

KCS annual theme for 2021 “The year of the youth”

From the desk of KCS President

Dear friends,

We had a successful AGM on July 31 at KCS House. The meeting was conducted in person as well as virtually, with 23 members attending in person and 12 virtually. The discussions were animated, but friendly.

In my opening remarks, I stated that unfortunately we could not organise any programmes as yet in my presidency due to covid, which is a personal disappointment and loss to me. I mentioned that the future of our organisation rests on younger elements like the VP, Oommen, Secretary, MS Abraham, Treasurer Alfred, GC members, Ranjith and Binny. The torch must be passed to the ‘internet’ generation. I recalled the contribution of Lekha and retiring members Omana and Jaison.

It is a matter of satisfaction that the Empowered Committee’s recommendations were discussed and approved by members with minor modifications. We are confident that the changes envisaged will provide new energy to members to work towards the revival of KCS to its past glory. I thank EPC members MS, Kurian Manavalan, Terry, Lekha, and Ranjith for their invaluable contribution. The resolutions will be widely circulated to all members in due course. We request your support and approval for the same.

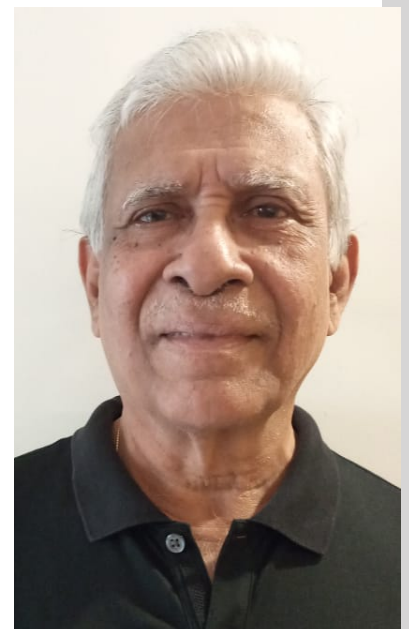
Our website was maintained by Mr Devassy over a long period of time almost single handedly. We thank him for his service. The website was revived by a team of GC members led by Vice President Oommen Abraham and was launched by the retiring GC member Ms. Omana James.

We regret that the Onam meeting scheduled to be conducted on August 14 had to be cancelled because of covid constraints. All arrangements had been made. We will try to organise a family meet when covid protocol is relaxed to enable us to meet freely without restrictions. Our silver jubilee celebrations are planned to be held in December of this year. We will keep you informed in due course.

GC and I thank all the members who contributed to the success of the AGM.

Regards,

EC Thomas
President



From the desk of KCS Secretary

Extracts of 9th GC Meeting on July 10, 2021

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the GC meeting held on 13.06.21 was circulated and approved after discussion.

Review of the Accounts: Accounts for the month of June, 2021 was circulated and approved after review.

AGM: Due to the current COVID pandemic situation, it is proposed to conduct the AGM on 31.07.21 (Saturday) @ 6 p.m. at KCS House.

Onam on August 14th: It is suggested that a virtual POOKKALAM competition be conducted zone wise and give prizes (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) for the winners. Further a consolation prize be also given to every participant as a motivation. Due to various practical reasons, it is suggested to drop Onam Sadhya and instead celebrate a Family Day in a Kalyanamandapam, on a convenient day, later.

Membership fee: It is proposed that a revision in subscription amount is required, and the proposed amount is Rs.10,000/- per member, if one more member is there in the same family, then there will be deduction of 10% in amount (i.e) the second member can be admitted for Rs.9,000/- as a member. One Time payment of Rs.4000/- per person can also be considered along with the proposal of Rs.1,000/- NRI, it is suggested.

Web site: It is decided to launch the KCS web site in the AGM (i.e) on 31.07.21.

KCS Directory: It is requested to collect the details of all members by 31.07.21.

Subscription: As the last date for remittance of subscription is over, it is decided to send a 2nd reminder letter to the members to get it before the AGM.

Legacy projects: GC welcomed suggestions of the members regarding legacy projects and decided to present the shortlisted projects details in the AGM.

Silver Jubilee: GC requested all members to come with suggestions to have detailed discussion on Silver Jubilee celebration:

Approval in AGM: Special resolutions for approval in (1) writing off pending subscriptions, due to various reasons, for the last 3 years. (2) Writing off Elavur land loan. (3) Winding up of KCS Trust. (4) Empowered Committee Resolutions.

