# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MOUNT LODGE No. 14 FOR THE YEAR 2014-15

# THE MOUNT LODGE No. 14

#### MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE

W. Bro. P. Selvaganesh W. Master

W. Bro. K. Rangarajan I.P.M.

Bro. B. Badrinarayanan Senior Warden

W. Bro. Venkat Nararajan Junior Warden

W. Bro. Kandasamy Kumaresan Treasurer

W. Bro. K.S. Sankaran Secretary

W. Bro. R.S. Rajashekaran Dir. of Cer.

W. Bro. V. S. Ramakrishnan Past Secretary

#### **ELECTED MEMBERS**

#### Permanent Committee

R. W. Bro. S.S. Prasad

V. W. Bro. V.S. Kylas

Bro. Arvind Shiva Mahadevan

#### **Audit Committee**

W. Bro. K.S. Sreekanth

W. Bro. S. Nandakumar

W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli

## **Enquiry Committee**

R. W. Bro. T.K. Ramachandran

W. Bro. Mahendra Shah

W. Bro. N. Meenakshisundaram

# Worshipful Masters of the Lodge from 1862 onwards

S. No.	Year	W.Bro.	S. No.		
1.	1862	J.R. Magreth	40.	1900	E.M. Dalma
2.	1863	J.R. Magreth	41.	1901	J. Temole
3.	1864	B.I. Gordon	42.	1902	J. Temole
4.	1865	H.J. Shaw	43.	1903	S. Granshaw
5.	1866	H.T. Rogers	44.	1904	N. Chatterjee
6.	1866	A.J. Filgate	45.	1905	C.H. Parsons
7.	1867	W.H. Clarke	46.	1906	C.F. Deane
8.	1868	B.D. Gordon	47.	1907	C.F. Cavanagh
9.	1869	J.H.P. Anderson	48.	1908	J.H. Barket
10.	1870	R.C.W. Champbell	49.	1909	H.P. Williams
11.	1871	E.A. Gibbons	50.	1910	W.H. Murch
12.	1872	J.W. Brothistle	51.	1911	J. Webster
13.	1873	B. Cunliffee	52.	1912	M. Srinivasa Mudaliar
14.	1874	A.M. Rawlins	53.	1913	G. Devasahayam
15.	1875	G. Lesile	54.	1914	
16.	1876	D.P. King	55.	1915	V.S. Gananprakasam
		W.P. Carson	56.		K.R. Seetharama Iyer
18.	1878	R.H. Cunliffe	57.		J. Bryant
		R.W.Bro. O'Gardy	58.		Raja of Venkatagiri
		W.D. Gunn	59.		S.A.K. Jeelani Sahib
		W.G. Rose	60.		T.C. Adikesasvalu Pillai
		C.M.J. Moore	61.	1921	V. Thiruvengadathan Chet
		H.W. Smith	62.		G.R. Auston
		H.W. Smith	63.	1923	S.V. Devadasan
			64.	1924	M. Savarimuthu Pillai
		G. Blazey	65.		A.H. Chowriyappah
		G. Blazey	66.		S.K. Abdul Razak Sahib
28.		A. Hoise	67.		E.A. Baynes
29.	1889	J.H. Webster	68.		W.H. Terry
		J.A.F. Colde	69.		S.W. Samuel
		G.E.Hodges	70.		R.D. Smith
		R.W. Lyons	71.	1931	
	1893	J. Temole	72.	1932	
			73.	1933	·
		J. Graham	74.	1934	
		D. Kilpatrick	75.	1935	, <sub>U</sub>
		C. Kilpatrick	76.	1936	
38.		C.H.M. Hitchens	77.	1937	
39.			78.	1938	

The Mount Lodge No. 14 CHARITABLE TRUST ACCOUNT	RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 01.04.2014 TO 31.03.2015
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RECEIPTS	(Rs.)	PAYMENTS	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
To Opening Balance		By Payment - Prasanthi Solutions	2	55,000
- Fixed Deposit with Bank 1,50,000		" Closing Balance		
- Savings Bank Account 54,744	2,04,744	" Fixed Deposit with Bank 1,50,000	00	
" Interest Repco	15,385	" Savings Bank Account 39,074		1,89,074
" Savings Bank Interest	1,541	PY Adjustments		7,596
" Donations received	30,000			
Total	2,51,670	Total	-	2,51,670
Place : Chennai Date : 30.9.2015		T.K.	T.K. Ramachandran	ran

LIABILITIES	Amount (Rs.)	ASSETS	Amount (Rs.)
		Fixed Deposit with Bank	1,50,000
Upening Balance 01-04-2015 2,04,744		Balance with Bank	39,074
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income 16,944		Receivable from General Fund	008'9
Less : Adjustment of PY 8,074	1,95,874		
Total	1,95,874	Total	1,95,874
INCOME AND EXPENDITU	RE ACCOUNT F	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 01.04.2014 TO 31.03.2015	
EXPENDITURE	Amount (Rs.)	INCOME	Amount (Rs.)
To Charity Disbursement	55,000	By Fixed Deposits Interest	15,385
		" Savings Bank Interest	1,541
		" Donations received	30,000
		" Excess of Expenditure over Income	8,074
Total	55,000	Total	55,000
Place: Chennai Date: 30.9.2015		T.K. Ram: Managin	T.K. Ramachandran Managing Trustee

