

“ To him that all things understood,
To him that found stone and wood,
To him that hapless lost his blood,
In doing of his duty,
To the blest age, and that blest morn
Wherein those three great men were born,
Our noble science to adorn
With Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, ”



LODGE TRIVANDRUM No.168

TRIVANDRUM



annual report 2005





LODGE TRIVANDRUM No. 168

TRIVANDRUM

W. Bro. VELAYUDHAN NAIR RAJAMMA HARIKUMAR
Worshipful Master

ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2005



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R.W. Bro. GUTHA KRISHNAN
SELVARAJAN

RW The Regional Grand Master
Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India



W. Bro. Dr. G. RAGHUVARAN
Assistant Regional Grand Master

Installation of WM - 2005





LODGE TRIVANDRUM NO : 168
Trivandrum

ANNUAL REPORT
For the year 2005

The standing committee of Lodge Trivandrum No.168 has immense pleasure in presenting the Annual report for the year 2005

Installation of the Worshipful Master for the year 2005

W. Bro Velayudhan Nair Rajamma Harikumar (Reg No 293) born on 01-12-1958 was initiated into Lodge Trivandrum No. 168 on 21-09-1996.

At an impressive ceremony on 15th January 2005, witnessed by a record number of 92 brethren, Bro.V. R. Harikumar was installed as the Worshipful Master of Lodge Trivandrum No.168 by W. Bro. A.S. Ben Roy. A number of visiting brethren from Lodge Ananthapadmanabha No 280, Lodge Vanchinad No.273, Lodge Aruvi No.293, Lodge Vivekananda No.254, Lodge Travancore No.329, Lodge Minchin No.2710EC, Lodge Kodaikanal No. 235 and even a brother from Lodge Zur Weltkugel in Orient Lubeck No.130 in Germany attended the function. At the investiture of the officers, W. Bro Dr. G. Reghuvaran, Past Dy.G.M, Past Gr.Std.Br. the Asst Regional Grand Master and the representative of the Regional Grand Master of RGLSI delivered the charge to the Master. R.W. Bro. M. Ramaswamy Iyer delivered the charge to the Wardens and W. Bro. D. Santhi Kumar, the charge to the brethren.

A grand and glittering banquet followed the ceremony attended by the spouses of brethren.

Meetings

There were 12 regular meetings and 1 emergency meeting in the year 2005 and a joint meeting with Lodge Kodaikanal No.235.

Brief details of the ceremonies worked are as follows:

15-01-2005	The Installation of W.M. 2005	W. Bro V.R. Harikumar
19-02-2005	Passing Ceremony	Bro. Anind Ben Roy
19-03-2005	Raising Ceremony	Bro. M.R. Karmachandran
16-04-2005	Raising Ceremony	Bro. Anind Ben Roy
21-05-2005	Initiation Ceremony	Dr. Raghavan Prakasham
18-06-2005	Initiation Ceremony	Mr. Binu Purushothaman
16-07-2005	Initiation Ceremony	Ritual working competition-I
20-08-2005	Passing Ceremony	Bro. Dr. Raghavan Prakasham
17-09-2005	Raising Ceremony	Bro. Dr. Raghavan Prakasham
15-10-2005	Past Masters' Day Passing / Initiation	Bro. Binu Purushothaman Dr. Manoj Chandni Balagopal
19-11-2005	Initiation Ceremony	Mr. Keshvan Chandramohan
17-12-2005	Initiation Ceremony	Mr. Balakrishna Pillai Madhavankutty
08-01-2006	Raising Ceremony	Bro. Binu Purushothaman R.W.C. Stage II

Joint Meeting

Brethren of Lodge Trivandrum No.168 conducted a ceremony of raising in Lodge Kodaikanal No.235 on 10-04-2005. This inter Lodge visit was a grand success with our brethren enjoying the hospitality of the brethren of Lodge Kodaikanal in the cool environs of Kodai Club.

Membership

The year 2005 started with strength of 134 members. A record number of 5 candidates were initiated during the year. At the close of the year, the membership stands at 139, making it one of the strongest lodges in the region.