M S Abraham
Secretary



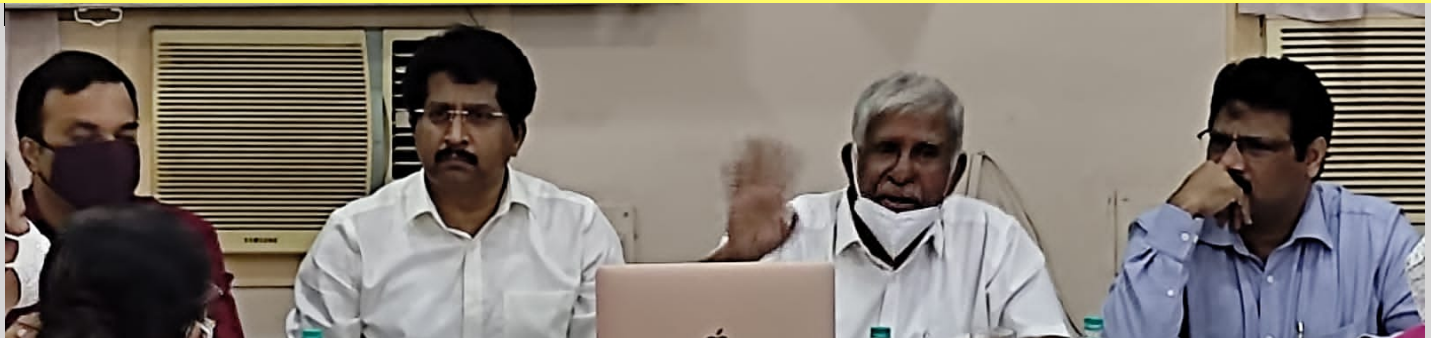
KCS Vision

KCS shall evolve into a premier organisation

- By instilling a sense of pride in being associated with it and thereby motivating the young and the old of the Kerala Catholic families to join the society wholeheartedly.
- By creating an image in the city of Chennai and elsewhere by initiating special projects for the community, working in tandem with similar organisations, if necessary.
- By utilising the inherent talents and strengths of all its members to initiate activities that will install a sense of belonging and promote fellowship.
- By creating an atmosphere for constant, innovative, and timely improvements in the organisation and its structure.



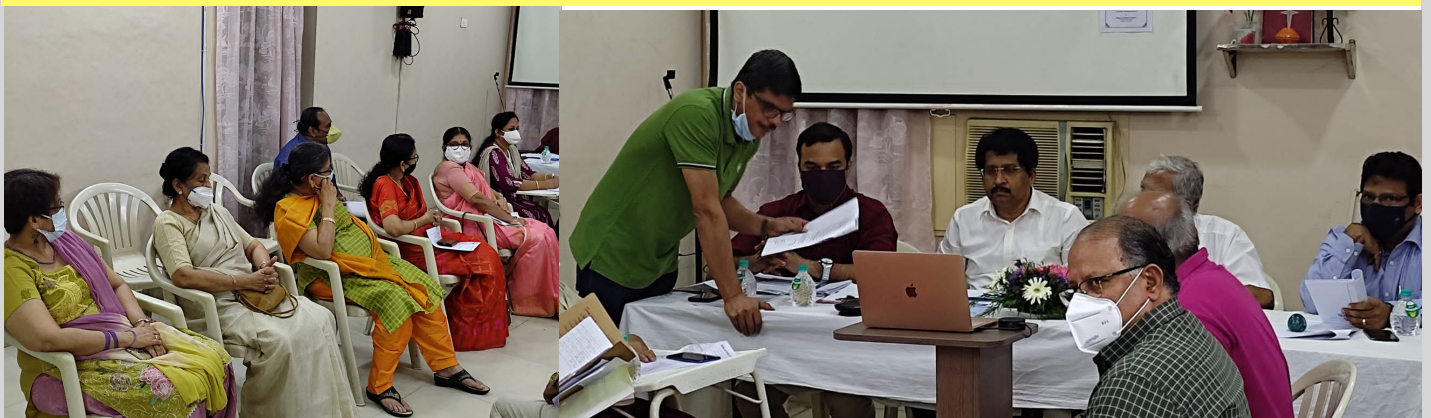
Left : KCS members attending AGM virtually. Right : KCS members attending AGM in person at KCS House.



KCS Annual General Body Meeting was held on 31 July 2021 at KCS House. Office bearers from L to R Mr. Alfred Michael - Treasurer, Mr. MS Abraham - President, Mr. EC Thomas - Vice President, Mr. Oommen Abraham, Vice President are on the dais.