# Worshipful Masters of the Lodge from 1862 onwards

S. No.	Year	W.Bro.	S. No.	Year	W.Bro.
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. Sivaramkishnan
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.		S.J. Narasimhan	136.	1996	Abbas M.A. Hajji
97.	1957	P.A. Krishnaswami		1997	
98.	1958	K.S. Srinivasan	138.	1998	V.S. Kylas
99.	1959	E.W.W. King			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
		A. Sarangapani	143.	2003	V. Subbiah
		S.K. Ramanujan	144.	2004	N. Meenakshisundaram
105.	1965	G.T. Watts	145.		K. Kasthuri
106.	1966	V.R. Selvaraj	146.	2006	S. Nandakumar
107.	1967	K.D. Carter	147.	2007	Lt.Corl. C. Venkatraman (Retd)
108.	1968	R.S.D Mont	148.	2008	R. Pari Arasu
109.	1969	T.K. Doraiswami			V.S. Ramakrishnan
110.	1970	C.N. Ramanujam	150.	2010	D.R. Chandramouli
111.	1971	V. Somasundaram	151.	2011	M. Balaganesh
112.		V. Dorairaj			R.S. Rajashekaran
113.		S. Ramachandran			K. Rangarajan
114.		N.P. Sarathy	154.	2014	
		Dr. M.S. Ekamabaram			<u> </u>
		S. Ramaswamy			
		R. Kalidasan			
		V. Swaminathan			

List of	Officers	for	the	year	2014 -	- 15
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S. No.	Office	Name
1	Worshipful Master	W. Bro. P. Selvaganesh
2	Immediate Past Master	W. Bro. K. Rangarajan
3	Senior Warden	Bro. B. Badrinarayanan
4	Junior Warden	Bro. Venkat Natarajan
5	Chaplain	W. Bro. V.S. Ramakrishnan
6	Treasurer	W. Bro. Kandasamy Kumaresan
7	Secretary	W. Bro. K.S. Sankaran
8	D of C	W. Bro. R.S. Rajashekaran
9	Senior Deacon	Bro. Arvind Shiva Mahadevan
10	Junior Deacon	Bro. Serma Pandiyan
11	Bearer of V.S.L.	R. W. Bro. A.V. Subaramaniam
12	Bearer of V.S.L.	W. Bro. S. Somasundaram
13	Bearer of V.S.L.	W. Bro. Mahendra Shah
14	Bearer of V.S.L.	Bro. S. Rammohan
15	Bearer of V.S.L.	Bro. J. Saiprasad
16	Sword Bearer	Bro. Madhan Gurumurthy
17	Assistant Secretary	Bro. Chinniah Madanagopal
18	Assistant D of C	V. W. Bro. G. Madhanaraj
19	Almoner	W. Bro. K.M. Bindu Sadhakan
20	Organist	Bro. Jakanath Poosekar
21	Inner Guard	Bro. Saalai Kadhamba Mani
22	Sr. Steward	W. Bro. M. Balaganesh
23	Steward	Bro. K.S. Ramakrishnan
24	Steward	Bro. P. Srinivasa Nallaperumal
25	Steward	Bro. Goutam Kanal
26	Steward	Bro. Neelakandan Kumar
27	Tyler	R. W. Bro. N. Pandurangan

	11	The Mount L	The Mount Lodge No. 14 175th YEAR FUND ACCOUNT		
	RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR	THE PERIOD	PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1st OCTOBER, 2014 TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015	TEMBER	, 2015
	RECEIPTS	Amount (Rs.)	PAYMENTS		Amount (Rs.)
	To Opening Balance Canara Bank "SB Interest	1,96,726	By Bank Charges By Closing Balance Canara Bank		0,04,674
	Total	2,04,674		Total	2,04,674
	INCOME AND EXPENDITU	JRE FOR THE	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015		
	EXPENDITURE	Amount (Rs.)	INCOME		Amount (Rs.)
25	To Bank Charges Excess of Income over Expenditure	0	By Collection from Brethren (General Fund) " Bank Interest	(1	6,800 7,948
	Total	14,748		Total	14,748
	BALANCE SI	HEET AS AT	BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015		
	LIABILITIES	Amount (Rs.)	ASSETS		Amount (Rs.)
	Fund Balance as at 30th of September Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	241,137	Receivable from General Fund Balances with Bank		51,211
		2,55,885	Canara Bank		2,04,674
	Total	2,55,885		Total	2,55,885
	W. Bro. P. Selvaganesh W. Bro. K.S. Sreekanth W. I Worshipful Master	W. Bro. S. Nandakumar V Audit Committee Members	W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli	andasamy Treasurer	W. Bro. Kandasamy Kumaresan Treasurer

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	PTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR TH	HE PERIOD	RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1st OCTOBER, 2014 TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015	EMBER	1, 2015
	RECEIPTS	Amount (Rs.)	PAYMENTS		Amount (Rs.)
To Open Cana " SB It	To Opening Balance Canara Bank " SB Interest	14,381	By Closing Balance Canara Bank		14,962
	Total	14,962	To	Total	14,962
	INCOME AND EXPENDITUR	RE FOR THE	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015		
	EXPENDITURE	Amount (Rs.)	INCOME		Amount (Rs.)
To Exces	To Excess of the Income over Expenditure	7,381	By Collection from Brethren (General Fund) By Donation Received		008'9
			By Bank Interest		581
	Total	7,381	To	Total	7,381
	BALANCE SHI	EET AS AT	BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015		
	LIABILITIES	Amount (Rs.)	ASSETS		Amount (Rs.)
Fund Ba	Fund Balance as at 30th of September, 2013	-318	Receivable from General Fund		
Add: Exc	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	7,381	Balances with Bank		
Fund Ba	Fund Balance as at 30th of September, 2014 Due to General Fund	7,063	TNSC Bank Canara Bank		0 14,962
	Total	14,962	TO	Total	14,962
W. Bro. P	W.Bro.P.Selvaganesh W.Bro.K.S.Sreekanth W.B Worshipful Master	W. Bro. S. Nandakumar V. Audit Committee Members	Jamar         W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli         W. Bro. Kandasamy Kumaresan    Members	dasamy Ku Treasurer	ımaresan

