

# THE MOUNT LODGE

## NO.14

CHENNAI



### COMMEMORATION VOLUME

21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012

## OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2011-12

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W. Bro. M. Balaganesh	Worshipful Master	Bro. Rakesh Ramani	Steward
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Bro. P. Selvaganesh	Senior Deacon	Bro. J.V.J. Subramaniam	Br. of V.S.L
Bro. B. Badrinarayanan	Junior Deacon	Bro. Dr. R. Murugesan	Br. of V.S.L
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## MESSAGE

**CAPT.DR.BALARAM BISWAKUMAR, OSM**  
GRAND MASTER



"Wow! 150 Years of existence! A rare feat, indeed, and a laudable fact." These were the thoughts that occurred to me when I was informed of the Sesquicentennial Celebrations of The Mount Lodge, No. 14.

To have been founded at a time when 'The Natives' were struggling to gain admittance to the Craft, which was an exclusive privilege of the British, and to nurture and develop this Lodge should have been an Herculean task for the Founder Members and at the early Initiates of this Lodge. To go through the History of this Lodge makes very interesting reading. The travails of the Early Brethren and their tenacious efforts to establish this Lodge on a solid footing make our hearts go out to them for their commitment and dedication to the cause of Freemasonry in this part of the Country in general and to this Lodge, in particular. The fruits of their labour have been enjoyed by the successive generations of Freemasons to bring this Lodge to the vibrant state today. The healthy traditions, some of which are unique to this Lodge, have attracted many eminent men to become members of this Lodge. The role of the Past Masters makes very impressive reading and is a testimony to the toil of such men of standing to make this a dynamic and prestigious Lodge. The Brethren of today and those to follow them for very many years to come should look back with gratitude to the contributions of such men of yore.

In today's world any Institution finds it difficult to survive and thrive. It is only by adherence to the Tenets of Freemasonry that the Lodge can progress especially in the practice of the most important of them all- Brotherly Love. I do hope and pray that the Members of this Lodge abide by this Golden Principle and live in Harmony and Unity.

I wish the Sesquicentennial Celebrations all success!

**(CAPT.DR.B.BISWAKUMAR)**  
Grand Master



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**R.W.Bro. R. Sushil Raj**

Regional Grand Master

13 September 2012

## MESSAGE



The Mount Lodge No. 14 , the oldest Lodge under the Grand Lodge of India in the city of Chennai, is celebrating the completion of 150 years of existence, on the 21st of September 2012 . The Brethren of the Lodge ably led by their Worshipful Master W.Bro. M. Balaganesh, and President of the Celebrations Committee-R.W.Bro.T.K.Ramachandran and well guided by the Asst. Regional Grand Master RW Bro. S.S. Prasad have, for nearly a year been preparing to celebrate this great event in a befitting manner. The Brethren have poured out their hearts to many charity programmes, and also have come of assistance to the facelift being carried out in the Freemasons' Hall premises. The enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment of the Brethren of the Lodge in the various programmes of the Region's Golden Jubilee year have also been very commendable. I , as the Regional Grand Master feel very happy and proud that this Lodge is celebrating the event with lots of pomp and gaiety, for two days involving their Ladies and families. I wish the great endeavour of this team of dedicated Brethren all success. May this Lodge and its members continue to serve the community in general and our fraternity in particular till time shall be no more.

**R.SUSHIL RAJ**

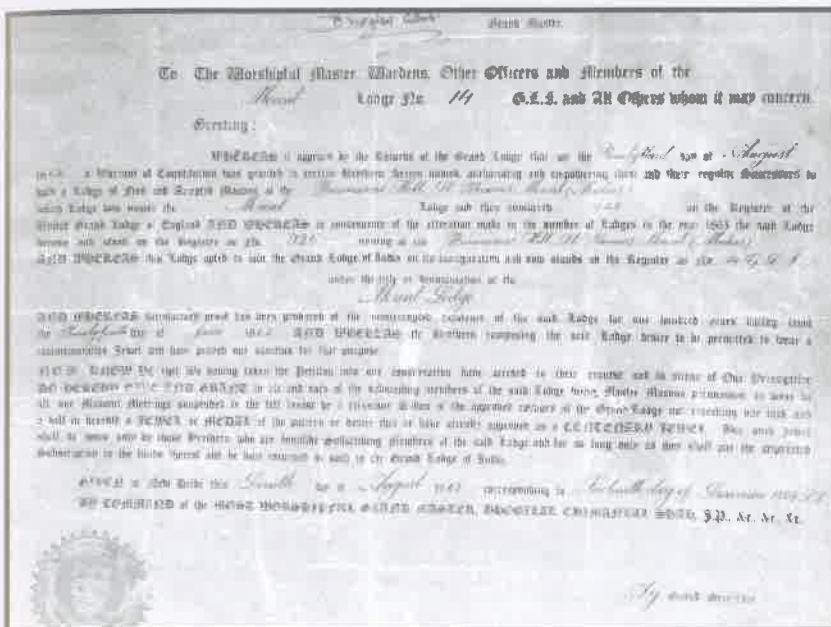
**Regional Grand Master**

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# Warrants of the Lodge

7<sup>th</sup> August 1962



23<sup>rd</sup> August 1862



**SPECIAL CAKE – MARKING THE 150 YEARS CELEBRATIONS** which was CUT ON 20th SEPTEMBER during the Family Night when all Brethren, their families and other donors were present

WITH BEST COMPLIMENTS FROM  
**W Bro TA SRINIVASAN**  
LODGE JUSTITIA No 137



WITH BEST COMPLIMENTS FROM  
**W Bro C S MANIAN**  
LODGE VEERASWAMY No 200 / LODGE ENGINEERS No 340

**SOLEMNLY AND RESPECTFULLY  
DEDICATED  
To  
All Brethren Past and Present  
Of  
THE MOUNT LODGE**

**With Special Reference to**

W Bro J R Magreth	WM 1862	FIRST MASTER
W Bro C M J Moore	WM 1882	The only DGM from Mount Lodge
W Bro G Blazey	WM 1886	25th Master
W Bro M Srinivasa Mudaliar	WM 1912	51st & First Civilian Indian Master
W Bro Raja of Venkatagiri	WM 1918	Donor of Lodge's Own Building
W Bro T S Varadachari	WM 1936	75th MASTER
W Bro T S Chinthamani	WM 1961	100th MASTER
W Bro K Satyendrakumar	WM 1988	125th MASTER
W Bro D R Chandramouli	WM 2011	150th MASTER
<b>W Bro M Balaganesh</b>	<b>WM 2012</b>	<b>150th Year MASTER</b>

"To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with."

- Mark Twain



## ROLL OF HONORARY MEMBERS OF MOUNT LODGE

- 1933 : R.W.Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, DGM for 12 years.
- 1933 : W.Bro. P.M. Sivagnanam, Dy. DGM for 20 years.
- 1936 : W.Bro. G. Devasahayam (Initiate of Lodge 1-6-1904,  
WM 1913-14, Treasurer 7 years, Secretary 3 years)
- 1936 : R.W.Bro. Sir George T. Boag, DGM for 13 years.
- 1939 : W.Bro. Alexander Mac Dougal, Pr. Board of Gen. Purposes.
- 1945 : R.W.Bro. T.V. Muthukrishna Iyer, First Indian DGM.
- 1960 : R.W.Bro. S.T. Srinivasagopalachari, then Deputy DGM.
- 1963 : M.W.Bro. Bhogilal Shah, O.S.M. GM.
- 1963 : R.W.Bro. P.M. Sundaram P.Dy. GM., Grand Secretary.
- 1964 : W.Bro. P.S. Jambu Ramaswamy Iyer, PAGDC., PSRGW.
- 1969 : M.W.Bro. Prof. M.S. Thacker, O.S.M. GM.
- 1978 : M.W.Bro. Hon'ble Justice D.P. Madon, O.S.M. GM.
- 1978 : M.W.Bro. Justice K. Veeraswami, O.S.M. PGM.
- 1978 : M.W.Bro. Charles Wagemans G.M. (New Belgium) P.Dy. GM.
- 1979 : R.W.Bro. A.S. Rajasabai, P.Dy. GM., RGM.
- 1986 : V.W.Bro. K.G. Veeraraghavan, P.Dy. GR., P.Dy. RGM.
- 1987 : R.W.Bro. V. Rajendran, RGM.

R.W. Bro. Dr. M.S. Ekambaram

R.W. Bro. T.K. Duraiswamy

M.W. Bro. Capt. Dr. Balaram Biswakumar, O.S.M. G.M. PR.G.M.

M.W. Bro. Arun Chintopanth, O.S.M. PG.M. PR.G.M.

R.W. Bro. Retna Raj Sushil Raj, P.A.G.M., R.G.M.

# GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

## THE ROLL OF GRAND MASTERS

1. M.W. Bro. Major General Dr. Sir SYED RAZA ALI KHAN - G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., D.Litt., L.L.D. - His Highness the Nawab of Rampur, - November 24, 161 – December 14, 1961
2. M.W. Bro. BHOGILAL C. SHAH, OSM - January 21, 1962 – January 10, 1969
3. M.W. Bro. Prof. M.S. THACKER, OSM - D.Sc. D. Engg. D.Lt, F.I.E.E., FA, IEEE, F.N.I. - January 10, 1969 – December 28, 1974
4. M.W. Bro. Justice K. VEERASWAMI, OSM - December 28, 1974 – April, 1976
5. M.W. Bro. Justice DINSHAW PIROSHA MADON, OSM - May 16, 1976 – November 21, 1982
6. M.W. Bro. SITARAM JAIPURIA, OSM - December 6, 1982 – May 28, 1985
7. M.W. Bro. Justice PRAKASH NARAIN, OSM - July 7, 1985 – November 22, 1991
8. M.W. Bro. GAUTAM RAMANLAL DIVAN, OSM - November 22 1991 – November 26, 1994
9. M.W. Bro. KAMBAM LAKSHMANA REDDI - November 26, 1994 – November 26, 1997
10. M.W. Bro. HARI PERSHAD MATHUR, OSM - November 26, 1997, November 11, 2000
11. M.W. Bro. DILIP DWARKADAS UDESHI, OSM - November 11, 2000 – November 15, 2003
12. M.W. Bro. ARUN CHINTOPANTH, OSM - November 15, 2003 – October 28, 2006
13. M.W. Bro. Justice DEVINDER GUPTA, OSM - October 28, 2006 - November 22, 2009
14. M.W. Bro. Capt. Dr. BALARAM BISWAKUMAR, OSM - November 22, 2009



STRIVE TO LIVE WITH LOVE AND CARE,  
ON THE LEVEL, BY THE SQUARE

## ROLL OF REGIONAL GRAND MASTERS

1967	R.W.Bro.Rao Bahadur S.T.Srinivasa Gopala Chari, P.Dy.G.M.
1968 - 1970	R.W.Bro.C.A.Ramakrishnan, O.S.M., P.Dy.G.M.
1971 - 1974	M.W.Bro.Chief Justice K.Veerawami, O.S.M., P.G.M.
1974 - 1977	R.W.Bro.Justice T.Ramaprasada Rao, O.S.M., P.Dy.G.M.
1978 - 1983	R.W.Bro.A.S.Rajasabai, O.S.M., P.Dy.G.M.
1984 - 1986	R.W.Bro.Cavalier Dr.G.K.Devarajulu, O.S.M., P.Dy.G.M.
1987 - 1989	R.W.Bro.V.Rajendran, O.S.M., P.Dy.G.M.
1990 - 1992	M.W.Bro.K.L.Reddi, P.G.M
1993 - 1995	R.W.Bro.D.Dhorrairaj, P.Dy.G.M
1996 - 1998	R.W.Bro.K.R.Rajasekharan Nayar, O.S.M., P.Dy.G.M.
1999 - 2001	M.W.Bro.Arun Chintopanth, O.S.M., P.G.M.
2002 - 2004	M.W.Bro.Dr.B.Biswakumar,O.S.M M.W.G.M.
2005 - 2007	R.W.Bro.G.K.Selvarajan, P.Dy.G.M.
2008 - 2010	R.W.Bro.Varanasi Narasimham, P.Dy.G.M.
2009 -	R W Bro Retna Raj Sushil Raj PAGM



FAITH - HOPE - CHARITY



The Lodge Motto  
Montes Unde Auxilium - The Hills from whence cometh my help.

## SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



**W. Bro M. Balaganesh**  
Chairman



**R.W. Bro. T.K. Ramachandran**  
President



**R.W. Bro S.S. Prasad**  
Vice President



**W. Bro. V.S. Kyles**  
Org. Secretary



**W. Bro Mahendra Shah**  
Treasurer



**W. Bro K. Kasthuri**  
Member



**W. Bro S. Nanda Kumar**  
Member



**W. Bro D.R. Chandramouli**  
Member

**W.Bro V.S. Kylas**  
Organising Secretary

## FOREWORD



“Well begun is half done” is the famous adage often quoted by all. This adage is best suited and synonymous with the history of The Mount Lodge No.14.

A Lodge with a glorious past and trail blazing records spread over a century and five decades, one can proudly consider himself fortunate and privileged to be associated with this illustrious and noble institution. To delve into its past would indeed stir up nostalgic memories for the Senior Past Masters who have steered this titanic Lodge from strength to strength thus consolidating its edifice to this magnificent level today.

At the time of its constitution in 1862, The Mount Lodge No.14 also suffered to some extent by reason of Freemasonry being regarded as the close preserve of Europeans, an attitude entirely out of tune with the basic tenets of Freemasonry. With time as the paradigm to erase this misconception, came the realization that Freemasonry, based as it is on mutual confidence, support and trust, cannot but transcend barriers of caste, colour and creed. Exemplary leadership qualities of Past Masters stood by them strong enough to tide over situations with considerable ease and élan.

