



# LODGE ACCOUNTANTS

## This day that was...



### Editorial...

It is unforgettable and nostalgic moments when I travel back 10 years in my masonic memory lane. I am recollecting the day I first occupied the Eastern Chair as the worshipful master of this illustrious Lodge.

2007 is one of the meaningful year in my life. When I have taken up the Mastership of Lodge Accountants No.194, I was really not sure whether I could properly/ reasonably balance among my profession as a director of one of the big 4 accounting firms, my passion to be an expert on company law/ financial reporting, my commitments towards family and the Mastership of the Lodge.

Knowing my limitations I have picked up only two agenda (a) to continue to excel in ritual working and charity activities and (b) to create a more closer family bondage. 139 hearts and 278 hands united together in helping me in every moment of my Mastership.

This special bulletin is to cherish those great moments in my life, created by the great brethren of Lodge Accountants.

*Yours fraternally,*  
**Chinnsamy Ganesan**

### Installation of 38<sup>th</sup> Master of Lodge Accountants No.194

Section of brethren waiting to wish the new Master



**W.Bro.Chinnsamy Ganesan installed in the Eastern Chair**



**Group photo of Lodge Accountants No.194**



### Day began with charity



**R. W.Bro. G K Selvarajan,**  
the then R.W.the Regional Grand Master  
inaugurated the first charity project of the year at Annai Illam, home for old aged destitute women

### Present Status

This is now a permanent project of Lodge Accountants and for the eleventh year in succession, the WMs and brethren personally visit and gifted new clothes to the inmates on every Pongal day

**On every surface you walk, you must leave your mark**



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### *The year at a glance...*

#### Ritual working

- ❖ 17 Meetings conducted with an average attendance of more than 50.
- ❖ The Lodge won the **Best Lodge in the Region, 2<sup>nd</sup> Best Master in the Region** and **Best Senior Deacon in the Region** awards in the RWC 2007 (a third such clean sweep in the Lodge's history).
- ❖ Outstation meeting held at the historic **Gosha Mahal Baradari Masonic Temple**, the first Masonic temple in India.
- ❖ **500<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Lodge** was celebrated and Past Masters honoured for their yeoman service.
- ❖ An intellectual debate in Tamil "**Reflections of Freemasonry in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Tamil Poetry**" was organised to give more insights on freemasonry to freemasons and to create awareness to non-masons.

#### Charity

- ❖ The Lodge won the "**Award for Maximum Charities in a year in the Region**".
- ❖ Installation day itself started with two charity projects inaugurated by the then RGM, R.W.Bro.G.K.Selvarajan.
- ❖ The Lodge donated kitchen and electrical equipment, medicines, provisions, sarees and other materials to **Annai Illam**, a home for aged destitute women.
- ❖ LA 194 sponsored 100 tailoring kits to the inmates of **Juvenile Home** to enable them to live respectably on their release after the term of their confinement.
- ❖ 3 Dhanya Dhan programs. **Seva Chakra** (an orphanage for under-privileged children), **Sivasakthi Kakkum Karangal** (a home for mentally challenged) and **Vincent De Paul** (organization carrying out poor feeding).
- ❖ Donated an autoclave (sterilizer equipment) to **Jeevan Blood Bank**.
- ❖ Donated infrastructure for creating a Computer lab for Little Flower Convent for the Blind.
- ❖ Created a computer lab with specialised speech recognition software for Life Star Blind Women's Training School run by Goodwill Foundation of India.
- ❖ Supported 6 girls for their professional/ higher education.

### Family Bondage

- ❖ First time in the history of the Lodge, the families of the brethren, including children were invited for the installation ceremony. A special entertainment program was organised for them while the brethren were inside the temple
- ❖ In all PC meetings family members are also invited for the fellowship and dinner to ensure more close family bondage.
- ❖ 4 days' of fun-filled outstation trip at **Celebrity Holiday Retreat, Hyderabad**. Totally 98 persons comprising the brethren and their family members joined the trip and stayed together at the **Celebrity Holiday Retreat, Hyderabad** between 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2007 and 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2007. No event manager - the brethren and their families conducted/ performed in the entire entertainment program.

A daily newsletter, "**Hyderabad Times**" was published daily during the trip covering the important events of the previous day. The same was received with much acclaim.