# List of Officers proposed for the year 2015 - 16

6. No.	Office	Name
1	Worshipful Master	Bro. B. Badrinarayanan
2	Immediate Past Master	W. Bro. P. Selvaganesh
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19	Almoner	W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli
20	Organist	Bro. Venkataramana
21	Inner Guard	Bro. Surendar Kumaran
22	Sr. Steward	W. Bro. R.S. Rajashekaran
23	Steward	Bro. Dr. R. Murugesan
24	Steward	Bro. Sreekanth Raghunathan
25	Steward	Bro. Narasimha Kannan
26	Steward	Bro. J.S.K. Naidu
27	Tyler	R. W. Bro. N. Pandurangan

#### THE MOUNT LODGE No. 14

### Highlights for the year - November 2014 - October 2015

#### INSIDE THE LODGE

#### 1. MEMBERSHIP:

(a) Initiations(b) Joining(c) Membership Growth516

#### 2. RITUAL WORKING:

(a) Initiation : 5
 (b) Passing : 4
 (c) Raising : 3

#### 3. PARTICIPATION:

All Brethren, Initiates, Fellow crafts and Master Masons took active part in the ceremonies by rendering 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. P. Selvaganesh.

#### 5. INTER LODGE VISITS:

As a part of Inter Lodge visits Brethren of Lodge Shanthi and Asoka visited our Lodge during our regular meeting on April 2015 and our Lodge Brethren visited Lodge Shanthi during their regular meeting on May 2015 in which our Lodge member Bro. N.P. Prakash was raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason at Lodge Shanthi.

#### 6. MOUNT LODGE No.14 SPONSORED LODGES:

We are happy to inform that two new CRAFT lodges have been sponsored by our Lodge in April and May 2015. Both the consecration ceremonies went on well with M.W.G.M. and his consecrating team doing the honours. Details of the Lodges are given below:

Lodge Satsang No.396 at Chennai consecrated on 30th April 2015 morning - with A.R.G.M. - W.Bro. S. Krishnan as Founder Master and our W.M. W.Bro. P. Selvaganesh & W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli as petitioners, wherein, W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli also Founder Sr. Warden of the Lodge. The banner of the lodge was presented by our W.M. They meet at F.M. Hall, Chennai, on First Sundays of every month in the morning (being a day light lodge) except in the months of April and June.

Lodge Atithi No.397 at temple town of Karaikkal, (Union Territory of Pondicherry) consecrated on 16th May 2015 morning, wherein

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	1	ne Mount L	The Mount Lodge No. 14 ALMONER'S FUND ACCOUNT		
	RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR TI	HE PERIOD	PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1st OCTOBER, 2014 TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015	TEMBER	, 2015
	RECEIPTS	Amount (Rs.)	PAYMENTS		Amount (Rs.)
-	To Opening Balance Canara Bank "SB Interest "Donation Received	49,589 2,263 12,802	By Closing Balance Canara Bank		64,654
•	Total	64,654		Total	64,654
	INCOME AND EXPENDITUE	RE FOR THE	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015		
2	EXPENDITURE	Amount (Rs.)	INCOME		Amount (Rs.)
2	To Excess of Income over Expenditure	16,566	By Collection from Brethren (General Fund) By Bank Interest	d)	14,303 2,263
	Total	16,566		Total	16,566
	BALANCE SH	EET AS AT	BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015		
	LIABILITIES	Amount (Rs.)	ASSETS		Amount (Rs.)
	Fund Balance as at 1st of October, 2014 Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	59,232 16,566	Receivable from General Fund Balances with Bank		11,144
	Fund Balance as at 30th of September, 2014	75,798	Canara Bank		64,654
	Total	75,798		Total	75,798
	W. Bro. P. Selvaganesh W. Bro. K.S. Sreekanth W. Br Worshipful Master Au	W. Bro. S. Nandakumar V Audit Committee Members	W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli ers	W. Bro. Kandasamy Kumaresan Treasurer	(umaresan

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR	THE PERIOD	AYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1st OCTOBER, 2014 TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015	MBER, 2015
RECEIPTS	Amount (Rs.)	PAYMENTS	Amount (Rs.)
To Opening Balance		By Closing Balance	
TNSC Bank	0	TNSC Bank	0
Canara Bank	3,594	Canara Bank	3,739
SB Interest	145		
Total	3,739	Ļ	Total 3,739
INCOME AND EXPENDITE	URE FOR THE	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015	
EXPENDITURE	Amount (Rs.)	INCOME	Amount (Rs.)
To Bank charges	0	By Collection from Brethren (General Fund)	008'9
To Meeting Expenses		By Bank Interest	145
To Excess of Income over Expenditure	6,945		
Total	6,945	Ţ	Total 6,945
BALANCE S	HEET AS AT	BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015	
LIABILITIES	Amount (Rs.)	ASSETS	Amount (Rs.)
Fund Balance as at 1st of October, 2014	46,124	Receivable from General Fund	49,330
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure Fund Balance as at 30th of September, 2015	6,945	Balances with Bank TNSC Bank Canara Bank	3,739
Total	53,069	Ţ	Total 53,069
W. Bro. P. Selvaganesh W. Bro. K.S. Sreekanth W. Worshipful Master	W. Bro. S. Nandakumar V Audit Committee Members	W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli	W. Bro. Kandasamy Kumaresan Treasurer

