

LODGE TRIVANDRUM No. 168

THRIRUVANANTHAPURAM

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year 2009

The Standing Committee of Lodge Trivandrum No. 168 has immense pleasure to present the Annual Report for the year 2008.

INSTALLATION

Bro. Dr. Ravikumar Rejnish Kumar born on 17TH May 1968 and Initiated into Lodge Trivandrum No. 168 on the 21th of October 2000 was Installed in the Chair of King Solomon, by his Father, W. Bro. Dr. R. Ravikumar in the presence of W. Bro.T. Ravindran, Assistant Regional Grand Master, representative of Right Worshipful the Regional Grand Master. The Meeting was attended by a very large number of Past Masters and brethren of the Lodge, besides a galaxy of brethren from other Lodges in the Area.

W. Bro. T. Ravindran, Assistant Regional Grand Master delivered the Charge to the Master, W. Bro.Dr. G. R. Nandakumar, delivered the Charge to the Wardens and W. Bro. V. R. Harikumar delivered the Charge to the Brethren.

W. Master invested the following brethren as Officers of the Lodge for the current year.

W. Bro. P.T. Mohan Babu	Immediate Past Master
Bro. Roy Peter	Senior Warden
Bro. Rajenesh Clement	Junior Warden
W. Bro. V. R. Harikumar	Chaplain
Bro. S. Sreekumar	Treasurer
W.Bro. A. S. Ben Roy	Secretary
W. Bro. Dr. V. J. Thomas	Director of Ceremonies
Bro. B. P. Dinesh	Senior Deacon
Bro. Dr. R. Prakasam	Junior Deacon
Bro. M. M. Shahul Hameed	B V S L
Bro. Charly John	B V S L
Bro. Ashok Bhanu Vikraman	B V S L
Bro. Binu Purushothaman	B V S L
Bro. Shaw Sumanam	B V S L
Bro. Brig. G. Mohan	Sword Bearer
Bro. Dr. Manoj C. B	Asst. Secretary
Bro. M. R. Karmachandran	Asst D of C
Bro. Sankar Krishnan	Almoner
Bro. P. J. Antony	Organist
Bro. B. V. Krishna Kumar	Inner Guard
W. Bro.Maj.Gn.M.Kesavan Nair	Pres. of Stewards
Bro. Krishna Prasad	Steward
Bro. N. S. Thankaprasad	Steward
Bro. C. P. Abhilash	Steward
Bro. Jose Abraham	Steward
W. Bro. P. Vijay Kumar	Tyler

The Lodge unanimously elected V. W. Bro. P. G. Sukumaran Nayar and W. Bro. Dr. P. A. Thomas as Members of the Standing Committee.

W. Master appointed R. W. Bro. M. Ramswamy Iyer, W. Bro. Dr. R. Ravikumar, W. Bro.P.B.Menon and W. Bro. A. Jayapalan as Preceptors of the Masonic Study Circle.

MEETINGS

During the year twelve Regular Meetings, four Emergency Meeting and three Joint Meeting were held.

Brief details of the ceremonies worked are as follows:

17-01-2009	Installation	Bro. Dr. R. Rejnish Kumar
21-02-2009	Passing Ceremony	Bro. K. R. S. Krishnan
21-03-2009	Raising Ceremony	Bro. Jose Abraham
18-04-2009	Initiation Ceremony	Mr. K.V. Rajagopal
07-05-2009	(E) Raising Ceremony	Bro. N. Mahesh
16-05-2009	Passing Ceremony	Bro. K. V. Rajagopal
20-06-2009	Raising Ceremony	Dr. K. R. S. Krishnan
26-06-2009	(JM)Memorial Service	R.W. Bro. K.R. Rajasekharan Nayar OSM
13-07-2009	(E) Raising Ceremony	Bro. C. P. Abhilash
18-07-2009	<i>Ritual Working Competition 1st Stage</i>	
	Raising Ceremony	Bro. K. V. Rajagopal
14-08-2009	Initiation Ceremony	Mr.B. Jayakumar
19-09-2009	<i>Past Masters' Day</i>	
	Initiation Ceremony	Dr. M. Radhakrishna Pillai
26-09-2009	(E) <i>Ritual Working Competition 2nd Stage</i>	
	Initiation Ceremony	Dummy Candidate
24-10-2009	Passing Ceremony	Bro. B. Jayakumnar
08-11-2009	Initiation Ceremony	Mr. P. Harikumar
06-12-2009	(E) Memorial Service	Bro. Krishna Kesav Kamath
19-12-2009	Passing Ceremony	Bro. M. Radhakrishna Pillai
10-01-2010	(JM) Dedication of Temple & Presentation of LTS Jewel to	
	R.W.Bro. Col.M. K. Sriharshen	