- ❖ A treasure hunt was flagged off from the freemasons' hall by **V.W.Bro.Y Sathiamurthy** which was followed by the family bash at **MGM Resort, East Coast Road**.

#### W.Bro.Y.SATHIAMURTHY AWARDS

Best Officer : Bro.Kousik Ganesh (Junior Deacon)  
 Best Non - Officer : Bro.A.Sivakumaran  
 Best Past Master : W.Bro.N.Meenakshisundaram  
 Brethren with 100% Attendance : W.Bro.K.Gopal

#### W.Bro.K.RAMADURAI ROLLING TROPHY

Bro.R.Radhakrishnan

#### W.Bro.K.A.ARJUNAN ROLLING TROPHY

Bro.G.Ramakrishnan

#### PAST MASTERS' MEETING

The Past Masters' Meeting of the year was conducted on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007. W.Bro. R. Venkatesh occupied the Eastern Chair and raised Bro. Puliur Sarangarajan Saranathan in an exemplary manner. 41 brethren, including many Past Masters, were present at the meeting. The way in which W.Bro.R. Venkatesh conducted the ceremony along with his team of officers during his year of stewardship (1997) brought back nostalgic memories.

**The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside**



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## *Relieving their sufferings..*

Pongal gift to the inmates of Annai Illam, a home for aged women (this is now an ongoing project of the Lodge Accountants No.194)



Created a computer lab with complete infrastructure for Little Flower Convent for Blind Children



Poor feeding at Ramakrishna Mission Students Home, Mylapore



Donating Autoclave (steriliser) to Jeevan Blood Bank



Computer lab with specialised speech recognition software to Life Star Blind Women's Training School run by Goodwill Foundation of India



Even if you be otherwise perfect, you fail without humility



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### 500th meeting celebrations

The Lodge celebrated its 500<sup>th</sup> meeting in style, which also coincided with its consecration day. The evening meeting was attended by more than 160 brethren, including visitors from various other lodges.

The Lodge then honoured its illustrious Past Masters for their yeoman services in taking the Lodge to greater heights, year after year. As a token of their love and affection, the junior brethren presented a specially designed trophy to all the past masters, including the two distinguished honorary members of the Lodge, R.W.Bro.G.K.Selvarajan, R.W. the RGM and R.W.Bro.Dr.Balam Biswakumar, the Immediate PRGM.



### Long Term Service Jewel

The ceremony of presenting 25 years LTS to Bro.G.Vasudevan, W. Bro. A. Subramanian and W. Bro. T.S. Muralidharan was conducted by V.W. Bro. N.C. Sundararajan, in an exemplary manner, who had initiated all the three recipients of the honour and the ceremony was acclaimed by all present.



### Reflections of Freemasonry in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Tamil Poetry

An intellectual debate in Tamil was organised to provide more insights on freemasonry to masons and to create awareness to non-masons.

The distinguished speakers were R.W.Bro.G.K.Selvarajan (Faith in God), W.Bro.N.Meenakshisundaram (Brotherhood), W.Bro.Dr.Major D.Raja (Love), W.Bro.Y.Sathiamurthy (Philosophy), W.Bro.S.Ramasamy (Friendship), W.Bro.Chinnsamy Ganesan (Charity) and W.Bro.T.N.Manoharan (Trust). W.Bro.Pratap Karan Paul, Worshipful the ARGM summarised the reflections.



We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope



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## The family moments...

W.Bro.SP.ST.Palaniappan at his peak

W.Bro.SP.ST, our chacha Nehru, announced a corpus of Rs.1 Lakh, the income of which has to be used for giving gifts to Children during outstation and ladies nights



## The fun begins...



## All good things...

Another generation of family bondage is getting fabricated (The kutties at the resort)



## Gosha Mahal Baradari Masonic Temple



The Gosha Mahal Baradari Masonic Temple was built in 1682 by Sultan Abul Hassan Tanasha. The Nizam of Hyderabad, a Freemason himself, donated the Gosha Mahal Baradari Masonic Temple, which was then a military barrack, to permanently house the freemasonry movement in the early 1900s. The building was dedicated formally to Masonic activities in February 1933.