our Lodge member W.Bro. Bindu Sadhakan is the Founder Master and the other petitioners from our Lodge are apart from our W.M. W.Bro. P. Selvaganesh, R.W. Bro. S.S. Prasad, V.W. Bro. V.S. Kylas & Bro. Ganapathy Subramaniam, who is also their Founder Sr. Warden. The banner of the lodge was also sponsored by our Lodge. They meet at our Building at Karaikkal on every 3rd Saturday of all months in a year.

#### 7. New R.A.M. Mount Lodge No.50

We are also happy to inform that under the banner (house) of Mount one more R.A.M. Lodge - Mount R.A.M. No.50 (Moored to our Mount Mark Lodge No.50) was earlier consecrated on 6th March 2015 - during the Mark Golden Jubilee Celebrations period - wherein our member R.W. Bro. S.S. Prasad as the founder W.C.N. Other founder members from our Lodge are our W.M. W.Bro. P. Selvaganesh, V.W. Bro. V.S. Kylas (also as Founder Jr. Warden), W.Bro. K.S. Shankaran and W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli as also Founder Sr. Deacon. The ceremony went on very well and this Lodge will meet on 1st Tuesdays of March, June, September and December.

#### 8. CHARITY PROJECTS

The R.W. Regional Grand Master inaugurated the first Charity project on Installation day where Sports Equipment worth Rs.10,000 was given to a corporation school.

On the occasion of Universal Brotherhood Day, Charity projects worth Rs.4,00,000 were done. This includes Medical aid, Educational aid, a microwave oven and cooking equipment to an orphanage, Bedding for 6 newborn children, Sticker campaign against noise pollution and a Rs.2,74,000 contribution to the Clarke School for the Deaf.

The lodge contributed a sum of Rs.51,000 to the banquet hall Air-Conditioning project of RGLSI. In response to the clarion call of Most Worshipful the Grand Master, a donation of Rs.1,00,000 was made to the Nepal Earthquake Relief Fund. Furthermore two more batches of Sports Equipment worth Rs.20,000 was given. We place on record our heartfelt thanks to the various sponsors who made these possible by all these contributions.

Other than the above Lodge has contributed Rs.1,75,500 towards Education Assistance for 22 beneficiaries and Rs.10,000 as Medical assistance for 2 persons. Over and above the contributions voted for are given in the end of this report.

Our present Junior Warden - W.Bro. Venkat Natarajan has created an endowment in the memory of his Parents under the RGLSI CHARITABLE TRUST SCHEME 'MERCI' with a corpus of Rupees Two lacs in April 2015. This endowment is called LAKSHMI NATRAJAN ENDOWMENT FUND. The annual interest receivable under this endowment is available for Educational Assistance of Girl Children.

#### THE MOUNT LODGE No. 14

# 153rd Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 30th of September, 2015.

The Permanent, Audit and Enquiry Committee Members of The Mount Lodge No.14 have pleasure in presenting the 153rd Annual Report and Audited Accounts for the period ended 30th September 2015.

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:

W.Bro. P. Selvaganesh was installed as the 154th Master of the Lodge by W.Bro. K. Rangarajan at the Regular installation Meeting held on Saturday the 1st November 2014 in the august presence of R.W. Bro. Arvind Prasad Chitra, PDGM, R.W. the Regional Grand Master of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India is an impressive and excellent manner. The Worshipful Master then appointed and invested his officers for the year.

At the Installation meeting, the attendance was about 70 brethren comprising of Ruling Masters of City Lodges and several well-known and distinguished visitors from other Lodges.

#### 2. MEMBERSHIP:

Subscribing Members :

Members on Rolls at commencement of the year 131

Initiations during the year: + 5

Joining: + 1

Resignation: - 2

Cessations: - 10

Closing Total: 125

#### 3. MEETINGS:

During the year 12 meetings - 12 Normal meetings were conducted including that of RWC - I stage and October meeting held on the consecration day - 21st September 2015 - by dispensation.

T INCOME AND EXPENDITU	The Mount I CHARITY JRE FOR THE	The Mount Lodge No. 14 CHARITY ACCOUNT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015	
EXPENDITURE	Amount (Rs.)	INCOME	Amount (Rs.)
To Total Charities Paid " Total Charities Paid - thro General Fund	45,000	By Collection from Brethren (Genereal Fund)  " Donation Received " Bank Interest " Charities received thro General Fund	14,565 879 64,560
		" Excess of Expenditure over Income	82,495
Total	1,62,500	Total	1,62,500
BALANCE SH	HEET AS AT	BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015	
LIABILITIES	Amount (Rs.)	ASSETS	Amount (Rs.)
Fund Balance as at 1st October, 2014 Less: Excess of expenses over income Fund Balance as at 30th of September	66,843 82,496	Balances with Bank Canara Bank	21,014
$\overline{}$	-3,161 25,625	Cash in hand	1,450
Total	22,464	Total	22,464
W. Bro. P. Selvaganesh W. Bro. K.S. Sreekanth W. E Worshipful Master	W. Bro. S. Nandakumar V Audit Committee Members	<b>umar W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli W. Bro. Kandasamy Kumaresan</b> Members	Kumaresan