AREA MEET

The Joint Meeting of the Lodges in the area was hosted by Lodge Vivekananda No. 254, Kanyakumari, on the 11th of October 2009. Worshipful Master and several brethren from our Lodge attended the Meet.

R. W. Bro. Varanasi Narasimham graced the Meeting with his presence. The Lodge presented a report of the activities by way of a Power Point Presentation. After the Meeting, there were entertainments followed by sumptuous Dinner. At the meet, our Worshipful Master, W.Bro. Dr. R. Rejnish Kumar was adjudged as the Best Master of the Area and our Bro. Sankar Krishnan was awarded the First place for rendering the Final Charge.

MEMBERSHIP

The year 2009 started with a membership strength of 143. There were 4 Initiations during the year. There was 1 resignation, and four demises. The present strength remains at 142.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance throughout the year was good. The following brethren have distinguished themselves by attending more than twelve meetings: W. Bro. Dr. R. Rejnish Kumar, R. W. Bro. M. Ramaswamy Iyer, R. W. Bro. M. K. Sriharshen, V. W. Bro. P. G. Sukumaran Nair, W. Bro. Dr. R. Ravikumar, W. Bro. P. Sreekumar, W. Bro. Maj. Gen. M. Kesavan Nair, W. Bro. A. S. Ben Roy, W. Bro. P. T. Mohan Babu, Bro. Roy Peter, Bro. S. Sreekumar, Bro. Rajenesh Clement, Bro. P. J. Antony, Bro. B. P. Dinesh, Bro. Raghavan Prakasam, Bro. B. V. Krishna Kumar, and Bro. Shaw Sumanam. Congratulations!

R. W. BRO. K. R. RAJASEKHARAN NAYAR, RGM (1996), P. Dy. G. M., OSM

R. W. Bro. K. R. Rajasekharan Nayar, OSM was summoned to the Grand Lodge above on the 10th of June 2009. He was one of the highest ranked masons in this part of the country. He was active in many Lodges till he was confined to bed. He was Managing Trustee of the Thi ruvananthapuram Masonic Trust for a number of years and rendered distinguished service towards construction of the Temple. A Memorial Service was held befitting his rank and exalted talents at a Joint Meeting of Lodge Trivandrum No. 168, Lodge Kottayam No. 245, Lodge Vivekananda No. 254, Lodge Ananthapadmanabha No. 280, Lodge Aruvi No. 293, Lodge Palai No. 318, and Lodge Travancore No. 329 on 26th June 2009. The service was attended by M. W. the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Justice Devinder Gupta, R. W. Bro. Capt. Dr. Balaram Biswakumar, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Varanasi Narasimham, R. W. The Regional Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Arun Chintopanth, R. W. Bro. H. H. Marthanda Varma and a number of dignitaries Masonic and Non- Masonic.

OBITUARY

Besides R. W. Bro. K. R. Rajasekharan Nayar, three eminent brethren, Bro. S. Jayaprakash, Bro. K. K. Kamath and Bro. V. P. Sanjeev Kumar were summoned to the Grand Lodge above during the year. We place on record our deep sense of loss and sorrow and pray that their souls rest in peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

FINANCE

The Financial position of the Lodge continues to be sound. There are no arrears of subscription. At the able hands of our Treasurer, Bro. S. Sreekumar, the accounting records were maintained properly, as will be evident from the Balance Sheet and the Financial Statement appended to this Report. We place on record our thanks to V. W. Bro. P. G. Sukumaran Nair and Bro. V. Sudhakar Rao who have audited the Accounts.

