



THE MOUNT LODGE NO.14

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR – LTSJ PRESENTATION MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY, 05 August 2023 AT FREEMASONS HALL, EGMORE, CHENNAI at 4.30 p.m.

1. To open the Lodge.

The Lodge was opened in Due and Ancient form - in the First degree. Following brethren were present for the meeting:

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W.Bro. Puvvada Srinivas	Worshipful Master
W.Bro. Mukundan Vijayan	I.P.M.
W.Bro. B.Badrinarayanan	Senior Warden
Bro.Sammpath Dorairajan	Junior warden
R.W.Bro K.S.Sankaran	Secretary
W.Bro.P,Pasupathinathan	D of C
Bro.Sasiganesh Sathyanarayana	As Senior Deacon
W.Bro.Arvind Siva Mahadevan	As Junior Deacon
Bro.R.Naramimhakannan	Inner Guard
W.Bro.P.J.Ramanujam	Tyler
Other Members :	
W.Bro.R.Krishnan	
W.Bro.D.R.Chandramouli	
W.Bro.Chinniah Madanagopal.	
Bro.Ganesh Kalidasan	
Total	14

2. To Salute the W. Master.

As directed by Bro. Director of Ceremonies the brethren saluted the Worshipful Master as Freemason and W Master Greeted the Brethren in return.

3. To Read the Summons convening the meeting

Bro Secretary read the Summons convening the meeting

4. To read, if approved, confirm and adopt the minutes of the Regular meeting held on Monday the 10 th July 2023.

Secretary informed that the minutes have been circulated to all brethren by Email and WhatsApp and propose same may be taken as read and this seconded by D of C. WM put to vote, confirmed and adopted.

5.To report the proceedings of the permanent committee meeting held on 14 July 2023.

Bro. Secretary informed that routine administrative matters and arrangements for LTSJ meeting were discussed in the Committee meeting.

6. To Read the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts.

This item was passed over

7. To Read application of and Ballot for Re-Joining:

Bro.Vinod Nagaraj Sharma,—Business D.O.B: 19.08.1985, Cell: 9176720005 E.Mail: vinodhsharma@icloud.com, residing at 6135, Sterling Ascentia, Sarjapur, Marathahalli Outer Ring Road, Bellandur, Bangalore City Proposed by R.W.Bro.K.S.Sankaran on belalf of R.W.Bro.V.S.Kylas and Seconded by W.Bro.P.Pasupathinathan at the regular meeting held on 10 July 2023

Bro.Secretary informed that the papers are in order and the requisite fee is also received and read the Relevent portion from the application form. W.Master also read the relevent portion from the application form and directed Decaons to circulate the Ballets. Bro.Deacons circulated the Ballots which was found favourable in South and West and W.Master concered with the findings of Wardens and decalre that Bro.Vinod Nagaraj Sharma was balloted favourably for Re Joining.

- 8. To Test for proficiency in the 1st Degree any One or Two of the following:
 - a) Bro. Rithvik Anand initiated on 2 July 2022.
 - b) Bro. Velayutham Packiam Initiated on 4 March 2023.
 - c) Bro. Mr. Mittal Ashok Initiated on 06 May 2023
 - d) Bro.K.Radhakrishnan Initiated on 03 June 2023
 - e) Bro. K.Saravanan Initiated on 10 July 2023

This item was passed over

9. To Open the Lodge in the 2 nd Degree.

The Lodge was opened in 2 nd Degree after ensuring all Entered Apprentices were passed out.

10. To Pass to the Degree of Fellowcraft any One or Two tested for Proficiency under Item No.7.

This item was passed over

- 11. To Test for proficiency in the 2 Degree any One or Two of the Following:
 - a) Bro.MahendrarajSoundarapandian passed on 13 November 2021.
 - b) Bro.Ganesh Kalidasan passed on 07 January 2023.
 - c) Bro. Rangarajan Ravirajan passed on 01 April 2023.

This item was passed over

12 To Open the Lodge in the 3 rd Degree.

The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, after ensuring all FCs are passed out.

13 To Raise to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason any one or Two tested for Proficiency under Item No.11.

This item was passed over

The Lodge was **CALLED Off AT 5.00 pm.**

After Refreshments and Group Photo Re Assembled at 5.45 pm. Ladies and Non Masons were seated in their place at 5.45 pm.

