

From the desk of President

Dear friends,

We are once again in the joyous season of Christmas. The Covid season has cast a shadow on the blessed occasion of the birth of our Saviour and the holy season of advent. Many churches are not still fully open, and the open ones have strict social distancing and age-related protocol in force. It is the season when families look forward to cheerful and nostalgic get-togethers with children and relatives visiting from abroad. We will miss such good tidings. Our annual KCS Christmas meeting is unlikely to be held due to continuing restrictions. I take this opportunity to wish all of you peace and joy of Christmas and the blessings of infant Jesus.

As members of Kerala Catholic families in and around the great city of Chennai, we are naturally proud to belong to our association. It was a wise and visionary initiative by the 70 odd prominent Catholic citizens of Chennai to meet in the month of December 1996 and weave the warp and woof of a document to be registered as Kerala Catholic Society. We are at the threshold of our Silver Jubilee.

When I was an ordinary member of the society, I used to hear whispers that the KCS leadership of the day is not in touch with the members except during the annual meetings. Therefore, I thought that it would help all of us to know each other better if I could send a monthly newsletter to be informed of the activities of KCS. It could also provide a forum for members to let other families know about the happenings in their own families. In due course, when our financial situation improves, we could send the newsletter in printed format. I invite the members to contact me at eckcs21@gmail.com or any member of the Governing Council or the KCS office with information of value to be included in the newsletter.

We have recently circulated several recommendations from a duly appointed Empowered Committee to revive the functioning of our nice organisation. A lot of thoughts and efforts have gone in arriving at the report. I take this opportunity to request you to study the report seriously and come up with suggestions to revive the activities of our society.

Wishing you and everyone at home a very happy Christmas and joyous New Year 2021.

EC Thomas

KCS VISION STATEMENT

KCS shall evolve into a premier organisation

- a) 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.
- b) 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.
- c) By utilising the inherent talents and strengths of all its members to initiate activities that will install a sense of belonging and promote fellowship.
- d) By creating an atmosphere for constant, innovative, and timely improvements in the organisation and its structure.

From the desk of Secretary

Dear KCS Family Members,

Merry Christmas in advance - May the air of Christmas lift your spirits.

Yes, your Governing Council for the period 2020-22 has taken charge and started functioning by conducting its 1st meeting on 07th Nov.2020 and a review meeting with KCS Manager on 27th Nov 2020 to follow-up administrative matters. (Google meetings.)

KCS Membership:

Though we have 150 Members as per the records, the number of members who are regularly paying is only 113 and out of which only 62 Members paid their subscription for 2020-21. Follow up through zonal leaders has already been started by the President.

Report of the Empowered Committee:

Members actively participated, and there was a general agreement of the recommendations of the committee. It was explained that the recommendations show a road map to the revival of KCS. Modifications would be done after getting inputs from members and implemented accordingly.

Elavur land sale:

It is decided to sell the 4 acres of land at Elavur belonging to KCS. Our KCS Members who own 13.5 acres of land there, are also ready to sell it along with KCS property. The work is in progress

Renting of KCS premises:

After a long break, we have started renting out KCS premises for social gatherings, etc. from 28.11.20 (adhering to COVID-19 guideline issued by the Govt. authorities)

KCS Silver Jubilee:

We plan a lot of activities to celebrate the Jubilee in December 2021, hoping for the cooperation and active support of members.

KCS web site will be designed and rolled out.

Communication - Monthly newsletter will be mailed on every 1st day of the month.

A senior Member to head the Silver Jubilee Committee who can mobilise funds and has the gravitas to connect to the external world.

Brilliant opportunities for members of various sub-committees to interact and know each other.

Fund Target

To raise Rs.25 Lakhs for Silver Jubilee.

Membership goal -. Every Member to bring at least one new Member, by that we can double our membership.

Let us come together to step into the Silver Jubilee Year with pride and a reawakened bonding among us for a cheerful tomorrow.

May God bless our families.

M.S. Abraham

Membership Target : Every member to bring one new member before Dec 2021, so that we will be having double the membership by Dec 2021



Above AGM in progress at KCS Office on 24 Oct 2020. Majority members attended through Zoom meet.

New Office Bearers Installation Ceremony held on 24 Oct 2020



Mr. Oommen Abraham has been appointed as the Vice President KCS for the period 2020 - 2022



Mr. Alfred Michael has been appointed as the Treasurer KCS for the period 2020 - 2022



Dr. Mary Terry received “The Innovative Teacher Award 2020” from Rotary Club of Madras Coromandel



Obituary

Beloved mother of our patron Fr. Kurian Thomas and KCS member Jose Thomas, Mrs. Eleykutty Thomas passed away on 17th November 2020. RIP.

Mr. Zacharia George’s elder brother, Mr. Zacharia Mathew passed away in at Hyderabad on 27th November 2020. RIP.

Heartfelt condolences from the KCS family.



Regi Mathew lays wreath at Mrs. Eleykutty’s Thomas’ casket at Palai.



December Born Babies

- 2 - Thomas George
- 3 - K.M.Johny
- 5 - Linda Peter Manavalan
- 5 - Joy Aphraim
- 7 - Susan Anto
- 7 - Pious Dominic
- 8 - Amala George
- 11 - Lucy Jacob
- 12 - Alphonsa David
- 12 - Molly Antony
- 12 - V.M.Kurien
- 13 - Verghese George
- 15 - Anne Rebecca Oommen
- 18 - V.M.Thomas
- 19 - Alappatt Kurian Joseph
- 21 - P.J.Xavier
- 26 - Sujeetha Zacharias
- 27 - Sherry Jose
- 27 - Annie Joseph
- 29 - Jossy M. Joseph
- 29 - Litty Raphael
- 29 - Gerard George
- 30 - Sabitha Ambat



Wedding anniversaries

Best wishes to all the couples celebrating their wedding anniversary

- 26 - T. A. Varghese & Jisha
- 26 - E.C. Thomas & Susan
- 27 - Anto Tharappen & Susan Anto
- 29 - Roopesh George & Achamma
- 29 - Binny Lawrence & Deepthy
- 29 - George Pious Tharayil & Shoba
- 29- Pious Dominic & Shiny
- 30 - Nitin Mathew & Marie
- 31 - Paul Issac & Shiny

Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace
- Pope Francis
Merry Christmas to all our families