HONOURS

During the Half Yearly Meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India held at Goa, a Citation was presented to V. W. Bro. R. Sushil Raj, by M.W. Bro. Justice. Devinder Gupta, the then Most Worshipful Grand Master, for his contribution in implementing the Tsunami Relief Project at Pallam, K. K. District.

The Lodge is legitimately proud that many of its members have been conferred with Grand & Regional Grand Ranks, Past and Present.

The following brethren have been conferred with active Grand Ranks:

V. W. Bro. R. Sushil Raj has been appointed to the prestigious post of Grand D of C. This is the first time that a brother from the State of Kerala and from this Lodge to be elevated to this Active Post at the Grand Lodge of India. V. W. Bro. D. Santhi Kumar has

been conferred with the active rank of Junior Grand Deacon and W. Bro. Dr. P. Balachandran Nair, the rank of active Grand Steward.

Regional Grand Lodge Active Ranks

R. W. Bro. A. Gopalan Nair has been conferred with the highest rank of Deputy Regional Grand Master, by the Regional Grand Master.

Past Ranks have been conferred upon the following brethren from our Lodge:

W. Bro. Ashok G. Nair	PRG Org
W. Bro. Dr. P. Balachandran Nair	PJRGD
W. Bro. P. Bhaskaran Nair	PJRGW
W. Bro. A. S. Ben Roy	PARG Secy
W. Bro. S. S. Chandra Babu	PRG Tyl
W. Bro. V.R. Harikumar	PRG Marshal
W. Bro. Maj. Gen. M. Kesavan Nair	PSRGD
W. Bro. R. Krishnan	PRG Dof C
W. Bro. Krishna S. Pillai	PRG Swd Br
W. Bro. P. B. Menon	PRG Secy
W. Bro. K. G. Rajasekharan Nair	P PRES R Bd of GP
W. Bro. S. Ramnath	PRG Supdt of Wks
W. Bro. T. Ravindran	PDyRGM
W. Bro. P. Sreekumar	P PRES R Bd of GP
W. Bro. R. Sridhar	P PRES RG Stwd
W. Bro. M. M. Syed Ismail	P Dy RGM
W. Bro. Dr. V. J. Thomas	PARG IG
W. Bro. P. Vijay Kumar	PRG Stwd

The Standing Committee congratulates all the brethren on their achievements.

RITUAL WORKING

Past Masters as well as Master Masons took active interest in the Ritual working of the Lodge. The following brethren delivered a part of the Ritual or enthusiastically substituted an office during the year.

Bro. B. V. Krishna Kumar	Working Tools II Degree	21-02-2009
R. W. Bro. M. Ramaswamy Iyer	Charge after Passing	21-02-2009
Bro. Sankar Krishnan	Tracing Board II Degree	21-02-2009
W. Bro. R. Ravikumar	Director of Ceremonies	21-02-2009
Bro. Sankar Krishnan	Tyler	21-02-2009
Bro. Roy Peter	Exhortation III Degree	21-03-2009
W. Bro. Dr. G. R. Nandakumar	Traditional History Part I	21-03-2009
Bro. Dr. C. B. Manoj	Charge after Raising	21-03-2009
W. Bro. P. B. Menon	Traditional History Part II	21-03-2009
Bro. Rajenesh Clement	Tracing Board	21-03-2009
W. Bro. Maj.Gen.M. Kesavan Nair	Chaplain	21-03-2009
Bro. M. R. Karmachandran	Inner Guard	21-03-2009
Bro. V. Sudhakar Rao	Tyler	21-03-2009
Bro. S. Sreekumar	Charge in the N.E	18-04-2009
Bro. Krishna Prasad	Working Tools I Degree	18-04-2009
Bro. Roy Peter	Charge after Initiation	18-04-2009
Bro. B. P. Dinesh	Tracing Board	18-04-2009
W. Bro. Maj. Gen M. Kesavan Nair	Chaplain	18-04-2009