The following Brethren attended the Second Part of the Meeting :

W.D., D., d. C.,	W1C-1 Mt
W.Bro. Puvvada Srinivas	Worshipful Master
W.Bro. Mukundan Vijayan	I.P.M.
W.Bro. B.Badrinarayanan	Senior Warden
Bro.Sammpath Dorairajan	Junior warden
BrolP.Srinivasa Nallaperumal	Chaplin
R.W.Bro K.S.Sankaran	Secretary
W.Bro.Venkat Nararajan	Treasurer
W.Bro.P,Pasupathinathan	D of C
Bro.Sasiganesh Sathyanarayana	As Senior Deacon
W.Bro.Neelakandan Kumar	As Junior Deacon
W.Bro.R.Pari Arasu	Br.V.S.L
W.Bro.Serma Pandiyan	Br.V.S.L
Bro.G.Mohan	Br.V.S.L.
Bro.R.Balamuruga	Br.V.S.L.
Bro.V.Lakshminarayanan	Asst.Secretary
W.Bro.Arvind Siva Mahadevan	Asst.D. Of C
Bro.R.Naramimhakannan	Inner Guard
Bro.Kaushik M.Ramakrishnan	Stewsard
W.Bro.P.J.Ramanujam	Tyler
40 Years LTSJ Recipient:	
R.W.Bro.S.S.Prasad	Br.V.S.L
25 Years LTSJ Recipients:	
V.W.Bro.K.Kasthuri	
W.Bro.N.Meenakshisundaram	
W.Bro.S.Nandakumar	Almoner
W.Bro.R.Krishnan	
Bro.Rajagopalan Nararajan	
Bro.M.V.Hariram	
Other Members :	
RW.Bro.V.S.Kylas, V.W.Bro.D.R.Chandrmouli	W.Bro.K.Rangarajan, W.Bro.R.S.Rajasekhar
W.Bro.Chinniah Madanagopal, Bro.Arjun Prasad	W.Bro.M.Balaganesh, Bro.Dr.R.Murugesan
Bro.C.Balasubramanian,	Bro.jaganath Poosekar, Bro.Veeramani Sriram
Bro.Veeramani Sriram, Bro.R.Ravirajan,	Bro.V.Sivarama Prasad, Bro.Ganesh Klidas
Bro.Mittalal Ashok	Bro.K.Saravanan 43
Visiting Dignitaries from Overseas :	1.RW.BRO.Dunston Fernandez – from Malaysia
	2.Magha Ramasamy Past Master from Mauritious
	3.Panakkal Mohan George–Scottish Constitution 3
RGL Officers on Deputation : - 66	<u> </u>
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Ruling Masters, Visitors from Other Lodges	
Masonic Ladies - 6 and Other Ladies,	
Non Masons and Children - 113	T . 1 . AA#
	Total - 225

14 To receive R.W.Bro. T.N.Manoharan ,P.Dy.G.M.,Right Worshipful The Regional Grand Master of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India along with his Officers on deputation.

As per direction of WM, D of C retired to inform RG D of C that the Lode is ready to receive RW.Regional Grand Master.

D of C retired, and on return was announced and admitted.

REPORT

The RG D of C was announced and admitted and He informed the WM that upon invitation of the Lodge, RW.Bro. T.N.Manoharan, P.Dy.G.M.,Right Worshipful The Regional Grand Master of Southern India is outside the door of the lodge along with Officers on deputation and desires admission.

WM replied that it will be our pleasure to receive him and directed Lodge D of C to form a Suitable Escort which was formed.

RG D of C retired after taking permission from WM.

Escort went out to receive the delegation

RW.Bro.T.N.Manoharan RW.RGM, along with members of deputation was announced, received with claps and seated.

RGM was introduced to the WM please be seated.

As per direction of RG.D of C, Brethren Greeted RW Bro.T.N.Manoharan, RW the Regional Grand Master with a single acclamation. RGM responded to the Greetings.

Lodge D of C took permission from WM and went out to Escort MW.Bro.Dr.Capt.Balaram Biswakumar OSM, and He was received and escorted to his seat.

15. Welcome address by Worshipful Master

WM welcomed RGM and the members of Deputation, GL & RGL officers Past and present, Visiting Dignitaries from sister Constitutions from Overseas, Ruling Masters, Visiting Brethren from other Lodges, Masonic Ladies and other Ladies Gentlemen Non Masons and Children and Brethren of our own Mount Lodge.

16. To Present

40 Years Long Term Service Jewel to R.W.Bro. S.S.Prasad and

25 Years Long Term Service Jewel to

- 1. V.W.Bro.K.Kasthuri
- 2. W.Bro.N.Meenakshisundaram
- 3. W.Bro.S.Nandakumar
- 4. W.Bro.R.Krishnan
- 5. Bro.Rajagopal Natarajan and
- 6. Bro.M.V.Hariram.