Attendance

The attendance throughout the year was reasonably good. The following brethren, have distinguished themselves by attending all meetings:

W. Bro V.R. Harikumar	W. M
W. Bro. Dr. R Ravi Kumar	PDy.RGM, P. Gr. Std. Br.
Bro.V.J.Thomas	S.W
Bro. P.T. Mohan Babu	S.D

The following brethren have attended 10 or more meetings registering 75% attendance during the Masonic year:

R.W. Bro. K.R. Rajasekharan Nair OSM	P Dy. GM
W. Bro. Dr.G.R. Nanda Kumar	P SRGW, PAGIG
W. Bro. P.B. Menon	PRG Std Br
W. Bro. Maj. Gen. Kesavan Nair AVSM	PRGIG
W. Bro. S. Ramnath	Secy & PRG Stwd
W. Bro A.S. Ben Roy	IPM
Bro. Dr. Rajaneesh Kumar	JD
Bro. Ashok Bhanu Vikraman	Organist

Among the initiates of this year, Bro. Binu Purushothaman has maintained a good attendance during the year.

Finance

The financial position of the Lodge is sound. Under the capable and committed Treasurership of Bro. Charly John, the accounting records of the Lodge were maintained properly. The contributions of brethren of Lodge Trivandrum to the Thiruvananthapuram Masonic Trust have been truly reflected in the Accounts of the Lodge.

RGL & Grand Lodge meetings

The efforts of our brethren in putting up the superb Annual RGL Meeting in 2004 in Thiruvananthapuram seem to have worn out our masons as is evident from the fact that not many made it to the RGL Investiture Meeting in 2005 in Chennai where the R.W. the RGM of Southern India R.W. Bro. Gutha Krishnan Selvarajan took over the reigns from R.W. Bro. Dr. Balaram Biswakumar. Our senior brethren R.W. Bro. K.R. Rajasekharan Nayar OSM, V.W. Bro. A. Gopalan Nair, W. Bro. Santhi Kumar, W. Bro. R. Sushil Raj were of course at every meet in the region. The Area Meet in Kaniya Kumari on 28th May was attended by a large contingent from Trivandrum. So was the half yearly meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India held on 27th and 28th at Nedumbasserry, Kochi. Our senior brethren R.W. Bro. K.R.R. Nayar, V.W. Bro. A. Gopalan Nair, W. Bro. Santhi Kumar and W. Bro. Sushil Raj, W. Bro. Dr. A. Devadas braved the biting cold in winter and attended the Grand Festival of GLI at Varanasi in November 2005. R.W. Bro. Dr. Harish Gupta, Secretary of GLI visited Trivandrum in whose honour we organised a dinner with the senior brethren of other lodges in Trivandrum.

Honours

The following brethren of our Lodge were conferred with Grand Ranks during the year 2005:



Active Rank

W. Bro. R Sushil Raj G. Std. Br

Past Ranks

- | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. | R.W. Bro. M Ramaswamy Iyer | P S G W |
| 2. | V.W. Bro. A Gopalan Nair | P G D of C |
| 3. | V.W. Bro. Brig. V K Nair | P G D of C |
| 4. | W. Bro. G Raghuvaran | P G Supdt. of works |
| 5. | W. Bro. M R B Menon | P. Asst. G. Swd. Br |
| 6. | W. Bro. A Jayapalan | P G Std. Br |
| 7. | W. Bro. Dr. P A Thomas | P Asst. G Std. Br |
| 8. | W. Bro. D. Santhikumar | P Asst. G Std. Br |
| 9. | W. Bro. Dr. G R Nandakumar | P. G. Org |
| 10. | W. Bro. Col. M K Sriharshan | P G Org |
| 11. | W. Bro. Dr. G Surendran | P G Mars |
| 12. | W. Bro. Roger Oscar Christian | P Pres G Stwds |
| 13. | W. Bro. T. Ravindran | P G Stwd |
| 14. | W. Bro. M M Syed Ismail | P G Tyl. |

The following brethren of our Lodge were conferred with Regional Grand Lodge Ranks during the year 2005

Active Ranks

W. Bro. Dr. G Raghuvaran ARG M

Past Ranks

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|-----|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | W. Bro. Dr. R Ravikumar | P. Dy. R G M |
| 2. | W. Bro. Dr. P A Thomas | P. Dy. R G M |
| 3. | W. Bro. R Sushil Raj | P. Dy. R G M |
| 4. | W. Bro. A Jayapalan | P A R G M |
| 5. | W. Bro. Dr. G R Nandakumar | P S R G W |
| 6. | W. Bro. D Santhikumar | P A R G M |
| 7. | W. Bro. T Ravindran | P. P. R. B. D. GEN. PS |
| 8. | W. Bro. Roger Oscar Christian | P R G REGR |
| 9. | W. Bro. P Bhaskaran Nair | P J R G D |
| 10. | W. Bro. P Sreekumar | PRG SUP OF WKS |
| 11. | W. Bro. A Devadas | P J R G D |
| 12. | W. Bro. K G Rajasekharan Nair | P A R G SECY |
| 13. | W. Bro. R Krishnan | P A R G D OF C |
| 14. | W. Bro. P B Menon | P R G ST BR |
| 15. | W. Bro. Akhilesh G Nair | P A R G ST BR |
| 16. | W. Bro. P Balachandran Nair | P R G ORG |
| 17. | W. Bro. Maj. Gen. M Kesavan Nair | P R G I G |