A study of the history of this Lodge will not only reveal the many valuable lessons which it contains for the generality of other Lodges, but also show the extent to which the current generation Freemasons and the future Freemasons will be indebted to that congenial bond of unselfish and utterly devoted men who were the founders of this Lodge, nurturing it during its infancy, protecting it in times of adversity and successfully placing it on a solid and substantial footing. To follow and emulate their illustrious path and to forge, foster and propagate the universal spirit of Freemasonry will be the fittest tribute to them all.

“Team work is always a success” would be the most appropriate dictum when I think of our Worshipful Master M Balaganesh, 150th year Celebrations Committee President R.W.Bro. T K Ramachandran, Vice President R.W.Bro. S S Prasad, A.R.G.M, W.Bro. Mahendra Shah, W.Bro. K S Shankaran, W.Bro. K Kasthuri, W.Bro. S Nandakumar, W.Bro. D R Chandramouli, Bro. P Selvaganesh, Bro. R S Rajasekaran who have been the pillars and architects of this magnum opus the “Sesquicentennial Celebrations”.

If we were to reminisce about the last twenty five years it would be very gratifying to note that the spirit of brotherhood, camaraderie and the innate qualities of leadership skills by one and all paved way not only to excel in rituals but also embark on unique charity projects conducted at Freemasons Hall, Chennai like Eye camps for school children, Cookery contest for Mason's families, Treasure hunt and car rally, Elocution competition on Humility and Charity for 8th and 9th std. school students (ongoing project), Lung screening camp for police personnel, Jyotirgamaya Project an unique and laudable project wherein solar powered lights were provided to a hamlet at Uppukamedu, Ambattur Chennai, (bereft of power for the last 3 decades )in joint association with The Grand Lodge of India under the able guidance of M.W.Bro. Capt. Dr.Balaram Biswakumar, OSM M.W. The Grand Master, Grand Lodge of India, Architect of this project. Dhanya Dhaan scheme where rice and lentils are being donated to Veda Patashaalas (ongoing project) and last but not the least, our Lodge's bit to contributing to the betterment of environment, the “Save the sparrow project and Classification of trees” at the premises of Freemasons Hall.

As we proudly march ahead into the 151st year with the footprints of our great leaders as our guide and their glorious past as our stimuli, the brethren of The Mount Lodge No.14 will always be the beacons, bright and shining and bringing credit to themselves and ever reflecting it on others. And may our tribe increase and grow from strength to strength, enlightening an ever widening circle of discerning Masons with the principles and examples of our noble Order.



## MESSAGE

It is said that after failing twice in his attempt to scale Mount Everest, Sir Edmund Hillary said to the mount, "I will come again and conquer you, because as a mountain you cannot grow, but as a human I can."

In case of The Mount Lodge No.14, not only have the men belonging to it grown in stature, but the mount itself has grown for 150 Years!

This, no doubt, is on account of the Masonic zeal, commitment and enthusiasm displayed by generations and generations of Freemasons of this Lodge.

The present generation of the Lodge must reflect upon this and not only show the same zeal, commitment and enthusiasm but must also inspire future generations to do the same so that the Lodge can grow further still and scale many a mount.

My best wishes to all the brethren of this great Lodge.

  
ARUN CHINTOPANTH



**M W Bro Justice Devinder Gupta, OSM**  
Past Grand Master



### Message

I am happy to note that Mount Lodge, 14, Chennai, is celebrating successful completion of 150 years. For a Lodge successful completion of such an uninterrupted long period is not only an occasion for celebration, but also an occasion to remember the contributions made by the Founder Members and the Past Masters of the Lodge for its progress and growth of Freemasonry. Though no formal ceremony has been prescribed for celebration of completion of 150 years of existence of a Lodge, still it is an occasion to remember the Founding Members of the Lodge who on 150 years ago, decided to form the Lodge and have it consecrated. It is now for the Members of the Lodge today, to build further on the foundation laid that day and to rededicate themselves to those excellent principles on which Freemasonry is based.

Masonry teaches that each person has a responsibility to make things better in the world and try to help make the world a better place to live. The Lodge gives them a way to combine with others to do even more good. Masonry reminds its members over and over again of the importance of these qualities and education. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless and guide every member of fraternity to realise the necessity of observing strict Masonic knowledge in theory as well as in practice, so that men of character would emerge with capacity to contribute the maximum good to the society at large.

I wish Mount Lodge, 14 and the Members all success in their endeavors.

(JUSTICE DEVINDER GUPTA)

PAST GRAND MASTER



## **R.W.Bro. T.K. Ramachandran**

President - Core Committee



### **MESSAGE**

I am extremely happy that the sesquicentennial celebrations of the Mount Lodge, No. 14 will be held on the 21st Day of September, 2012, on which occasion both M.W. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India and the R.W. The Regional Grand Master of Southern India and a host of Grand and Regional Grand officers will add grace and splendor to the function. Although a century and a half measured in comparison with the length of human experience is but a short time, yet measured in the life of an institution it ranks as a very respectable period.

As we celebrate the sesquicentenary, the Lodge can look back with pride and satisfaction at the many contributions made by the Founders, Past Masters and brethren of the Lodge and remember with gratitude the sacrifices and services made by them since the creation of the Lodge in the year 1862. It is only in moments such as these we are given the opportunity to reflect on the selfless deeds of countless brethren who worked tirelessly in protecting and improving the Lodge. It is our duty to pay tributes to those excellent masons who have built this Lodge with their hard work and commitment into such a glorious and magnificent structure.

At the time of commemorating the 150 years of accomplishments, we also learn from past experience and in the years to come we must address the changing needs of Freemasonry and continue to serve the cause and to deliver the best possible results for all Freemasons in general and of this Lodge in particular without sinking into opportunism and materialism but cultivating the reverence which our predecessors had for the things that they believed in and following the spiritual and moral leadership which they showed .

As the President of the 150 years celebration committee I take this opportunity to thank the brethren of this lodge who have contributed to the success of the meeting and the function

**R.W. Bro. SS Prasad**

Vice President - Core Committee



## MESSAGE

It is indeed a great joy for all the Brethren to participate in the Sesquicentennial Celebrations of The glorious Mount Lodge NO.14, coinciding with the conclusion of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of The Grand Lodge of India & Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India.

I am excited to give you a message for the Sesquicentennial Commemoration Volume of the ancient The Mount Lodge No.14 consecrated in 1862 under E.C. sponsored by The Lodge Universal Charity No 273 (E.C.) and I thank you for this unique opportunity; Unique in the sense that I happen to be the ARGM, in-charge of your Lodge appointed this year by R.W.The Regional Grand Master and also a proud member of this Lodge in which I was initiated about 30 Years ago. Thro' this long span, I had the good opportunity to witness the Lodge passing thro' the hands of several well known Freemasons (post-transition E.C to I.C.). A wide & able bandwidth of regulated Past Masters & excellent Master-Masons, hailing from several disciplines such as Film Industry, Healthcare, Engineering, Bureaucrats, Law, Police, Finance, Business & IT, Airlines & Travel & Tourism, etc. handled the affairs of the Lodge in a laudable manner. Finest feather – in the cap is the combination of Father-Son, like me & Son-Father initiating and becoming Brethren!.

The Lodge has to its credit innumerable laurels in respect of Charity, Rituals & Administration apart from possessing the glory of being one of the premier Founding Lodges of Grand Lodge of India in 1961. The transformation of the Lodge from the hands of elderly Brethren to younger Brethren over the past several years has been quite impressive that it stands now solidly conditioned to face any/many challenges. On date the Senior Most Bro. is M.Saravanan, who was initiated in February 1964, & the junior most Bro. is R.Suryanarayanan initiated in August 2012. Thus it proves to be a time-tested, highly Democratic & Cosmopolitan Lodge and has shown its strength against all odds from time to time as its foundation is deeply rooted in strong fundamentals of Freemasonry 150 Years ago.

The History of the Lodge speaks volumes of illustrious & eminent Freemasons who carried the Lodge thro' the long journey of 150 Years and will certainly inspire the Brethren to-day and in generations to come to emulate with gratitude their great contribution to our Fraternity and society as well. I have no doubt that the Lodge is and will be in safe hands of the most promising Brethren who are capable of carrying the Lodge to greater heights and delights. I congratulate the 150th Year Celebrations Committee members for their dedicated efforts in making this Sesquicentennial Commemoration Volume the most impressive and admirable.

May the G.A.T.O.U. grant all the Brethren and their families everlasting peace, prosperity & unity leading to grandeur Bi-centenary celebrations.

With Fraternal Greetings

**W.Bro M. Balaganesh**  
Chairman



## MESSAGE

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I am indeed very happy that our Mount Lodge No. 14 is releasing a Commemorative Volume on the occasion of its Sesquicentennial Celebrations (150 years) to be held on 21st September 2012 at Freemasons Hall Egmore, Chennai. Our Lodge had always maintained its tradition in the ritual working, maintaining brotherhood, excellent fellowship, participating in all the masonic activities at the Regional Grand Lodge as well as Grand Lodge level and maintained our supremacy in promoting democracy among its members in all the affairs of the lodge.

The Mount Lodge No. 14 is one of the ancient lodges in the city of Chennai and special kudos and thanks to the various illustrious past masters of this lodge who had made it possible to survive, sustain with the same strict rules and regulations, maintaining and upholding its legacy in tune with the true principles of freemasonry.

I feel really proud and honoured as well to be a member of this lodge and be the Worshipful Master of this Lodge in its 150th Year (being their 151st Master). Very few organisations and regulatory bodies have been in existence for 150 Years such as Madras High Court (one of the respected judiciary body in the Indian Judicial System), which had recently celebrated its Sesquicentennial Celebrations on 8th Sept 2012 and the Income Tax Department (the premier tax administration body in India) which celebrated its Sesquicentennial Celebrations 1 year back.

I am aware that lot of efforts have been taken by our members of the Core Committee for 150th Year to make our celebrations an event of grand success, venturing into various novel and laudable charity projects (such as classification of trees with their botanical names, save the sparrow movement, among others, to name the few).

I wish the members of the Core Committee for 150th Year Celebrations and all the brethren of The Mount Lodge No. 14 a fulfilling term of their office and wish them a grand success in all their future masonic activities and all other endeavors!!

I also heartily wish them a successful conduct of their sesquicentennial celebrations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Balaganesh'.

**W. Bro. M. BALAGANESH**  
Worshipful Master  
The Mount Lodge No. 14

## GRAND LODGE OF INDIA DIARY OF MASONIC EVENT - CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

**25-August -1962** Lodge Mount No. 14, Madras, Celebrated as Centenary graced by M.W. Bro. Bhogilal C. Shah M.W. the Grand Master.

### REGIONAL GRAND LODGE OF INDIA DIARY - MASONIC EVENTS

- Feb.15** Installation of R.W.Bro.V.Rajendran as Regional Grand Master by M.W.Bro.Mr.Justice Prakash Narain, OSM, M.W.The Grand Master at the Annual Investiture Meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge of Asan Memorial School Auditorium, Madras-6.
- Feb.16** Installation of E.Comp V.Rajendran as Grand Superintendent by M.E.Comp.Mr.Justice Prakash Narain, M.E.The First Grand Principal at the Annual Investiture Convocation of the Regional Grand Chapter at the Freemasons' Hall, Madras-105.
- Feb.16** Installation of W.Bro.V.Rajendran as Regional Grand Mark Master by M.W.Bro.Mr.Justice Prakash Narain, M.W. The Grand Master at the Annual Investiture convocation of The Regional Grand Mark Lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Madras-105.
- Feb.17** Chapter Madras No.13, celebrated its centenary in the presence of M.E.The First Grand Principal & M.E.The Grand Supdt. of S.I.
- Feb.17** ,Lodge Shanthi No.146, Madras, celebrated its Silver Jubilee in the presence of M.W. The Grand Master of M.W.The Grand Master & R.W.The R.G.M.
- Feb.19** Lodge Hubli No.44, Hubli celebrated its centenary in the August presence of M.W. The Grand Master R.W.the R.G.M.
- Aug.22** The Mount Lodge No.14, Madras, celebrated its 125th year in the presence of R.W.The Regional Grand Master- R.W.Bro.V.Rajendran
- Sep.12** MW.The Grand Master Inaugurated the Masonic Seminar and presided over by R.W.The R.G.M. at Freemasons' Hall, Mysore.
- Dec.20** Lodge Vijayawada No.87, Vijayawada, celebrated its Platinum Jubilee.