W. Bro. P. B. Menon	Director of Ceremonies	18-04-2009
W. Bro. S. S. Chandra Babu	Tyler	18-04-2009
R. W. Bro. M. Ramaswamy Iyer	Eastern Chair	07-05-2009
W. Bro. T. Ravindran	Tradional History II Part, Tracing Board & Further Entrustment	07-05-2009
Bro. S. Sreekumar	Working Tools & Final Charge	07-05-2009
W.Bro.Dr. P.Balachandran Nair	Eastern Chair	16-05-2009
Bro. S. Sreekumar	Charge after Passing	16-05-2009
W. Bro. V. R. Harikumar	Tracing Board II Degree	16-05-2009
W. Bro. P.B. Menon	I P M	16-05-2009
Bro. V. Sudhakar Rao	Junior Warden	16-05-2009
Bro. Roy Peter	Exhortation III Degree	20-06-2009
Bro. A V M Somnath. R	Traditional History Part I & II	20-06-2009
Bro. Dr. Manoj C. B.	Charge After Raising	20-06-2009
Bro. Rajenesh Clement	Tracing Board III Degree	20-06-2009
Bro. S. Sreekumar	Further Entrustment	20-06-2009
Bro. Krishna Prasad	Working Tools	20-06-2009
Bro. Roy Peter	Exhortation III Degree	13-07-2009
Bro. AVM Somnath .R	Traditional History Part I& II	13-07-2009
Bro. Dr. Manoj C. B	Charge after Raising	13-07-2009
Bro. S. Sreekumar	Further Entrustment	13-07-2009
Bro. Rajenesh Clement	Tracing Board	13-07-2009
Bro. Brig. G. Mohan	Final Charge	13-07-2009
Bro. Roy Peter	Exhortation III Degree	18-07-2009
Bro. AVM Somnath R.	Tradional History Part I & II	18-07-2009
Bro. Dr. Manoj C. B.	Charge After Raising	18-07-2009
Bro. Rajenesh Clement	Tracing Board	18-07-2009
Bro. S. Sreekumar	Further Entrustment	18-07-2009
Bro. Krishna Prasad	Working Tools	18-07-2009
Bro. Sankar Krishnan	Final Charge	18-07-2009
Bro. K. Chandramohan	Working Tools I Degree	14-08-2009
Bro. Dr. J. Sunil Kumar	Charge after Initiation	14-08-2009
Bro. B. P. Dinesh	Tracing Board I Degree	14-09-2009
Bro. Dr. J. Sunil Kumar	Charge after Initiation	26-09-2009
W. Bro. D. Santhikumar	Director of Ceremonies	26-09-2009
Bro. S. Sreekumar	Charge in the South East	24-10-2009
Bro. B. V. Krishna Kumar	Working Tools II Degree	24-10-2009
Bro. Brig. G. Mohan	Charge after Passing	24-10-2009
Bro. Sankar Krishnan	Tracing Board II Degree	24-10-2009
W. Bro. Dr. R. Ravikumar	Senior Warden	24-10-2009
Bro. M. R. Karmachandran	Tyler	24-10-2009
Bro. K. R. S. Krishnan	Working Tools I Degree	08-11-2009
Bro. AVM Somnath R	Charge after Initiation	08-11-2009
Bro. B. P. Dinesh	Tracing Board II Degree	08-11-2009
Bro. Raghavan Prakasam	Charge in South East	19-12-2009
Bro. B. V. Krishna Kumar	Working Tools	19-12-2009
Bro. Roy Peter	Tracing Board	19-12-2009

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4 OF THE BYE – LAWS

At the Regular Meeting held on 24th October, the Bye Law No. 4 of the Lodge was amended to raise the Subscription from Rs. 460/- to Rs. 650/- and the Stewards Fund Contribution was raised from Rs. 200/- to Rs. 300/-