The 324-year-old Gosha Mahal Baradari is considered by the Freemasons as a precious monument with its massive, majestic balustrades, walls adorned by portraits and photographs of eminent freemasons in their regalia and an equally lavish banquet hall, all being awe-inspiring sights. Now the oldest Masonic temple in the country, the Baradari has nine Masonic lodges and chapters meeting inside its imposing interiors.

Lodge Accountants No.194 had its outstation meeting at this historic masonic temple and Bro.Sridharan Balaji was passed to the Second Degree.

## Ritual working at the historic temple



Brethren after the passing ceremony conducted at Gosha Mahal Baradari Masonic Temple

Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible



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### Candid camera..?

Bro.Radha seems to be clean bowled at the men's contest



### We heard them...

When the escorts for the shopping group warned the ladies to beware of duplicates and cheats **W.Bro. T.N.Manoharan** cheered them "not to worry. You may get cheated only according to your affordability". The report of the affected brethren is yet to be received till the issue went to press. Some onlookers said that they saw calculators and laptops are busy working at the rooms to assess the financial impact thereon.

The folk dance at the Children's Cultural was delayed twice. An enquiry conducted by the organizing committee submitted its report "Veshti Avundhu Pochuppa"

**W. Bro. SP.ST.Palaniappan** commented "**Bro.R.M.Vairavan** seemed to have searched for Lord Shiva's adi and mudi" on seeing the latter's great effort in preventing a four by stopping the cricket ball but was running after a volley ball to throw it to the wicket keeper.

"In the history of cricket for the first time a bowler could pitch each delivery more than twice, which made the batsmen to wait, watch and play. In the process some batsmen slept between the balls"  
**W.Bro. T.N.Manoharan**

When the standby umpire **Bro.S.R.Raman** signaled end of an over, the bowler was totally taken aback as only 2 balls had been bowled. When protested, the umpire pointed out that the 4 wides were also bowled and that he knew very clearly that an over consists of only six deliveries.

When King Solomon ordered for "a jippa" all eyes turned towards the only jippa available at the hall, **W.Bro.T.N.Manoharan's**. Before he was divested of the same, **Bro.Palaniappan** entered from nowhere and saved TNM by offering his own jippa to King Solomon

### They conquered us (Children special entertainment)



### Fun-filled moments



Excerpts from the appreciation note given by **Mrs.Mythili Raman** to **Ms.Jayanthi** who taught the ladies **Tanjore Painting, Jewel designing** etc

தஞ்சாவூர் ஓவியம் சொல்லிக் கொடுக்கிறார்களாய் யாருக்கு வேண்டும்.. அஞ்சு நிமிஷம் கம்மா பார்த்து விட்டு சுகமா உறங்கச் செல்லலாம் என்ற அத்தனை கணிப்பும் கண்பொழுதில் தவறாய் போனது. எங்கள் குருவின் கைவண்ணம் கண்ட போது!

மூன்று மணிநேரம் எங்ககளைக் கட்டி போட்ட அவை கைகளா ? அல்ல.. தூரிகை விரல்கள்!

எங்களுக்குள்ளே இத்தனை ஒளிந்திருக்கிறதா...? தோண்டி எடுத்த குருவுக்கு கோடி வணக்கங்கள்! வாழ்க நீ பல்லாண்டு!

- மைதிலி ராமன்

**Excellence & humility are not incompatible with each other, on the contrary they are twin sisters**



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## The Gala Entertainment

### Caution - men at work!

(Brethren trying to identify the grocery items)



### Expert hands working

(Women using bindis to create jewellery)



### The little masters

(Children proving their creativity by decorating for new year bash)



### The candid camera..?

#### Hidden desires?

(Bro. Balachandran and Bro. Vairus enjoying the swing as small kids)



W. Bro. Vijay phoning a friend for identifying the grocery items. Looking for the 4th gift?

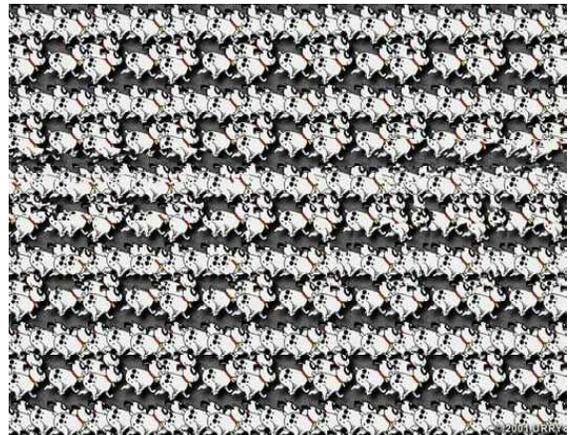
## The master musicians

(Karoke night conducted by Chella K Ragavendran, ably supported by W. Bro. K. Gopal with his Handsonic, an instrument which can create sounds of 104 musical instruments)