## ROLL OF WORSHIPFUL MASTERS OF THE MOUNT LODGE

From 1862 - 2012					
S.No.	Year	W.Bro.	S.No.	Year	W.Bro.
1.	1862	J.R. Magreth	40.	1900	EM. 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. Cunliffe	52.	1912	M. Srinivasa Mudaliar
14.	1874	A.M. Rawlins	53.	1913	G. Devasahayam
15.	1875	G. Lesile	54.	1914	G.E. Farlowe
16.	1876	D.P. King	55.	1915	V.S. Ganaprakasam
17.	1877	W.P. Carson	56.	1916	K.R. Seetharama Iyer
18.	1878	R.H. Cunliffe	57.	1917	J. Bryant
19.	1879	R.W. Bro. O'Gardy	58.	1918	Raja of Venkatagiri
20.	1880	W.D. Gunn	59.	1919	S.A.K. Jeelani Sahib
21.	1881	W.G. Rose	60.	1920	T.C. Adikesasvalu Pillai
22.	1882	C.M.J. Moore	61.	1921	V. Thiruvengadathan Chetty
23.	1883	H.W. Smith	62.	1922	G.R. Auston
24.	1884	H.W. Smith	63.	1923	S.V. Devadasan
25.	1885	R.R.E. Drake-Brock-man	64.	1924	M. Savarimuthu Pillai
26.	1886	G. Blazey	65.	1925	A.H. Chowriyappah
27.	1887	G. Blazey	66.	1926	S.K. Abdul Razak Sahib
28.	1888	A. Hoise	67.	1927	E.A. Baynes
29.	1889	J.H. Webster	68.	1928	W.H. Terry
30.	1890	J.A.F. Colde	69.	1929	S.W. Samuel
31.	1891	G.E. Hodges	70.	1930	R.D. Smith
32.	1892	R.W. Lyons	71.	1931	V.A. Muthana Thevar
33.	1893	J. Temole	72.	1932	G.J. Benjamin
34.	1894	J. Wisken	73.	1933	N. Rajagopalan
35.	1895	J. Graham	74.	1934	V.J.R. Rajagopalan
36.	1896	D. Kilpatrick	75.	1935	T.G. Damodhara Mudaliar
37.	1897	C. Kilpatrick	76.	1936	T.S. Varadharajan
38.	1898	C.H.M. Hitchens	77.	1937	M.J. Santhanakrishna Naidu
39.	1899	J. Temole	78.	1938	R.V. Krishna Iyer

**From 1862 - 2012**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>W.Bro.</b>	<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>W.Bro.</b>
79.	1939	G.A. Daniel	118.	1978	V. Swaminathan
80.	1940	M.V. Mannasah	119.	1979	R. Dwarakanath
81.	1941	T.N.S. Raghavachari	120.	1980	R. Vaidyanadhan
82.	1942	T.A. Sreenivasan	121.	1981	N. Sridhar
83.	1943	S. Soundarajan	122.	1982	T.K. Ramachandran
84.	1944	V. Krishnamurti	123.	1983	K. Rama Rao
85.	1945	T.M. Narayanasami Pillai	124.	1984	Vijay Rangachari
86.	1946	K.G. Veeraragavan	125.	1985	M. Janakiram
87.	1947	N. Rangachari	126.	1986	K. Styendrakumar
88.	1948	V.T. Srinivasaraghavan	127.	1987	S. Krishnan
89.	1949	Jiten Banerji	128.	1988	P. Madhusudhan
90.	1950	P.N. Sundarajan	129.	1989	P. Madhusudhan
91.	1951	P.N.S. Raman	130.	1990	S. Mohan
92.	1952	R.V. Krishna Iyer	131.	1991	S.S. Prasad
93.	1953	Dinsha K. Tehrano	132.	1992	R. Sivachandran
94.	1954	S.P.S. Rajan	133.	1993	P. Viswambar
95.	1955	V. Kunjithapatham	134.	1994	G. Sivaramakrishnan
96.	1956	S.J. Narasimhan	135.	1995	M.N. Ramaswamy
97.	1957	P.A. Krishnaswami	136.	1996	Abbas M.A. Hajji
98.	1958	K.S. Srinivasan	137.	1997	Mahendra Shah
99.	1959	EW.W. King	138.	1998	V.S. Kylas
100.	1960	M.K. Sreedharan	139.	1999	K.S. Sankaran
101.	1961	T.S. Chintamani	140.	2000	K.S. Sreekanth
102.	1962	M. Rajagopalan	141.	2001	R. Krishnan
103.	1963	A. Sarangapani	142.	2002	L. Ramani
104.	1964	S.K. Ramanujan	143.	2003	V. Subbiah
105.	1965	G.T. Watts	144.	2004	N. Meenakshisundaram
106.	1966	V.R. Selvaraj	145.	2005	K. Kasthuri
107.	1967	K.D. Carter	146.	2006	S. Nandakumar
108.	1968	R.S.D. Monte	147.	2007	Col. C. Venktaraman (Retd.)
109.	1969	T.K. Doraiswami	148.	2008	R. Pari Arasu
110.	1970	C.N. Ramanujam	149.	2009	V.S. Ramakrishnan
111.	1971	V. Somasundaram	150.	2010	D.R. Chandramouli
112.	1972	V Dorairaj	151.	2011-12	M. Balaganesh
113.	1973	S. Ramachandran			
114.	1974	N.P. Sarathy			
115.	1975	Dr. M.S. Ekamabaram			
116.	1976	S. Ramaswamy			
117.	1977	R. Kalidasan			

## FACTS & FIGURES

### \* **Freemasonry in India**

The honor of receiving Freemasonry in India goes to Calcutta. In 1730 officers of the East Indian Company held their meetings in Fort William, Calcutta. The number given to the Lodge was 72.

\* **The first Lodge in Madras** : No. 222 EC, in 1752, and it does not appear to have received a name.

### \* **The first Indian Mason**

Omdat-ul-Omrah, the Nawab of Carnatic. The second Indian Mason was M. Bandeh Ali Khan, initiated in Marine Lodge, Calcutta in 1812.

### \* **The first Hindu to be admitted into Freemasonry**

Bro. Ranganath Sastry in Lodge Perfect Unanimity No. 233, Madras in 1857.

### \* **Some of the prominent Indians who were Freemasons.**

A). Swamy Vivekananda (initiated in 1884 under the name of Bro. Narendra Nath Dutt in Lodge Anchor & Hope, Calcutta). Motilal Nehru - Lodge Harmony, Kanpur (Father of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and grand father of Indhira Gandhi), C. Rajagopalachary (Governor General of India), Sir C P Ramaswamy Iyer (Divan of Travancore), Dr. P V Cheriya (Governor of Maharashtra), and Fakruddin Ali Ahmed (President of India).

### \* **The oldest building used as a Masonic Temple in India**

The Goshamahal Baradari, Hyderabad, built in 1682 by Sultan Abul Hassan Tanasha.

### \* **Parent Grand Lodges of Grand Lodge of India.**

The Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland.

### \* **The principal officers at the consecration of the GLI**

Dy. GM of Grand Lodge of England, RW Bro Earl of Cadogon, Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Scotland, MW Bro. Archibald, and Dy. GM of Grand Lodge of Ireland, RW Bro George S Gamble.

### \* **The founder Grand Master of GLI**

MW Bro. H H Major General Syed Raza Ali Khan, Nawab of Rampur.

**Total Lodges opted to become the Founder Lodges of the G.L. of India:** 145 Lodges with a total membership of 7466 opted to become the founder Lodges of the Grand Lodge of India.

# HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE

## I Rare incidents (125-150 years)

1. W Bro S Krishnan, (127th Master -1987) before installing his successor, on the same day of the installation, initiated Bro Viswambar in the morning session facilitating him to attend the installation ceremony of W Bro Madhusudhan, (1988-89) in the evening, both were done in an impressive way by him, appreciated by all.
2. The Lodge has successfully crossed the RWC first stage for 8 years in succession starting from the period of W Bro K S Sreekanth 140th Master (2000) till W Bro Lt Col C Venkatraman (147th Master)
3. W Bro Lt Col C Venkatraman (2007) also bagged the Area Trophy in the RWC as the second best in the Region and for the first time Bro Secretary – the current WM for the 150th year (sesquicentennial) – W Bro M Balaganesh – also got the certificate of merit for the RWC which is unprecedented

## II Special Events:

- Special Publications by our Brethren: Books released "LIGHT FROM THE MOUNT" & "MORE LIGHT FROM THE MOUNT" – co-authored by RW Bro Dwarakanath, W Bro L Ramani, W Bro K S Sreekanth & W Bro R Pariarasu – were well received and appreciated by all Freemasons !
- Our R W Bro R Dwarakanath was adjudged winner of the Second Best Master Trophy for the Region in the Ritual Working Competition 1979-80.
- W Bro R Krishnan was adjudged as the second best Master and also our Lodge the Second Best Lodge in the Region – 2001-02
- Lodge also involved in various sports activities like participating in CRICKET Tournament, GOLF events and Car Rally – rather Vintage Car Rally.

## III Yeoman Service:

- Past Master W Bro K G Veeraraghavan served as the Secretary for 10 years
- Past Master R W Bro P Madhusudhan served as the Treasurer continuously for a period of 23 years

## IIII SOMETHING SPECIAL

- When the current building of Freemasons Hall was renovated, our Lodge Bro B RAJAGOPAL – donated Rs.5.10lac – who happened to be a single large donor for the cause. Also the Giant Mirror in front of the Temple in the first floor was donated by our Brethren, viz R W Bro S S Prasad and Bro Nagaraj.
- ARGMs FROM OUR LODGE: R W Bro Dwarakanath as ARGM during 2002-03; R W Bro S S Prasad as ARGM during 2012 especially in our 150th year and also in-charge of his mother lodge i.e The Mount Lodge No 14 {Special consideration-thanks to our RGM R W Bro Retnaraj Sushil Raj}. We also had Father & Son as ARGMs in the past - R W Bro M Rajagopalan & his son W Bro R Kalidasan.
- L T S '25' Years presented to our R W Bro S S Prasad during April 2008 by RGM RWBro V Narasimham – In spite of the Cricket World Cup Finals on that day – the attendance was more than 250 brethren – which was a record. The match was also telecast live during the lavish banquet.

## V SPECIAL PROJECTS:

- 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 2012, at 5.10 PM in Pothigai Channel under the program POOCHENDU !!.
- PHC – PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE at West Mambalam Chennai is a well known health center for its effective and low cost treatment, doing service for the last 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

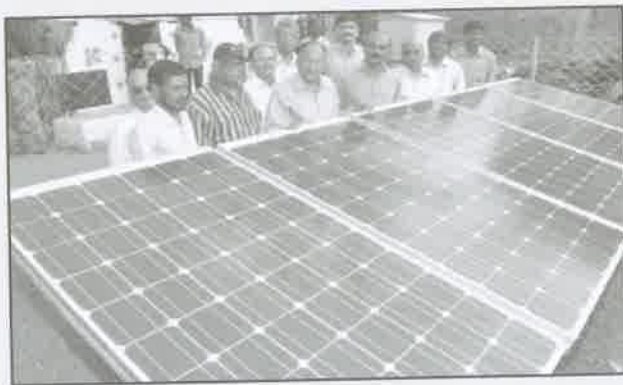


September 2012 in the august presence of our RGM R.W.Bro. Retna Raj Sushil Raj. Our Regional Grand Lodge of India had also made an additional contribution of Rs.1.25 lakhs to this noble cause, for which the brethren of Mount Lodge are very grateful to our Regional Grand Lodge..

**INTRA LODGE TROPHIES AND AWARDS INSTITUTED BY OUR OWN BRETHREN**

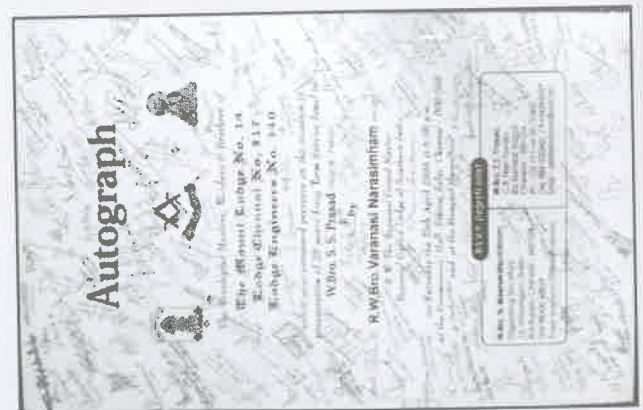
- W.Bro. Satyendra Kumar Trophy for the Best Mason – Inside and Outside the Lodge
- R.W.Bro. R. Dwarakanath Memento for 100% Attendance to Past masters of the Lodge
- W.Bro. S.K. Ramanujan Memento for the Best Assisting Past Master of the Lodge
- R.W.Bro. M. Rajagopalan Trophy for the Best Mason of the Lodge
- W.Bro. S.A. Subramoney Award for the Best Officer –instituted by R W Bro S S Prasad
- W.Bro. S.A. Subramoney Award for the Best Non-Officer – instituted by R W Bro S S Prasad
- W.Bro. G. Sivaramakrishnan Memento for the Best Warden
- W.Bro.T.N.S. Raghavachari award for the Winner of Internal Ritual Working Competition instituted by R W Bro R Dwaraknath
- V.W.Bro. K.G. Veera Raghavan Trophy for the Best Officer among JD/SD/IG/Tyler – Instituted by W.Bro.Kylas (Only Master Mason)
- Masonic Essay Award Winner Instituted in the name of Late Bro. K. Sudarshan by W.Bro. K.S. Sreekanth
- W.Bro.S. Nandakumar instituted an Award For 100% attendance in the Lodge - Other than the Past Masters
- W.Bro. N Meenakshisundaram instituted an Award for the Best Ritualist in the Lodge
- Bro. R.S. Rajasekaran instituted an award for the Promising (upcoming) Ritualist in the Lodge

**Jyotirgamaya Project at Ambattur Village**



**Masonic Essay Award**

First Recipient - **W.Bro. Nanda Kumar**, 2003 November



25 Years LTS Jewel for **R.W. Bro. S.S.Prasad**

## KNOW YOUR LODGE

Warranted on the 23rd of August 1862 as 926 EC (English Constitution) The Mount Lodge was the third lodge in the then city of Madras. Other two being LODGE PERFECT UNANIMITY (150 EC) & LODGE UNIVERSAL CHARITY (No 272 EC)

The Consecration and Installation of the first Master **Bro. J R MAGRETH** on 24th June 1862 under a local warrant dated 21.6.1862, appears to have taken place in the residence of Bro Magreth.

Age of the Lodge : It is also believed (from some evidence) that the Mount Lodge had been in existence under another banner from **1797 till 1861** when the warrant was surrendered and reconstituted under the new name. If this is right, then the Mount Lodge today is **215** years old !!!

However, the Centenary was celebrated in 1962, 125th year in 1987 and today **150th** (Sesquicentennial) in 2012 !!! Our 175th will be in 2037 & Our 200th year will be celebrated in the year **2062 !!**

**MEETINGS** : The Mount Lodge met on the 1st WEDNESDAY of every month till 1906, after which it was changed to the present 1st SATURDAY of every month.

