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## Annual Investiture Meeting

15th & 16th February 2025

Freemasons' Hall, Janpath, New Delhi



**Formation  
Day  
Celebrations**  
29th November 2024





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A review of  
the events and  
functions held  
during the 3  
years of  
leadership of  
R.W. Bro.  
Sanjiv  
Gandhi,  
Right  
Worshipful  
the Regional  
Grand  
Master.

## ANNUAL INSTALLATION & INVESTURE MEETING - 2022



R.W. Bro. Sanjiv Gandhi, Right Worshipful the Regional Grand Master, was installed as RGM on 12th March, 2022, In an impressive ceremony at Freemasons' Hall, Janpath, New Delhi. After his installation, he proceeded to install his officers for 2022-23.





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## TRAINING SEMINAR

The Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India organized a training seminar for the benefit of active ARGMs, Lodge In-charges and Senior active officers on the 21st & 22nd of May 2022, at Abhimanyu Cricket Academy Resort, Dehradun.





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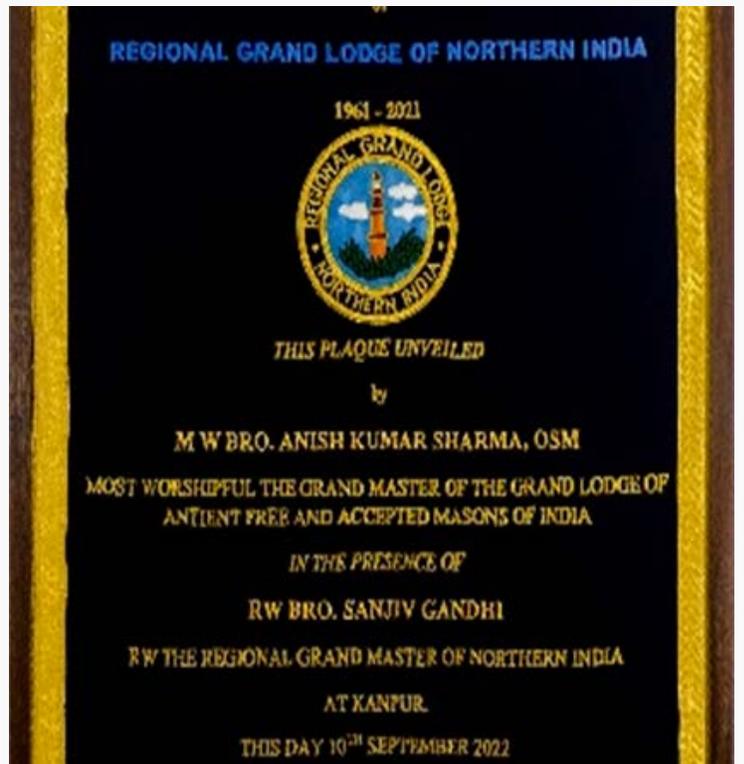
After a long gap of two years, the Brethren of North India celebrated Universal Brotherhood Day, spread over three days - 23rd to 25th June, 2022.



UBD CELEBRATION, JUNE, 2022

## Half yearly Meeting at KANPUR

The Half yearly meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India was celebrated at Kingston Resort, 84, Cantt, Kanpur on 10th of September, 2022. The occasion also coincided with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the RGLNI.



At this meeting, RW The Regional Grand Master recognized the contribution of two Masons from Kanpur. The RGM was extremely happy to announce Lifetime Achievement Awards for RW Bro R. C. Mussadi and RW Bro. D. C. Mishra. He also presented LTS jewels at HYM'22

## FREEMASONS OF EMINENCE IN PUBLIC LIFE

It has been a usual custom in our Region to host a Dinner on the Friday before the Northern Region's annual meetings for our visiting and local senior Brethren. On Friday the 10th February, 2023 in the presence of MW Bro. Anish Kumar Sharma, OSM MW the Grand Master, Respected Past Grand Masters MW Bro Hari Pershad Mathur, OSM, MW Bro Justice Devender Gupta, OSM and M.W. Bro Rajeev Ramkrishna Khandelwal, OSM, RW Bro Sanjiv Gandhi, RW the R G M honoured the following brethren who are distinguished and highly respected men in their careers and service to the Nation & Society.

- 1.MW Bro Justice Devender Gupta, OSM
- 2.Bro Justice Amit Mahajan
- 3.RW Bro T N Manoharan
- 4.RW Bro Sanjay Jain
- 5.Bro Amarjit Singh Chandhiok
- 6.Bro Navneet Soni

## AIM, New Delhi 11th & 12th February 2023

The Annual Investiture Meeting of RLNI was held in the usual grand style on the 11th & 12th February 2023.



The RGM appointed his offices for the year 2023-2024 and also presented recognitions & awards to the Brethren who had made a significant contribution to Freemasonry over the past many years.

- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Outstanding Mason of the Year
- Appreciation Award
- Appreciation Award

- RW BRO V K GUPTA
- RW BRO M K MAHAJAN
- RW BRO VISHAL BAKSHI
- RW BRO SUBHASH MAHAJAN
- RW BRO P K SHARMA



## Training Seminar ARGMs' Lodge In-charges

A training seminar for the ARGMs & Lodge In-charges was held at Freemasons' Hall, New Delhi April 8th, 2023.

Universal Brotherhood Day, June, 2023



Thanks to the members of the Organizing Committee, RW Bro MK Mahajan, RW Bro Subhash Chawla OSM and RW Bro Subhash Mahajan whose support and guidance made the Celebrations a grand success.

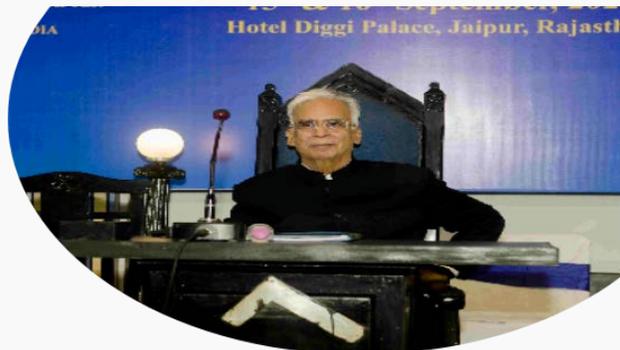




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The heritage Hotel Diggi Palace in Jaipur was the venue of the Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India for its half-yearly meetings on 15th and 16th September 2023.

