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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MOUNT LODGE NO. 14 FOR THE YEAR 2011-12

MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE

W.Bro. M. Balaganesh	W.Master
W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli	I.P.M.
Bro. R.S. Rajashekarani	Senior Warden
Bro. Puvvada Srinivas	Junior Warden
W.Bro. P. Mahendra Shah	Treasurer
W.Bro. K.S. Sankaran	Secretary
V.W.Bro. R. Venkatesh	Dir. of Cer.
W.Bro. V.S. Kylas	Previous year Secretary

ELECTED MEMBERS

Permanent Committee

W.Bro.K. Kasthuri
W.Bro. V. Subbiah

Audit Committee

R.W.Bro. T.K. Ramachandran
W.Bro. K.S. Sreekanth
W.Bro. S. Nandakumar

Enquiry Committee

R.W.Bro. S.S. Prasad
W.Bro. N. Meenakshisundaram

Worshipful Masters of the Lodge from 1862 onwards

S. No.	Year	W.Bro.	S. No.	Year	W.Bro.
1.	1862	J.R. Magreth	36.	1896	D. Kilpatrick
2.	1863	J.R. Magreth	37.	1897	C. Kilpatrick
3.	1864	B.I. Gordon	38.	1898	C. H.M.Hitchens
4.	1865	H.J. Shaw	39.	1899	J. Temole
5.	1866	H.T. Rogers	40.	1900	E. M.Dalma
6.	1866	A.J. Filgate	41.	1901	J. Temole
7.	1867	W.H. Clarke	42.	1902	J. Temole
8.	1868	B.D. Gordon	43.	1903	S. Granshaw
9.	1869	J.H.P. Anderson	44.	1904	N. Chatterjee
10.	1870	R.C.W. Champbell	45.	1905	C.H. Parsons
11.	1871	E.A. Gibbons	46.	1906	C.F. Deane
12.	1872	J.W. Brothistle	47.	1907	C.F. Cavanagh
13.	1873	B. Cunliff	48.	1908	J.H. Barket
14.	1874	A.M. Rawlins	49.	1909	H.P. Williams
15.	1875	G. Lesile	50.	1910	W.H. Murch
16.	1876	D.P. King	51.	1911	J. Webster
17.	1877	W.P. Carson	52.	1912	M. Srinivasa Mudaliar
18.	1878	R.H. Cunliffe	53.	1913	G. Devasahayam
19.	1879	R.W.Bro. O'Gardy	54.	1914	G.E. Farlowe
20.	1880	W.D. Gunn	55.	1915	V.S. Ganaprakasam
21.	1881	W.G. Rose	56.	1916	K.R. Seetharama Iyer
22.	1882	C.M.J. Moore	57.	1917	J. Bryant
23.	1883	H.W. Smith	58.	1918	Raja of Venkatagiri
24.	1884	H.W. Smith	59.	1919	S.A.K. Jeelani Sahib
25.	1885	R.R.E. Drake-Brock-man	60.	1920	T.C. Adikesasvalu Pillai
26.	1886	G. Blazey	61.	1921	V. Thiruvengadathan Chetty
27.	1887	G. Blazey	62.	1922	G.R. Auston
28.	1888	A. Hoise	63.	1923	S.V. Devadasan
29.	1889	J.H. Webster	64.	1924	M. Savarimuthu Pillai
30.	1890	J.A.F. Colde	65.	1925	A.H. Chowriyappah
31.	1891	G.E. Hodges	66.	1926	S.K. Abdul Razak Sahib
32.	1892	R.W. Lyons	67.	1927	E.A. Baynes
33.	1893	J. Temole	68.	1928	W.H. Terry
34.	1894	J. Wisken	69.	1929	S.W. Samuel
35.	1895	J. Graham	70.	1930	R.D. Smith