In 1912, the installation month of the Master was shifted from May to NOVEMBER !!!

The Mount Lodge had its own temple in St. Thomas Mount from 1919 and without electricity till 1933! The Mount Lodge donated Rs.15,900/= for the building of the present temple at Egmore. W Bro Raja of Venkatagiri (Master 1918) also donated Rs.15000/=

The Mount Lodge had commenced meeting at FREEMASONS' HALL Egmore from 1967 onwards, as the building at St. Thomas Mount had been taken over by the Ministry of Defence!

The summons did not contain the names of all the members till 1906. In early days summons were well designed with figures of working tools printed in the borders. In **1958** the words **MASONRY LIVES TO HELP AND HELPS MEN TO LIVE** was added!

The Crest of the Lodge was originally the compasses and the square only !! On 20th March 1909 the crest was enclosed on a board held in the right hand of the Patron Saint !

The Lodge motto **MONTES UNDE AUXILLIUM** from the three latin words of the first verse of Psalm 2 - means **The hills from whence cometh my help.**

The unbroken record till date : In 1950 W Bro P N Sundara Rajan set a record of 17 initiations, 13 passing and 9 raisings !!!

## THE HISTORY OF MOUNT LODGE

- The warrant of the Lodge Mount, 926 EC, was issued in 1862 and the lodge has been in uninterrupted existence for the past 150 years.
- There is evidence however to show that the lodge has been in existence, under another banner from 1797 onwards uninterruptedly till 1862 when the warrant was surrendered and the Lodge reconstituted under a new name.
- If the above is correct, Mount Lodge is now 215 years old!!!!
- Given in this volume in another section is the roll of officers of the lodge since 1862 and in this chapter are given the high lights of the activities and incidents of note pertaining to the lodge during its first 100 years. These are extracted and reproduced from the HISTORY OF MOUNT LODGE brought out by the centenary committee in 1962 thanks to the excellent work done in this behalf by W.Bro. R.V.Krishna Iyer and W.Bro.P.N.Sundararajan and edited by R.W.Bro. M.Rajagoplan.

### FIRST 35 YEARS (1862 -1898)

THE CHARTER – The mount lodge 926 EC now No.14 was constituted by a charter granted on 23rd August 1862 by the Grand Master, Earl of Zetland. For a long time the lodge comprised only brethren from Military Ranks who were foreigners on service in India.

The only other lodges then existing in the city of Madras were Lodge PERFECT UNANIMITY No.150EC and the Lodge UNIVERSAL CHARITY No. 272.

### CONSECRATION AND FIRST MASTER

Bro. John Richard Magreth was the first master and he was installed on 24/6/1862 on a local warrant dated 21st June 1862 by the Deputy Grand Master R.W.Bro. Macsonald Richie. The consecration of the lodge and the installation of the First Master appears to have taken place at the residence of Bro. Magreth.

### PRESIDENCY COLLEGE

In 1867 the District grand lodge took part in laying the corner stone of the Presidency College of Madras and Mount Lodge was represented by its master W.Bro.A.J. Filgate. The DGL held an emergency meeting in the nearby PWD buildings Chepauk and went in procession to the college site, where they were received by the Governor of Madras.

### MOUNT BRETHREN AS DGM OFFICERS

- W.Bro.Cunliffe was appointed as DGM on 19/12/1882.
- W.Bro. C.M.J.Moore (Master 1882) became Dy.DGM in 1886 – 1888 and DGM in 1891
- W.Bro C.M.J.Moore installed as DGM, two Governors of Madras, Lord Connemara in 1887 and Lord Ampthill in 1901.
- W.Bro. Charles Scott was DG Secretary from 1865 -1868.



- > W.Bro. Greaturox from 1868 to 31/08/1901 for a period of 33 1/2 years.
- > W.Bro Greaturox was voted and presented a gold Secretary's jewel by the DGL.

### **FIRST INDIAN MEMBER**

A little over a hundred years ago, in 1884 Bro. S.V.Rajagopalachari, the first Indian Brother was admitted.

### **THE DECADE NEXT (1899 – 1908)**

This decade was a critical period in the history of the lodge. Most of the members then being Military Officers and frequently transferred to various Regiments and other stations, there was till 1902 no brother other than W.Bro. Temple to occupy the chair.

The minutes of this period reveal that on many meetings W.Brethren of Lodge St. George and other City Lodges occupied the Eastern Chair and that some meetings were held without a qualified Master in the Chair!!. W.Bro.Cranshaw joined the lodge in 1903 only to be installed Master, since there were no other qualified Brother then.

### **THE FIRST INDIAN MILITARY OFFICER AS MASTER**

W.Bro. Lt. Col. Chatterjee was installed Master in 1904 and he was the first Indian Mater of Military Rank.

### **CHANGE OF MEETING DAY**

The meeting day was changed from 1st Wednesday to 1st Saturday in 1906.

### **SUMMONS**

The summons till 1906 did not contain the names of Members or then address of the Master, only at the Meeting of 2/12/1906 the lodge resolved to print the names in the summons.

### **INITIATION OF THREE**

Three Brethren George Passway, Sgt. Williams Beale and George Stagg were initiated on 3/8/1906.

### **THE DECADE OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR (1908 -1917)**

During this period the Lodge changed from a predominantly Military Lodge to a Civilian Membership Lodge.

### **THREE DEGREES IN THREE WEEKS**

Bro. Herbert Audrey - initiated on 1/8/1908 , passed on 08/08/1908 , raised on 15/08/1908 by the Master acting under rule 185 of the B of C.

In October 1908 Mr. L.T.Edney the chauffer of the Governor of Madras and Mr.Fransis Smithe a clerk of the Governor's household, were balloted for and initiated.

### **BYE-LAWS**

The Bye-laws were revised and approved in 1912 where under an Enquiry Committee was provided for admission of Members.

## **INSTALLATION**

In 1912 the election and installation of the Master was shifted from May to November.

### **FIRST INDIAN CIVILIAN AS MASTER**

Bro. M. Srinivasa Mudaliar initiated on 4/09/1909, was the First Indian Civilian installed as Master in November 1912, 50 years after consecration.

### **FIRST INDIAN SECRETARY.**

Bro.T. Hari Rao appointed secretary of the lodge in 1912 after 50 years of consecration.

### **RAJA OF VENKATAGIRI**

Initiated on 7/7/1917. this was an important event in the history of the Lodge, since his munificence to the Lodge and Free masonry enabled the lodge to establish itself on the financial side as well.

### **THE NEXT DECADE 1918 -1927**

Raja of Venkatagiri , initiated on 7/7/1917 was made senior warden in November 1917 and installed Master in November 1918.

Owing to building of the upper storey to the Lodge buildings ,the meetings were held from February to October 1919 at the temporary Masonic Temple at Commander-in – Chief Road, Egmore.

The first installation in the New Temple at St. Thomas Mount in November 1919 was that of Bro. Jelani Sahib. There was no electricity then.

The Temple was electrified only in 1933

The foundation was laid around 1923 for the Masonic Hall at its present location at Egmore for the building of which the Raja of Venkatagiri made a donation of Rs.15000/-.

The Freemasons Hall was opened on 27/2/1925 by the then Governor of Madras.

Mount Lodge made a collection of Rs.15900/- and donated for the building of the Freemasons Hall, Egmore.

### **THE DECADE AFTER 1928 -1937**

W.Bro. Devasayagam, initiated on 1/6/1904 installed in November 1913 was made

Honorary Member on 1-2-1936.

W.Bro. Jelani donated four of his shares in the Indian Bank to the Lodge for presentation of a gold medal of jewel once in three years to a worthy brother who was regular in attendance. What happened to this endowment is not traceable from the records.

On 2-12-1933 Bro. A.G. Appaswami, who was the Personal Clerk of the Revenue Board Member, R.W. Bro. Archibald Campbell, the then DGM was initiated and the DGM attended and delivered the charge after initiation.

W.Bro. T.S.Varadachari was the 75th Master, installed in November 1936. Despite working in Coimbatore

during his Mastership, he made it a point to to Madras for the Monthly Meetings of the Lodge.

The Lodge became the Founder Member of the Masonic Nursing Home in 1931.

### **THE DECADE OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR 1938 – 1947**

WBro. T.S.Chinthamani , s/o W.Bro. T.S.Varadachari was initiated on 6/5/1939 by his father (who was later installed as the 100th Master of the Lodge in 1961).

WBro. R.V.Krishna Iyer who joined on 4/3/1933, was installed in 1938 and since then he was the guiding spirit of the lodge and occupied the Eastern Chair again in 1952-1953.

WBro. Sir Alexander Macdougall was made Honorary Member in 1939 and he attended the meetings of the Lodge whenever he was in Madras.

The D.G.L. met under the banner of our lodge at our temple at St. Thomas Mount on 22/8/1942 during the Mastership of W. Bro. T.N.S. Raghavachari. Even while the DGL meeting was on, with R.W. Bro. Sir George Boag, DGM in the chair, an explosion in the aerodrome nearby, rocked the building despite which the DGM continued the meeting. It was learnt that there was a mishap to a plane which crashed and that caused the explosion.

Since 1942 it is seen that the Masonic activity and the ritual in the lodge increased and improved thanks to the stewardship of W. Bro. T.A.Srinivasan and R.W.Bro.S.Soundararajan, who were referred to by the DGM, R. W. Bro T.V.Muthukrishna iyer as the TWO GREAT PILLARS.

The Hon. member W. Bro. Alexander Macdougall conducted a ceremony on 8/1/1944.

W.Bro. T.A.Srinivasan initiated on 3/10/1936 was installed in November 1942 & was secretary for 5 years treasurer for 2 years and D of C for 5 years.

W.Bro Soundararajan initiated 18/7/1936 was installed in November 1943 and was treasurer for 4 years and secretary for 2 years. He initiated his son W.Bro. K.S.Srinivasan on 4/9/1948 & he also installed his son on 1/11/1958.

R.W.Bro. T.V.Muthukrishna iyer was elected Hon/Member on 7/4/1945 during the mastership of W.Bro.V.Krishnamurthy.

The furniture of the lodge was renewed by the members donating therefore.

V.W.Bro K.G.Veeragahvan initiated on 3/2/1940 was installed in November 1946.

He has stood down in November 1945. in favour of W.Bro. T.M. Narayanaswami Pillai, as Masonic gesture. He continued as a member of Mount Lodge till 1986 when he was elected as Hon. Member. He was secretary of the Lodge for 5 years during 1955-1960 and again for 2 spells during 1970-1976. He was the Secretary of the Centenary Celebration Committee and the Chairman of the 125th year celebration committee.

During the Mastership of W.Bro. N.Rangachari,(1947 -1948) the Lodge passed a resolution expressing its sorrow and grief at the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi, the apostle of truth and Non-violence.

### **THE DECADE AFTER INDEPENDENCE 1948 -1957**

- > The meeting of 5th June was adjourned for want of quorum .
- > During this decade the names of W.Bros. K.S.Srinivasan, S.P.S. Rajan, M.K.Sridharan, R.S.D. Monte S.K.Ramanujam & Watts deserve mention of their services to the Lodge.
- > W.Bro.P.N.Soundararajan initiated on 1/4/1944 by R.W.Bro. T V . Muthu Krishna Iyer, was installed on November 1950 & during his mastership there were 17 initiations, 13 passing and 9 risings & the lodge reported NIL arrears..
- > The credit for this also goes to Bro. K.S.Srinivasan who, along with the Master went door to door collecting the dues.
- > The Lodge started a study circle on 19/1/1952 inaugurated by the DGM. After 2 years of activity the circle became dormant.

### **NEARING THE CENTENARY 1958 – 1960**

Bro.E. Cooper Sergent of King Institute, Guindy, initiated on 5/5/1917 was Jr.Warden in 1921. He was the Tyler of the Lodge for over 33 years till 1956.

W.Bro. K.S.Srinivasan during his Mastership made a change in the design of the summons and made a new Banner for the Lodge.

W.Bro. M. K.Sridharan was initiated in November 1960 and conducted the affairs of the lodge with felicity and purpose..

He installed the 100th Master W.Bro.T.S.Chinthamani.

This was the last installation Meeting under then English Constitution in November 1961.

During the Mastership of W.Bro.Chinthamani for the first time, the Permanent Committee presented top the Lodge budget estimates for the year.

At the meeting of 7/4/1962 W.Bro. Raghavachari re-joined, took the Eastern Chair and initiated his son R. Dwarakanath.

**THUS ENDED THE 100 YEARS.**



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE POST CENTENARY 25 YEARS

### Centenary Celebrations

The Centenary Celebrations were held at an Emergency meeting of the Lodge by Dispensation on 25th August, 1962, at 6.30 p.m. at the Lodge temple at St. Thomas Mount, Madras. W.Bro.T.S.Chinthamani and his officers were present.

Forty two members and 87 distinguishing visitors attended the celebrations. The MW The Grand master W.Bro.Bhogilal Shah and R.W.Bro.P.M.Sundaram, Deputy Grand Master and R.W.Bro.S.T.Srinivasagopalachari, RGM, participated. Despite its being August, there were heavy rains on that day.

**RGL Meetings** - The Regional Grand Lodge Annual Investiture Meeting was held under the Banner of Mount Lodge in February 1972, (W.Bro.V.Somasundaram WM) and again in February 1985 (W.Bro.Vijay Rangachari).

**Installation Meetings** - Till 1966, at the Installation ceremony, there were perambulations and proclamations in each of the three degrees and working tools of each of the three degrees were also presented. Since 1967, this has been discontinued.

The Charges to the Master, Warden and Brethren of the Lodge on the installation night from the installation of Bro.R.Vaidyanathan in November 1990 is being given by the Past Masters of the Lodge.