The two-day affair, attended by more than 500 Brethren and ladies, began with the meeting of the Regional Grand Chapter of Northern India on 15th September in which, besides the normal business, 40 years and 25 years Long Term Service Jewels were presented to 9 Companions.



## Half Yearly Meeting, Jaipur

During the ceremonies, Ritual Working awards, Rolling Trophy awards and LTS presentations were made for the various orders.

The RGM also presented appreciation awards to the Brethren who had made a significant contribution to Freemasonry over the past many years.

Appreciation Award  
Appreciation Award  
Appreciation Award  
Appreciation Award

RW BRO N K SHARMA  
RW BRO ERIK OLIVER ILLIG  
VW BRO I M S NAGPAL  
VW BRO RAJEEV DEVA

## RGLNI Formation Day Celebration, 2023, New Delhi

Formation Day was celebrated in a most fascinating way, for the first time in our 62 years' history, owing to the imagination and initiative of our dear R. W. the RGM, R.W. Bro. Sanjiv Gandhi. The idea was appreciated by the Brethren and ladies in a big way, and we had a gathering of more than 300 brethren, ladies, and children. The RGL of NI was formed on the 27th of November 1961 with H.Q. in New Delhi.



## HONOURING THE DOCTORS GENERAL WILLIAMS MASONIC POLYCLINIC

On Friday the 9th February 2024 in the presence of MW Bro. Anish Kumar Sharma, OSM MW the Grand Master, MW Bro Rajeev Ramkrishna Khandelwal, OSM, RW Bro Sanjiv Gandhi, RW the RGM honoured the distinguished doctors of General Williams Masonic Polyclinic, who he said are like our partners in serving the under-privileged people. He thanked each distinguished doctor for the services rendered by them to the Polyclinic. He said that because of them we can provide OPD services at a very nominal charge of Rs.100 per patient.

He specially thanked Polyclinic's Director Operations RW Bro Subhash Chawla who has played a significant role over the last 20 years in bringing the Polyclinic to its present level.

## RGLNI AIM February 2024

The annual meetings of the Northern Region were held at Freemasons Hall, New Delhi on 10th and 11th February 2024. More than 600 Brethren registered for the meetings and nearly 100 ladies attended the cultural programme organized by the Ladies Committee.



The RGM appointed his offices for the year 2024-2025 and also presented recognitions & awards to the Brethren who had made a significant contribution to Freemasonry over the past many years.

Lifetime Achievement Award  
 Appreciation Award  
 Appreciation Award  
 Appreciation Award

RW BRO ASHWANI GUPTA  
 RW BRO SUTINDER KHANNA  
 RW BRO SHAM NARAIN GUPTA  
 RW BRO COMM. C P GUPTA

## RGLNI Training Programme, Mussoorie, 13th - 14th April 2024

The participants were familiarized with various aspects of their roles and responsibilities as ARGMs and Lodge In-charges. RW the Regional Grand Master RW Bro Sanjiv Gandhi, in his address, said that ARGMs and Lodge In-charges played an extremely important role in the successful functioning of the Region as they are the bridge between the Regional Grand Lodge and the Lodges.



The Half-Yearly meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India on 14th and 15th September 2024 in Chandigarh turned out to be one of the most memorable meetings, thanks to excellent overall arrangements by the Organising Committee, a never-before seen Masonic temple set up in the main banquet hall of Wyndham Mohali Club.



During the ceremonies, Ritual Working awards, Rolling Trophy awards and LTS presentations were made for the various orders.

The RGM also presented appreciation awards to the Brethren who had made a significant contribution to Freemasonry over the past many years.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**  
 All Round Excellence  
 Special Recognition Award  
 Appreciation Award  
 Appreciation Award  
 Appreciation Award

**RW BRO SUBHASH MAHAJAN**  
**RW BRO VISHAL BAKSHI**  
**RW BRO R K AGARWAL**  
**RW BRO G D RAO**  
**RW BRO BHUVESH PASRICHA**  
**W BRO KAPIL SETHI**

**BRETHREN MADE ANNUAL/HALF YEARLY MEETING SUCCESSFUL**

Recognition Award  
 Recognition Award  
 Recognition Award  
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 Recognition Award

**RW BRO ROHIT SETH**  
**RW BRO GOPAL GROVER**  
**RW BRO HARKANWAL JEET**  
**RW BRO SURYA GUPTA**  
**RW BRO BRIG. JJS BHALLA**  
**MRS POONAM DEWAN**

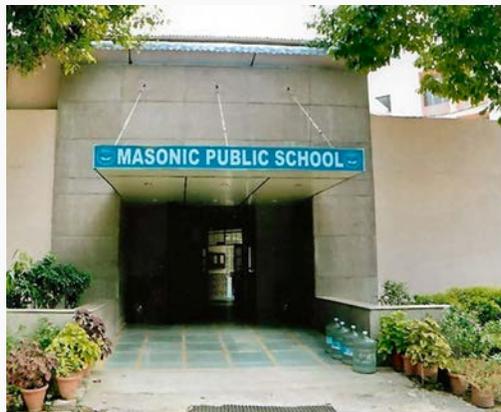
HYM at Chandigarh, 14th & 15th September 2024

## Permanent Charity Projects of RGLNI

During his tenure, the RGM actively supported & promoted the various charity programmes being run / conducted by the Region.



General Williams Masonic Polyclinic



Masonic Public School, New Delhi



Amrit Masonic Special School



Masonic Eye Centre



Rohilla Star Masonic Charitable Society, Faridabad



Lodge Vishwakarma No.173 Trust

## Formation Day Celebration, 2024, New Delhi

The second edition of Formation Day was celebrated with great gusto on the 29th of November 2024. The evening was kicked off with a presentation highlighting the activities of the Region over the past three years. Each attendee was presented with a beautiful lapel pin by the RGM. Participation for the event was very good, with an attendance of more than 300 brethren, ladies, and children.

The November edition of North mason was launched on this occasion and there was also a cake cutting ceremony. Raffle prizes were also distributed, the prizes being courtesy of....