Worshipful Masters of the Lodge from 1862 onwards

S. No.	Year	W.Bro.	S. No.	Year	W.Bro.
71	1931	V.A. Muthana Thevar	111	1971	V. Somasundaram
72	1932	G.J. Benjamin	112	1972	V. Dorairaj
73	1933	N. Rajagopalan	113	1973	S. Ramachandran
74	1934	V.J.R.Rajagopalan	114	1974	N.P. Sarathy
75	1935	T.G. Damodhara Mudaliar	115	1975	Dr. M.S. Ekamabaram
76	1936	T.S. Varadharajan	116	1976	S. Ramaswamy
77	1937	M.J. Santhanakrishna Naidu	117	1977	R. Kalidasan
78	1938	R.V. Krishna Iyer	118	1978	V. Swaminathan
79	1939	G.A. Daniel	119	1979	R. Dwarakanath
80	1940	M.V. Mannasah	120	1980	R. Vaidyanadhan
81	1941	T.N.S. Raghavachari	121	1981	N. Sridhar
82	1942	T.A. Sreenivasan	122	1982	T.K. Ramachandran
83	1943	S. Soundarajan	123	1983	K.Rama Rao
84	1944	V. Krishnamurti	124	1984	Vijay Rangachari
85	1945	T.M. Narayanasami Pillai	125	1985	M. Janakiram
86	1946	K.G. Veeraragavan	126	1986	K. Styendrakumar
87	1947	N. Rangachari	127	1987	S. Krishnan
88	1948	V.T. Srinivasaraghavan	128	1988	P. Madhusudhan
89	1949	Jiten Banerji	129	1989	P. Madhusudhan
90	1950	P.N. Sundarajan	130	1990	S. Mohan
91	1951	P.N.S. Raman	131	1991	S.S. Prasad
92	1952	R.V. Krishna Iyer	132	1992	R. Sivachandran
93	1953	Dinsha K. Tehrano	133	1993	P. Viswambar
94	1954	S.P.S. Rajan	134	1994	G. Sivaramakrishnan
95	1955	V. Kunjithapatham	135	1995	M.N. Ramaswamy
96	1956	S.J. Narasimhan	136	1996	Abbas M.A. Hajji
97	1957	P.A. Krishnaswami	137	1997	Mahendra Shah
98	1958	K.S. Srinivasan	138	1998	V.S. Kylas
99	1959	E.W.W. King	139	1999	K.S. Sankaran
100	1960	M.K. Sreedharan	140	2000	K.S. Sreekanth
101	1961	T.S. Chintamani	141	2001	R. Krishnan
102	1962	M. Rajagopalan	142	2002	L. Ramani
103	1963	A. Sarangapani	143	2003	V. Subbiah
104	1964	S.K. Ramanujan	144	2004	N. Meenakshisundaram
105	1965	G.T. Watts	145	2005	K. Kasthuri
106	1966	V.R. Selvaraj	146	2006	S.Nandakumar
107	1967	K.D. Carter	147	2007	Lt. Col. C. Venkatraman (Retd)
108	1968	R.S.D Mont	148	2008	R.Pari Arasu
109	1969	T.K. Doraiswami	149	2009	V.S. Ramakrishnan
110	1970	C.N. Ramanujam	150	2010	D.R.Chandramouli
			151	2011	M.Balaganesh

List of Officers for the year 2011 - 12

S. No.	Office	Name
1	Worshipful Master	W.Bro. M.Balaganesh
2	Immediate Past Master	W.Bro. D.R.Chandramouli
3	Senior Warden	Bro. R.S.Rajasekaran
4	Junior Warden	Bro. Puvvada Srinivas
5	Chaplain	Bro. Venkat Natarajan
6	Treasurer	R.W.Bro. P. Madhusudhan (Resigned 17.8.12) W.Bro. Mahendra Shah (Elected 1.9.12)
7	Secretary	W.Bro. K.S. Sankaran
8	D of C	V.W.Bro. R. Venkatesh
9	Senior Deacon	Bro. P. Selvaganesh
10	Junior Deacon	Bro. B. Badrinarayanan
11	Bearer of V.S.L.	W.Bro. R. Ramanisundaram
12	Bearer of V.S.L.	W.Bro. G. Madanaraj
13	Bearer of V.S.L.	Bro. J.V.J. Subramaniam
14	Bearer of V.S.L.	Bro. Dr. Murugesan
15	Bearer of V.S.L.	Bro. J. Saiprasad
16	Sword Bearer	W.Bro. P. Gajendran
17	Assistant Secretary	Bro. N. Hariharaasubramanian
18	Assistant D of C	Bro. K. Rangarajan
19	Almoner	W.Bro. L. Ramani
20	Organist	Bro. Arvind Shiva Mahadevan
21	Inner Guard	Bro. Chinniah Madanagopal
22	Steward	W.Bro. Pari Arasu
23	Steward	Bro. Rakesh Ramani
24	Steward	Bro. Srikanth Raghunathan
25	Steward	Bro. Capt. S. Baskaran
26	Steward	Bro.S. Rajagopalan
27	Tyler	R.W.Bro. N. Pandurangan

List of Officers for the year 2012 - 13

S. No.	Office	Name
1	Worshipful Master	W.Bro. R.S. Rajashekaran
2	Immediate Past Master	W.Bro. M. Balaganesh
3	Senior Warden	Bro K. Rangarajan
4	Junior Warden	Bro. P. Selvaganesh
5	Chaplain	Bro. Srikanth Raghunathan
6	Treasurer	Bro. Jaganath Poosekar
7	Secretary	W.Bro. K.S. Sankaran
8	D of C	W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli
9	Senior Deacon	Bro. B. Badrinarayanan
10	Junior Deacon	Bro. Venkat Natarajan
11	Bearer of V.S.L.	W.Bro. R. Ramanisundaram
12	Bearer of V.S.L.	Bro. N. Hariharasubramaniam
13	Bearer of V.S.L.	Bro. S. Rajagopalan
14	Bearer of V.S.L.	Bro. Rangarajan Seshadri
15	Bearer of V.S.L.	Bro. Madhan Gurumurthy
16	Sword Bearer	W.Bro. P. Gajendran
17	Assistant Secretary	W.Bro. G. Madhanaraj
18	Assistant D of C	Bro. Puvvada Srinivas
19	Almoner	Bro. R. Gopalan
20	Organist	Bro. S. Prabhakar
21	Inner Guard	Bro. Arvind Shiva Mahadevan
22	Steward	V.W.Bro. R. Venkatesh
23	Steward	Bro. Chinniah Madanagopal
24	Steward	Bro. C.J. Sainath
25	Steward	Bro. J.V.J. Subramaniam
26	Steward	Bro. Y.J. Ekambaram
27	Tyler	R.W.Bro. N. Pandurangan