			The Mount Lodge No. CHARITY ACCOUNT	The Mount Lodge No. 14 CHARITY ACCOUNT	
	RECEIPTS AND PAY	/MENTS ACCOUNT FO	OR THE PERIOU	AYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1st OCTOBER, 2014 TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2015	2015
	RECI	RECEIPTS	Amount (Rs.)	PAYMENTS	Amount (Rs.)
	To Opening Balance			By Donation Paid	
	TNSC Bank		0	" Abhaya Nilayam	2,500
	Canara Bank		35,570	RGLSI Charitable Trust	20,000
	Cash in Hand		1,450	Madras Masonic Charitable Trust	10,000
	" SB Interest		879	Kachi Moodoor Archakas Welfare Trust	10.000
2	" Donation Received		14,565	Sri Kanchi Paramadılırı Trust	2 500
20	" General Fund Transfer Received	er Received	15,000		200
				" Closing Balance	
				TNSC Bank	1
				Canara Bank	21,014
				Cash in hand	1,450
		Total	67,464	Total	67,464
	W. Bro. P. Selvaganesh Worshipful Master	W. Bro. K.S. Sreekanth	W. Bro. S. Nandakumar V Audit Committee Members	ımar W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli W. Bro. Kandasamy Kumaresan Members	(umaresan

#### 4. LODGE VISITS:

As a part of Inter Lodge visits Brethren of Lodge Shanthi and Asoka visited our Lodge during our regular meeting on April 2015 and our Lodge Brethren visited Lodge Shanthi during their regular meeting on May 2015 in which our Lodge member Bro. N.P. Prakash was raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason at Lodge Shanthi.

#### 5. REGIONAL GRAND LODGE MEETINGS:

The Lodge was well represented at the Annual Investiture Meetings of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India held in March 2015 at Chennai and in September 2015 at Kumaragam, Kerala.

During the Annual Investiture Meeting our Lodge member V.W. Bro. V.S. Kylas was nominated, obligated and invested as Assistant Regional Grand Master for Chennai Area.

#### 6. ATTENDANCE:

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

During our October Regular Meeting held by dispensation on Consecration day 21st September 2015, Deputy R.G.M., R.W. Bro. Mohanakrishnan and 4 ARGMs R.W.Bro. R. Velayudham, W.Bro. Kumar, W.Bro. D. Srinivasan and V.W.Bro. V.S. Kylas attended the meeting and very much appreciated the high quality of ritual working of our Mount Lodge.

The following brethren attended all the meetings during the year :

Bro. B. Badrinarayanan

#### 7. PAST MASTERS' AND BRETHREN NITE MEETING:

The Past Master's Night Meeting was held on 6th December 2014.

W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli occupied the Masters' Chair and conducted 2nd degree Passing Ceremony in the said meeting.

#### 8. RITUAL WORKING:

Apart from the Installation Meeting, the other meetings were as follows:

Ritual Working	Number of Ceremonies (Total 13)	Number of Candidates / Brethren (Total 17)	Conducted by
Installation	01 Sub Total 01	Sub Total 01	W.Bro. K. Rangarajan
Initiation	05	05	W.Bro. P. Selvaganesh
	Sub Total 06	Sub Total 05	
Passing	04	03	W.Bro. P. Selvaganesh - 2
		02	W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli - 1
		01	W.Bro. S. Nandakumar - 1
		06	
	Sub Total 10	Sub Total 11	
Raising	03	06	W.Bro. P. Selvavanesh - 3
	Sub Total 13	Sub Total 17	

## 9. CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS:

The following Contributions were voted by the Lodge and disbursed during the year 2014 - 15.

Abhaya Nilayam	Rs. 2,500
Madras Masonic Charitable Trust	Rs. 5,000
RGL Charitable Trust	Rs. 5,000
Kachi Moodoor Archakas Welfare Fund	Rs. 5,000
Sri Kanchi Paramaguru Trust	Rs. 2,500

## 10. GRAND LODGE HONOURS:

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

# Past Ranks :

1.	R. W. Bro. R. Dwarakanath	-	P.Dy.G.M.
2.	R. W. Bro. S.S. Prasad	-	P.A.G.M.
3.	R. W. Bro. A.V. Subrahmanyam	-	P.G.J.W.
4.	V. W. Bro. V.S. Kylas	-	P.PRES.B.G.P.
5.	V. W. Bro. G. Madhanaraj	-	P.PRES.B.G.P.
6.	V. W. Bro. V. Somasundaram	-	P.G.D.OF.C
7.	W. Bro. K. Kasthuri	-	P.G.MARS
8.	W. Bro. Meenakshisundaram	-	P.A.G.I.G.
9.	W. Bro. K.S. Sreekanth	-	P.A.G.SWD.BR.
10	. W. Bro. S. Nandakumar	-	P.G.TYL.
11	. W. Bro. V. Subbiah	-	P.G.STD.