## LTS Presentation Mark Lodge Raisina No 87



Right Worshipful Brother Ajay Kumar Goel, a commerce graduate from Shri Ram College of Commerce, Delhi University, Chartered Accountant, Company Secretary, Cost Accountant, Management Professional and Ph. D. in Accountancy and Direct taxation, saw the light of freemasonry on 26th April 1991 in Lodge Punjab No 129. With the passage of time, he was advanced in mark masonry on 20th February 1997 in Mark Lodge Raisina No 87, where he adorned the eastern chair on 08th April 2006 and was adjudged the best Worshipful Master in the ritual competition. On 29th September 2013, Mark Lodge Punjab No 136 was consecrated in which he was installed as the founder Worshipful Master.



He is the Past Deputy Regional Grand Mark Master in the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Northern India and Past Grand Junior Warden in the Grand Lodge of India for Mark Master Masons.



During his masonic career, Bro Ajay Kumar Goel has adorned the eastern chairs of 10 masonic orders including those under Grand Lodge of India.



On the administrative side, he has been the auditor of Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India, treasurer of the Fraternity Club, the Masonic Polyclinic, Jumna Lodge Masonic Centre and director of the Masonic Fraternity of New Delhi.

Today in recognition of his services to mark masonry during the last 27 years, he is being presented the 25 year Long term Service jewel.

## MASONIC PUBLIC SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION 2024 - 2025

The school Annual Day Celebration was organized on 30 December 2024, in the school premises. The school atmosphere was filled with an air of ecstatic celebration of incredible and magnificent performances of students and also honoring the achievements of students. This vibrant celebration was woven around the theme - “KRISHNA: SAAR - THE MUSICAL SYMPHONY”.

The function was presided over by the Chairman R.W. BRO Sanjiv Gandhi, R.G.M. The other dignitaries present were the Director Mr. M K Mahajan and the Secretary Mr. JJS Bhalla and other member of the management.

The celebration began with Principal extending warm welcome to all the dignitaries present, parents, students and teachers. The Principal in her speech reflected on the achievements of students in academics, sports and cultural activities. She applauded at the achievements of students while highlighting the talents of the young achievers who excelled in various domains - CBSE, National and International level. She expressed her vision to equip students with knowledge, idea and compassion. She briefed that the cultural activities are exemplified by Art Integration Learning encouraging students creativity, adaptability, learning and unity. More importantly, it fosters learning in students while they demonstrate the theme on the significant events and the divine journey of Lord Krishna through their spectacular performances.

The Prizes were distributed to all the achievers by Chairman and other dignitaries present which was the moment of Pride and Honour to the school. The function was a success as all the dignitaries gave a standing ovation as an expression of appreciation to all the students. All the students had outdone themselves with their brilliant performances in different hues of learning, happiness and talents. The function started as per the schedule. The Brochures were given to the guests to know the cultural activities of the day. It also included the detailed theme of the annual function, to understand the divine journey of Lord Krishna better.

Apart from the cultural programme on theme “KRISHNA : SAAR - THE MUSICAL SYMPHONY”, there were other cultural activities as well, like Tribute to Sikh Guru’s Son’s, Tabala Recital, Welcome Song, Ganesh Vandana.

At the end of the programme the Chairman expressed his admiration for the performances of all the students in all the cultural activities and congratulated them. Meanwhile he addressed the gathering and commended regarding the growth of the school and wished for the success of the school. The Director and The Secretary also congratulated the students on showcasing their talent through different activities and thanked the parents for their participation. The function concluded with a vote of thanks by Vice Principal where he thanked parents for their unwavering support to the school.



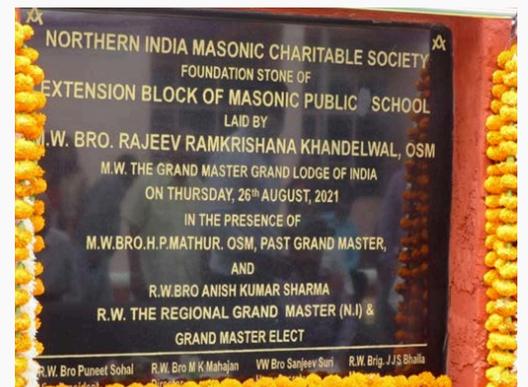
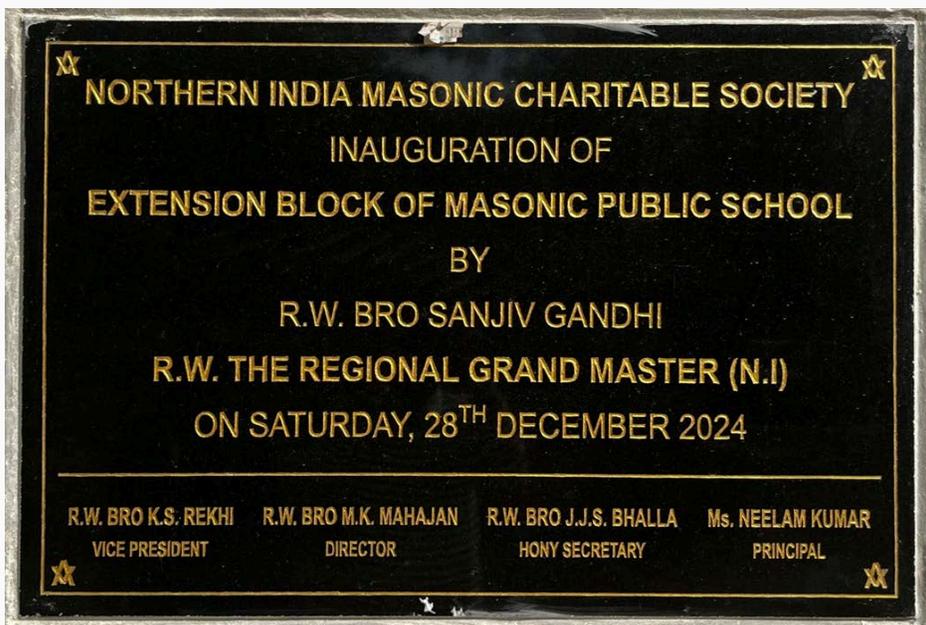
## Masonic Public School Inauguration of additional block

Report by Ms. Neelam Kumar, Principal



The foundation stone-laying ceremony for the new building was held on Thursday August 26, 2021, by M.W. Bro Rajeev Ramkrishna Khandelwal – the Grand Master, Grand Lodge of India in the august presence of M.W. Bro H P Mathur – OSM, Past Grand Master, R.W. Bro Anish Kumar Sharma – the Regional Grand Master (N.I.) & Grand Master Elect, R.W. Bro Puneet Sohal – Vice President, R.W. Bro M. K. Mahajan – Director, V.W. Bro Sanjeev Suri – Hony Secretary, R.W. Brig. JJS Bhalla – Manager and Mrs. Neelam Kumar – Principal, marking the beginning of an exciting project.