The Mount Lodge No.14
Highlights for the year November 2011-October 2012

INSIDE THE LODGE

1. MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Initiations : 9
- (b) Joining : 1
- (c) Membership Growth : 2

2. RITUAL WORKING

- (a) Initiation : 9
- (b) Passing : 4
- (c) Raising : 7

3. PARTICIPATION

All Brethren, Initiates, Fellowcrafts and Master Masons took active part in the ceremonies by explanations and presentation of various charges and portions.

4. RITUAL WORKING COMPETITION

The Lodge entered successfully to the Second Stage of the Ritual Working Competition under the able stewardship of W.Bro. M. Balaganesh ,

5. SUBSCRIPTION ARREARS

The arrears of subscription as on 30th September 2012 was Rs. 37,975/- and steps are being taken to recover the same beofer installation meeting.

CHARITY PROJECTS

Charity Projects started from the very first day – Installation day (14th November 2011).

The day started with a visit to the Veda Padashala on Spur Tank Road to which rice bags & cash donations of Rs. 5700/- were made.



Being CHILDREN's DAY - In order to usher in joy and happiness, it was thought it would be more fit and apt to visit the Paadashala which has children as students.



The day augured well with Donation of rice bags, pulses and a cash donation under the aegis of our R.W. Bro. Retna Raj Sushil Raj, R.W. The Regional Grand Master of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India who accompanied with his wife Mrs. Premi Sushil Raj, The First Lady, inaugurated this charitable project at the Veda Paadashala run by the Sankara Mutt at Spurtank Road, Chetpet, Chennai. W.Bro. Padmakumar RGL D of C was also present. The event was made more memorable and note worthy with the presence of our brethren R.W.Bro. T K Ramachandran, R.W.Bro. S S Prasad, Master Elect Bro. M Balaganesh, W.Master W.Bro. D R Chandramouli, W.Bro. S Nandakumar, W.Bro. K S Sankaran, W.Bro. P Mahendra Shah, Bro. Venkat Natarajan, Bro. Sridhar, Bro. R Gopalan, Bro. K S Ramakrishnan, W.Bro. V S Kylas and also Mrs. Vijaya Prasad, Mrs. Chitra Kylas & Mrs. Rajan Chandrasekhar (R.W.Bro. T.K. Ramachandran sister from Canada).

For the 50 years Golden Jubilee Celebrations of The Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, our R.W.The Regional Grand Master R.W.Bro. R Sushil Raj had fervently appealed to all Lodges to execute charity projects. Taking a cue from him, Mount Lodge once again embarked on an eye screening camp for the Sathyamurthy School children with the support of Dr. Mohan Rajan of Rajan Eye Care numbering 40 Students. The camp was inaugurated by our Chief Guest R.W. Bro. R Sushil Raj after the sumptuous breakfast hosted to the school children. Yielding to the W.Master M Balaganesh's invite, many RGL Officers and our own brethren attended the camp which was very well appreciated by the RGM and this set the tone for the day's functions of the RGLSI.



EYE – DONATION

Late Sri. K.G. Viswanatha Rao, Brother of Bro.K.G.Mahadeva Rao Died on 29-12-2011. W.Bro. P.P.K. Rao (who is father-in-law of Bro. K. G. Mahadeva Rao) convinced the family members and arranged for the EYE DONATION.



Mrs. Alamelu Ammal Mother of W.Bro.K.S.Sankaran had her last breath on 25 th April 2012. W.Bro.K.S.Sankaran, immediately contacted Sankara Nathralaya and arranged for DONATION OF HER EYES.

We congratulate our Past Masters for the Noble Act even at the hour of grief and with the donation of Eyes, the Departed Soul will see the world again through some body who is in need of the same.

On 13th January 2012 Charity program - in the form of donating New cloths for Pongal festival for the inmates of Mylapore Vedha Padasala run by Sri. Kanchi Mutt at Sankara Madam Near Chitrakulam, Mylapore, Chennai - 600 004, this was made a regular ongoing project done on all our PC and regular meeting days with the donation collected from the brethren present on that day.



JYOTHIRGAMAYA PROJECT

Participation in the Jyothirgamaya Project at Uppukamedu village near Ambattur by the Mount Lodge, which was identified, funded and jointly executed by Grand Lodge of India on Thursday the 2nd February 2012. The village was identified by W.Bro. V.S. Kylas who made all arrangements for successful completion of this Noble Project.