PAST MASTERS' DAY

The Past Master's Day was held on the 19th of September 2009 and the Past Masters occupying various offices conducted the ceremony of Initiation of Dr. M. Radhakrishna Pillai. The following Past Masters conducted the ceremony in an excellent manner occupying various chairs:

W. Bro. Dr. R. Ravikumar as Worshipful Master
R. W. Bro. A. Gopalan Nair as Immediate Past Master
W. Bro. Dr. P. A. Thomas as Senior Warden
W. Bro. Dr. G. R. Nandakumar as Junior Warden
V. W. Bro. P. G. Sukumaran Nair as Chaplain
W. Bro. Dr. V. J. Thomas Director of Ceremonies
W. Bro. P. Sreekumar as Senior Deacon
W. Bro. Dr. P. Balachandran Nair as Junior Deacon
W. Bro. P. T. Mohan Babu as Inner Guard
W. Bro. S. Ramnath as Tyler
W. Bro. Maj. Gen. M. Kesavan Nair Working Tools
R. W. Bro. M. Ramaswamy Iyer Charge in the North East
W. Bro. V. R. Harikumar Charge after Initiation
W. Bro. Dr. P. Balachandran Nair Tracing Board.

50 YEARS LONG TERM SERVICE JEWEL

R. W. Bro. Col. M. K. Sriharshen , P J G W, completed 50 years of continuous and uninterrupted membership in Freemasonry. In an impressive ceremony held on 10th January 2010, M. W. the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Capt. Dr. Balaram Biswakumar presented him with the Fifty Years Long Term Service Jewel.

MASONIC STUDY CIRCLE

Masonic Study Circle organized a number of Rehearsals for various Degree workings, to ensure best performance of all the officers. Their efforts were amply rewarded when the Lodge was selected for the second round of the Ritual Working Competition.

RITUAL WORKING COMPETITION

The first stage of Ritual working Competition was held on 18th July 2009 with a ceremony of Raising. The Lodge has been selected for the Second Stage which was held on 26th September 2009. The following brethren were recognized for their performance in the First Stage of the Ritual Working Competition:

W. Bro. R. Rejnish Kumar Best Master of the area

Bro. Sankar Krishnan First Place for Delivering Final Charge

The result for the Second Stage of the Competition is awaited.

The Lodge however did not qualify for the Second Stage of the Competition.

UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Universal Brotherhood Day was celebrated jointly with Lodge Ananthapadmanabha and Lodge Travancore. Dr. Ramachandran, Joint Director, Regional Cancer Centre was the Chief Guest. A sum of Rs. 10,000/- was donated to Regional Cancer Centre to cater to the needs of the poor patients. Ladies and public attended the meeting.

GRAND FESTIVAL & RGL MEETS

A number of brethren from our Lodge attended the Grand Festival held at Chennai, the Annual Investiture of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, held at Goa and the Half Yearly Meeting held at Bangalore were well attended by our brethren.

CHARITY

During the year a sum of Rs.79,652.00 was collected towards Charity. A number of brethren donated liberally to various Charity Projects.

The Lodge has undertaken the following charities during the year. From the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India Masonic Foundation, scholarships of Rs. 10,000/- each were awarded to two Engineering students and also to six school children a total sum of Rs. 30,000/-. On the Universal Brotherhood Day a sum of Rs. 10,000-00 was donated to Regional Cancer Centre in aid of poor patients. Best quality school bags were donated to 150 poor students of the Government Vocational Higher Secondary School, Paruthipally, Trivandrum.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM MASONIC TRUST

The total contribution from Lodge Trivandrum No.168 to the Trust is above Rs. 20,00,000-00. R. W. Bro. K. R. Rajasekharan Nayar OSM, the Managing Trustee passed away and V. W. Bro. P. G. Sukumaran Nayar was elected as the Managing Trustee. With the dedicated efforts of all the Brethren of Lodge Trivandrum No. 168, Lodge Ananthapadmanabha No. 280, and Lodge Travancore No. 329 and the various other Degrees, the construction of the Temple was completed and it was dedicated to the services of the Great Architect of the Universe in an impressive ceremony by Most Worshipful the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Capt. Dr. Balaram Biswakumar on the 10th of January 2010, in the presence of a large number of brethren. A dream come true! On this auspicious occasion, the portrait of M.W. the Grand Master was unveiled by R.W.the Regional Grand Master and the portrait of R.W.Bro.H.H.Marthanda Varma was unveiled by M.W. the Grand Master.