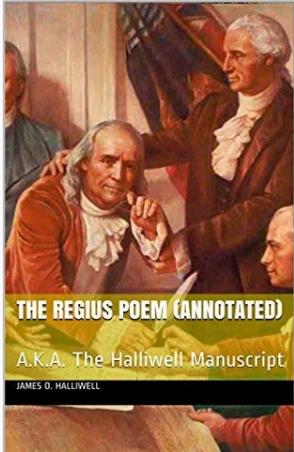
Construction work officially commenced on June 22, 2022, and after completion of construction, it was inaugurated on on 30th Dec 2024 by the R.W. Bro. Sanjiv Gandhi (Chairman - Masonic Public School), R. W. The Regional Grand Master (N.I) in the august presence of R. W. Bro M. K. Mahajan-Director, R. W. Bro. K.S. Rekhi - Vice President, R. W. Bro. JJS Bhalla - Hony Secretary & Mrs. Neelam Kumar- Principal.





We extend our sincere thanks to all the members involved, from the start to completion, in the construction of the New Extension Block of the school to have contributed in the progress of the school.

## Brief history of origin of Freemasonry



Freemasonry is a fraternal organization that originated in medieval Europe as a guild of stonemasons. It is the world's oldest fraternity and one of the oldest continued organizations in history.

### Origins

The earliest reference to Freemasons is in the Regius Poem, or Halliwell Manuscript, published in 1390.

Stonemason guilds regulated the qualifications of stonemasons and their interactions with authorities and clients.

When cathedral building declined, some stonemason lodges began accepting honorary members.

These lodges became "speculative" lodges, which gave rise to symbolic Freemasonry.

### Modern era

In 1717, the first Grand Lodge was founded in England, which was an association of Masonic lodges.

In the 18th century, educated Englishmen joined together in the Grand Lodge to discuss philosophy, religion, and life.

The Grand Lodge held rituals and ceremonies, and inducted new members.

Freemasonry adopted the rites and trappings of ancient religious orders and chivalric brotherhoods.

### Today

- Freemasonry is a social and philanthropic organization.
- Freemasons meet in lodges to perform rituals and other teachings.
- Freemasonry includes secret passwords and rituals.
- Freemasonry is grounded in the Enlightenment and conveys values like religious tolerance, knowledge, and sociability.

## MASONIC FLOOR

The Mosaic Floor is an important part of masonic lore.

Often in artwork with Masonic symbols in it, there appears a white and black checkered floor. This is often referred to as a the Mosaic floor or the Mosaic pavement.

In some descriptions it is based on the main floor of King Solomon's Temple. Although some dismiss this, there are descriptions making it clear the floor of the temple is made of wood and it's elevated. The argument is stone was not used for an elevated floor. While this is most likely a true argument, it does not take into account a Mosaic floor does not have to be built of stone, merely one of multiple colors. It makes it difficult to prove or disprove what the floor was made of since no archaeological evidence of the Temple of Solomon exists and any written accounts of the temple were most likely done by scribes in the court of Solomon, who had no knowledge of the engineering which went into the building of the temple.

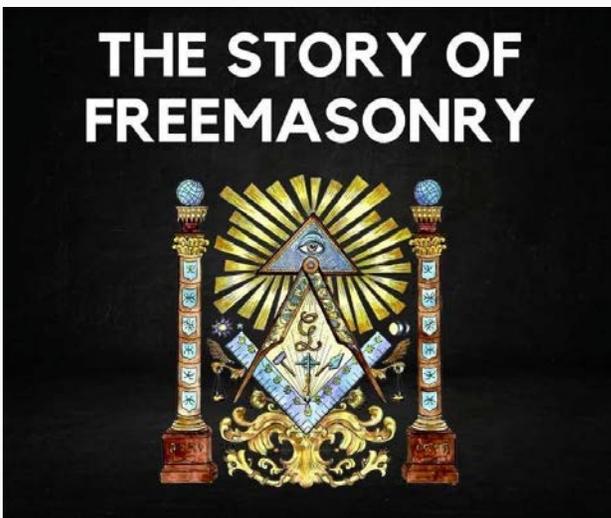


The explanation Freemasons use is the black and white floor of King Solomon's Temple is representative of the good and evil in every man's life. This explanation attempts to explain the reasoning for the floor. It tends to make the concept of the Mosaic floor a more modern creation, at least in its philosophy. Scribes most likely understood the basic concept of good and evil. Since this fact is not related in the descriptions of the temple it is less likely it was the reasoning for the floor. Again there is no archaeological evidence for the Temple of Solomon so it is hard to say whether it is lost knowledge or a modern interpretation.

Regardless of whether it is meant as a direct representation of the floor in Solomon's Temple or not, the philosophical explanation is what is most important to the Freemason. The reminder good and evil is present in all of our lives is taken as a reminder and as a warning. A reminder there are always those who, by design or by accident, bring unhappiness or "evil" into our daily lives and to be vigilant to those threats and concerns. It reminds us not to just avoid them, but also temper our reaction to those events and actions. It warns us we are just as capable of inflicting unhappiness or "evil" on others.

Freemasons remember it is our own deeds coloring the Mosaic floor. We all have good days and bad days, the goal is to always have the one extra white square balancing our life to the good and not the bad. We keep this balance by how we respond when "evil" enters our life and whether we choose by our actions to insert "evil" into the lives of others.

*This article was written by Brother Eric C. Steele.*



The novice in the builders' art was called an Apprentice.

After he had served sufficient time to give evidence of his abilities, his name was entered in the Lodge's books.

He was then called...

An Entered Apprentice.

At the end of his seven years of apprenticeship, he was called into an open Lodge;

His conduct was reported, and he was required to prove his skill by producing what was called a "Master's Piece."

Prior to that time, he had been on probation.

But if he passed this test satisfactorily, he was made a full member of the Craft.

He then had equal rights and privileges with others.

A worthy Fellow of the Craft!

The word "Fellow" meaning full membership.

After he had mastered the theories, practices, rules, secrets, and tools of his trade

he eventually became a Master Mason.

Completing their work in one community, the Master Masons would then move to another, setting up their Lodges as they met.