**Joint Meetings** - Joint Meetings of all City Lodges were held in 1972 and again in 1983.

**Ceremonies** - In almost all meetings, till 1970, there were atleast 2 ceremonies either initiation and passing or passing and raising and atleast two candidates were jointly initiated, passed or raised.

W.Bro.M.Rajagopalan conducted ceremonies of all three degrees on the same day.

W.Bro.G.Watts initiated two, passed two and raised two on the same day.

Three fellow crafts were raised by dispensation on 11.7.1966 by W.Bro.G.Watts and W.Bro.M.P.Sarathy in July 1975.

**Bye - Laws** - The Bye-laws revised, passed and confirmed by the Lodge in September 1985 was approved by the Grand Lodge of India in December 1985.

**Contest in Election of Master** - There was a contest for election of Master for the year 1961-62 when Bro.M.Rajagopalan was elected by majority over Bro.A.Sarangapani and again in 1966-67 when Bro.Wattes was elected by a majority over Bro.R.K.Nagaraj.

**Installation Banquets** - Installation Banquets were cancelled on the following occasions and for the following reasons:

November 1965      Due to National Emergency



November 1985 Due to W.Bro.T.S.Chinthamani having been called to the Grand Lodge Above 3 days prior.

**Past Masters Night** – The annual Past Master Night, when the Past Masters of Lodge took the offices of the Lodge and conducted the ceremonies of the meeting was commenced for the first time at the Meeting on 7th June 1969. Since 1973 it is the meeting of October each year and is regularly observed.

**Newsletters** - The Grand Lodge Newsletter first appeared in September 1965.

The Mount Lodge Newsletter appeared for the first time on 7-12-1968 with W.Bro.Rajagopalan as Editor. After a break of 2 months it reappeared in April 1969 and again went out of circulation since July 1969. It was revived and appeared for a few months during 1978 under the editorship of W.Bro.K.G.Veeraraghavan. Since December 1984, the Newsletter under the title of "MOUNTTIDINGS" is regularly appearing as part of the summons under the editorship of W.Bro.R.Dwarakanath.

**Funeral Lodge Service** – An abridged form of Funeral Lodge Service was conducted on 6-4-1968 for R.W.Bro.S.T.Srinivasagopalachari, Honorary Member of the Lodge.

Funeral Lodge Service was conducted on 8-5-1983 for W.Bro. N.G.Rajan who was a Past Master of the Lodge.

Again in 1986, a Funeral Lodge Service was conducted for W.Bro.T.S.Chinthamani, Past Master and 100th Master of the Lodge.

**Death of Master while in office** – W.Bro.A.Sarangapani installed on 2-11-1963 died in June 1964 while in Office and I.P.M. W.Bro.M.Rajagopalan assumed office for the remainder of the year.

**Consecration of Lodges Sponsored** – The application for "Lodge Vidya 164" was "recommended" by Lodge Mount in 1961.

"Lodge Bharathi 161" sponsored by Mount Lodge was consecrated on 7-2-1964.

"Lodge Srinivasagopala 190" sponsored by Mount Lodge was consecrated on 21-8-1969.

"Lodge Mount Charity 232" sponsored by Mount Lodge was consecrated on 6-1-1978 by the M.W.The Grand Master assisted by Grand Masters of New Belgium, Western Australia and China.

**Lodge Building** – Military Estates Officer issued notice to resume title to the land on which the Lodge Building was situate in St. Thomas Mount and offered compensation of Rs. 71,920/-.

At its March 1966 meeting, Lodge agreed to accept the compensation and constituted a Committee to negotiate for additional compensation.

The Lodge held its last meeting in its own premises on 7-5-1966 and thereafter held its meeting by dispensation at the Freemasons Hall, Egmore, Madras.

The meeting on 3-6-1967 was held at No.21, GST Road, St.Thomas Mount, the premises belonging to and offered by Bro.K.Satyendra Kumar. Installation meetings however continued to be held at the Freemasons Hall, Egmore, Madras.

## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

### W Bro S KRISHNAN 127<sup>th</sup> Master

YEAR 1987

SW	Bro. P. Madhusudhan
JW	Bro. S. Mohan
SEC	W. Bro. P. Gajendran
DOC	W. Bro. M. Janakiram
IPM	W. Bro. K. Satyendrakumar
I	4
P	-
R	1
OSMEET	
RWC	Participated in the First Stage
SPL EVENT	



### W Bro P MADHUSUDHAN 128<sup>th</sup> Master

YEAR 1988

SW	Bro. S. Mohan
JW	Bro. S.S. Prasad
SEC	W. Bro. P. Gajendran
DOC	W. Bro. K. Satyendrakumar
IPM	W. Bro. S. Krishnan
I	5
P	1
R	-
OSMEET	
RWC	Participated in the First Stage
SPL EVENT	Brethren Nite & Past Masters Nite

## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

### W Bro P MADHUSUDHAN 129<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 1989

SW	Bro. S. Mohan
JW	Bro. S.S. Prasad
SEC	Bro. R. Sivachandran
DOC	W. Bro. Vijay Rangachari
IPM	W. Bro. S. Krishnan
I	3
P	2
R	3
OS MEET	
RWC	Participated in the First Stage
SPLEVENT	LTS 50 Years Jewel presented to V.W.Bro K.G. Veeraghavan, LTS 25 Years Jewel presented to W.Bro. K. Vasudevan, Bro.M.Saravanan & Bro.A.C.Thirulogchander



### W Bro S MOHAN 130<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 1990

SW	Bro. S.S. Prasad
JW	Bro. R. Sivachandran
SEC	W. Bro. V. Swaminathan
DOC	W. Bro. S. Krishnan
IPM	W. Bro. P. Madhusudhan
I	2
P	3
R	3
Funeral Service	For W Bro Dr S. Ramachandran
RWC	
SPLEVENT	

## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

### W Bro S S PRASAD 131<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 1991

SW	Bro. P. Madhusudhan
JW	W. Bro. K.R. Motilal
SEC	W. Bro. R. Dwarakanath
DOC	W. Bro. S. Krishnan
IPM	W. Bro. Mohan
I	3
P	4
R	2
OS MEET	
RWC	Participated First Stage
SPLEVENT	



### W Bro R SIVACHANDRAN 132<sup>nd</sup> Master

#### YEAR 1992

SW	Bro. P. Visvambar
JW	Bro. G. Sivaramakrishnan
SEC	W. Bro. V. Swaminathan
DOC	W. Bro. S. Mohan
IPM	W. Bro. S.S. Prasad
I	3
P	0
R	1
OS MEET	
RWC	Participated First Stage
SPLEVENT	W. Bro. V. Swaminathan was awarded W. Bro. R. Dwarakanath's Memento for 100% attendance for the fourth consecutive year

## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

### W Bro P VISWAMBAR 133<sup>rd</sup> Master

#### YEAR 1993

SW	Bro. G. Sivaramakrishnan
JW	Bro. M.N. Ramaswamy
SEC	W. Bro. R. Dwarakanath
DOC	W. Bro. S.S.Prasad
IPM	W. Bro. Sivachandran
I	5
P	7
R	2
OS MEET	
RWC	Participated First Stage
SPL EVENT	



### W Bro G SIVARAMAKRISHANAN 134<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 1994

SW	Bro. M.N. Ramaswamy
JW	W. Bro. T.K. Ramachandran
SEC	W. Bro. R. Kalidasan
DOC	W. Bro. R.Dwarakanath
IPM	W. Bro. Vishvambar
I	9
P	2
R	4
OS MEET	
RWC	Participated First Stage
SPL EVENT	

## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

### W Bro M N RAMASWAMY 135<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 1995

SW	W. Bro. Abbas M A Hajji
JW	W. Bro. T.K. Ramachandran
SEC	W. Bro. R. Dwarakanath & S.S. Prasad
IPM	W. Bro. G. Sivaramakrishnan
I	1
P	4
R	5
OS MEET	
RWC	Participated First Stage
SPLEVENT	W. Bro. R. Kalidasan was felicitated for being appointed as ARGM



### W Bro ABBAS MA HAJJI 136<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 1996

SW	W. Bro. T.K. Ramachandaran
JW	Bro. K.S. Sankaran
SEC	W. Bro. S.S. Prasad
DOC	W. Bro. Mahendra Shah
IPM	W. Bro. M.N. Ramaswamy
I	12
P	8
R	3
OS MEET	-
RWC	-
SPLEVENT	60 years LTS Jewel presented to Bro. C.N.Sugananda Mudaliar by G.M. M.W. Bro. K.L.Reddi on 31.3.97

## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

### W Bro MAHENDRA SHAH 137<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 1997

SW	Bro. K.S. Sankaran
JW	Bro. V.S. Kylas
SEC	W. Bro. Suryanarayanamurthy
DOC	W. Bro. M.N. Ramaswamy
IPM	W. Bro. Abbas M A Hajji
I	6
P	7
R	10
OS MEET	
RWC	Participated First Stage
SPL EVENT	Family Nite was celebrated



### W Bro V S KYLAS 138<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 1998

SW	Bro. K.S. Sreekanth
JW	Bro. R. Krishnan
SEC	Bro. S. Nanda Kumar
DOC	W. Bro. T.K.Ramachandran
IPM	W. Bro. Mahendra Shah
I	6
P	8
R	7
RWC	Participated First Stage
SPL EVENT	Cookery Contest, Car Rally, Grains to Patasala & Eye Camp Conducted for the First time

## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

### W Bro K S SANKARAN 139<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 1999

SW	Bro. K.S. Sreekanth
JW	Bro. R. Krishnan
SEC	W. Bro. Suryanarayanamurthy
DOC	W. Bro. Mahendra Shah
IPM	W. Bro. V.S. Kylas
I	7
P	7
R	7

Memorial Service : For W.Bro. C.N. Sukananda Mudaliar on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2000 conducted by W.Bro. R. Dwarakanath

RWC Participated First Stage

SPLEVENT All three Degrees were conducted with 2 candidates for each degree on the same day.



### W Bro K S SREEKANTH 140<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 2000

SW	Bro. R. Krishnan
JW	Bro. L. Ramani
SEC	W. Bro. Mahendra Shah
DOC	W. Bro. V.S. Kylas
IPM	W. Bro. K.S. Sankaran
I	6
P	5
R	6

OS MEET At Salem Lodge Jyothi

RWC Participated First Stage

SPLEVENT Initiated his father at the age of 89 (oldest initiate into freemasonry. All 3 Degrees were conducted in the same meeting by allotment of portions



## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

**W Bro R KRISHNAN 141<sup>st</sup> Master**

**YEAR 2001**

SW	Bro. L. Ramani
JW	Bro. V. Subbiah
SEC	
DOC	
IPM	W. Bro. K.S. Sreekanth
I	14
P	5
R	3
SPL Event	W.Bro. R. Kalidasan was appointed as ARGM and W.Bro.R.Dwarkanath was appointed as Judge for RWC. Stage I
RWC	Participated First Stage

Memorial Service was conducted for Late Bro K.S. Sudharsan - Oldest of the Lodge initiated at Mount Lodge and passed and raised in 2 different Lodges in the city.



**W Bro L RAMANI 142<sup>nd</sup> Master**

**YEAR 2002**

SW	Bro. V. Subbaiah
JW	Bro. K. Kasthuri
SEC	W. Bro. Lt. Col. C. Venkataraman
DOC	W. Bro. K. Satyendrakumar
IPM	W. Bro. R. Krishnan
I	13
P	11
R	5
RWC	Crossed First Stage
SPL EVENT	Fishing Net Distributed to 20 Fishermen, Rice Bags and Pulses given under Dhanya Dhan Scheme in a Fishermen Hamlet. 25 Years LTS to W.Bro. T.K. Ramachandran

## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

**W Bro V SUBBIAH 143<sup>rd</sup> Master**

**YEAR 2003**

SW	Bro. K. Kasthuri
JW	Bro. N. Meenakshi Sundaram
SEC	Bro. R. Ramani Sundaram
DOC	W. Bro. R. Krishanan
IPM	W. Bro. L. Ramani
I	5
P	5
R	6
SPL Event	40 Years LTS was Presented to Bro. M. Saravanan
RWC	Crossed First Stage
Memorial Service held for Late W. Bro. Swaminathan	



**W Bro N MEENAKSHISUNDARAM 144<sup>th</sup> Master**

**YEAR 2004**

SW	Bro. K. Kasthuri
JW	Bro. Lt. Col. K. Venkataraman
SEC	Bro. R. Pariarasu
DOC	W. Bro. L. Ramani
IPM	W. Bro. V. Subbiah
I	7
P	7
R	4
OS MEET	
RWC	Crossed First Stage
SPL EVENT	Eye camp was conducted at an old age home

## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

### W Bro K KASTHURI 145<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 2005

SW	Bro. S. Nandakumar
JW	Bro. R. Pariarasu
SEC	W. Bro. G. Madanraj
DOC	W. Bro. V. Subbiah
IPM	W. Bro. N. Meenakshi Sundaram
I	9
P	7
R	9
OS MEET	Visit to Yercaud 2 <sup>o</sup> Ceremony Conducted for 3 candidates.
RWC	Crossed First Stage
SPL EVENT	40 Years LTS for W Bro R. Dwarakanath in a joint meeting of the lodges.