The highlight was the telecast of the same by Doordharsan Kendra, Chennai on 5th February at 5.10 PM in Pothigai Channel under the program POOCHENDU !!. Also refer to the press coverage reproduced at the end of the Annual Report.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP & BONE DENSITY CHECK UP

On Saturday the 26 th May 2012 at FM Hall about 40 brethren including brethren from The Mount Lodge had participated in the blood donation camp initiated by ARGMS of Chennai area namely R W Bro S S Prasad, R W Bro K Ramadurai and R W Bro K Gopal.

SAVE THE SPARROW Project and CLASSIFICATION OF TREES at the premises of Freemasons hall was done on 16th September, which was well attended by brethren from all other Lodges.

SAVE THE SPARROW project along with naming and identifying the trees with its botanical name, in the premises of FREEMASON' shall got its own prominence through the coverage from the leading News Paper THE HINDU as a special article in METRO PLUS on Saturday the 22nd September, 2012. The Lodge wishes to place on record the wonderful service rendered by W Bro V S Kylas for the successful implementation of the project. Also refer to the press coverage reproduced at the end of the Annual Report.



PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER at West Mambalam Chennai is a well known health center for its effective and low cost treatment rendering yeomen service to the downtrodden for the past 6 decades. The Mount Lodge had identified this institution for its SESQUICENTENNIAL project by donating Rs.10 lakhs to their new Dialysis unit on 21st September 2012 in the august presence of our RGM R.W.Bro. Retna Raj Sushil Ra. Our Regional Grand Lodge of India had also made an additional contribution of Rs.1.25 lakhs to this noble cause.



THE MOUNT LODGE No. 14

150th Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th of September, 2012

The Permanent, Audit and Enquiry Committee Members of The Mount Lodge No. 14 have pleasure in presenting the 150th Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the period ended 30th September, 2012.

The Committees met jointly 13. times during the year under report and considered all matters relating to the administration in an impressive and excellent manner in governing of the Lodge.

1. INSTALLATION :

Bro. M. Balaganesh was installed as the 151th Master of the Lodge by his father W.Bro. N. Meenakshidundaram at the Regular installation Meeting held on Mondy the 14th November, 2011 in the August presence of R.W.Bro. Retna Raj Sushil Raj, R.W. The Regional Grand Master of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India in an impressive and excellent manner. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his officers for the year.

At the Installation meeting, the attendance was with a record no. of 170 brethren comprising of Ruling Masters of City Lodges and several well-known and distinguished Visitors from other Lodges.

At the Banquet, a cake cutting was done to mark the beginning of the 150th year celebrations. The meeting was followed as usual by a lavish banquet hosted by the W.Master.

2. MEMBERSHIP :

Honorary Members – There were 3 Honorary Members during the commencement of the year. 1 Honorary Member R W Bro Retna Raj Sushil Raj was added making the total Honorary Membership as 4.

Subscribing Members as on date	:	121
Members on Rolls at commencement of the year	:	119
Initiations during the year	:	+ 9
Joining	:	1
Resignation	:	2
Cessations	:	6
Closing Total	:	121

3. MEETINGS :

During the year 15 meetings – 12 Normal meetings- one emergency meeting - RWC and 150 year celebration meeting were held.

4. LODGE VISITS :

As a part of Inter Lodge visits Brethren of Mount Lodge visited Lodge Engineers No. 340 and contributed the sum of Rs. 2,500/- to their Lodge and Lodge Proudentia No. 369 wherein W Master, W.Bro. M. Balaganesh rendered "Traditional History Second Part". During our March 2012, Regular Meeting Brethren from Lodge Engineers No. 340 visited our Lodge and made a contribution of Rs. 4,000/- to our Lodge during April 2012, 3 ARGMs of Chennai area together with Grand Secretary and also members from Lodge Ashoka No. 93, visited our Lodge for witnessing and Initiation Ceremony therein W.Bro. S. Sreekanth Past Master of Lodge Ashoka explained the Tracing Board in an impressive manner.

During our regular October meeting Dr.Vijayaram from Lodge Saxena No. 875 – Calicut (Irish Constitution) attended the Initiation ceremony and appreciated the high standard of ritual working of our Mount Lodge.

5. REGIONAL GRAND LODGE MEETINGS :

The Lodge was well represented at the RGL meetings held in February 2012 at Chennai wherein our Brother R W Bro S S Prasad was invested as Assistant Regional Grand Master of Chennai area. Good no of Mount Lodge Brethren have also attended RGL Meeting held at Rajamundry (AP) during September 2012.

6. ATTENDANCE :

The attendance at all the meetings has been satisfactory. The average attendance was 27.