The Lodge also took all efforts to award the Long Term Service Jewels to Dr. R. Raman Nair (40 years) and to Bro. C. M Aravindakashan Nair (25years), but the busy schedules of the RGM prevented us from holding the ceremony during the year.

Rituals

The Past Masters as well as the Master Masons of Lodge Trivandrum took active interest in the conduct of ritual ceremonies. All the meetings had an agenda item on Masonic education when a paper on various aspects of Freemasonry was read. Our own W. Bro. P. G. Sukumaran Nair also explained the working of the Lodge in Australia for the information of the brethren. The Past Masters' Day was celebrated in October with V.W. Bro. Brig.V.K. Nair occupying the Eastern Chair to conduct passing ceremony. This was followed by a crisp initiation ceremony conducted by W. Bro. Dr. R. Ravi Kumar. The ceremonies were made impressive with the illustrious past masters occupying various offices and also rendering portions of the ritual.

Ritual Working Competition

Maintaining the high standards of Lodge Trivandrum, our Worshipful Master V.R. Harikumar took the Lodge to the second stage of the ritual working competition 2005, the results of which are awaited.

The following brethren were awarded certificates of merit in the Ritual Working Competition 2004 in 1st stage:

Senior Deacon	Bro. P.Vijay Kumar
Delivering charge after passing	Bro. S. Sreekumar

International Relations

Bro. Alexnder Erskiene of Lodge Zur Weltkugel in Orient, Lubeck No. 130 of GL of Germany attended a couple of our Lodge meetings. Some of our brethren made the presence of Lodge 168 felt in lodges abroad.

R.W. Bro. K.R.Rajasekharan Nayar OSM was received and felicitated in Lodge Eastern Bon Accord No.7071 and W. Bro. S.Ramnath attended the meeting of Hundred of Burnham Lodge No5568. Both these are under the United Grand Lodge of England. W. Bro Sushil Raj and W. Bro. A.S. Ben Roy visited the Freemasons' Hall in London. W. Bro. S.Ramnath also visited the Tokyo Masonic Centre.

Universal Brotherhood Day

The Lodge celebrated the Universal Brotherhood day 2005 on 24th June in a befitting manner with the brethren of Lodge Ananthapadmanabha, Lodge Travancore, Lodge Aruvi and Lodge Minchin 2710 (EC) participating in a lively interactive meeting with prospective candidates and their wives. The newspaper *The Hindu* published a report.

Charity

The Lodge had substantial contribution to the cause of charity in the year 2005. The year saw a fabulous sum of Rs.45,200/- disbursed under the benevolent fund. Charity work continues to be the mainstay of our Lodge in 2005 with the following projects being taken up:

The Lodge made a timely contribution of Rs.10000/- to the **Grand Lodge of India Tsunami Relief Fund**. A sum of Rs.2000/- was given to rehabilitate a vegetable vendor suffering from a kidney ailment. A cancer patient in need of treatment at the RCC was given medical assistance worth Rs.7000/-. The Lodge disbursed **S.T.S Scholarship** totalling to Rs.16000/-. From this an amount of Rs.5,000 each was disbursed to Mr.Muthu Kumar and Miss Archana. Rs 3,000 each was given to Miss Divya.S. Nair and Miss. Smitha Rani. The students were recommended by Pratibha Poshini. The Lodge contributed a sum of Rs.4,500 towards the **Earthquake Relief Fund of the Grand Lodge of India** for the J&K earthquake victims. The Lodge also purchased 35 chairs worth Rs.7,500/- for the **Regional Cancer Centre in Trivandrum**.

The **Dhanyadhan programme** recommended by the GLI has been carried out in right earnest with over 400 kgs of rice distributed to the needy.

Bro. K.C.Mohan very generously contributed 100kgs of rice.