KCS Website - KCSmadras.com was formally launched by Mrs. Omana James during KCS AGM 31/07/2021. Mr. Oommen Abraham briefed about the website and taken the members a small website tour.





KCS in association with Corona Sevai Mayam distributing provisions to 50 deserving families who do not have ration cards and migratory labours.



கொரோனா சேவை மையம்

Distribution of provision kit held on 18/07/2021, Sunday at 5 pm

Address :
Amma Unavakam
II nd Block, Muthamizh Nagar,
Near : Madha Church (or) CSI Bain School,
Kodungaiyur, Chennai - 118.



கொவிட் நிவாரணப் பணிகளை மேற்கொள்ளும் பொருட்டு நமது சேவையின் மூலம் 50 க்கு மேல் குடும்பங்களுக்கு உணவுப் பொருள்களை வழங்கியுள்ளோம். இதுவரை 50 க்கு மேல் குடும்பங்களுக்கு உணவுப் பொருள்களை வழங்கியுள்ளோம். இதுவரை 50 க்கு மேல் குடும்பங்களுக்கு உணவுப் பொருள்களை வழங்கியுள்ளோம்.

KCS Trust sponsors Rs.39,750/- Members contributed Rs.32,000/-

50 pack @ 1245 = Rs. 62,250/- and with the balance amount from members contribution another 17 pack of 10 kg rice handed over to them

Bank A/c: KCS Relief Fund Account
SB A/c No.: 12330100188413
IFSC Code: FDRL0001233
Bank Name: The Federal Bank Ltd
Branch Name: Kilpauk

Sponsors		
Sl. No	Name	Amount Received
1	Joseph Philip	2,000
2	Jose Varghese	2,000
3	Deena & Jojo	5,000
4	Aby & Mary Vadakkal	1,000
5	Joseph Dominic	1,000
6	Babu Jacob	2,000
7	Oommen Abraham	5,000
8	PC Johnny	2,000
9	Binny Lawrence	2,000
10	Lekha Antony Joshy	1,000
11	MS Abraham	1,000
12	EC Thomas	1,000
13	K G George	5,000
14	D. Thomas	2,000
	Total	32000

Volunteers organising the packs for distribution. Next time we will do it in a better way with KCS printed bags to distribute items. Presentation adds to the dignity.



KCS – Why and What Next
Some Wild Thoughts

As a society KCS has survived 25 years. We look at the future existence with anxiety. Facts about attendance, enthusiasm and neglect have been reported by the present President and appointed committees.

Can we look back even as some are suggesting that we enlarge our circle by not being parochial. You look at the name of the Society. Kerala and Catholic. If you don't accept these distinctions, we cannot be together. Kerala born Catholics. Is there anything special in it by way of habits, food, ethics, traditions, worshiping practices? If yes, you are eligible to be part of KCS. Some of us elders consider this as a privilege and want it to be so. Why? because we and our parents are products of that culture having lived in Kerala at least for part of our life. We studied mostly in Christian schools, believed in our heritage, having considered ourselves Christians even before Europeans were.

Perhaps our next generation may not hold this as a matter of pride as they lived in a more secular environment; have more non-Christian friends and some have non-Christian life partners. How can we expect them to be so particular about "Kerala Catholic"? My personal experience with my next generation in larger family is that 20% are in that category having Punjabi Hindu in laws. The last 18 months in isolation for us has created a gap in helpline contacts and fellowship meets. This will be reflected in the future activities also.

As for fellowship and charities can we not do it through the local clubs or other organisations like Rotary, Lions etc.? If you think that being in KCS, in fellowship you are getting an extra feeling/comfort then that alone is the guarantee for continued interest in KCS.

In the way forward, a better organisational structure will be with more number of small clusters for closer interactions - Helpline redefined with Max 10 families and central events can be of now with 4/5 events annually. Such a grouping may also help the younger ones to be more active. Geographical spread of the city also demands that this be the pattern.

GC should encourage wider discussions on this from existing members.

Zacharia George KCF 115

Past President - KCS

Tokyo Olympics 2021.

India won 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze totalling 7 medals. First Gold medal for India in athletics post Independence. Neerja Chopra made Indians proud by winning gold medal in Javelin throw.

Again in a team event, after 41 years of continuous efforts and struggle our Men's Hockey team entered finals and won silver medal. It's a great moment of proud as we got rewarded for performance of our own national game in Olympics.



KCS salutes to all the olympic medal winners and all those who represented India in Tokyo Olympics and gave a tough fight there.