The following brethren attended all the meetings during the year :-

W.Bro. M. Balaganesh - Worshipful Master
W.Bro. K.S. Sankaran - Secretary

7. PAST MASTERS' AND BRETHREN NITE MEETING :

The Past Master's Night Meeting was held on 1st of December, 2011. W.Bro.S.Nandakumar occupied the Masters' Chair and all Officers were occupied by Past Masters and conducted 3rd degree Raising Ceremony in the said meeting.

8. RGL GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

To commemorate the beginning of RGL Golden Jubilee celebration on 9.12.2011 Joint Meeting of all city Lodges was conducted and this meeting was well attended by good no of Mount Lodge Brethren.

9. 150 YEARS CELEBRATIONS OF THE LODGE :

The Mount Lodge No 14 one of the ancient Lodges of Chennai, on 21st September, 2012 celebrated completion of its 150th year and had a gala function with M. W. Bro. Capt. Dr. Prof. Balaram Biswakumar, O.S.M. M.W. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India, R.W.Bro. Vasudev Musrekar, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master Elect, R.W. Bro. Retna Raj Sushil Raj, P.A.G.M., R.W. the Regional Grand Master of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, R.W.Bro. Dr. K.B. Devadiga - Dy.R.G.M., R.W.Bro. B. Kamakoti -Grand Secretary, R.W.Bro. S.S. Prasad, R.W.Bro. K. Ramadurai and R.W.Bro. K. Gopal ARGMs, of Chennai area and a galaxy of Grand Lodge Officers – Past and Present, Regional Grand Lodge Officers – Past and Present, Ruling Masters of other Lodges, Brethren from other places like Trichy, Bangalore, Mangalore, Madurai, Pondicherry etc participated in the celebrations.



The highlight was the members of our Mother Lodge, The Lodge Universal Charity No. 273 (EC) were present and graced the occasion. M.W. the Grand Master presided over the Sesquicentennial Celebrations and rededication was administered to the members our Mount Lodge by the M.W. Grand Master.

In this meeting, Grand Master conferred the highest Honour in Freemasonry in India, "Order of Service to Masonry" to the Past RGM R.W.Bro. Gutha Krishnan Selvarajan and decorated him with the jewel and Citation.

The Mount Lodge No. 14 on this occasion listed the various charities undertaken by them amounting to Fifteen Lakhs of Rupees which included contribution to Jyothirgamaya Project, at Uppukamedu near Ambattur, Chennai jointly with the Grand Lodge, Opening of a Dialysis wing at the Public Health Center, West Mambalam, Chennai, Contribution to Madras Masonic Charitable Trust etc.

The meeting was well attended by 212 Brethren in a jam packed hall and Brethren from all over Southern India attending the evening's function. The gathering was addressed by the GM, Dy. GM, RGM, President of the Sesquicentennial committee R.W.Bro. T.K. Ramachandran and R.W.Bro. S.S. Prasad ARGM and also by the recipient of Order of Service to Masonry R.W.Bro. G.K. Selvarajan. A commemorative plaque was unveiled by the M.W.GM. An elaborate fellowship and dinner followed the celebrations.

This meet was preceded by a press conference - an interview by PRINCE FREDRICK of THE HINDU with the RGM R W Retnaraj Sushil Raj and the President R.W.Bro. T. K. Ramachandran & Vice President ARGM, R.W.Bro. S.S. Prasad, of the Sesquicentennial Committee along with the Ruling Master of the Lodge. A special supplement edition was published in THE HINDU about its 150 years celebrations and the interview with the special mention about the OLD MINUTES books and the nostalgic memories of the MOUNT LODGE in its olden days in the issue – Tuesday the 25th September, 2012 – METRO PLUS. Kindly refer the article reproduced at the end of this report.



10. FAMILY GET-TOGETHER :

Members of Mount Lodge No 14 had a family get together on the eve of 150 year celebrations on Thursday the 20th September, 2012 which was also well attended by Brethren and family members. R.W.Bro. Retna Raj Sushil Raj and the First Lady of the Region, graced the occasion. Famous comedian Shri. S.V. Shekar was the Guest of Honor who cut the special 150 year cake ordered for that occasion. W.Bro. K.S. Sankaran entertained the gathering with his Magic and Ventriloquist talents.

This was followed by the music performance conducted by Mr. Bagwat Krishnan, S/o. Bro. G. Mohan and his team of professionals. Both the meetings were well attended by the Past Masters and the Brethren of the Lodge and also visitors from other Lodges.



11. RITUAL WORKING :

Apart from the Installation Meeting, and 150th year celebration meetings, the ritual working during the year at the other meetings were as follows.