The following brethren contributed 10Kgs of rice to the cause of Dhanya dhan.

1. R.W. Bro. K.R. Rajasekharan Nair OSM
2. R.W. Bro. M.Ramaswamy Iyer
3. W. Bro. Dr. Ravikumar
4. W. Bro. A.Jayapalan
5. W. Bro. M.K. Sreeharshan
6. W. Bro. Dr. Balachandran Nair
7. W.Bro. T. Ravindran
8. W.Bro. K.G. Rajasekharan Nair
9. W.Bro. Ashok G Nair
10. W.Bro. Ramnath
11. W.Bro A.S. Ben Roy
12. W. Bro. Maj. Gen. M. Kesavan Nair AVSM
13. W. Bro .P.B.Menon

ARGM leads the way ▶



Dhanyadhan - I ▶



◀ W. Master's concern

Charity begins ▶



A helping hand ▶



Brethren on level ▶



Brethren on level ▶



Standing Committee in progress ▶



The banquet ▶



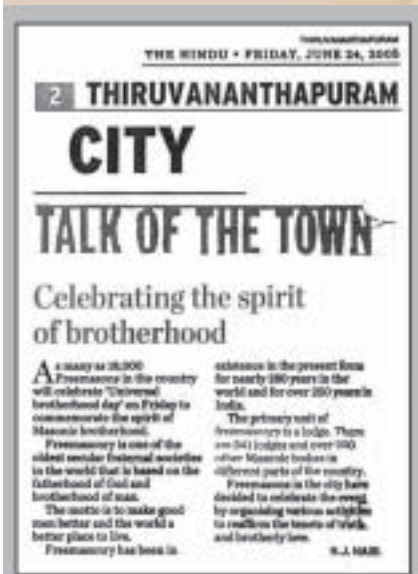


◀ Universal Brotherhood Day 2005



◀ An attentive audience

Bro. D. Santhikumar makes a point clear ▶



◀ Reportage in *The Hindu*



Tokyo Masonic Centre



W. Bro. Ramnath in Lodge Hundred of Burnham No.5568, United Kingdom



Past Masters, Day

14. Bro. P.Vijay kumar
15. Bro.V.J.Thomas
16. Bro. Charly John
17. Bro. P.T. Mohan Babu
18. Bro. Dr.R. Rajenish Kumar
19. Bro.V. Sudhakar Rao
20. Bro. Dr. P.K. Ravindra Nath
21. Bro. B.V. Krishna Kumar
22. Bro. C.M. Aravindakshan Nair
23. Bro. S. Krishna kumar
24. Bro. P.J.Antony
25. Bro. Roy Peter
26. Bro. John Rodricks
27. Bro. K.C. Eapen
28. Bro. Ashok Bhanu Vikraman
29. Bro. Rajenesh Clement
30. Bro .Brig. G. Mohan
31. Bro. Chacko Verghese
32. Bro. M.R. Karmachandran
33. Bro. Anind Ben Roy
34. W. Bro.V.R. Harikumar

All India Association of Masonic Wives- Trivandrum Wing

As suggested by the Grand Lodge of India, the Lodge took the initiative to organise an association involving the wives of freemasons of all the Lodges of Trivandrum. This association named MYTHRI has been meeting regularly and organising programmes beneficial both to themselves as well as to society. Mrs Ganga Sriharshan President of Mythri was active in organising distribution of daily necessities for the needy patients of RCC through the Marthoma Hospital guidance & counseling centre at Kumarapuram.

Newsletter

This year too, the monthly newsletter has been brought out every month. The newsletters carried informative and interesting material combining wit and wisdom. The efforts of W.Bro. A. Jayapalan, the Editor is widely appreciated.

Lodge 168@yahoogroups.com

This group ID created by enlisting all the brethren having email ID has proved to be an effective channel among brethren. The service rendered by Bro. P. Vijay Kumar in this regard as well as those of the regular contributors is greatly appreciated.

Website of Lodge <http://lodgetvm168.org>

The Lodge website which is three years old has established its presence in the web world. It has become one of the popular sites for masons throughout India and abroad. The site is regularly updated and carries information and photographs of not only this lodge but also of masonic activities in the entire area.

Miscellaneous:

Lodge Minchin No: 2710 EC maintained cordial relationship in all our activities including participating in the Universal Brotherhood Day. We have received with gratitude a great deal of assistance from them during the year. We place on record our gratitude for all the directions and guidance received from RGL and especially our own initiate and the ARGW W. Bro. Dr. G. Reghuvaran.