### W Bro S NANDA KUMAR 146<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 2006

SW	Bro. R. Pariarasu
JW	Bro. K. Rangarajan
SEC	Bro. R.S. Rajasekaran
DOC	W. Bro. N. Meenakshi Sundaram
IPM	W. Bro. S. Kasthuri
I	4
P	3
R	3
OS MEET	Tirunelveli Lodge Tamarabarani
RWC	Crossed First Stage
SPL EVENT	Lodge was Adjudged Best among City Lodges in the 1st Stage of RWC

## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

### W Bro Lt. Col. C VENKATARAMAN 147<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 2007

SW	Bro. R. Pari Arasu
JW	Bro. V.S. Ramakrishnan
SEC	W. Bro. M. Balaganesh
DOC	W. Bro. K. Kasthuri
IPM	W. Bro. S. Nandakumar
I	7
P	7
R	3
OS MEET	
RWC	Crossed First Stage
SPL EVENT	Screening of Film Kuchelan



### W Bro R PARI ARASU 148<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 2008

"Madras Trophy" was awarded for the Ritual Working Competition for the Year 2008

Justice Padmanaban Trophy for the first Stage for

Bro. D.R. Chandramouli SD

SW	Bro. V.S. Ramakrishnan
JW	Bro. N. Hariharasubramanian
SEC	W. Bro. R. Ramanisundaram
DOC	W. Bro. S. Nandakumar
IPM	W. Bro. Lt. Col. C. Venkataraman
I	10
P	10
R	10
OS MEET	Madurai Lodge Rajasabai Visit 3 <sup>o</sup> Ceremony was conducted
RWC	Participated in the First Stage
SPL EVENT	Family Nite Program Conducted on 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec. 2008

## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

### W Bro V S RAMAKRISHNAN 149<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 2009

SW	Bro. N. Hariharasubramaniyan
JW	Bro. D.R. Chandramouli
SEC	Bro. Venkatnatarajan
DOC	W. Bro.
IPM	W. Bro. R. Pari Arasu
I	8
P	9
R	8
OSMEET	
RWC	Did not participate
SPL EVENT	25 Years LTS to R W Bro Madhusudhan & Bro K Rajan by R W Bro G K Selvaraj



### W Bro D R CHANDRAMOULI 150<sup>th</sup> Master

#### YEAR 2010

Occupied Eastern Chair in  
4 years & 6 months after his initiation

There was a contest for WM's chair  
Bro Balaganesh won against  
R W Bro R Dwaraknath

SW	Bro. M. Balaganesh
JW	Bro. R.S. Rajasekaran
SEC	W. Bro. V.S. Kylas
DOC	W. Bro. R. Pari Arasu
IPM	W. Bro. V.S. Ramakrishnan
I	6
P	7
R	2
OSMEET	Visit to Lodge Vivekananda No 254 at Kanyakumari
RWC	Crossed First Stage
SPL EVENT	Eye Camp, Dhanya Dhan-Vedapadasala at Mylapore

## POST 125 YEAR HISTORY

W Bro M BALAGANESH 151<sup>th</sup> Master

YEAR 2011 - 2012

SW	Bro.R. S. Rajasekaran
JW	Bro. P. Srinivas
SEC	W. Bro. K.S. Sankaran
DOC	V. W. Bro. R. Venkatesh
IPM	W. Bro. D.R. Chandramouli
I	8
P	3
R	5
OS MEET	Family Nite Celebrations on 20th & Sesquicentennial Celebration on 21st Sep. 2012
RWC	Crossed First Stage
SPL EVENT	Eye Camp, Jyothirgamaya project at Ambattur, Donation of Rs.10 Lakhs to Public Health Center at West Mambalam



## OUR DAUGHTER LODGES

- \* Lodge Vidya's application was recommended by our Lodge in 1961
- \* Lodge Bharathi No 161, Pondicherry in 1964
- \* Lodge Sarvothama No 176, Cochin in 1966
- \* Lodge Srinivasa Gopala No 190 in 1969
- \* Lodge Mount Charity No 232 in 1978

**Lodge Mount Charity's consecration was well attended by 4 Grand Masters !!** : The Grand Master of India - The Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Belgium - The Grand Lodge of Western Australia & The Grand Lodge of Thailand

## THE SEVEN LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES :

A Stroll through By, Richard D. Marcus, F & AM

The study of the Liberal Arts and Sciences, which are grammar, rhetoric, logic, arithmetic, geometry, music, and astronomy, when we study the historical background for this list, we will uncover layers of Masonic meanings for us in each of the seven areas of knowledge.

Parts of the original list date back to ancient Greece. By medieval times, the completed list had become central to educators and scholastics. The following remarkable woodblock print symbolically captures the relationship of knowledge to crafts.



This print is German from about AD 1500. It shows a goddess holding a book and a rod. She is called Wisdom or Sophia. The love of wisdom or the "philio of Sophia" is the meaning of the word Philosophy. We see Wisdom's lifeblood pouring into all of the arts and crafts drawn as young men. All knowledge is united in this illustration. Painters, architects, musicians, and soldiers receive Wisdom.

This leads us to a second woodblock print, which also is German from about the same time. This one includes clear words representing the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences. Once again a book and rod, symbols of a teacher, are held by a three-headed winged Wisdom. She oversees seven maidens.



In AD 420, Marcius Capella in Carthage wrote an allegory of the Phoebus-Apollo, God of the Sun, presenting the Seven Liberal Arts as maids to his bride Philology, a lover of words. Thereafter, artists have illustrated the liberal arts and sciences as maids. The maids congregate around Wisdom. Knowledge is drawn within a circle. Above Wisdom are morals and theology. In the bottom corners are Aristotle and possibly Plato. But the central figures are the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences.

### Grammar

In Genesis, the first job given to Adam is to name all things. Adam is told to name them and to have dominion over creation. Knowing the name of things gives a man authority to speak and to understand.

In elementary school or Grammar School we learn to recite the alphabet, numbers, and colors. Grammar involves words and meanings. The earliest lessons in speaking involve repetition and alliteration. We say tongue twisters and recite phrases to learn to speak. We say, "she sells sea shells by the seashore" as an articulation exercise. Children learn their own language as well as foreign languages. To learn another language, grammar and structure are essential.

Grammar can be divided into technical or exegetical grammar. Technical grammar is what most of us associate with the word grammar — diagramming sentences with subjects and verbs. Grammar involves learning declensions for verbs and nouns. Exegetical grammar involves learning the meaning of words, their nuances, and how they fit in different settings.

We learn that deferential language is appropriate to use for speaking to those in authority over us. We are told to keep a tongue of good report in the FC Charge. The FC historical lecture directs us to have an instructive tongue so that we become better men. Grammar teaches us to speak clearly and concisely.

### Rhetoric

A synonym for rhetoric is persuasion. To study rhetoric is to study speaking and writing to persuade others. Too often we think of rhetoric as unimportant, as in the throwaway line, "well that was just a rhetorical comment." Rhetoric is serious business: it has substance. Rhetoric is essential in the study of law and regulations. Roscoe Pound, Albert Mackey, and Allen Roberts were some of the greatest writers on Masonic jurisprudence. They were marvelously persuasive writers as well.

Influential Romans learned to speak in public with fluency and oratory. Newly initiated Entered Apprentices are invited to speak in Lodge on whatever was on their hearts. Public speaking is terrifying to some: but to Freemasons, we learn both to speak to listen to others.

Rhetoric adds force and elegance to our thoughts. As we improve in rhetoric, we captivate the hearer with both the strength of our arguments and the beauty of our expression. Our mastery of rhetoric teaches us to entreat and exhort our brethren to acts of charity. Skillful rhetoric uses tact to admonish our brothers. Rhetoric weaves praise to applaud excellence in conduct or deportment.



## Logic

Logic directs and guides us after truth. It consists of a regular train of argument where we deduce or infer from the facts. Logic leads us to conclusions based on our knowledge.

We use all of our faculties of conceiving, judging, reasoning, and disposing of questions before us. Logic trains the mind to think clearly. We are charged to be good men and true. Sincerity and plain dealing should distinguish any Mason.

Dialectics is the term used to describe critical thinking. We weigh the pros and cons to find the better choice. We observe the world. As we see patterns and relationships, we begin to make predictions using inductive reasoning. Dialectics guides us to make proofs or syllogisms.

Early on, we find that you can disprove assertions easier than prove them. Reductio ad absurdum means to find a contradiction that proves the opposite. It is easy to disprove, "all elephants can fly," simply by finding one that can't. A single observation proves that, "not all elephants can fly."

The education of our minds includes proofs and deductive reasoning. We start to see actions that help one person may not help all. We learn to avoid arguments that something is true or false simply by who says it, instead of its inherent truth.

As we advance in logic, we begin to think about proofs for the existence of God. We see the beauty of an autumn leave, so intricate and perfect. The teleological proof of God's existence is that design in nature proves that there must have been a designer, our Great Architect Of The Universe.

## Arithmetic

Arithmetic involves computation or reckoning with numbers. Ignorance of numbers leaves many things unintelligible. To perceive the world accurately, we need facility with counting and measurement. Mathematics is taught step by step. We first learn to count before we learn to add and subtract. As a science, it is progressive by building skill and familiarity through frequent practice.

We develop abstract operations such as addition and multiplication:

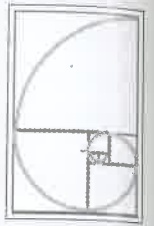
For the Freemason, the application of this science is to:

- Add to your knowledge
- Never subtract from the character of your neighbor
- Multiple your benevolence to your fellow creatures & Divide your means with those in need.

Arithmetic offers a structured system. It has rules, order, and operates in terms of equations. Balance and equality are principles learned in arithmetic that should remind us to act on the level.

There is beauty in arithmetic and mathematics. We discover symmetry and proportion. Numbers fascinates us. Leonardo Fibonacci in AD 1201 discovered that rabbits reproduced in a series of 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, and 13. Ratios of any two successive numbers approach the Golden Mean, which is 1.618. The inverse of 1.618 is .618. The same digits reappear. The Parthenon was built on this same proportion of the length 161.8% of the height.

We feel awe and wonder at the beauty of mathematics. We find fractal patterns in biology, chemistry, and physics that are repeated. The Fibonacci spiral is found in conch shells



Mathematics shows that some propositions are right, and some are wrong. It indirectly teaches us about morality. There is no moral relativity here.

### Geometry

Geometry concatenates geo and metric, or earth measurement, within it. Geometry discovers unmeasured areas by comparing them to areas already measured. Geometry is synonymous with self-knowledge, the understanding of the basic substance of our being. Freemasonry places special emphasis on geometry.

The tools of geometry are plumbs, squares, and levels. They are the basic tools of operative Masons. We use them in speculative Masonry to teach lessons of right-behavior, rectitude, and truthfulness. Our conductor in the FC degree leads us much like the apprentice is led by a Master of his trade.

The sense of seeing is developed in Geometry. We grow in perceiving which structures are in order and which ones are not well arranged. We acknowledge that geometric is the foundation of architecture.

### Music

Music is the sixth of the seven Liberal Arts and Sciences. Pythagoras and his followers were keen on studying music as a science.

Music is part of us. Our heartbeat is the basic pattern, with sounds ranging from the first cry of a newborn baby to our last gasp for breath. The sense of hearing is improved, so that we recognize ditties and rhythms and syncopation. Clapping and singing are part of who we are as humans.

Vibrations cause sounds. Pitch is determined by the frequency of the vibrations. We learn to hear major, minor, and chromatic scales. We attempt to match the pitch of the lead singer. It takes discipline, but we achieve harmony. Many have sought to hear the sounds of the universe in radio frequency. Whole pieces of music have been dedicated to the music of the spheres.

### Astronomy

Astronomy is last in this list of Arts and Sciences as we contemplate the stars and planets, and yes, the great architect of the universe.

Time and space seem to dwarf us. We feel tiny as we look at the Milky Way. Often it is said that the Fear of God

is the Beginning of Wisdom. Looking at the universe helps to instill both fear and a sense of the glory of the universe.

The globes teach us to understand the rotation of the earth around the sun and the diurnal rotation of the earth. Daylight shrinks in the days before December 22nd, and then begins to lengthen. We observe this. Times and seasons are understood by contemplating astronomy.

The Seven Liberal Arts & Sciences are branches of Wisdom or Learning. If we are to become better men, we should work on becoming better, able to understand our world.

These seven are key to learning other areas of knowledge including history and psychology. These branches are like rooms in a magnificent garden in which we should daily stroll.

- downloaded from the net by : **W Bro D R Chandramouli**

## SONS AND FATHERS

Eight Brethren of our Lodge, including the 125th Master, have had their sons also initiated into Freemasonry and made members of this Lodge.

W. Bro. T. S. Varadachari (I: 3-6-1916; W. M. : 1936) initiated his son Mr. T. S. Chinthamani on 6-3-1939. Bro. Chinthamani was installed the 100th Master in 1961.

W. Bro. S. Soundararajan (I:18-7-1936; W. M. : 1943) initiated his son Mr. K. S. Srinivasan on 4-9-1948. Bro. Srinivasan was installed Master in 1958.

Bro. C. Nathamuni Naidu (I : 1-6-35) and his son W. Bro. C. N. Ramanujam (I : 5-8-61) who was Master of 1970.

W. Bro. T. N. S. Ragavachari (J: 4-6-21; W. M. 1941) initiated his first son Dr. R. Narasimhan on 6-4-1946 and his last son Mr. R. Dwarakanath on 7-4-62. Bro. Dwarakanath was installed Master in 1979.

W. Bro. M. Rajagopalan (J : 2-10-48; W. M. 1962) initiated his son Mr. R. Kalidasan on 10-3-1969 and also installed Bro. Kalidasan as Master of 1977 His other son Mr. R. Natarajan was initiated on 7-9-1985.

W. Bro. Lt. Col. Renganathan (J : 1-3-1975) initiated his son Mr. R. Rajagopal on 6-3-1976.

W. Bro. S. A. Subramani (J : 6-11-1982) initiated his son Mr. S. S. Prasad on 4-12-1982.

W. Bro. K. Satyendrakumar (I: 5-1-63; W. M. 1986) initiated his son Mr. K. Satyanarayana on 14-9-83 and his other son Mr. K. C. Appa Rao on 1-2-86.