		BALANCE	The M GENER SHEET	The Mount Lodge No. 14 GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEM	The Mount Lodge No. 14 GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015		
	רוי	LIABILITIES		Amount (Rs.)	ASSETS		Amount (Rs.)
19	Fund Balance as at 30th September Add: Excess of Income over Expenses Less: PY adjustments  Due to Almoner Fund Due to Steward Fund Due to Charitable Trust	30th September ome over Expenses its id id ust	-	1,94,588 1,42,264 10,122 3,26,730 11,144 51,211 49,330 6,800	Receivable from Charity Fund Receivable from Project Fund Subscription Receivable  Balances with Bank - Canara Bank - Fixed Deposit - TNSC - Cash in hand	pq.	25,625 7,899 2,32,400 1,30,497 36,186 12,608
<u> </u>			Total	4,45,215		Total	4,45,215
	W. Bro. P. Selvaganesh Worshipful Master	W. Bro. K. S. Sreekanth	W. Bro. S. Audit Co	Bro. S. Nandakumar V Audit Committee Members	W. Bro. S. Nandakumar W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli Audit Committee Members	W. Bro. Kandasamy Kumaresan Treasurer	Kumaresan

	יי	he Mount L ENERAL FUI	The Mount Lodge No. 14 GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT		
	INCOME AND EXPENDITL	RE FOR THE	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015	, 2015	
	EXPENDITURE	Amount (Rs.)	INCOME		Amount (Rs.)
	To GLI/RGL payments including	2,07,972	By Subscription Receipts		2,21,300
	" Printing and Stationery	18,477	" Subscription Receivable		2,32,400
	" Postage	616	" Interest from Bank		8,076
	" Aprons and Jewels	3,250	" Initiation fees		63,450
	" Meeting Expenses, Rent, LTS	1,49,386	" Charity Collections		190'99
	" Tyler's Fees	3,000	" PY Collections		8,269
18	" Bank Charges	441	" Collections separate allocated		27,200
	" Charity Projects	1,17,500	" Unidentified Receipts		16,150
	" Excess of Income over Expenses	1,42,264			
	Total	6,42,906		Total	6,42,906
	W.Bro. P. Selvaganesh W. Bro. K.S. Sreekanth W. E Worshipful Master A	<b>Bro. S. Nandakumar V</b> Audit Committee Members	W. Bro. S. Nandakumar W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli Audit Committee Members	W. Bro. Kandasamy Kumaresan Treasurer	Kumaresan

#### 11. REGIONAL GRAND HONOURS:

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

#### Active Ranks:

V. W. Bro. V.S. Kylas
 W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli
 A.R.G.Sec.
 W. Bro. P. Selvaganesh
 A.R.G.I.G.

#### Past Ranks:

P.Dy.R.G.M. 1. V. W. Bro. V. Somasundaram P.Dy.R.G.M. W. Bro. K.S. Sankaran W. Bro. R. Krishnan P.R.G.D of C W. Bro. L. Ramani P.R.G.Sec. W. Bro. V. Subbiah P.R.G.D of C W. Bro. N. Meenakshisundaram P.Dy.R.G.M. W. Bro. S. Nandakumar P.A.R.G.M. W. Bro. K. Kasthuri P.A.R.G.M. W. Bro. Pari Arasu P.A.R.G.ST.BR. 10. W. Bro. V.S. Ramakrishnan P.R.G.ST.BR. 11. W. Bro. M. Balaganesh - P.R.G.SUP.WKS. 12. W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli P.J.R.G.D. 13. W. Bro. R.S. Rajashekaran - P.R.G.I.G. 14. W Bro. K.M. Bindusadhagan P.Dy.R.G.D. of C 15. W. Bro. K. Rangarajan P.V.PRE.R.G.STD.

#### 12. RITUAL WORKING COMPETITION AWARDS:

The following Brethren were awarded Certificate of Merit for their participation in the Ritual Working Competition I Stage 2014.

#### Name For Office / Portion

1. W	. Bro. K. Rangarajan	W. Master
2. W	. Bro. M. Balaganesh	D of C
3. W	. Bro. P. Selvaganesh	Senior Warden
4.	Bro. B. Badrinarayanan	Junior Warden
5.	Bro. B. Badrinarayanan	Charge after Initiation
6.	Bro. Arvind Shiva Mahadevan	Junior Deacon
7.	Bro. Arvind Shiva Mahadevan	Tracing Board
8.	Bro. Serma Pandiyan	Chaplain
9.	Bro. Serma Pandiyan	Working Tools
10.	Bro. Madhan Gurumurthy	North East Charge
11.	Bro. J. Poosekhar	Inner Guard

#### 13. UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD DAY CELEBRATIONS:

On the occasion of Universal Brotherhood Day on 24th June, 2015 many brethren of our Lodge have actively participated in the meeting under the leadership of ARGM - V.W. Bro. V.S. Kylas.

On the occasion of Universal Brotherhood Day, Charity projects worth Rs.4,00,000 were done. This includes Medical aid, Educational aid, a microwave oven and cooking equipment to an orphanage, Bedding for 6 newborn children, Sticker campaign against noise pollution, and a Rs.2,74,000 contribution to the Clarke School for the Deaf.

#### 14. ELECTION MEETING:

At the regular election meeting by dispensation held on 21st September 2015, Bro. B. Badrinarayanan was unanimously elected as Master for the year 2015-16. We are sure he will carry the Lodge to greater heights. W.Bro. Kandasamy Kumaresan was unanimously re-elected as Treasurer and R.W. Bro. N. Pandurangan was re-elected as Tyler for the year 2015-16.

#### 15. INTRA LODGE TROPHIES AND AWARDS:

The following is the list of the Winners of the Various Trophies of the Lodge for the year 2014-15.