Ritual Working	Number of Ceremonies (Total 17)	Number of Candidates / Brethren (Total 20)	Conducted by
Installation	1		W.Bro. N. Meenakshisundaram
150 year Celebrations	1		W.Bro. M. Balaganesh
	Sub Total 2	Sub Total	
Initiation	9	9	W.Bro. M. Balaganesh 9
	Sub Total 9	Sub Total 9	
Passing	2	4	W.Bro. M. Balaganesh 2
	Sub Total 2	Sub Total 4	(Ceremonies)
Raising	4	2	W.Bro. S. Nandakumar 1
			(Ceremonies)
		5	W.Bro. M. Balaganesh 3
	Sub Total 4	Sub Total 7	(Ceremonies)

12. GRAND LODGE HONOURS :

The following Brethren were awarded Active / Past Grand Ranks by the Grand Lodge of India :-

Active Ranks :

W.Bro. N. Meenakshisundaram - Grand Steward

Past Ranks :

R.W.Bro. R. Dwarakanath - Past Assistant Grand Master

R.W.Bro. T.K. Ramachandran - Past Assistant Grand Master

R.W.Bro. P. Madhusudan - Past Assistant Grand Master

R.W.Bro. S.S. Prasad - Past Grand Junior Warden

W.Bro. R. Venkatesh - Past Grand D of C

W.Bro. Mahendra Shah - Past Asst. Grand Secretary

W.Bro. G. Madanaraj - Past Deputy Grand D of C

W.Bro. V.S. Kylas - Past Asst. Grand Secretary

W.Bro. K.S. Sreekanth - Past Grand Marshal

W.Bro. K.S. Sankaran - Past Grand Steward

13. REGIONAL GRAND HONOURS:

The following Brethren were awarded Active and Past Regional Grand Ranks by the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India:-

Active Ranks :

R.W.Bro. S.S. Prasad - Asstant Regional Grand Master

W.Bro. S. Nandakumar - Regional Grand Standard Bearer

Past Ranks :

V.W.Bro. R. VENKATESH - Past Deputy Regional Grand Master

W.Bro. V.S. KYLAS - Past Asst. Regional Grand Master

W.Bro. K.S. SREEKANTH - Past Senior Regional Grand Warden

W.Bro. N. MEENAKSHI SUNDARAM - Past Regional Grand Registrar

W.Bro. SANKARAN	-	Past President Regional Board of General Purpose
W.Bro. K. KASTHURI	-	Past Senior Regional Grand Deacon
W.Bro. L RAMANI	-	Past Senior Regional Grand Deacon
W.Bro. V. SUBBIAH	-	Past Regional Grand Superintendent of Works
W.Bro. S. Nandakumar	-	Past Asst. Regional Grand D of C
W.Bro. R. Pariarasu	-	Past Regional Grand Inner Guard
W.Bro. B.S. Ramakrishnan	-	Past Vice- President Regional Grand Steward
W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli	-	Past Regional Grand Steward

14. RITUAL WORKING COMPETITION AWARDS :

The following Brethren were awarded Certificate of Merit for their participation in the Ritual Working Competition I Stage 2011 :-

W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli	-	Worshipful Master
W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli	-	For Delivering the North East Charge
W.Bro. M. Balaganesh	-	Senior Warden
Bro. Venkat Natarajan	-	Charge after Initiation
Bro. P. Selvaganesh	-	Tracing Board
Bro. Arving Shiva Manadevan	-	Chaplain

15. UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD DAY CELEBRATIONS :

On the occasion of Universal Brotherhood Day on 24th June, 2012 many brethren of our Lodge have actively participated in the meeting under the leadership of ARGM – R.W.Bro.S.S.Prasad and other two ARGMs of Chennai area.

16. INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION :

The Brethren of Mount Lodge actively participated in the independence Day Celebrations held at Freemason's Hall on 15th August 2012, wherein the following contributions were made by the Mount Lodge

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| (a) Donation of 5 wheel chairs to physically challenged and differently abled persons. | Rs. 25,500 |
| (b) Donation to a cancer patient Mr. V. Sivanandham | Rs. 10,000 |
| (c) Donation to Good Life centre for purchase of a Refrigerator | Rs. 29,000 |

17. ELECTION TO THE REGIONAL BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES :

W.Bro. V.S. Kylas has been nominated to the Regional Board of General Purposes by RW.The Regional Grand Master.

18. ELECTION MEETING :

At the regular election meeting held on 6th October 2012, Bro. R.S. Rajashekar was unanimously elected as Worshipful Master for the year 2012-13.

Bro. Jaganath Poosekar was unanimously elected as Treasurer and R.W.Bro. N. Pandurangan was chosen as Tyler for the year 2012-13.