And from the foundations well and truly laid, every one of them have raised the superstructure, perfect in its parts and Honourable to the builder, with satisfaction to themselves and advantage to the Lodge.

W Bro K S Sreekanth initiated his fater at the age of 89 (oldest initiate) into freemasonry in the year 2000-01

W Bro S S Prasad initiated his son Bro Arjun Prasad in Jan 2002

W Bro R Kalidasan initiated his son Bro Kalidasan Gopalakrishnan in May 2002

W Bro L Ramani initiated his son Bro Lokesh Ramani as a Lewis on 5th March 2003 and later initiated his 2nd son Bro Rakesh Ramani on 1st Sep. 2009

W Bro V S Kylas initiated his son V K Harsha Vardhan as a Lewis on 11th Aug. 2010.

## WHAT IS HUMILITY ?

Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance.

Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in the blood of his followers and the sacrifices of his friends.

The best loved by God are those that are rich, yet have the humility of the poor, and those that are poor and have the magnanimity of the rich.

## SOME OF THE FAMOUS QUOTES OF SWAMI VIVEKANANDA

- \* All Power is within you; you can do anything and everything. Believe in that, do not believe that you are weak. Stand up and express the divinity within you
- \* Be not afraid of anything. You will do marvelous work. The moment you fear, you are nobody. It is fear that is the great cause of misery in the world. It is fear that is the greatest of all superstitions. It is fear that is cause of our woes and it fearlessness that brings heaven even in a moment. Therefore, "Arise, awake and stop not till the goal is reached"
- \* When I asked my father – What have you done for me? He told me – "go, look at yourself in the mirror, and you will see what I have done for you" – meaning that one should not depend on others but stand on his own feet
- \* It may be that I shall find it good to get outside of my body-to cast it off like a worn-out garment, but I shall not cease to work ! I shall inspire men everywhere, un till the world shall know that it one with the God

Humility is not cowardice. Meekness is not weakness.

Humility and meekness are indeed spiritual powers.

## SYMBOLISM & MASONRY

Freemasonry is "veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols" because these are the surest way by which moral and ethical truths may be taught. It is not only with the brain and with the mind that the initiate must take Freemasonry but also with the heart

Freemasonry is a science of symbols, in which, by their proper study, a search is instituted after truth - that truth consisting in the knowledge of the divine and human nature, of God and the human soul

Symbolism is the use and interpretation of symbols or emblems. Literally, a symbol is a comparison. The word symbol is derived from two Greek words meaning to throw together, to place side by side. Thus, "a symbol is a visible representation of some object or thing, real or imagined, employed to convey a certain idea."

We have no other way to express ideas than by the use of symbols. Words themselves are only symbols. When we say a man is "lion-hearted," we use symbolism. In ordinary usage, however, by symbol we mean an object which stands for an idea. The Flag is a symbol of our Country; the Cross is a symbol of Christianity; the Square is a Masonic symbol of Virtue.

Extending this conception further, ceremonies and actions may also be symbolic. The military salute is a symbol of obedience and discipline. A hearty handclasp may symbolize several ideas, friendship, faith, sympathy. Kneeling for prayer is a symbol of humility, submission, obedience - reverence.

A great Masonic scholar once said that "the symbolism of Masonry is the soul of Masonry." This becomes apparent when we realize that it is not enough merely to state ideas; they must be driven home with emphasis which not only will impress but also will be retained by the candidate's mind. So these ideas, garnered from the wisdom of the ages, are represented by symbols.

"Freemasonry is rehearsed to the candidate by the rendition of ritual, imparted to his mind by story and impressed upon the memory by symbols. By drama, story and symbol, the eye, the ear and the recollection continually enrich the mind and quicken the conscience of the thinking members of the Craft."

## MASONIC CHARITY

It is a Freemason's duty to support and encourage the principles of Freemasonry, because it powerfully develops all social and benevolent affections.

The very form of a Lodge, as you have learned, is limited only by the vastness of the universe. Masonic Charity should be equally extensive and this refers to Charity in its broadest sense. Therefore, one of the basic tenets of a Mason's profession is Relief.

A Brother should lose no time in becoming acquainted with this magnificent, living example of Masonic benevolence. But our Masonic Home is by no means the end of Masonic Charity. True, it is one very important means to an end—for here, as Masons, we collectively extend Masonic benevolence on a scale which far surpasses our abilities as separate individuals or Lodges. The Masonic Home is thus an outstanding example of what can be accomplished when many thousands of individuals each contribute a modest sum (the per capita fee and individual donations) to create a very substantial fund which is impartially administered for a common cause.

Yet, payment of the Home per capita does not absolve a Mason or a Lodge from the further practice of Masonic Charity wherever and whenever it may be needed, within the terms of our obligations—for every Mason has solemnly promised to "aid and assist all worthy, distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans" when they apply to him within the broad meaning of the obligation he has taken—and this applies equally to Lodges, of course. This responsibility never ceases, and it is not restricted within tangible boundaries. Thus Masonic Charity actually is, or should be, as boundless as the universe.

The Mason who understands this fully and practices Charity in its broadest sense in his daily life—thereby discharging his Masonic obligation—soon discovers why Charity has been called "the greatest of these;" and his reward is that inward peace which surpasses all understanding.



The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of  
**THE MOUNT LODGE No.14**

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Cordially invite you for their

**Sesquicentennial CELEBRATIONS (150 Years)**

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has kindly consented to preside*

*In the august presence of*

**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*

At

*The Freemasons Hall, No. 14, Ethiraj Salai, Egmore, Chennai 600 008  
on Friday, the 21st September, 2012, at 4.30 p.m.  
and for the Banquet thereafter.*

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### OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2011 - 2012

S.No.	R.No.	Rank	Name	Office	I/J	Date	Com
1	798		W.Bro. M. Balaganesh	W.M.	J	02.12.06	PC
2	793		W.Bro. D.R. Chandramouli P.R.G Stwd	I.P.M.	I	06.05.06	PC
3	778		Bro. R.S. Rajashekar	S.W	I	09.08.04	PC
4	788		Bro. Puvvada Srinivas	J.W	I	04.02.06	PC
5	806		Bro. Venkat Natarajan	Chaplain	I	04.08.07	
6	691		W.Bro. Mahendra Shah (1997) P.M.L.200-1991) P.Asst., GR Secy., P.Dy.R.G.M.	Treasurer	J	09.10.95	EC
7	673		W.Bro. K.S. Sankaran (1999) P.G Stwd., P.P.R.B.G.P.	Secretary	J	07.08.93	PC
8	722	V.W.Bro.	R. Venkatesh (PM 194-1997) P.G.D of C., P.Dy.R.G.M.	D of C	J	09.01.00	PC
9	826		Bro. P. Selvaganesh	S.D.	J	04.07.09	
10	799		Bro. B. Badrinarayanan	J.D.	I	06.01.07	
11	755		W.Bro. G. Madanaraj (PM L142-1988) P.Dy.G D of C, P.Dy.R.G.M.	Br/V.S.L.	J	04.05.02	
12	695		W.Bro. R. Ramanisundaram (P.M.L.341-2008), P.R.G.I.G	Br/V.S.L.	I	04.01.97	
13	825		Bro. J. Saiprasad	Br/V.S.L	I	06.06.09	
14	702		Bro. J.V.J. Subramaniam	Br/V.S.L	I	14.07.97	
15	729		Bro. Dr. Murugesan	Br/V.S.L	I	05.08.00	
16	831		W.Bro. P. Gajendran (PM 232-1985) P.R.G.D of C.	Swd.Br	J	02.01.10	
17	779		Bro. N. Hariharasubramanian	Asst.Secy	I	11.09.04	
18	768		Bro. K. Rangarajan	Asst.D of C	I	03.05.03	
19	701		W.Bro. Loganathan Ramani (2002) P.G. Stwd., P.S.R.G.D. (To be invested)	Almoner	I	05.04.97	
20	837		Bro. Arvind Shiva Mahadevan	Organist	I	03.04.10	
21	807		Bro. Chinniah Madanagopal	I.G	I	19.08.07	
22	725		W.Bro. Pariarasu (2009) P.R.G.I.G (To be invested)	Steward	I	01.04.00	
23	828		Bro. Rakesh Ramani	Steward	I	01.09.09	
24	820		Bro. Srikanth Raghunathan	Steward	I	03.01.09	
25	839		Bro. Capt. S. Baskaran	Steward	I	01.05.10	
26	840		Bro. S. Rajagopalan	Steward	I	15.05.10	
			R.W Bro. N. Pandurangan (PM 146-1984) P.A.G.M., P.Dy.R.G.M., R.G.Secy.	Tyler			

I - Initiate                      J - Joining                      RJ - Rejoined                      Com - Committee  
 AC - Audit Committee                      EC - Enquiry Committee                      PC - Permanent Committee

**PAST MASTERS**

27.	489 V.W.Bro V. Somasundaram (1971) PA.Gr.D of C. PRG Chap	J	02.07.66
28.	560 R.W.Bro R. Dwarakanath (1979) (PM232-1983) (PM 341-2004) P A G M P Dy R G M	RJ	03.03.73
29.	594 R.W.Bro. T.K. Ramachandran (1982) P A G M. P Dy R G M	I	01.07.78 AC
30.	629 R.W.Bro. P. Madhusudan (1988-89) P A G M.	I	02.06.84 PC
31.	619 R.W.Bro. S.S. Prasad (1991) P G J W. P Dy R G M. A R G M	I	01.12.82 EC
32.	832 W.Bro. R. Sivachandran (1992)	RJ	02.01.10
33.	665 W.Bro. V.S. Kyles (1998) P Asst Gr Secy. P A R G M	I	06.04.91 PC
34.	676 W.Bro. K.S. Sreekanth (2000) P Gr.Mar. P S R G W	I	12.03.94 AC
35.	713 W.Bro. V. Subbiah (2003) P R G S W	J	01.08.98 PC
36.	731 W.Bro. N. Meenakshisundaram (2004) Gr.Stwd. P R G R.	J	09.10.00 EC
37.	703 W.Bro. K. Kasthuri (2005) P S R R G D	I	14.07.97 PC
38.	646 W.Bro. P.P. Kuppuswamy Rao (PM218-2005) P R G T.Y.	RJ	08.11.86
39.	699 W.Bro. S. Nandakumar (2006) R G S t B R	I	14.07.97 AC
40.	780 W.Bro. V.S. Ramakrishnan (2010) P V P R. G. S t.	I	18.11.04

**BRETHREN**

41.	665 Bro. M. Saravanan	I	01.02.64
42.	504 Bro. M. Balasubramanian	I	03.06.67
43.	621 Bro. K. Rejan	I	07.05.83
44.	664 Bro. N. Shanmugam	I	07.07.90
45.	667 Bro. Abraham Thampy	I	01.02.92
46.	672 Bro. A. Krishnamurthy	I	05.06.93
47.	675 Bro. R. Gopalan	I	05.10.93
48.	677 Bro. Nagindra Prasad	I	12.03.94
49.	686 Bro. K. Suresh	I	03.06.95
50.	687 Bro. G. Mohan	I	03.06.95
51.	694 Bro. B. Rajagopal	I	06.01.96
52.	696 Bro. M.V. Heritram	I	08.02.97
53.	708 Bro. P.Subramanian	I	07.02.98
54.	717 Bro. Shyam Sundar Damani	I	02.01.99
55.	718 Bro. Pradeep Bhandari	I	06.02.99
56.	719 Bro. Sambasiva Ganapathy	I	02.03.99
57.	721 Bro. K. Chandrasekaran	I	03.04.99
58.	735 Bro. K. Ramesh	I	04.03.01
59.	744 Bro. S. Prabhakar	I	11.02.02
60.	745 Bro. Ashok Sarangan	J	11.02.02
61.	748 Bro. Nalli Viswanath	I	06.04.02
62.	750 Bro. S.K. Rajagopal (PW)	J	06.04.02
63.	757 Bro. Ravi Ayyangar	I	05.10.02
64.	758 Bro. C. Balasubramanian	I	26.10.02
65.	759 Bro. Ganesan Gopalan	I	27.11.02
66.	764 Bro. Janardhan Madhusudhanan	I	27.02.03
67.	772 Bro. Gopalakrishna Suresh	I	07.02.04
68.	777 Bro. Karuna Sagar	I	09.08.04
69.	782 Bro. Subramaniam Pichaiiah	I	05.03.05
70.	783 Bro. Pukhraj Anul Khicha	I	02.04.05
71.	787 Bro. Rajan Raghuram	I	04.02.06
72.	790 Bro. Swaminathan Eishhower	I	01.04.06