Title	Awarded for	Awarded to
W.Bro. Satyendra Kumar Trophy	Best Mason - Inside and outside the Lodge	Bro. Sreenivasa Nallaperumal
W.Bro. R. Dwarakanath Memento	100% Attendence to Past Masters	None eligible
W.Bro. S.K. Ramanujan Memento	Best Assisting Past Master	W.Bro. K.S. Sankaran W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli
R.W. Bro. M. Rajagopal Trophy	Best Mason	Bro. Srikanth Raghunathan
W.Bro. S.A. Subramoney Award	Best Officer	Bro. Serma Pandiyan
W.Bro. S.A. Subramaony Award	Best Non - Officer	Bro. Srikanth Raghunathan
W.Bro. G. Sivaramakrishnan Memento	Best Warden	W.Bro. Venkat Natarajan
W.Bro. T.N.S. Raghavachari	Winner of Internal Ritual Working Competition	Bro. Serma Pandiyan
V.W. Bro. K.G. Veera Raghavan Trophy Instituted by W.Bro. Kylas	Best Officer among JD / SD / IG / Tyler (Only Master Mason)	Bro. Arvind Shiva Mahadevan
Masonic Essay Award in the name of Late Bro. K. Sudarshan by W.Bro. K.S. Sreekanth	Winner	Bro. B. Badrinarayanan
W.Bro. S. Nandakumar Award	For 100% attendance other than Past Masters	Bro. B. Badrinarayanan
W.Bro. Meenakshisundaram Award	For Best Ritualist	Bro. Serma Pandiyan
Bro. R.S. Rajasekaran Award	For Promising Ritualist	Bro. Neelakandan Kumar

Ti GE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FO	he Mount I ENERAL FU R THE YEAR	The Mount Lodge No. 14  GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT  RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR FROM 1st OCTOBER, 2014 TO 30th SEPTEMBER, 2015	
RECEIPTS	Amount (Rs.)	PAYMENTS	Amount (Rs.)
To Opening Balance:  " Bank Accounts TNSC Bank Canara Bank Cash in Hand Fixed Deposits  " Subscription Receipts " Initiation Fees " Interest received " Unidentified Receipts  - Project Fund - Steward Fund - Almoners Fund - Almoners Fund - T5th Year Fund - T75th Year Fund - T75th Year Fund	2,44,417 4,520 36,186 2,21,300 63,450 8,076 16,150 6,800 6,800 6,800 6,800 6,800 6,800	Tyler Payments  By GLI/RGL Payments including contributions  " Printing and Stationery " Postage " Meeting Expenses including - Hall Rent, LTS " Aprons cost " Bank Charges " Expenses on behalf of Charity Fund " Closing Balances Canara Bank Cash in hand with Treasurer Fixed Deposits	3,000 2,07,972 18,477 616 1,65,082 3,250 441 1,17,500 1,30,497 12,608 36,186
Total	6,95,629	Total	6,95,629
W. Bro. P. Selvaganesh W. Bro. K.S. Sreekanth W. B Worshipful Master Au	W. Bro. S. Nandakumar V Audit Committee Members	ımar W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli W. Bro. Kandasamy Kumaresan Vembers	Kumaresan

cornerstone of the public building in the northeast corner, but the building is symbolic, not practical. The operative Mason who sets the stone for the Grand Master would place it as strongly in the building without our ceremony as with it. Our building is with the strength which endures in hearts and minds rather than that which makes the sun-dry materials of which an edifice is composed to do man's will. The Freemason constructs only the spiritual building; his stone is his mind; mentally, not physically, chipped by the common gavel to a perfect ashlar. The strength by which he establishes his kingdom is not a strength of iron but a strength of will; his pillars support not a wall to keep out the cowans, but a character, proof against the intrusion of the vices and superfluities of life.

The Masonic Pillar of Beauty then, must be the symbol of an inward loveliness; a beauty of the mind, of the heart; a beauty of idea and ideal; a beauty of the spirit. Our Corinthian Column is to us not merely the support of the building, but that which upholds a character. Our Junior Warden represents not only the beauty of the sun at Meridian, but the illumination by which a life is made beautiful. Hiram Abif is to us not only an exemplary character but an ideal to follow, a tradition to be preserved, a glory for which we may strive.

All about us, among our neighbors, are examples of what we term "a beautiful life." Such beauty is almost wholly composed of unselfishness. A Mason who walks in beauty thinks of others before himself, of stretching forth his hand, not for personal gain, but to help, aid and assist the poor and the unfortunate. Such a conception of the third Grand Column is foreshadowed in our teaching that "the greatest of these is charity" - charity of thought, of action, of understanding as well as of alms and of giving. Today, when Masonry is purely speculative, Masonic beauty must be considered only as a beauty of the spirit.

But for the real Mason, the brother who takes the lessons of the three Grand Columns to heart, Beauty is as much a lamp to live by as are Wisdom and Strength. He finds beauty in his fellow-man because his inner self is beautiful.

For these things endure. Material things pass away. The Temple of Solomon is but a memory. Scattered are the stones, stolen is the GOLD and silver, destroyed are the lovely vessels cast by Hiram Abif. But the memory like the history of the beauty and the glory which was Solomon, abide into this day. So shall it be with our "house not built with hands," so be it if we build with the Beauty which Masons teach.

In conclusion consider an oddity of this dear old Craft of ours, a coincidence to be cherished in the heart, if only to keep constantly in memory of the real meaning of the three Grand Columns.

Surely it is the Great Architect, of whom they speak to the Mason who hath ears to hear, to whom we must look for the inner and spiritual meaning of the three Grand Columns which support our Institution!