The following brethren represent the Lodge in the Thiruvananthapuram Masonic Trust: W. Bro. R. Rejnish Kumar, Bro. Roy Peter, Bro. Rajenesh Clement, Bro. S. Sreekumar, W. Bro. A. S. Ben Roy, R. W. Bro. M. Ramaswamy Iyer, R. W. Bro. A. Gopalan Nair, W. Bro. Dr. R. Ravikumar, W. Bro. A Jayapalan, W. Bro. V. R. Harikumar

NEWSLETTER

Only very few Lodges in the country publish a Newsletter. Our Monthly Newsletter carried instructional and informative Masonic material and it has been brought out regularly. The Standing Committee commends the services rendered by W. Bro. A. Jayapalan in editing the Newsletter.

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This group ID created by all the brethren having email ID continues to be an effective channel of communication among the brethren. The summons, as well as the Newsletter, will also be e-mailed to the brethren through the group ID.

<http://lodgetvm168.org> - **WEBSITE OF THE LODGE**

This Website is one of the oldest Websites of Masonry in India. During this year there were much fewer hits on the site. Vigorous efforts are undertaken to update the Website.

INDEPENDENT LODGE MAIL IDs.

An initiative has been launched to provide all brethren with an independent email ID, in the format user @lodgetvm.net. A web interface is also provided for global access, which is <http://mail.lodgetvm168.net>. A schedule calendar and document repository that is powered by Google has also been configured. These facilities are best used during the year 2009.

MISCELLANEOUS

We place on record our gratitude to the Worshipful Master and Secretary of Lodge Minchin No. 2710 E. C. for all the cooperation and assistance during the year.

We place on record our deep appreciation for the leadership and support of R. W. Bro. A. Gopalan Nair, Deputy Regional Grand Master and W. Bro. A. Kulathooran Pillai, Assistant Regional Grand Master. All returns, statements, and reports to the RGL and the GLI were dispatched on time and all dues were paid promptly. All books, files, and registers are being properly maintained. The Past Masters were actively involved in the affairs of the Lodge to a great extent.

The Standing Committee has immense pleasure to place on record their deep appreciation of the leadership of W. Bro. Dr. R. Rejnish Kumar and his team of officers for the year 2009.

For and behalf of the Standing Committee

Sd/-

W. Bro. A. S. Ben Roy
Secretary

Trivandrum
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Thiruvananthapuram

AUDIT COMMITTEE 2009

V. W. Bro. Sukumaran Nayar P.G.
Bro. Sudhakar Rao V.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO THE MEMBERS OF LODGE TRIVANDRUM. NO. 168

We have examined the Balance Sheet of Lodge Trivandrum No. 168 as at 31st December 2009 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, 2009 and Income and Expenditure Account of the excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ended on that date.

Sd/-

V. W. Bro. Sukumaran Nayar P.G.

Sd/-

Bro. Sudhakar Rao V.

Trivandrum
12.01.2010

W.Bro. A. Kulathooran Pillai
ARGM



W. Bro. Dr. R. Rejnish Kumar
Worshipful Master



W. Bro. A.S. Ben Roy
Secretary



W.Bro. S. Sreekumar
Treasurer





Trivandrum Masonic Hall: Temple dedication 10th January 2010



R.W.Bro.Col. M.K. Sriharshen
Recipient of
50 years Long Term Service Jewel



R.W.Bro.A. Gopalan Nair
Dy. Regional Grand Master



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R.W. Bro. K.R. Rajasekharan Nayar, RGM (1996), P.Dy. G.M., OSM

OBITURY

Bro. Krishna Kesav Kamath

