empathy and equality, understanding the community's needs and desires. This covers a bunch of aspects, including poverty, health care, education and hunger. Other than social services, the Leo movement is well-focused in developing leadership skills within Leos for a better future.

Accordingly, "LEO" is a movement that impacts the young generation, benefiting the community locally and internationally.

In Sri Lanka, there are 12 Leo districts under the Multiple District 306. They are D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6, D7, D8, D9, D10, D11 and D12 representing over 210 Leo clubs and over 8,000 Leos. Accordingly, the Leo Movement is a widespread global movement under Lions Clubs International.



Sathkara'25

PHASE 01

On 17 September 2025, the Leo Club of Colombo Knights proudly carried out the first phase of the project Sathkara'25, bringing together service and compassion in the heart of the Bellanwila Temple area.

Beginning at 11.00 a.m., our dedicated Leos set out with a clear mission to uplift those in need with both essential supplies and heartfelt care.

The team distributed wholesome food packs alongside sanitary items such as razors, ensuring that recipients received not just nourishment but also tools for dignity and personal well-being. Each interaction reflected the club's core values of kindness, respect, and community spirit.

More than a charitable act, Sathkara'25 – Phase 01 served as a reminder of the impact small gestures can have when fueled by genuine concern. It showcased the power of unity as our members worked hand in hand to spread warmth and hope.



Moreover, this initiative reinforces the importance of youth-driven service. By stepping forward, our Leos set an example of empathy and leadership, showing that meaningful impact doesn't always require grand resources, only dedication and a genuine desire to serve. Each volunteer hour invested is a testament to the belief that collective action can uplift society and inspire others to do the same.

The success of Phase 01 also highlights the enduring value of collaboration. From planning and gathering resources to reaching out to the community, every member's effort proved that united service multiplies impact. It is this spirit of teamwork and shared responsibility that will continue to drive Sathkara'25 forward, ensuring that future phases bring even greater benefits to those who need them most.

With this strong beginning, the Leo Club of Colombo Knights looks forward to the upcoming phases of Sathkara'25, continuing to Rise, Serve, and Conquer as true Leos.

On 21 September 2025, the Leo District 306 D7 proudly hosted its grand Charter Installation Ceremony, ASCENT, at the iconic New Arts Theatre, University of Colombo. From 10.00 a.m. onwards, the theatre filled with vibrant energy as Leos from across the district gathered to witness an unforgettable celebration of leadership and service.

The event was graced by distinguished guests who elevated the occasion with their presence. District Governor Lion Gaya Upasena PMJF honored the ceremony as Chief Guest, while Multiple District President Leo Lion Rageesh Yogeswaran MJF PMAF PFLM joined as Guest of Honor. Their inspiring words underscored the values of unity, dedication, and forward-thinking that drive the Leo movement.



A highlight of the day was the formal installation of the new district leadership team. District President Leo Lion Hansathi Imethma, together with District Vice President Leo Lion Senura Battage, District Secretary Leo Vihara Jayaweera, District Treasurer Leo Lion Tehan Nakandala, and the entire council of officers, officially accepted their roles. Their commitment to lead with vision and service marked the beginning of a promising year for the district.

This year's guiding slogan, "Forge the Future," added a powerful dimension to the celebration. It serves as a call to action for every Leo: to shape tomorrow through innovative service, unwavering courage, and purposeful leadership. The phrase embodies the spirit of building something stronger and brighter, much like forging steel, while reminding members that the future is not merely awaited, but actively created.

ASCENT

The Charter Installation Ceremony of Leo District 306 D7

The ceremony concluded gracefully, with the enthusiastic participation of Leos representing every club within the district. As the final applause echoed through the theatre, ASCENT 2025 stood as more than an installation; it was a declaration of intent. With fresh leadership and the bold vision to Forge the Future, Leo District 306 D7 steps confidently into a new chapter of growth, service, and inspiration.



On 28 September, the Leo Club of Colombo Knights carried out a heartfelt project titled Bark Bite at the Nugegoda Supermarket, beginning at 11.30 a.m. With bowls of food and hearts full of compassion, our Leos came together for one simple yet powerful purpose which is to care for the street dogs who roam our city, often unnoticed but always deserving of love.

The streets are home to countless dogs who greet every day with resilience, yet face hunger, loneliness, and uncertainty. **Bark Bite** was born from the belief that even a single meal can bring comfort, and that kindness, however small, can change a life.



As the Leos set down generous servings of food, wagging tails and bright eyes told the story of gratitude that words could never capture. Each dog, whether timid or playful, reminded us of the quiet strength and unconditional spirit these animals carry despite their hardships.

This project was more than an act of feeding; it was a reminder of our shared responsibility to the voiceless. By offering nourishment and affection, the Leo Club of Colombo Knights sought to show that compassion knows no boundaries of species and that every living being deserves care and respect.



Bark Bite stands as a gentle call to action, to notice, to care, and to extend kindness to those who cannot ask for it.

