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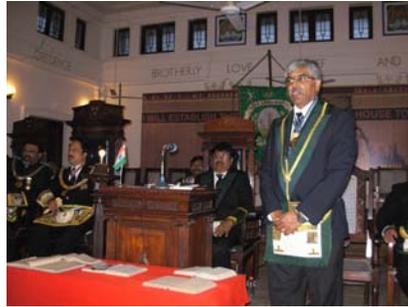


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# THE ASOKA TIMES

## His Master's Voice.....



*W Bro Sreedharan Srikanth takes over as the Master of Lodge Asoka No.93 in its 93rd year in the august presence of R.W.Bro. Varanasi Narasimham, P.A.G.M., R W the Regional Grand Master of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India*

**Dear Brethren,**

It seems but yesterday that I stood at the door of the Lodge, a poor candidate in a state of darkness. Brethren, you took me in and introduced me to these wonderful secrets that moulded me and made me ready for that role which this evening you have selected me to play.

I now stand before you to express my sincere gratitude for the confidence, thus reposed in me. I also give you my solemn assurance that I shall strive to the best of my abilities to serve you well as the Master of this Lodge for the year 2009-2010.

Occupying the Eastern chair of a Lodge, is an undoubted honour. It is also a serious responsibility and commitment. Therefore, while promising you my best efforts, I also request you to support, assist and guide me in my work.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to **W Bro. Dr. Jai Prakash Srinivasan** for the excellent manner in which he installed me. He has been a pillar of strength to me during the past few months. He has meticulously taken me through the process of preparing myself for this role. Thank you J.P.

I also place on record my sincere thanks to **R.W.Bro. Varanasi Narasimham, P.A.G.M., R W the Regional Grand Master of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India** for gracing the installation function.

I also thank the **Assistant Regional Grand Master W.Bro.V.Viswanath** for being with us at the Installation Meeting.

I take this opportunity to recognize the presence of past and present officers of Grand Lodge of India and Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, ruling masters of city Lodges and visiting brethren who have come today and made the brethren of Lodge Asoka No.93 and me extremely happy and grateful.

I look forward to communicating with you through this newsletter regularly,

With fraternal regards,

**W Bro S Srikanth**



*R.W.Bro. Varanasi Narasimham, P.A.G.M., R W the Regional Grand Master of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India along with the brethren of Lodge Asoka No.93 at the charity function*



*Group photo of Lodge Asoka No.93 taken on the occasion of Installation of W Bro S Srikanth as the Master for 2009*



*The brethren of Lodge Asoka No.93 begin their charity for this year by donating wheel chairs*

Many brethren must be receiving regularly interesting SMS Messages from our M.W. the Grand Master. We would like to share some of these SMS with the Readers as follows:-

What is secret of success? "Right Decisions"

How do you make right decisions? "Experience"

How do you get experience? "Wrong Decisions"

The Mason who is not willing to forgo his own pleasure to add

To those of his brethren, is either too dull to learn its teachings or too selfish to put them to practice.

The greatest joy - giving  
 The Most satisfying act - Helping Others  
 The Most powerful force in life - Love  
 The greatest loss - Self Respect

A climber is not intimidated by a Mountain. He is inspired by it.  
 A winner is not discouraged by a problem. He is challenged by it.  
 Mountains are there to be conquered adversities are  
 There to be defeated; problems are created to be solved.  
 It is advisable to master one mountain than to over come 1000  
 Foothills.

Motivation gets you started. Habit keeps you running  
 Attitude decides your pace and Values decide your destination

Greetings to our Brethren celebrating Birthdays in

MARCH

- Bro Hariharan C.S. 7<sup>th</sup>
- Bro Janardhan T.V. 7<sup>th</sup>
- Bro Ramesh B. 7<sup>th</sup>
- Bro Pattabhiraman L. 8<sup>th</sup>
- Bro Kohli K.B. Singh 14<sup>th</sup>
- Bro Ramaswamy Venkatraman 16<sup>th</sup>
- W Bro Soora Ramgopal 20<sup>th</sup>
- Bro Dr Visvanathan K. 23<sup>rd</sup>
- W Bro Ushanath Sethurayar 24<sup>th</sup>
- Bro Gaurav Chatterjee 26<sup>th</sup>



APRIL

- Bro Bharatkumar K. Shah 1<sup>st</sup>
- Bro Radhey Shyam. S 10<sup>th</sup>
- Bro Ranga Bhashyam P.G. 11<sup>th</sup>
- W Bro Samuel Nambi Sargunar 13<sup>th</sup>
- W Bro Capt. S. Seshadri 19<sup>th</sup>
- Bro Venkatesan V. 21<sup>st</sup>
- Bro Rao I.M.Rao 25<sup>th</sup>
- W Bro Venkatakrishna S. 26<sup>th</sup>
- W Bro Tarun Kumar Bagga 28<sup>th</sup>
- W Bro Prabhakar N.C. 30<sup>th</sup>



INFO-MASON  
 ABC OF MASONRY

Certain words we have come across in the rituals may still be a mystery to us. Info mason gives an insight into these words.

**Acacia:** Any of various chiefly tropical trees of the genus *Acacia*, having compound leaves and tight clusters of small yellow or white flowers. The timber of the Shittim tree, widely used in making the sacred furniture of the Temple. In speculative Masonry, the term is used as a symbol of the immortality of the soul.

**Brotherly Love:** Freemasonry recognizes the Divine requirement that godly men love their neighbors and that this love should be for all mankind. Emphasis is laid upon the privilege and duty of special love for members of the Fraternity. There are certain bonds and obligations in Freemasonry which are fulfilled only in the spirit of true brotherhood.

**Cable Tow:** A compound word of Masonic coinage combining *cable* (a rope) and *tow* (a rope for pulling): Symbolically, it represents the covenant by which all Masons are bound. Gaedicke says that 'accounting to the ancient laws of Freemasonry, every brother must attend his Lodge if he is within the length of his cable tow.' The old writers define the length of a cable tow, which they sometimes called, "a cable's length," to be three miles for an Entered Apprentice. But the expression is really symbolic and, as it was defined by the Baltimore Convention in 1842, means the scope of a man's reasonable ability.

One thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world.



That one thing is Masonry

Give the brethren plenty of Masonry and they won't want expensive and hard-to-get secular entertainment.

**Cowan:** This is strictly a Masonic term; it means an intruder, and is used especially of an eavesdropper. He is a person who seeks the secrets and benefits of Freemasonry in a clandestine manner. Profanes, pretenders, intruders, particularly those seeking to obtain the secrets of Masonry unlawfully. It is a Scotch term of contempt. for A drydyker. One who builds dykes or walls without mortar. So therefore according to Speculative Science, Masonry has no place for anyone that builds their symbolic walls without the cement of brotherly love.

Courtesy: Dictionary of Masonic Terminology

Our next regular meeting will be held on March 28, 2009 when Bro. M. Asir Raja will be passed.

Please Attend Without Fail