#### 16. 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 2015 is appended to this report.

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

	Total	Rs.	6,64,802
7.	Stewards Fund a/c.	Rs.	3,739
6.	Almoner's a/c.	Rs.	64,654
5.	150th year a/c.	Rs.	2,04,676
4.	Project Fund a/c.	Rs.	14,962
3.	Charity a/c.	Rs.	21,014
2.	Charitable Trust a/c.	Rs.	1,89,074
1.	General Fund a/c.	Rs.	1,66,683

#### 17. RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee recommends that:

A hearty vote of thanks be accorded to W.Bro. P. Selvaganesh, 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. Kandasamy Kumaresan, Treasurer for the efficient discharge of his duties, and

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 records its appreciation, encouragement, support and valuable assistance rendered by the Past Masters of the Lodge as well as by R.W. Bro. N. Pandurangan, Regional Grand Secretary of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India.

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 members of the staff of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India.

The following contributions be made through the Mount Lodge No.14 Charitable Trust / Charity Account / Project Fund / General Fund for the year 2014 - 15:

Abhaya Nilayam	Rs. 2,500
RGL Charitable Trust	Rs. 5,000
Madras Masonic Charitable Trust	Rs. 5,000
Kachi Moodoor Archakas Welfare Trust	Rs. 5,000
Sri Kanchi Paramaguru Trust	Rs. 2,500

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

Chennai

18 October 2015

#### WISDOM, STRENGTH & BEAUTY IN FREEMASONRY

(Bro. Badrinarayanan. B)

(Winner of Masonic Essay Award Instituted in the name of Late Bro. K.S. Sudarshan by W.Bro. K.S. Sreekanth)

From time immemorial and in almost every land there has existed an institution, strange and mysterious to the outer world, but plain and simple to those who have passed its tyled portals, and rejoiced in its moral and intellectual treasures. We wonder not that in the early age of man these associations were formed, for by the wisdom of the Divine Intelligence, man was made dependent upon his fellow man he was endowed with a nature which emphatically demanded the joys and pleasures of social life. The law of development and growth depends upon this principle.

But if we wonder that the institution itself has been preserved, how much more should we wonder when we consider that through every age of the world's development; in peace and in war; in light and in darkness; in freedom and in bondage; in every condition of the race, it has administered to the wants of all those who could claim its patronage.

All Masons are taught of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty; the words "For there should be Wisdom to contrive, Strength to support and Beauty to adorn" are older than our Rituals.

Attempting, as we do, to convey an outline of Masonic wisdom in three degrees, conferred in three evenings, our work necessarily devotes but little time to any one of our great teachings. We give the hint, refer the initiate to the Great Light, believes to study the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences, instruct him to converse with well-informed Masons, and pass on to offer another outline of a great truth.

It is easy, Masonically, to confuse Wisdom with knowledge as it is to do so in profane life.

Wisdom is the strength of mind to apply its knowledge. A Mason may know every word of our ritual from the beginning of the entered Apprentice Degree to the final words of the Sublime Degree of Master Mason and still have no wisdom, Masonic or otherwise. Many a great leader of the Craft has been a stumbling, halting ritualist; yet possessed in abundance a Masonic wisdom which made him a power for good among the brethren, by whom he was well beloved.

Knowledge comes from study; Wisdom from experience. Wisdom comes only to the wise, and the wise are ever good.

Surely the first of the three Grand Columns which support our Institution should be taken to heart by every Mason as a symbol of the real need of a brother to become wise with the goodness of Masonry, skilled in the arts of brotherhood, learned in the way to the hearts of his brethren.

If one ask, "how may I gain Masonic Wisdom," let him find the answer not in the ritual, not in the form and ceremony, beautiful though they are, and in themselves strong with the strength of repetition and age - let him look to the Five Points of Fellowship, for there is the key to the real wisdom of the brotherhood of man. The connection between Wisdom, Strength and Beauty is by no means confined to Masonry. The terms have been associated in many great and good minds.

What is Freemasonry? A learned author says: "Freemasonry is a moral institution, founded on liberality, brotherly love and charity. Truth is its centre, the point whence its radii diverge, directing its disciples to a correct knowledge of the Great Architect of the Universe, and the moral laws which he has ordained for their government." Another quote is: "Freemasonry is an institution founded on eternal reason and truth, whose deep basis is the civilization of mankind, and whose everlasting glory is supported by those two mighty pillars - Science and Morality." "A beautiful system of morality, veiled to allegory and illustrated by SYMBOLS.

The degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry are three, because this is in accordance with the order of the universe, and of all things else in the universe.

The degrees of Masonry are Secrecy, Science, and Immortality. To the first degree honor and probity are recommendations. Here the practice of virtue is enforced and the duties of morality inculcated, while the mind is being prepared for progress in the underlying principles of knowledge and philosophy.

To the Second degree diligence, assiduity, and application, are qualifications. Here, both in theory and practice, is given an accurate exemplification of science; here the human reason is cultivated and made strong and reliant in accordance with the law of development and growth. Here new discoveries are made and difficult theories explained, and those already known beautified and adorned.

And to the Third belong those whom truth and fidelity have distinguished; whom years and experience have improved and whose merit and ability have marked and prepared as master workmen.

Strength, the second of our Grand Columns, without which nothing endures, not even when contrived by wisdom and adorned with beauty; we know in two forms in our daily lives. First, the strength which lies in action, power, might - the strength of the arm, the engine, the army. Second, that other, subtler strength which is not less strong for being passive; the strength of the column which supports, the strength of the foundation which endures; the strength of the principles by which we live, individually, collectively, nationally - Masonically.

It is the second form of strength with which the Speculative Mason is concerned. Freemasons build no temporal building. True, we do lay the