

Masons All....

Musicians : Mozart, Beethoven, Handel, Haydn, Sibelius, Duke Ellington, Frank Lystz, Puccini....

Writers : Shakespeare, Voltaire, Kipling, Tolstoy, Pushkin, Doyle (Sherlock Holmes)....

Astronauts : John Glen, Neil Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin, Cooper, Irwin... Lindbergh the aviator...

Founders : Booth (Salvation Army), Beard (Boy Scouts), Dunant (Red Cross), Sax (Saxophone)....

Architects : Bartholdy (Statue of Liberty), Eiffel (Paris Tower), Hoban (White House), Borglum (Mt. Rushmore), Smithson (Smithsonian Institute).

Medicine : Fleming (Penicillin), Jenner (Small Pox), Mayo (Clinic in the USA)....

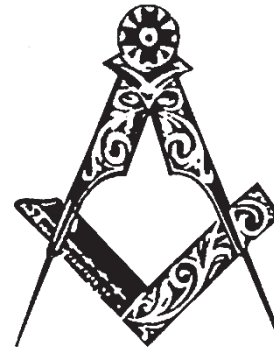
Sports : Dempsey, Sugar R. Robinson, Auerbach, Michael Jordan, Cy Yong, Willie Mays, Palmer.

The following brethren celebrate their birthdays in May:

Bro. Sunil Gangadharan	01 st may
Bro. K.S. Balasubramoniam	02 nd May
Bro. Ashok Bhanu Vikraman	04 th May
Bro. Raghavan Prakasham	08 th May
W.Bro. P. Sreekumar	09 th May
Bro. R. Rejnish Kumar	17 th May
Bro. Satheesh C.P.	17 th May
W.Bro. Ashok G. Nair	23 rd May
Bro. P. Ganesh	23 rd May
RW.Bro. V.K. Nair AVSM	24 th May
W.Bro. Akhilesh G. Nair	24 th May
Bro. J.B. Mohan	30 th May
Bro. S. Jayaprakash	30 th May
Bro. S. Sreekumar	30 th May



W. Master and Brethren wish them many happy returns of the day and call upon them to exercise that virtue of Charity on this auspicious day, by liberally donating to the Lodge Charity Fund.



LODGE TRIVANDRUM No. 168

MAY 2007



Dear Brethren,

Thank you Brethren for the encouraging responses to the previous newsletter.

I welcome our newest initiate - Bro. Sankar Krishnan. Being a friend from school days, I was truly excited about the opportunity to initiate him to the mysteries and privileges of freemasonry.

The Masonic study Circle meeting in April with the preceptors

- W.Bro. Ravi Kumar and W.Bro. P.B. Menon was much appreciated by the brethren gathered. As the philosophical depth of our rituals can tend to be overwhelming, the Masonic study circle will play a significant role towards providing a forum for Masonic discussions, thereby stimulating higher levels of interest amongst our brethren. Please note the meeting time of the Masonic study circle - it's at 5.30 p.m., just prior to our regular meeting on the third Saturdays.



Fraternal Regards,

W. Bro. P. Vijay Kumar
Worshipful Master

Freemasonry is not a charity, but it teaches men to be charitable and exhorts them to use their best endeavours to relive the wants of the necessitous.

Freemasonry is not a religion, but it encourages men to honour their creditor in the rites and practices of whatever Church he follows and that he should never be an irreligious libertine.

Freemasonry is not a service organisation, but it teaches its members that to be of service to ones fellow creature is possible the highest ideal to which we can aspire.

Freemasonry is not a political organisation, but it teaches us to be observant of the laws of the country which from time to time provides us with a residence and a due respect for that land which gave us our infant nurture.

Freemasonry is not a publicity organisation, instead it teaches us that to seek clamorously after rewards will do little for us in the long run.

Freemasonry is not a social society, but its precepts will tend to equip Freemasons with an ability to relate to and understand his fellow man to the benefit of all.

" I have received the various dates suggested by you for the wedding of my daughter with your son..... But none of the dates are suitable. May 6th is Mark Lodge Consecration, May 28th is Chapter Consecration, June 15th Grand Master's visit, July 18th Area Meet. Helo.... please look for a date after the Rajahmundry RGL Meet on the 29th September. OK? ok ..ok byeeeeee."



PRACTISE OF MASONRY

"If you practise Masonry for the sake of its convivialities alone, it will soon pall on your mind; for these are introduced into the System, only to cheer and relieve nature after its painful and unwearied researches into the hidden stores of Masonic knowledge; but if your mind embrace the great principles of Masonry as the chief source of gratification, and use its lighter shades of enjoyment as merely temporary relaxations when the hour of graver labour has expired; you will then enjoy every benefit the science can impart; your expanding genius will soon be imbued with all the vigour of a healthy intellect, matured and ripened by a rich increase of scientific and religious knowledge; and your mind rapidly advancing to perfection, will ultimately be prepared for the full irradiations of complete and never fading glory when time shall be no more."

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason." —

Benjamin Franklin