Through this small but meaningful gesture, our club reaffirmed that service is not only about grand initiatives, but also about the simple, powerful choice to love where it is most needed.

BARK BITE

On the 30th of September 2025, the Leo Club of Colombo Knights carried out one of its most heartfelt initiatives, “Athuru Mithuru” at the Mith Sewana Center for Special Children. The program began at 10.30 a.m. and set the tone for a memorable day filled with kindness, joy, and companionship.

The project was designed with the simple yet powerful aim of touching young hearts and lifting spirits. Our members warmly welcomed the children and created a lively environment where they could feel comforted, cared for, and most importantly, celebrated. Engaging activities were carefully planned to bring smiles and foster moments of laughter, ensuring that every child felt valued and included.

One of the highlights of the day was the tea-time session, where we shared treats and conversations, turning the gathering into a homely space of togetherness. Beyond refreshments, this moment reflected the true spirit of “Athuru Mithuru”, creating bonds of friendship and nurturing souls with love and compassion.

This project not only brought joy to the children but also left an indelible mark on the hearts of our members. It reminded us of the deeper purpose of service, to extend kindness where it is most needed, and to stand as companions to those who deserve brighter days.

Through “Athuru Mithuru,” the Leo Club of Colombo Knights reaffirmed its commitment to service with empathy, proving once again that small gestures can make the biggest difference.



Athuru MITHURU

Knight OF THE MONTH

The Leo Club of Colombo Knights proudly names Leo Teesha Hewa Matarage, our dedicated Assistant Treasurer, as Knight of the Month for September. Her quiet diligence and unwavering commitment have made her an indispensable force behind the smooth functioning of our club.

Handling the intricate details of treasurer reports is no small task, yet she approaches it with precision and responsibility, ensuring that every record remains accurate and transparent. Her careful work reflects the financial integrity that keeps our projects thriving and our club strong.

Beyond numbers and ledgers, she plays a key role in the monthly issue of our magazine, contributing both creativity and consistency. Her effort to bring each edition to life demonstrates not only skill but also a true passion for sharing the spirit of the Leo Club of Colombo Knights with every reader.

As we celebrate her as September's Knight of the Month, we honor more than her accomplishments; we honor the dedication, warmth, and quiet leadership that make Leo Teesha Hewa Matarage a shining example of service and commitment within our family of Knights.



Leo Teesha Hewa Matarage
Assistant Treasurer 25/26
Knight of the Month - September

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



22nd September

**LEO
SANDAMINA
DE SILVA**
Treasurer

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



25th September

**LEO LION
THARUN
SANKALANA**
President 21/22

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



27th September

**LEO
NETHULI
NISALINI**
Asst. Chief
Coordinator

The DOODLE CONTEST

Thamara Nadun
University of Moratuwa

This is how Thamara Nadun envisions A World Without Gravity, a scene where imagination floats as freely as the stars. We warmly congratulate Thamara on winning our doodle contest for this brilliant interpretation. Your artwork lifts our spirits and proves that creativity knows no bounds.



Get ready for more creativity! Our next doodle contest is just around the corner, and we can't wait to see your amazing ideas take shape. Stay tuned for the theme announcement and join us for another round of fun and imagination!

The KNIGHTLIGHT

— For Those Who Dare... —



The Manifesto: A Polymath

Whilst man beholds the world,
He sees the green of yonder land.
Yet blinds himself with but one eye,
For vision narrows though sights are grand.

Oh! But the man who dares to know,
The heights and depths, the ebb and flow,
A living paradox in light,
A polymath in endless flight.

For he is contradiction's kin, with poet's heart and stoic's mind,
A renaissance soul that few may find.
For many, this can never be done;
Yet one in a thousand is still that one.

Leo Sandamina De Silva
Treasurer 25/26

A Rambler's Note....!

A frozen dawn;
Striding amidst the breeze,
To confront me ahead
Is oblivious...

The glance of the soignee,
Piercing the fierce in her eyes
Towards me,
Tattooed 'a red heart'
On my 'heart';
I wandered,
What more on earth to occur?

In no time,
The perquisite of ruses
Happening a fervid dubiety,
And a burbling perplexity
In my mind;
Yet the ambience,
Tickling the ivories of romance,
Knotting me to her flamboyancy!

The sunshine,
That had the vigour
To melting the frost,
Was impotent to defrost me;
In unison,
Heralding a perpetual peregrination
With her...!



Leo Mohamed Hayas
Asst. Treasurer 25/26

The Universe's Favorite Coincidence

Amidst the screaming lull,
Just like a pause in time,
Where everything moved but **HIM**
And somehow, my world aligned.

A hallway.
A raindrop.
A stare from an inch away.
He was always "just there"
On the most ordinary day.

A nerd, a solitary soul,
yet enough to set my heart's petals unfolding.
"Just a coincidence" - I etched myself,
Knowing well... it was not.

So if anyone asks,
I'll stay serene amidst sparks,
"Oh, it's nothing."
But the universe knows -
He was my favorite coincidence.



Leo Teesha Hewa Matarage
Asst. Treasurer 25/26

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