



MASONSOUTH

Leading Lights of the Region



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FROM YOUR EDITOR

Dear Brethren

Wish you all a very happy, prosperous and wonderful **NEW YEAR**. Festival and holiday seasons have just ended and all of you must be busy now with your routine occupation in the New Year. While it is the beginning of the New Year for all of you, for me this is the end of my first year as the Editor of **MASONSSOUTH**. It was immediately after the Annual RGL Meet 2006 that **RW Bro G K Selvarajan**, **RW the RGM** charged me with the duty of bringing out the issues of **MS** every quarter and April 2006 issue was the first issue that was released under my editorship. I have now completed the circle of my Masonic duty for the first year with this issue in your hands.



Lots of efforts have gone into making this news magazine as interesting and informative as possible by including articles of general interest to Masons, humor in Masonry and of course the photo gallery to highlight the charitable and other activities happening in the region. I would like to acknowledge the full support I received in this stupendous task from **RW the RGM**, the RGL secretariat, my sub editors and above all from all the advertisers, who extended their support to this effort financially by releasing their ads. I would like to make a special mention of **W Bro S Arunagiri**, **W Bro V Jay Vasudevan** and all the eight **ARGMs** namely **W Bro Dr Major D Raja**, **W Bro T S Muralidharan**, **W Bro C J Mathew**, **W Bro K Gopalan**, **W Bro S Suryanarayan Murthy**, **W Bro M Siva Subba Rao**, **W Bro D Dhamodharaswamy** and **W Bro S Chidambaram** who responded to my request and spontaneously agreed to take the Front Inside Cover, Back Inside Cover and Back Cover page advertisements respectively.

On editorial front, I must acknowledge full support and help received from **W Bro Mahendra Jogani**, who was always available to help me in choosing editorial subjects. Apart from this he too has been instrumental in getting quite a few advertisements to support the publication. It will not be out of place to mention here the support of **W Bro Karthik M Patel** who readily agreed to extend his help for taking photographs and converting them to CD format at no cost any number of times. And a special note of thanks to Mr Ranganathan of S S Graphics, who withstood all the pressures of the deadlines and never failed to deliver the issue neatly printed at the required time.

And above all, I must express my deep sense of Gratitude to all my fellow brethren in the region, who have sent me letters, messages and communications of praise and encouragement. It is your love and affection which keeps us all at **MASONSSOUTH** charged and geared up to work still harder to bring out the next issue. I did try to make the publication more interactive for family members also by providing quiz and essay competitions etc. This of course made one senior brother to comment that it is more like *Kumudam* now. What with prizes and gifts etc to be won. But I do think that to an extent this has indeed made a difference and the family members are definitely looking forward to receive the next issue of **MASONSSOUTH**.

I find that so far no one has claimed the prizes for the lucky draws the results for which were published in last issue. Since the lucky draw prizes for April 2006 and July 2006 are unclaimed the sponsors of the prizes **Lodge Srinivasa Gopala No 190** have decided to donate the cash equivalent of **Rs 5000/-** to the RGL of India Charitable Trust for the vocational training center. The lucky numbers for the October 2006 and the current issue of January 2007 are published in this issue. Please claim your prizes immediately.

In designing the cover of this issue, I was wrecking my brains to think about an appropriate subject. And the light flashed in my mind to highlight the **Leading Lights of our Region** namely the past RGMs of our region. I have also incorporated reminiscences fondly recollected in their own words in this issue published and released to coincide with the Annual Investiture Meet of our RGL of SI at Mangalore. I take this opportunity to express my deep sense of gratitude to **MW Bro Chief Justice (Retd) K Veerawamy**, **RW Bro V Rajendran**, **RW Bro D Dhorrairaj**, **RW Bro K R Rajasekharan Nayar**, **MW Bro Arun Chintapanth**, and **RW Bro Dr Balaram Biswakumar**, all of whom gave a patient hearing to my request, appreciated my efforts and agreed to give a write up for publication in this issue. (Except **MW Bro Chief Justice (Retd) K Veerawamy** who expressed his inability due to advanced age). I am sure that the brethren of our region will get inspiration and knowledge from the writings of our **Leading Lights of the Region**.

Good Bye then until the April 2007 issue.

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