It is said the skilled traveling Master Masons were free to move without restrictions, hence the name...

"Free-Masons."

Such was the Fraternity in its operative period, and as such, it flourished for generations.

But then, Reformation came. The laws changed.

This brought a decline in the operative craft and operative Freemasonry in general.

During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, Freemasons became so few in number that only a small Lodge here and there clung to existence.

To boost their numbers, the Freemasons adopted a new practice.

They began to accept non-operative members.

In the old days, only an operative stone mason, in the literal sense, could become a member.

But during the two centuries of the transition period, gentlemen with no intention of becoming builders were also received as

"Accepted Masons".

At first, there were few, but as time passed, their number grew.

By the early part of the eighteenth century, they were more numerous than the Operatives and even more influential.

The Craft then took a step destined to revolutionize it and set it on a new path.

On St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, 1717, four old Lodges of London and Westminster met and organized the first-of-its-kind...

The United Grand Lodge of England.

Within a few years, the Craft had completed the transformation from an Operative Fraternity into a Speculative Fraternity and reorganized the two old degrees into the three degrees of:

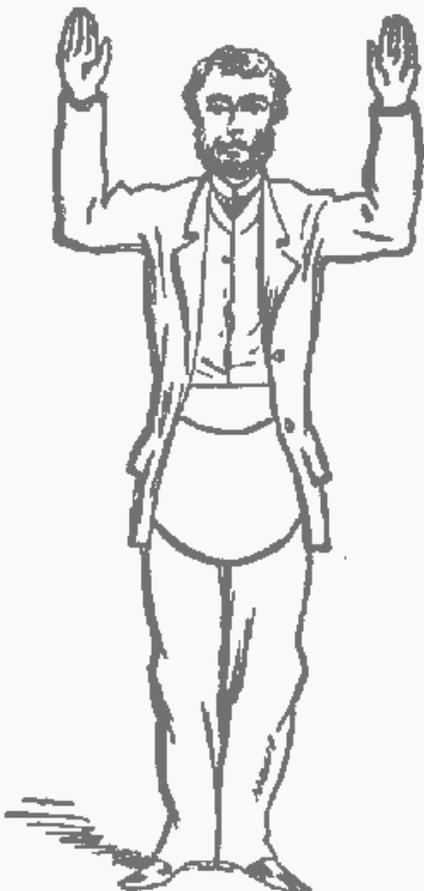
- ~ Entered Apprentice
- ~ Fellowcraft, and
- ~ Master Mason.

This is the most likely version of how modern-day Speculative Freemasonry came to be.

Nevertheless, it's what set the foundations of what we enjoy today...

A society of good men looking to become better.

*Courtesy: R.W. Bro. Bharat Epur*



## 75th Republic Day Celebrations Fraternity Club



"The Fraternity Club celebrated the 75th Republic Day on Jan 25, 2025, at the Club Lawns. Club Members and their families enjoyed live Music, singing, dancing, and delicious food, RGM Designate R.W. Bro. Puneet Sohal also attended and graced the occasion.

The Event was Part of the nationwide Republic Day celebration, which this year focused on the theme 'Swarnim Bharat-Virasat aur Vikas (Golden India-Heritage & Development).

The Fraternity Club celebration added to the nationwide festivals, bringing together members and their families to the honour Indians Republic Day.

Few Photographs

Warm Regards,

R.W. Bro. Navin Sabharwal  
Hony. Secretary.



## AMRIT MASONIC SPECIAL SCHOOL RUN BY AMRIT MASONIC SPASTIC SOCIETY



Amrit Masonic Special School is run by Amrit Masonic Spastic Society under the aegis of Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India in Sector 29, Noida. The three-storey building also houses a polyclinic run by General Williams Masonic Polyclinic and a Masonic Temple on the second floor.

The school provides education, training and conducts physical fitness exercises for around 70 special-needs students, most of whom are from the under-privileged section of the Society. Some of the students are provided free education and training while some others pay nominal fees. The school has three vans for transporting children to and from the school.

The school has been recognised as one of the premier educational and training centres for children with special needs. The highlight in the last few years has been the accreditation of the School by National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS). The NIOS accreditation allows the school to conduct exams for the third, fifth and eighth grades under the NIOS board. During 2022, the School's first batch of 7 students completed their 12th standard certification.

Following NIOS accreditation, the School took up the initiative of enrolling online students in 2022 from all over the country in various classes of NIOS board. In the 2024 academic year, the School has more than 150 online students in addition to 70 in-person students.

To develop the curriculum needed to comply with the NIOS board, 13 new books were published in-house by the school. In the next year, 17 new types of books were published and distributed to both in-house and online students of Classes 3, 5 and 8. These books have since been widely acknowledged by CWSN (Children with Special Needs) across India. An 'All Hands Meet' was organized for the principals of all the special need children's schools in Noida to explain our NIOS vision and showcase the books developed by the school.

Amrit Masonic Special School is today the leading school in Noida offering academic certification and the only institution in India offering NIOS levels A, B and C in the online mode.

Special initiatives are taken to give students exposure beyond school education and training. The students are regularly taken for experimental field trips to other cities. For example, in March 2023 the students visited Taj Mahal in Agra and in February 2024 visited Madhav-Garh Farms in Gurugram. Other excursions and events were also organized by the students for the students during the year. The School organised Mandala art workshop for the students during summer vacations in 2024. Other excursions and events were also organized by the students for the students during the year. The Society has also tied-up with a local school in Noida to provide swimming facility for our students thrice a week.



The school collaborated with SETU, a skill building NGO, to impart vocational skills like Baking, Hospitality and NIIT certification to select students. The Bakery skills were used to upgrade our annual Diwali stall with baked goods made by our students. This was in addition to the Diyas, Shagun Envelopes, handmade paper bags and decoration items that are regularly displayed.

World Disability Day is commemorated by taking part in sports and other across the NCR region.

The school is equipped with physical fitness equipment such as treadmills etc. to provide special physical fitness to children with special needs. Occupational Therapy training workshops are conducted for parents to assist with home remediation.

In 2024, the School conducted its first exams as an accredited study center of NIOS in February this year. 98 students took the exams conducted in both offline and online mode. The results were declared by NIOS on 27th April 2024. All the students cleared the exams with 90% of students scoring an A grade (Distinction).