73.	791 Bro. Devalla Ramprasad	I	01.04.06
74.	794 Bro. Kshitish Koopraty	I	01.07.06
75.	800 Bro. Ram Vaangal	I	03.02.07
76.	802 Bro. Jeyaram V. Menon	I	07.04.07
77.	803 Bro. N. Sudir	I	05.05.07
78.	804 Bro. S. Rammohan	I	05.05.07
79.	808 Bro. Krishna Kumar V.P.	I	06.10.07
80.	809 Bro. P.V. Venkatesan (F.C.)	I	06.10.07
81.	812 Bro. Sermapandian	I	07.06.08
82.	813 Bro. Meenatchi Sundaram R.M.	I	05.07.08
83.	815 Bro. Rangarajan Seshadri	I	02.07.08
84.	816 Bro. P.R. Sampath	I	02.08.08
85.	818 Bro. R. Sivaraman	I	04.10.08
86.	819 Bro. Sharan Ramesh	I	06.12.08
87.	823 Bro. Ganapathynayagam Subbiah	J	02.05.09
88.	824 Bro. Chandrasekara Solomon Jebaraj	I	02.05.09
89.	827 Bro. Srikanth Srinivasan (F.C.)	I	01.08.09
90.	829 Bro. Mukundan Vijayan	I	03.10.09
91.	830 Bro. Subbiah Sakthivel Krishnamoorthy	I	03.10.09
92.	833 Bro. C. J. Sainath	RJ	02.01.10
93.	834 Bro. Rajagopal Natarajan	RJ	02.01.20
94.	835 Bro. K.G. Mahadeva Rao (F.C.)	I	06.02.10
95.	838 Bro. Kanipaka Balachandra Reddy	I	03.04.10
96.	841 Bro. V.K. Harsha Vardhan	I	11.08.10
97.	843 Bro. Murali Krishna Satagopan	I	03.01.11
98.	844 Bro. Srivatsan Vasudevan (F.C.)	I	03.01.11
99.	845 Bro. Jakanath Poosekar	I	05.03.11
100.	846 Bro. Yerrapa Jagannatha Ekambaram	I	02.04.11
101.	847 Bro. K. Saravanan	I	02.07.11
102.	848 Bro. K.S. Ramakrishnan (E.A.)	I	21.09.11
103.	849 Bro. Madhan Ghurumurthy	I	04.02.12
104.	850 Bro. Urath Pavadasan (E.A.)	J	04.02.12
105.	851 Bro. Valianoor Gopalakrishna Baskaran (E.A.)	I	05.04.12
106.	852 Bro. Srinivasan Sriram (F.C.)	I	04.05.12
107.	853 Bro. Saalai Kadhambha Mani (E.A.)	I	02.06.12
108.	854 Bro. Veeramani Sriram (F.C.)	I	07.07.12
109.	855 Bro. Arunugam Mohan (E.A.)	I	10.07.12
110.	856 Bro. Sekar Arvind (E.A.)	I	18.07.12
111.	857 Bro. Raghunathan Suryanarayanan (E.A.)	I	04.08.12

**NON - RESIDENT BRETHREN**

112.	632 Bro. P.S. Rajagopal	I	07.09.84
113.	688 W.Bro. R. Krishnan (2001) P.R.G. Organist	I	01.07.95
114.	704 Bro. Sankaran Balaji	I	02.06.97
115.	726 Bro. P.S. Ramesh	I	06.05.00
116.	736 W.Bro. K.R. Girdharan (PM L341-2007)	I	02.06.01
117.	740 Bro. Arjun Prasad	I	05.01.02
118.	765 Bro. Lokesh Ramani	I	05.03.03
119.	773 Bro. Sundharam Balasubramanian	I	06.03.04
120.	805 Bro. Ranganathan Sathyanarayanan (EA)	I	15.07.07
121.	842 Bro. Chelliah Sivapathasundharam Srisikandan (F.C.)	I	04.09.10

## SAVE THE SPARROW

Never have I been able to fathom why there is so much of hue and cry over the gradual disappearance of tigers while we do not seem to take any radical steps to understand the rapid dwindling of our friendly neighbor – the sparrow from our eco system. Is it because we are more familiar with the twitter world than the natural tweets of our sparrow chatter....

The sparrow, especially the common house sparrow, is the smallest bird of our macro and micro eco-systems. One of the most ubiquitous birds on earth and also one of the oldest companions of human beings, it has, over a period of time, evolved with us. Fortunately, they are still found in abundance in many parts of the world.

The house sparrow was once the most common bird in the world, but in the past few years, this bird has been on the decline, both in the urban and rural habitats. The decline of the house sparrow is an indicator of the continuous degradation the environment around us is facing. It is also a warning bell that alerts us about the possible detrimental effects on our health and wellbeing. We need to know the health risks of the increasing amount of microwave pollution and what is decimating the population of the house sparrow, which co-existed with us, so that we can estimate the effect on all forms of life, including ours. The house sparrow also represents many of the common bird species and is, in a sense, their ambassador. Therefore, the conservation of the house sparrow and its habitat will also help save much of the common biodiversity, which shares the habitat of the house sparrows.

While significant attention has been paid by experts as well as the government to conserve endangered and exotic wildlife species like the tigers and elephants, common animals, birds and plants face a bleak future due to general neglect and oversight. The reasons for the house sparrows' slow but noticeable disappearance has been labeled as one of the biggest mysteries of recent times. A leading newspaper in the United Kingdom - a country that has witnessed one of the biggest declines of the house sparrow population in recent times - declared a cash prize to anyone who could solve the mystery. Needless to say, the reward remains unclaimed till date.

Concerned over the dwindling species of the common sparrow who connect you to nature as a child and leave a lasting indelible impression\*on us, sparrow lovers from all over the world commemorate WSD (World Sparrow Day) on March 20th annually to tweak our conscience and protect this specie from the brink of extinction. This event is organized to raise public awareness about the decline of the house sparrow and throw light on the problems faced by the species in its daily fight for survival, and also inspire people to take concrete steps in housing them in the abode of nature."

Taking a cue from nature lovers all over the world, brethren from the The Mount Lodge No.14 under the aegis of their beloved Worshipful Master W.Bro. M Balaganesh took the initiative of spearheading the "Save the sparrow" campaign. In association with The Madras Naturalists' Society on 16th September 2012 held at Freemasons Hall, Chennai in the august presence of our Chief Guest A.R.G.M R.W.Bro. S S Prasad all the

members and guests present were encouraged to willingly be active participants and given a nest box, a feeder for providing food and clean drinking water every day. Grains such as broken rice or bajra can be filled into the scientifically designed feeders that can be hung in balconies or windows. If this is done continuously, experience shows the return of sparrows back to localities that were deserted earlier. While it is very heartening to note that The Mount Lodge No.14 has successfully embarked on innumerable humanitarian projects, it is very commendable to observe their sincerity in contributing their bit to ecological protection and fortification – a feather in the cap indeed under the able stewardship of our Worshipful Master W.Bro. M Balaganesh.

**W.Bro.V S Kylas**

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## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

"A rose is a rose," it has been said. And most of us know a rose when we see one, as we know the African marigolds we plant beside the potatoes and beans in our gardens, and the cedar, mango, coconut and palm trees, banyan and neem trees that shade our backyards and line our streets. We usually call these plants by their common names. But if we wanted to know more about the cedar tree in our front yard, we would find that "cedar" may refer to an eastern red cedar, an incense cedar, a western red cedar, an Atlantic white cedar, a Spanish cedar, a banak cedar, or the biblical cedar of Lebanon. In fact, we would find that cedars are found in three separate plant families.

Later, after discovering that our "African" marigolds are in fact from Mexico and our "Spanish" cedar originated in the West Indies, we would realize how misleading the common names of plants can be. The same plant can have many different common names. The European white lily has at least 245, while the marsh marigold has at least 280. Clearly, if we use only the common name of a plant, we cannot be sure of understanding very much about that plant.

It is for this reason that the scientific community prefers to use a more precise way of naming, or classification. Scientific classification, however, is more than just naming: it is a key to understanding. Botanists name a plant to give it a unique place in the biological world, as well as to clarify its relationships within that world. Classification is sometimes difficult. As modern botany has advanced, producing an increasing understanding of complex biochemical mechanisms, the criteria for the way plants are classified has undergone transformation. Even further, Nature is not fixed and plants, like us, are capable of change. Plants can vary for reasons we don't entirely understand. To be sure, plant classification is not the dull field that some might assume!

The scientific or botanical name of a plant is the means by which we give it its unique place in the scientific and biological world. Begun by Carolus Linneaus, a Swedish botanist, in the eighteenth century, this name is binomial (has two parts), consisting of genus and species, both of which are expressed in Latin. The genus or generic name is a noun which usually names some aspect of a plant, such as *Coffea*, the Latinized form of the

Arabic word for beverage, kahwah. The species or specific name is usually an adjective that describes the genus. In the case of coffee, the species is arabica, indicating that the plant was thought to originate in Arabia. The coffee plant botanical name, *Coffea arabica*, refers to only one plant and cannot be confused with any other. Its botanical name is unique to that particular plant the world over.

Despite the great advances made in botany, there are many, many plants yet to be discovered, classified, and utilized; unknown plants are treasures waiting to be found. Today's ethnobotanists are combing regions of the world, looking for tomorrow's medicines and food crops. They are exploring the functional properties and relationships of plants within ecosystems to help us to understand the need for diversity in the way we manage our plant resources.

The plant world, our world, is in constant flux. Due to human and other factors, we are seeing the possibility of extinction for many plants and animals. Plant classification aids in keeping track of our planet's endangered inhabitants. Just as importantly, we are realizing the need to understand ecological systems which preserve biodiversity. Today's scientists are exploring how genetic diversity and ecological sensitivity are necessary in solving such problems as feeding the population and fighting disease. Plant classification is vital to these endeavors. As is plain to see, a name is not just a name.

As a matter of interest in preserving and conserving the abundant flora surrounding the Freemason premises, The Mount Lodge No.14 under the able leadership of Worshipful Master W.Bro. M Balaganesh and his effervescent team of brethren set about enthusiastically in their task of classifying the trees in the premises ably assisted by botanist Mr. M Udayakumar. The event which was held on 16th September, 2012 was done with much joy and care in not only educating themselves but also to let the future generation of Freemasons realize and appreciate the vast wealth of abundant nature left for them to enjoy, preserve, conserve and grow. Name placards suitably numbered with their botanical and colloquial names in English and Tamil have been made to classify the trees which would enrich our botanical knowledge.

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**CLASSIFICATION OF TREES ALONG WITH BOTANICAL NAME & COLLOQUIAL TAMIL NAME )**

S.NO	NAME OF THE TREE (BOTANICAL NAME)	TAMIL NAME
1	Tamarinaus Indica (Cesalpiniaceae)	Tamarind Tree (Puliya Maram)
2	Azadirachta Indica (Meliaceae)	Neem Tree (Veppa Maram)
3	Delonix Regia (Caesalpiniaceae)	Red Poinciana (Senkondrai)
4	Polythia Longifolia (Annonaceae)	Mast Tree (Nettilingam)
5	Polythia Longifolia (Annonaceae)	Mast Tree (Nettilingam)
6	Polythia Longifolia (Annonaceae)	Mast Tree (Nettilingam)
7	Polythia Longifolia (Annonaceae)	Mast Tree (Nettilingam)
8	Azadirachta Indica (Meliaceae)	Neem Tree (Veppa Maram)
9	Morinda Pubescens (Rubiaceae)	Morinda (Manchanathi maran, nuna maram)
10	Bambusa Vulgaris (Poaceae)	Bamboo (Varimoongil)
11	Morinda Pubescens (Rubiaceae)	Morinda (Manchanathi maran, nuna maram)
12	Morinda Pubescens (Rubiaceae)	Morinda (Manchanathi maran, nuna maram)
13	Peltaphorum Pterocarpum (Cesalpiniaceae)	Copper Pad - Manjal Kondrai
14	Bambusa Vulgaris (Poaceae)	Bamboo (Varimoongil)
15	Polythia Longifolia (Annonaceae)	Mast Tree (Nettilingam)
16	Tamarinaus Indica (Cesalpiniaceae)	Tamarind Tree (Puliya Maram)
17	Peltaphorum Pterocarpum (Cesalpiniaceae)	Copper Pad - Manjal Kondrai
18	Peltaphorum Pterocarpum (Cesalpiniaceae)	Copper Pad - Manjal Kondrai
19	Peltaphorum Pterocarpum (Cesalpiniaceae)	Copper Pad - Manjal Kondrai
20	Peltaphorum Pterocarpum (Cesalpiniaceae)	Copper Pad - Manjal Kondrai
21	Morinda Pubescens (Rubiaceae)	Morinda (Manchanathi maran, nuna maram)
22	Azadirachta Indica (Meliaceae)	Neem Tree (Veppa Maram)
23	Azadirachta Indica (Meliaceae)	Neem Tree (Veppa Maram)
24	Plumeria Alba (Apolynaeceae)	Pagoda Tree (Panneer Poo)
25	Peltaphorum Pterocarpum (Cesalpiniaceae)	Copper Pad - Manjal Kondrai
26	Peltaphorum Pterocarpum (Cesalpiniaceae)	Copper Pad - Manjal Kondrai
27	Peltaphorum Pterocarpum (Cesalpiniaceae)	Copper Pad - Manjal Kondrai
28	Polythia Longifolia (Annonaceae)	Mast Tree (Nettilingam)
29	Polythia Longifolia (Annonaceae)	Mast Tree (Nettilingam)
30	Citrus Limon (Rutaceae)	Lemon Tree (Elumichai)
31	Mangifera Indica (Anacardiaceae)	Mango Tree (Mamaram)
32	Mangifera Indica (Anacardiaceae)	Mango Tree (Mamaram)
33	Wrightia Tintoria (Apocynaceae)	Pala Indigo Plant (Vetpalai)
34	Vitex negunda (Verbenaceae)	Chaste Tree (Nochi)
35	Tamarinaus Indica (Cesalpiniaceae)	Tamarind Tree (Puliya Maram)
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42	Tamarinaus Indica (Cesalpiniaceae)	Tamarind Tree (Puliya Maram)
43	Albizia Saman (Mimasaceae)	Rain Tree (Thoongamoonchi Maram)
44	Polythia Longifolia (Annonaceae)	Mast Tree (Nettilingam)
45	Streblusasper (Moraceae)	Siamee Rough Bush (Prai Maram)
46	Albizia Saman (Mimasaceae)	Rain Tree (Thoongamoonchi Maram)
47	Polythia Longifolia (Annonaceae)	Mast Tree (Nettilingam)
48	Azadirachta Indica (Meliaceae)	Neem Tree (Veppa Maram)
49	Peltaphorum Pterocarpum (Cesalpiniaceae)	Copper Pad - Manjal Kondrai
50	Tamarinaus Indica (Cesalpiniaceae)	Tamarind Tree (Puliya Maram)





**MOUNT LODGE NO.14**  
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