As directed W.Master Lodge D of C Conducted W.Bro.Pari Arasu to Masters Chair.

Brief Masonic Bio data of all LTSJ Recipients were displayed in the Screen by Projector and also simultaneously readout by V.W.Bro.D.R.Chandramouli.

The Ceremony of Presentation of LTSJ was conducted by W.Bro.Pari Arasu in an exemplary manner. W.Bro.M.Balaganesh acted as Chaplain and rendered the Prayer portion in a Devine manner.

RW.Bro.T.N.Manamoharan presented the 40 years Long Term Service Jewel and framed Certificate to RW.Bro.S.S.Prasad.

He also presented 25 years Long Term Service Jewel and Certificate to V.W.Bro.K.Kasthuri, W.Bro.N.Meenakshisundaram, W.Bro.S.Nandakumar, W.Bro.R.Krishnan, Bro.Rajagopalan Natarajan and Bro.M.V.Hariram.

As per direction of RG D of C, the Recipients of LTSJ were seated to the left of WM, Greeted with one round of Acclamation by Brethren.

17. To felicitate the Recipients.

W.Master called and the following Brethren Felicitated the Recipients:

MW.Bro.Dr.Capt.Balaram Biswakumar OSM, felicitated RW.Bro.S.S.Prasad.

RW.Bro.B.Kamakodi OSM, offered felicitation to V.W.Bro.K.Kasthuri.

RW.Bro.K.Gopal felicitated W.Bro.N.Meenakshisundaram and W.Bro.S.Nandakumar.

RW.Bro.V.S.Kylas felicitated Bro.Rajagopalan Natarajan and Bro.M.V.Hariram.

VW.Bro.D.R.Chandramouli felicitated all Recipients of LTSJ.

18. Response by the Recipients.

RW.Bro.S.S.Prasad responded for and on behalf of all LTSJ Recipients.

Lodge D of C escorted W.Bro.Puvvada Srinivas to Masters Chair and He thanked W.Bro.Pari Arasu for conducting the LTSJ Ceremony in an Exemplary manner.

19. To Launch Mount Lodge Corpus fund raising Project.

V.W.Bro.D.R.Chandramouli presented a Video & Slide show on the Projector, with details of the Corpus Fund Raising Project of Mount Lodge.

RW.Bro.T.N.Manoharan, RW.RGM launched Mount Lodge Corpus raising project, and released the Pamphlet of the Project.

20. To present Mementos.

RW.Bro.S.S.Prasad Presented Memento to RGM.

V.W.Bro.K.Kasthuri to Presented Memento to MW.Bro.Dr.Capt.Balaram Biswakumar W.Bro.Nandakumar presented Memento to RW.Bro.G.K.Selvarajan and RW.Bro.V.G.Madhusudhan, Past RGMs.

R.W.Bro.S.S.Prasad offered donation of Rs.40,000 for Mount Lodge No.14 Charitable Trust and gave the Cheque to W.Master.

V.W.Bro.K.Kasthuri gave Donation Cheque for Rs.1.00 lac for The Mount Lodge no.14 Charitable Trust, which was presented by RGM and received by RW.Bro.S.S.Prasad, Chairman of Mont Lodge Charitable Trust.

W.Bro.S.Nandakumar gave Donation Cheque for Rs.25000 for The Mount Lodge no.14 Charitable Trust, which was presented by RGM and received by RW.Bro.S.S.Prasad, Chairman of Mount Lodge Charitable Trust.

W.Bro.R.Krishnan offered Donation of Rs.25000 for The Mount Lodge no.14 Charitable Trust, and the Cheque was presented by RGM and received by RW.Bro.S.S.Prasad, Chairman of Mount Lodge Charitable Trust.

W.Bro.N.Meenakshisundaram gave Donation Cheque for Rs.5000 for The Mount Lodge no.14 Charitable Trust, and the Cheque was presented by RGM and received by RW.Bro.S.S.Prasad, Chairman of Mount Lodge Charitable Trust.

21. Address by RW.Bro.T.N.Manoharan P.Dy.GM.,RW. The Regional Grand Master of Southern India.

RW.Bro.T.N.Manoharan addressed the gathering and complimented the Organisers for conducting the LTSJ Presentation meeting in a memorable way.

After RGM's Address , as requested by WM, Ladies, Non Masons and Children retired from the Lodge duly escorted by D of C and 4/5 Stewards took then to Banquet Hall where Live Music program was arranged.