## Sample brain teasers used

On a daily basis, there were brain teasers with gifts for correct entries. Some samples are given below. You may also try to find out the hidden 3D images



What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lives within us



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### *The family bash*

The Family Bash was organised on June 14, 2007 at M.G.M. Resorts, ECR, Chennai. A large number of brethren and their families came together on this occasion.

A treasure hunt was flagged off from the Freemasons Hall in the morning and other innovative games were organized at the resort for the entire families. The participation was enthusiastic.

A sumptuous lunch befitting the occasion followed. It was enjoyed by all the Brethren and their families. The participation fee collected has been fully donated for the charity projects of the Lodge by the Worshipful Master.

#### **V W Bro.Y Sathiamurthy flags off the Treasure Hunt**



**Enjoyment and bonding unlimited**



### *The hearts and hands that helped in the journey*

The two point agenda with which the year was started has been successfully accomplished. This could not have been possible but for the guidance, support and the excellent efforts of V.W.Bro. Y Sathiamurthy, W.Bro. S A Bhatt, W.Bro.K.Gopal, W.Bro.Vijay Vasudevan, W.Bro. R Venkatesh, W.Bro.Suryanarayana Rao, W. Bro. S Thirugnanamurthy, W.Bro.T.N.Manoharan, W.Bro. V. Sivakumar, W.Bro.R.Venkatesh, W.Bro.L.Sukumar, W.Bro.N.Meenaksisundaram, W.Bro.Ganapathy Subramanian, Bro. Aravind Srinivasan, Bro.Chella K Srinivasan, Bro.Chella K Ragavendran, Mrs.Jayashree Srinivasan, Bro.K.Sundarrajan, Bro.R.Radhakrishnan, Bro. Uttam Chand Jain, Bro.M.Karuppiah, Bro. R.Balachandran and Bro.G.Ramakrishnan.

I am always thankful to you my dear brethren.

### *The team that was...*

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| W. Bro. Chinnsamy Ganesan   | Worshipful Master |
| W. Bro. B.S.Purshotham      | Imm. Past Master  |
| Bro. R.Vasudevan            | Senior Warden     |
| Bro. V.Chandrasekaran       | Junior Warden     |
| Bro. M.Balaganesh           | Chaplain          |
| Bro. Aravind Srinivasan     | Treasurer         |
| Bro. K.R.Adivarahan         | Secretary         |
| W. Bro.T.N.Manoharan        | D of C            |
| Bro.Chella.K.Srinivasan     | Senior Deacon     |
| Bro. M.Kousik Ganesh        | Junior Deacon     |
| Bro.A.Sivakumaran           | Bearer of V.S.L   |
| Bro. S.R.Ramcharan          | Bearer of V.S.L   |
| Bro. A.Selvaganesh          | Bearer of V.S.L   |
| Bro. M.K.Rangasamy          | Bearer of V.S.L   |
| Bro. V.Mahesh               | Bearer of V.S.L   |
| Bro. R.Balachandran         | Sword Bearer      |
| W. Bro. S.A.Bhatt           | Asst.Secretary    |
| Bro. Chella K. Raghavendran | Asst. D of C      |
| W. Bro. R.Varadharajan      | Almoner           |
| Bro. P.Rajendra Kumar       | Organist          |
| Bro. R.Radhakrishnan        | Inner Guard       |
| W. Bro.Sharath Kumar Tantry | Steward           |
| Bro. D.Sudaakara Reddi      | Steward           |
| Bro. C.R.Sundararajan       | Steward           |
| Bro. K.P.Muralidharan       | Steward           |
| Bro. G. Ramakrishnan        | Steward           |
| V. W. Bro.N.Pandurangan     | Tyler             |
| W.Bro.S Thirugnanamurthy    | PC Member         |
| W.Bro. Vijay Vasudevan      | PC Member         |

**Nothing is at last sacred but the integrity of your own mind**