19. INTRA LODGE TROPHIES AND AWARDS :

The following is the list of the Winners of the Various Trophies of the Lodge for the year 2012 - 13

Title	Awarded for	Awarded to
W.Bro. Satyendra Kumar Trophy	Best Mason – Inside and Outside the Lodge	Bro. K. Rangarajan
R.W.Bro. R. Dwarakanath Memento	100% Attendance to Past masters	W.Bro. K.S. Sankaran
W.Bro. S.K. Ramanujan Memento	Best Assisting Master	W.Bro. V.S. Kylas
R.W.Bro. M. Rajagopalan Trophy	Best Mason	Bro. Jakanath Poosekar
W.Bro. S.A. Subramoney Award	Best Officer	Bro. Venkat Natarajan
W.Bro. S.A. Subramoney Award	Best Non-Officer	Bro. Srikanth Ragunathan
W.Bro. G. Sivaramakrishnan Memento	Best Warden	Bro. R.S. Rajashekar
W.Bro.T.N.S. Raghavachari	Winner of Internal Ritual Working Competition	Bro. P. Selvaganesh
V.W.Bro. K.G. Veera Raghavan Trophy Instituted by W.Bro.Kylas	Best Officer among JD/SD/IG/Tyler (Only Master Mason)	Bro. Badrinarayanan
Masonic Essay Award Instituted in the name of Late Bro. K. Sudarshan by W.Bro. K.S. Sreekanth	Winner	None Eligible
W.Bro.S. Nandakumar Award	For 100% attendance other than Past Masters	None Eligible
W.Bro. Meenakshisundaram Award	for Best Ritualist	Bro. Arvind Shiva Mahadevan
Bro. R.S. Rajasekar Award	for Promising Ritualist	Bro. Madhan Gurumurthy

20. FINANCES :

The Financial position of the Lodge is good and sound and the books of accounts properly maintained and secure. The detailed Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th September 2012 is being circulated seperately.

21. CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MOUNT LODGE NO. 14 CHARITABLE TRUST DURING THE 150TH YEAR

a) Donations to Public Health Centre West Mambalam for opening Dialysis Wing	Rs.	10,00,000
b) Donations to GLI Fund of Benevolence for Jothirgamaya Project conducted at Uppukamedu Village - Ambattur	Rs.	2,00,000
c) Donations to Masonic Foundation	Rs.	2,00,000
d) Donations to Madras Masonic Charitable Trust	Rs.	1,00,000
e) Donations to Good Life Centre for purchase of Refrigerator	Rs.	29,000
f) Donations to 5 Wheel Chairs Handicapped and differently abled	Rs.	25,000
g) Donations to Cancer Patinet Mr. V. Sivanandham	Rs.	10,000
h) Medical Assistance	Rs.	1,000
Total	Rs.	15,65,500

The Balances held in various Fixed Deposits and Bank accounts are:

1. General Fund a/c.	Rs.	1,08,746
2. Charity Fund a/c.	Rs.	34,292
3. Project Fund a/c.	Rs.	1,273
4. 150 th year a/c.	Rs.	2,90,893
5. Almoner's Fund a/c.	Rs.	37,874
6. Stewards Fund a/c.	Rs.	2,184

21. RECOMMENDATIONS :

The Committee recommends that :

A hearty vote of thanks be accorded to W.Bro.M.Balaganesh , Worshipful Master, for the excellent manner in which he conducted the working of the Lodge and recommends that a Past master's Jewel be presented to him.

A hearty vote of thanks be accorded to W.Bro.P.Madhusudhan, and W.Bro.Mahendra Shah , Treasurer for the efficient discharge of their duties.

A hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. K.S.Sankaran, Secretary for his zeal and the efficient discharge of his duties.

The Lodge places on record its appreciation, encouragement, support and valuable assistance rendered by Past Masters of the Lodge.

The Committee places on record its appreciation of its Officers and Brethren for their active participation and unstinted support in the working of the Lodge.

The Lodge places on record its appreciation of the support given by the Regional Grand Secretary R W Bro N. Pandurangan and staff members of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India.

The Lodge places on record its appreciation of the support given by the Premises Committee.

The Lodge places on record the unstinted support given by its members by way of financial contributions in response to various appeals made by the 150th year Core Committee. The Lodge also places on record its appreciation to all the Core Committee Members, Volunteers espically younger Brethren who took active participants for smooth conduct of the 150th year Celebrations Meeting.

The following contributions be made through the Mount Lodge No.14. Charitable Trust for the year 2012-13.

Mangayar Mangalam	Rs.	2,500
Abhaya Nilayam	Rs.	2,500
RGL SI Charitable Trust	Rs.	5,000
Madras Masonic Charitable Trust	Rs.	5,000
Kanchi Moodoor Archakas Welfare Trust	Rs.	2,500

By Order of the Permanent, Audit and Enquiry Committee of the
Mount Lodge No.14

Chennai

W.Bro. Meenakshisundaram Balaganesh

Worshipful Master (2011-12)

thanks

The Past Masters, Wardens, Officers and the Brethren

their unstinted support

in the conduct of the affairs of the Lodge and also

for the successful celebration of 150th Year of the Lodge

during his term of Office.

Your presence was a blessing.



“THREE ASPECTS OF THE FIRST DEGREE THAT TOUCHED AND MOVED ME”

by W Bro D.R. Chandramouli

One of our ancient Sanskrit prayers goes thus :

“LEAD ME FROM UNTRUTH TO TRUTH, FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, FROM DEATH UNTO IMMORTALITY”.

My expectations on the above lines had driven me to get initiated into FREEMASONRY !! How well was THIS realized !!