All Ladies were presented with a Gift pocket while retiring from the Lodge.

Open session was closed and Lodge was Called on and restored to Third Degree.

As per directions of RG D of C , Brethren Greeted and Soluted RGM with Grand or Royal Sign. RGM Responded to the Salutation of Brethren.

22. To Close the Lodge in the 3 rd Degree

The Lodge was closed in 3 rd Degree. All Fellowcrafts were admitted.

23. To Close the Lodge in 2 nd Degree.

The Lodge was closed in 2 rd Degree. All Freemasons were admitted. As directed by RGDofC, Brethren greeted and Saluted LTSJ Recipients as Freemason.

24. To transact such other business as may be regularly brought before the Lodge.

Bro. Secretary informed that there is no other business to be transected at that stage.

25. To offer greetings to brethren celebrating their Birthday / Wedding Anniversary during the month of August 2023.

Bro. Secretary offered Greetings to Brethren celebrating Birthday / Wedding Annivesary during the month of August 2023.

W.Bro.Puvvada Srinivas offered donation of Rs.2000 towards Almonar Fund for his Wedding Anniversar on 3 rd August . **Almoner Fund – Rs.2000**

26. To honour the cause of Charity.

Bro. Deacons circulated the Charity Boxes.

27. To close the Lodge.

At First Raising:

Bro. Secretary informed that Grand Festival of Grand Lodge of India will be held At Hyderabad on 25 & 26 November 2023.

During Second time of Raising:

RW the Regional Grand Master, R.W.Bro.T.N.Manoharan and the Officers of RGL Past & Present greeted the W.Master.

RW the Regional Grand Master, R.W.Bro.T.N.Manoharan addressed the Brethren thereafter. After the address, RG D of C informed that RGM desired to retire from the Lodge with his members of his deputation.

Suitable escort was formed and they went to the door of the lodge.

RGM and Members on Deputation retired from the Lodge.

Bow-Tie, organized by Recipients was gifted to all Members of Deputation and other Brethren while retiring from the lodge.

Bro. Secretary reported that Half yearly meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India will be held at Mysuru on 9 th September 2023 as given in the Summons.

At the time of **Third Rising**

Greetings were offered by the Ruling Master of C.A.Ramakrishna for and on behalf of all other Ruling Masters of City Lodges

Bro. Secretary reported that the Charity Collections were Rs.10,370.

(Charity Amount Rs.10370

The Lodge was then duly closed in peace and love harmony and the brethren rendered the National Anthem turning to East.

R.W.Bro.K.S.Sankaran **Secretary**

W.Bro.Puvvada Srinivas **Worshipful Master**

(Read, confirmed and adopted unanimously at the meeting held on 02.09.2023)

Highlights of LTSJ Meeting:

- 1. Meeting was held as Open meeting and Ladies and Non Masons were allowed to witness the LTSJ Presentation Ceremony.
- 2. All arrangements for the meeting, New Banners, Gifts to RGM and Past RGMs, Gift pockets to Ladies and Bow Tie for Masons, Live Music, Photographer, High Tea, Fellowship and Dinner and all other related things were organized by the LTSJ Recipients under the Stewardship of RW.Bro.S.S.Prasad.
- 3. Besides all arrangements, LTSJ Recipients donate liberally to Mount Lodge Charitable Trust while launching the Corpus Fund Raising Project by RGM, details are given in the Minutes at the relevant portion.
- 4. RW.Regional Grand Master, RW.Bro.T,N.Manoharan attended the meeting along with Officers on Deputation.
- 5. As many as 66 RGL Officers came with RGM in the Deputation.
- 6. The Meeting Hall Temple no.1 was packed with record number of 250 Audience including Members on Deputation, visiting Dignitaries from Sister Constitutions from Overseas, GL & RGL Officers Past and Present Masonic Ladies and other Ladies, Spouse of Masons, Non Masons and Children, Ruling Masters of other Lodges, Visitors from other Lodges, and Brethren of Mount Lodge.
- 7. While retiring from the Lodge All Ladies were presented with a Gift Bag, and Masons were presented with a Bow Tie.
- 8. Live Music Troop was arranged for entertaining Ladies and Others during Fellowship and Dinner.
- 9. All halls Banquet Hall, AC. Dining hall, Round Table area were booked to manage the Crowd.
- 10. Lavish Fellowship and Dinner with variety of items were arranged by LTSJ Recipients.
- 11. Feedback received from various sources uniformly confirmed that the LTSJ presentation meeting was conducted in an excellent manner.
- 12. Group Photo taken on day is attached.