The online-education programme has been very successful with positive feedback from the parents. Most of the online students are fee-paying students. This has led to a stable financial position of the school. Till now, the school was largely dependent on donations from Brethren/Lodges to fund its day-to-day operations. With the increase in the number of fee-paying students, especially on online category, the financial position of the school has improved significantly.



Special desk-and-chair sets have been purchased for the students. Eight special chairs for certain category of children have also been purchased. For activities of the special children, a new ball-pool has been made in School.

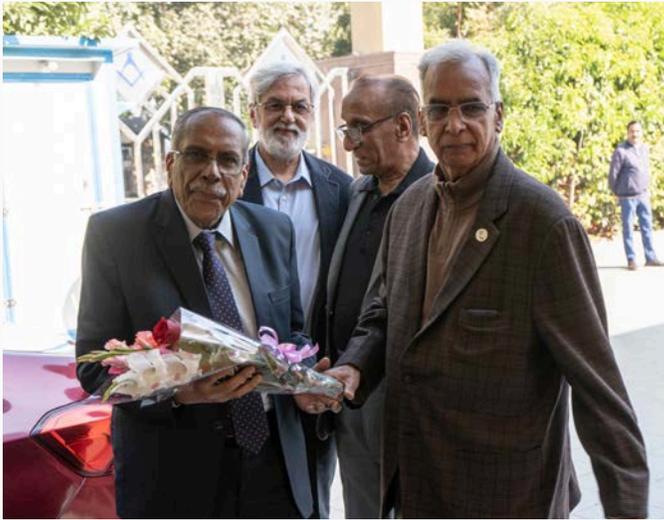
Some Lodges have adopted children by paying Rs.30,000 annually per child. Some Masons have also adopted children by paying a similar amount. Lodges and Masons regularly give donations to the School. During the financial year ended March 2024, the Society received donations amounting to Rs.23,80,300, which is higher than the previous year's figure of Rs.20,77,301.

A Masonic Temple with a banquet hall and pantry is located on the second floor of the school Building. The Temple was inaugurated and dedicated by M W Bro Rajeev R Khandelwal, OSM, MW the Grand Master in the presences of MW Bro A K Sharma, OSM then The Regional Grand Master of Northern India. Craft Lodges, RA Chapters and Mark Lodges are regularly holding their meeting in the Masonic Temple.

General Williams Masonic Polyclinic has its center on the first floor of the school building where it provides various medical facilities including physiotherapy, dental and blood tests.

Amrit Masonic Special School at Noida has made substantial progress in the last two years. The school has achieved highest-ever student strength in its history during the admission period of 2024. The total student strength (in-person and online) is more than 220 students. The initiative to provide online education to students from all over the country was started last year. The online education programme has received a very good response.

## Portrait unveiling & Felicitation of Grand Master





MW the Grand Master MW Bro Gutha Krishnan Selvarajan, OSM visited the Grand Lodge headquarters and the Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India on 11th December 2024, just four days after his Installation.

MW Bro GK Selvarajan was received in the Region by RW the Regional Grand Master RW Bro. Sanjiv Gandhi, Regional Grand Master-Designate RW Bro Puneet Sohal, Regional Grand Secretary RW Bro Subhash Mahajan and a large number of senior Brethren from Delhi-NCR.

The programme began with the Felicitation of MW Bro GK Selvarajan. Master of Ceremonies RW Bro Vishal Bakshi gave a detailed introduction about the Masonic and professional achievements of MW Bro Selvarajan. He then requested RW Bro Sanjiv Gandhi to address the gathering. RW Bro Gandhi said the Grand Lodge was fortunate to have an illustrious Mason like MW Bro Selvarajan at the helm of the affairs of Freemasonry in the country.



In his address, MW Bro Selvarajan said he looked forward to co-operation and support from Masons all over the country and emphasised on the need to grow membership, especially in the younger generation. He called upon the Brethren of the Northern Region to extend their full support and cooperation to RW Bro Puneet Sohal during his three-year tenure as next RGM of the Region.

RGM-Designate RW Bro Puneet Sohal gave the vote of thanks and said he looked forward to working closely with MW the Grand Master.

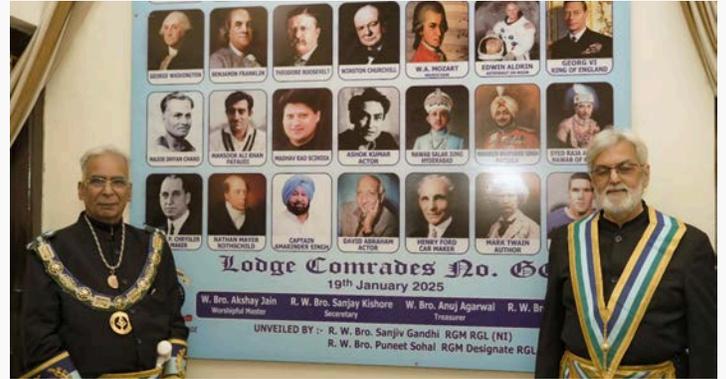


The felicitation was followed by unveiling of the portrait of the MW Bro GK Selvarajan in the lobby of the main Masonic Temple building at Freemasons Hall, Janpath, New Delhi. The portrait was unveiled by RW Bro Sanjiv Gandhi in the august presence of MW the Grand Master and other Masonic luminaries of the Delhi-National Capital Region.

Report by:

R.W. Bro. Vishal Bakshi

## Lodge Comrades No 66, Saharanpur Installation Meeting



## Lodge Charity No 8, Ambala Installation Meeting

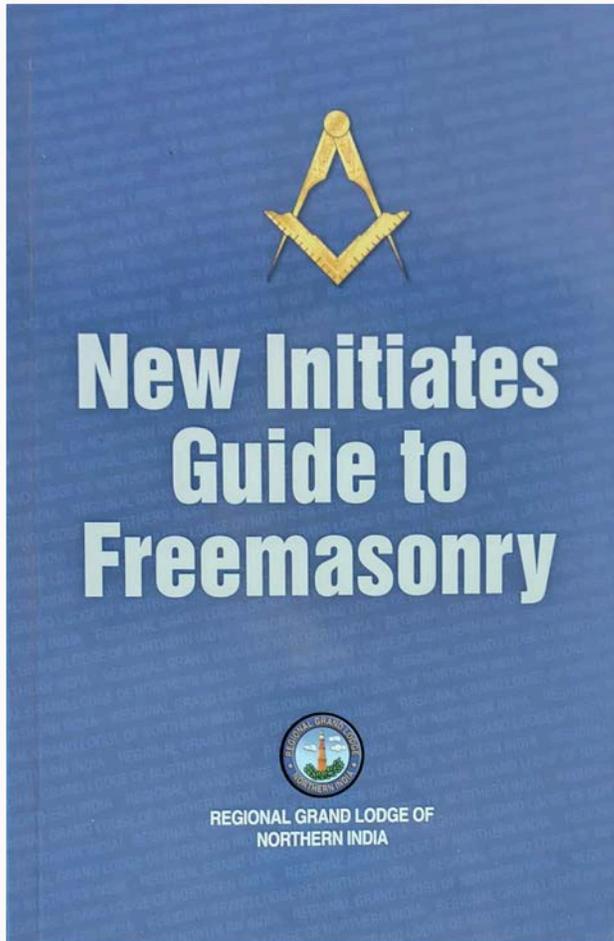
R.W. the Regional Grand Master, R W Bro Sanjeev Gandhi paid an official visit to Lodge Charity No 8, Ambala on Sunday, the 15th of December 2024 on the occasion of the installation of a new Master of the Lodge. R.W. the Regional Grand Master was accompanied by the deputation comprising of brethren from Delhi, Rohtak, Chandigarh, Saharanpur and Patiala.

R.W. the Regional Grand Master also inaugurated the newly renovated Temple and Lodge building of Lodge Charity. It may be highlighted that Lodge Charity is one of the oldest lodges of not only Northern Region but of the country.

The Ambala brethren deserve a big applause for putting their heart and soul in renovating the building of their Lodge.

Excellent arrangements were made, and due courtesies were extended to R.W. the Regional Grand Master and the members of his deputation.

## New Initiates' Guide to Freemasonry



Some of you may be aware that the Northern Region has come out with a booklet to be given to new initiates. This serves as a wonderful introduction to Freemasonry for the newcomers. The contents of the booklet are:

1. Welcome to Freemasonry
2. Your Progress in Lodge and Freemasonry
3. Lodge Meetings and Festive Board
4. Officers of the Lodge
5. Lodge Furniture and Layout
6. Dress code and Protocol
7. Charity
8. Other Information

Given below is the introductory page of this booklet:

### Welcome to Freemasonry

- Masonry comprises of a body of men who come together for the purpose of moral and intellectual improvement and for social interaction. Brotherly love, relief and truth among each other and to the society at large should be the endeavour of each Mason.
- Masons are bound to preserve our mysteries, ceremonials and customs.
- It is essential to have belief in a Supreme Being, who may be of any religion. We do not recognise or make any distinction of religion. We do not permit members to engage in political and religious discussions in the Lodge and on the festive board.
- Masonry teaches that our first duty is towards our families and no tenet of Masonry should be practised with detriment to our loved ones.

Why have you joined Freemasonry? Each person may have his own reasons and some of them are listed below:

- By becoming a Freemason, you have become member of one of the world's oldest secular fraternal societies. There are said to be over 6 million Freemasons in the world in north and south America, Europe, Asia, Australia & New Zealand.
- Knowledge and self-improvement – many people become Masons because they are curious about the history, mysteries and customs of Freemasonry. Masonry teaches you how to become a better man through a 360-degree improvement in all aspects of your life. It helps you to become overall a good man – a good citizen, a good family man, a good friend, a good colleague etc.
- Brotherhood – You make new friends and meet new people from various professions and backgrounds not only in your city but from all over the country and the world. There are over 475 Craft Lodges in India in more than 160 cities. There are nearly 6,000 Masons in more than 130 Craft Lodges in 35 cities in the Northern Region.
- Charity – It is considered the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. Lodges regularly undertake or contribute to charitable projects. Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India has permanent charitable projects like General Williams Masonic Polyclinic and Masonic Eye Centre at Freemasons Hall, Janpath, New Delhi; Amrit Masonic Special School for children with special needs in Sector 29, Noida; Masonic Public School (upto Class XII) at Vasant Kunj, New Delhi; Rohilla Star Masonic Charitable Society in Faridabad.

You have now become a member of one of the largest fraternal societies in the world that has been in existence in the organised form for more than 300 years. Kings, maharajas, nawabs, Presidents and Prime Ministers, film stars, sportsmen, eminent authors and poets, Judges have been or are Freemasons.

*This book is available for free at the Region. Kindly make sure every initiate gets a copy.*



## Initiates since our last issue

ID	MS	SALUT	SURNAME	DATE OF INITIATION	ML No.
1	BRO.	MR.	KAPIL GABA	27-12-2024	328
2	BRO.	MR.	RAJAN MEHTA	27-12-2024	328
3	BRO.	MR.	SUSHIL YADAV	15-12-2024	160
4	BRO.	MR.	SARVESH ROY	09-12-2024	227
5	BRO.	MR.	AMARDEEP SINGH PANESAR	08-12-2024	170
6	BRO.	MR.	DINESH KUMAR KAKKAR	08-12-2024	170
7	BRO.	MR.	SANDEEP TANDON	08-12-2024	438
8	BRO.	MR.	RAJESH KUMAR GUPTA	27-11-2024	391
9	BRO.	MR.	BHASWAR CHOWDHURY	21-11-2024	69
10	BRO.	MR.	ASHISH RAJPUT	16-11-2024	431
11	BRO.	MR.	NAVNEET MOHAN GUPTA	16-11-2024	431
12	BRO.	MR.	RAMIT SHERAWAT	16-11-2024	431
13	BRO.	MR.	SUSHANT VADHERA	16-11-2024	383
14	BRO.	MR.	SADHIK SHARMA	10-11-2024	465
15	BRO.	MR.	SUSHIL KUMAR BARDIA	10-11-2024	362
16	BRO.	MR.	NITIN JAIN	09-11-2024	380
17	BRO.	MR.	ANSHUMAN BAWARI	07-11-2024	36
18	BRO.	MR.	SANJAY VERMA	26-10-2024	364
19	BRO.	MR.	ARVIND KUMAR SINGHAL	23-10-2024	409
20	BRO.	MR.	KRISHAN KUMAR SACHDEVA	23-10-2024	409
21	BRO.	MR.	SANJAY SOBTI	23-10-2024	409
22	BRO.	MR.	SUNIL GANDHI	23-10-2024	409
23	BRO.	DR.	PRASHANT JAIN	16-10-2024	373
24	BRO.	MR.	VIKAS SETHI	16-10-2024	373
25	BRO.	MR.	SUKHJIT SINGH KOCHHAR	13-10-2024	170
26	BRO.	MR.	RAJEH KUMAR	11-10-2024	426
27	BRO.	MR.	ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA	04-10-2024	455
28	BRO.	MR.	MUNISH BALI	04-10-2024	455
29	BRO.	MR.	SARTHAK JAIN	03-10-2024	178
30	BRO.	MR.	SHARAT KUMAR SHARMA	29-09-2024	132
31	BRO.	MR.	SUSHIL KUMAR GAUHAR	29-09-2024	132
32	BRO.	MR.	GANESH KUMAR KHANDE	27-09-2024	401
33	BRO.	MR.	KAMRUL HASAN	27-09-2024	401
34	BRO.	MR.	PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH	27-09-2024	328