All books, registers, files and inventory of the Lodge are being properly maintained. All returns, statements and reports to RGL and GLI are dispatched on time and all dues were promptly remitted.

The Standing Committee has immense pleasure to place on record their deep appreciation of the leadership of W. Bro.V.R. Harikumar and his team of office bearers for the year 2005.

For and on behalf of the Standing Committee,

Trivandrum
December 31,2005

Sd/-
W.Bro. S.Ramnath
Secretary



Lodge Trivandrum No.168
Thiruvananthapuram

AUDIT COMMITTEE 2005

W. Bro. G. R. Nanda Kumar

Bro. R. Sridhar

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO THE MEMBERS OF
LODGETRIVANDRUM. NO. 168

We have examined the Balance Sheet of Lodge Trivandrum No. 168 as at 31st December 2005 and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date. The said statement of accounts are in agreement with the books of the Lodge. In our opinion, the Balance Sheet reflects the true and correct position of the state of affairs of the Lodge as on 31st December, 2005 and Income and Expenditure Account of the excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

W. Bro. G. R. Nanda Kumar

Bro. R. Sridhar

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Trivandrum
17.01.2006

LODGETRIVANDRUM NO:168
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31-12-2005

	31-12-2004	31-12-2005	31-12-2004	31-12-2005
	EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
60,943.00	GL & RGL dues	74,080.00	228,250.00	Subscription-Gross
-	GL & RGL others	17,509.00	1,200.00	Add:Received in advance-2004
6,500.00	Salary	6,500.00	229,450.00	Less: Tr to Stewards Fund
21,000.00	Rent	24,000.00	35,400.00	Less: Tr to Reserve Fund
-	Rent paid for 2004	7,500.00	4,000.00	Less: Tr to Building Fund
4,970.25	Printing & Stationery	16,670.00	50,000.00	Less: Sub. received in advance
9,976.50	Post & Courier	8,673.00	3,300.00	1,300.00
111.00	Bank Charges & Commission	465.00	136,750.00	Bank Charges/Dishonour Chg Collected
3,500.00	Miscellaneous Expense	3,650.00	50.00	Bank interest on SB a/c
-	Tsunami Donation	10,000.00	1,025.00	Interest on Fixed Deposit
-	Interest on loan	1,017.00	8,151.00	Sundry receipts
7,300.00	Pt to other lodges(advt etc)	-	400.00	
3,615.00	Materials	-		
1,730.10	Depreciation on materials	1,470.59	5,860.41	
26,730.15	Excess of income over expenditure			
146,376.00		177,395.00	146,376.00	162,800.00
				1,403.00
				13,192.00
				-
				177,395.00

NOTE: Previous year figures are regrouped/reclassified wherever necessary to confirm with current year classification

Sd/-
W. Bro. G. R. Nanda Kumar
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Sd/-
Bro. R. Sridhar

Sd/-
Bro. Charly John
TREASURER

Sd/-
Bro. S. Ramnath
SECRETARY

Sd/-
Bro. V. R. Hari Kumar
W. MASTER

Thiruvananthapuram
17.01.2006

**LOGGETRIVANDRUM NO:168
BALANCE SHEET AS ON 31-12-2005 (Contd.)**

31-12-2004	LIABILITIES	31-12-2005	31-12-2004	ASSETS	31-12-2005
13,846.88	STEWARD FUND	12,156.88			
35,400.00	Balance as per last balance sheet	46,520.00			
-	Add: Transfer from subscription a/c	-			
49,246.88	Add: Received in advance in 2005	-			
37,090.00	Less: Amount disbursed during the year	58,676.88			
12,156.88		48,270.00	10,406.88		
3,300.00	LOANS & ADVANCES		1,300.00		
29,473.00	Subscription advance		-		
900,659.33	Loan on FD from IOB				
		1,601,749.76	900,659.33		1,601,749.76

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Sd/- W. Bro. G. R. Nanda Kumar AUDIT COMMITTEE	Sd/- Bro. R. Sridhar	Sd/- Bro. V. R. Hari Kumar W. MASTER
Thiruvananthapuram 17.01.2006	Sd/- Bro. S. Ramnath SECRETARY	Sd/- Bro. V. R. Hari Kumar W. MASTER

Onam celebrations ▶



Mythri' inaugurated ▶



Brethren in refreshment ▶



Support of the Ladies of Fraternity ▶