Let's celebrate the new borns in KCS family and especially those graduated newly to Grandparent status in KCS family. Congratulations to the proud new KCS Grandparents and the lovely parents for the first time.



M.S Abraham (KCF 237) & Jolly Abraham are blessed with a grand son Philip Paul Cheeran (Jeffy) to their daughter Dr. Melin & son-in-law Paul Cheeran



Augustine Joseph (KCF 007) & Mini Augustine are blessed with a grand daughter S.Gianna Paul to their daughter Tani Cathy & son-in-law Sidheakky P.G

Advance Happy Independence day greetings to you all!



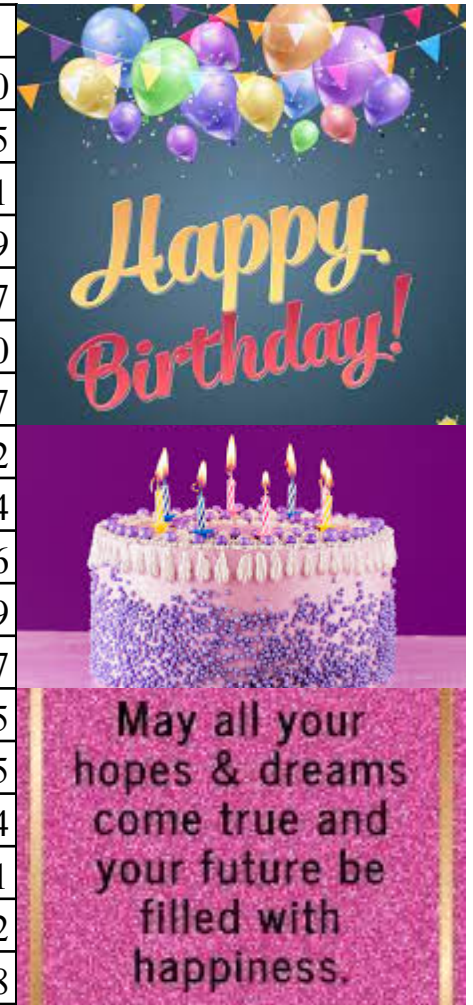
Advance Happy Onam!

In view of Onam, we will have virtual Onam competition. You can take photo (max 3 photos) or video max 1 minute) of your Onam celebrations at home with family and send it to kcschennai1996@gmail.com

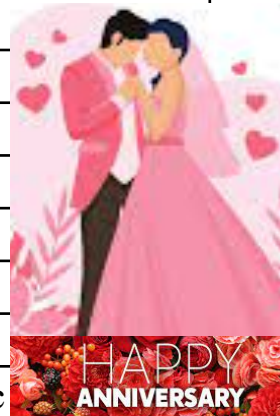
It should reach on 21 August 2021, Thiruvonam day before 5 pm. Entries received after 5pm will not be taken.



Date	Birthday	KCF no	Mobile no
1	Terry Thomas	71	9880325000
4	Soy Joseph	213	9884212845
5	Celene Thomas	73	9952955391
6	Nimmy Vittoo	199	9600012919
8	P J Lawrence	51	9841057547
8	Regy Thomas	67	9841167150
8	Jaison Joseph	187	9840418187
8	Elizabeth Thomas	78	9840450422
16	Ittyanam Jose	86	9994234824
18	Ansamma Dominic	170	9840639496
25	C K Devassy	14	9444381059
25	Babu John	120	9962622167
25	Susa Saju	141	9840922195
25	Lekha A ntony	142	9444016585
28	Mariamamma Xavier	90	9840097814
29	Hazel Binu	202	9791107911
30	Malcolm Joseph	83	9381037892
30	Kanchana Manavalan	50	9841082048



Date	Wedding Anniversary	KCF NO	Mobile no
17	CC Johnny & Mariamma Johnny	128	9840027100
17	Vinod Alex Kadavan & Sujatha Vinod	218	9962548130
17	Joseph Prince & Mary Celine Joseph	223	9840778905
19	Siby Joseph & Roshmie Siby	146	9884008665
20	Joy M Thomas & Lissy Joy	138	9444406192
21	K A Mathew & Susan Mathew	110	9444088464
22	K J Joseph & Rosamma Joseph	38	9677044700
27	Joseph Dominic & Ansamma Dominic	170	9677089696
27	Thomas George & Mariam Alponsa Thomas	226	9500031852
28	Babu Jacob & Achamma Jacob	26	9840089864
30	V M Kurian & Anita Kurian	117	9841271354



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