## Recent LTS Recipients

Name	Lodge	Years	DOP
VW.Bro.Jeetender Kapoor	Lodge Dharma No. 208	25 Years	09-02-2025
VW.Bro.J.S.Bakshi	Lodge Dharma No. 208	25 Years	09-02-2025
W.Bro. V.S.Chadha	Lodge Dharma No. 208	40 Years	09-02-2025
W.Bro.Gaurav Puri	Lodge Dharma No. 208	25 Years	09-02-2025
Bro. Sachin Puri	Lodge Dharma No. 208	25 Years	09-02-2025
Bro. Rakesh Munjal	Lodge Dharma No. 208	25 Years	09-02-2025
Bro. D.K.Sharma	Lodge Dharma No. 208	25 Years	09-02-2025
Bro. A.S.Chandhiok	Lodge Dharma No. 208	25 Years	09-02-2025
Bro. Dr.Subhash Dhamija	Lodge Charity No.8	40 Years	15-12-2024
Bro. Dr. Neeraj Prashar	Lodge Charity No.8	25 Years	15-12-2024
VW Bro. Suneet Verma	Lodge Charity No.8	25 Years	15-12-2024
Bro. Dr.Davinder Bhushan	Lodge Charity No.8	25 Years	15-12-2024
W Bro Ajay Goel	Mark Lodge Punjab No.136	25 Years	21-11-2024
R.W.Bro. Hardip Sikund	Mark Lodge Voussoir No.8	25 Years	10-11-2024
VW Bro Gorakh Nath Behl	Mark Lodge Voussoir No.8	25 Years	10-11-2024
VW Bro Rajiv Sharma	Mark Lodge Voussoir No.8	25 Years	10-11-2024
W Bro Pramod Kumar Kapur	Mark Lodge Voussoir No.8	25 Years	10-11-2024
R.W.Bro. Hardip Sikund	R.A.M. Lodge Orchard No.8	25 Years	10-11-2024
VW Bro Gorakh Nath Behl	R.A.M. Lodge Orchard No.8	25 Years	10-11-2024
VW Bro Rajiv Sharma	R.A.M. Lodge Orchard No.8	25 Years	10-11-2024
W Bro Pramod Kumar Kapur	R.A.M. Lodge Orchard No.8	25 Years	10-11-2024
W Bro. A.N.Khanduja	Lodge Bhriguchetan No.321	40 Years	13-10-2024
R.W.Bro. Ashok Thakur	Lodge Bhriguchetan No.321	25 Years	13-10-2024
W Bro. Ajay Bhargava	Lodge Bhriguchetan No.321	25 Years	13-10-2024
W Bro. Rakesh Bhargava	Lodge Bhriguchetan No.321	25 Years	13-10-2024
W Bro. Jitin Bhargava	Lodge Bhriguchetan No.321	25 Years	13-10-2024
W Bro. Deepak Bhargava	Lodge Bhriguchetan No.321	25 Years	13-10-2024
W Bro. Rakesh Sud	Lodge Bhriguchetan No.321	25 Years	13-10-2024
Bro. Lila Dhar Pahwa	Lodge Bhriguchetan No.321	25 Years	13-10-2024

## Memorium to those called to the Grand Lodge Above

S.No.	Date of Death	Title	Name	DATE OF INITIATION	Mother Lodge
1	19-01-2025	W.BRO.	MOHAN SINGH	01-11-1969	4
2	05-03-2024	W.BRO.	LALIT MOHAN GUPTA	03-07-1971	18
3	26-09-2024	W.BRO.	SATBIR SINGH SIDHU	22-02-1998	47
4	08-12-2024	R.W.BRO.	M. C. MEHRA	14-02-1981	48
5	31-07-2024	R.W.BRO.	CYRIL ROHTAGI	13-04-1988	97
6	15-05-2024	W.BRO.	P. N. SHARMA	29-05-1995	132
7	23-12-2024	W.BRO.	LAXMAN KAPOOR	21-02-1982	143
8	21-09-2024	W.BRO.	PRADEEP HAMRAPURKAR		145
9	09-12-2024	BRO.	NIDISH PRAKASH	24-08-2002	213
10	13-01-2025	W.BRO.	VINAY SETH	24-05-1980	240
11	03-12-2024	W.BRO.	SUNDEEP ANAND	02-07-1994	266

## Masonic Humour !



Is now a good time to discuss your contribution to the 2025 Festival?

After a fire, the local Lodge had to find a new place to meet until repairs were completed. In a gesture of generosity, the local hotel offered the use of their function room once a week for meetings. The Brothers brought their regalia to the hotel, and once a week, were able to hold a tyled meeting in the room.

Naturally, as time went on, this aroused the curiosity of the hotel guests who happened to see the well-dressed men filing into the room each week. On one such night, one of the guests asked the concierge who the men were.

"Oh, they're Masons. They're using our function room while their Lodge is being repaired."

"I've always thought about joining the Masons," the guest said. "I wonder if it's hard to join."

"It must be," said the concierge. "You see that old guy outside the door? The one with the sword?"

"Yes."

"Well, he's been knocking on that door for months, and they STILL haven't let him in!"

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Editor's note:

Dear Brethren,

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as Editor of the Northmason under the leadership of R.W. Bro. Sanjeev Gandhi, and I wish to thank him for the guidance & support provided.

As you know, the AIM 2025 will see the installation of R.W. Bro. Puneet Sohal as the RGM. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome him to the helm and wish him all the best for his tenure!

Fraternal regards.



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