I give below those aspects which really touched and moved me in the first degree (initiation)

Getting admitted into Freemasonry; the process through which one gets initiated into, only after worthy recommendation, proposed by a Mason seconded by another and approved by one and all Masons of the Lodge ! Blind-folded - in a state of darkness !! This indeed increased my curiosity to know what is the hidden mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry!!!

I certainly realized that, Freemasonry is not a social club. It however provides the means of socializing among its members, which consists of a cross section of society drawn from all walks of life who meet on an equal footing.

It is mainly on the three principals – **BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF AND TRUTH!!** I have so many new made brothers now and it is ever expanding!!

As an ardent admirer of SWAMY VIVEKANANDA, who himself a freemason, I cannot help but mention some of his sayings which go close to the rituals of this degree - as below:-

- ALL LOVE IS EXPANSION, ALL SELFISHNESS IS CONTRACTION. LOVE IS THEREFORE THE ONLY LAW OF LIFE. HE WHO LOVES LIVES, HE WHO IS SELFISH IS DYING. THEREFORE LOVE FOR LOVE’S SAKE, BECAUSE IT IS LAW OF LIFE, JUST AS YOU BREATHE TO LIVE.
- GOD IS PRESENT IN EVERY JIVA; THERE IS NO OTHER GOD BESIDES THAT. ‘WHO SERVES JIVA, SERVES GOD INDEED

- EVERYTHING CAN BE SACRIFICED FOR TRUTH, BUT TRUTH CANNOT BE SACRIFICED FOR ANYTHING.
- WE WANT TO LEAD MANKIND TO THE PLACE WHERE THERE IS NEITHER THE VEDAS, NOR THE BIBLE, NOR THE KORAN; YET THIS HAS TO BE DONE BY HARMONIZING THE VEDAS, THE BIBLE, AND THE KORAN.
- MANKIND OUGHT TO BE TAUGHT THAT RELIGIONS ARE BUT THE VARIED EXPRESSIONS OF THE RELIGION, WHICH IS ONENESS, SO THAT EACH MAY CHOOSE THE PATH THAT SUITS HIM BEST.
- THE SECRET OF RELIGION LIES NOT IN THEORIES BUT IN PRACTICE. TO BE GOOD AND DO GOOD - THAT IS THE WHOLE OF RELIGION
- RELIGION IS THE MANIFESTATION OF THE DIVINITY ALREADY IN MAN.

These all, point out to a fact that there is a supreme power whatever name you give him, there is somebody up to take care of – to sooth our pains, relieve us from our sufferings in a most appropriate way one deserves ! This is well understood in this degree.

NO GOD, NO PEACE ; KNOW GOD KNOW PEACE !!!

This is the subtle message I could get during the rituals and I am really moved.

It was an interesting initiation ceremony and totally a different experience, where I was blind folded, relieved of all my material things wearing a peculiar attire, also a rope around my neck and lead by somebody inside the lodge.

Later I observed that this procedure of entrance is only to discover 'that light' under a solemn obligation!!!

A loving kindness for our fellow man, and a desire to do right because it is right. Masonry teaches that although all men are fallible and capable of much wrong, when they discover the goodness of heart, they have found the true essence of virtue. Masonry helps men see their potential for deep goodness and virtue – I mean Charity! Which made me to believe that it is not only more blessed to give than to receive, it's also more satisfying to a mason's heart !

I realize that, Freemasonry offers much to its members - the opportunity to grow, the chance to make a difference, to build a better world for our children. It offers the chance to be with and work with men who have the same values and ideals. Masonic philosophy which leads to a better understanding of the purpose of life and the need for care and concern for others.

Masons are dedicated to freedom and are champions of liberty. I have read that Masonic Lodges remained Sanctuaries where war passions were conciliated with brotherhood.

The background thus displayed makes clear that neither tyrant nor dictator can exist in a country where Freemasonry prevails.

Help for the weak, Pity and concern for the unfortunate!! People helping people by an extent, One's CIRCUMSTANCES IN LIFE MAY FAIRLY WARRANT!

I am touched and moved - more blessed to give than to receive, it's also more happiness and full satisfaction to one's heart.

MAN GETS AND FORGETS, BUT GOD, GIVES AND FORGIVES!!

It is also here, emphasized that skill without exertion is of little use! The advantage of education by which means alone one is rendered fit amongst the members of a regularly organized society!!

I feel my expectations are already met with. I am really moved.

"FROM UNTRUTH TO TRUTH, FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, FROM DEATH UNTO IMMORTALITY"

SWAMY VIVEKANANDA SAYS :-

- **Good motives, sincerity, and infinite love can conquer the world. One single soul possessed of these virtues can destroy the dark designs of millions of hypocrites and brutes.**

Though, the initiation into FREEMASONRY itself is being considered by me as a blessing – now I certainly feel more "privileged" as a Mason, in writing about those aspects of the degree which really touched and moved me almost drawing parallel to SWAMIJI's sayings, whom we all adore !!

