

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

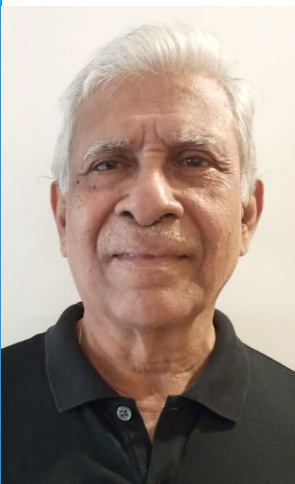
From the desk of KCS President

Dear friends,

After a long break, our Governing Council met in person on the 23rd of January at KCS House. The previous meetings were virtual. It was a pleasant experience to meet and interact with members personally for the first time after the formation of the governing council of my presidency. The discussions were lively and productive with innovative ideas about how to move forward. We are fortunate to have a youthful governing council well energised to take KCS to the next 25 years.

The important subject of discussion was the Empowered Committee recommendations to revive KCS activities. Members freely expressed their opinions on the pros and cons of suggestions of the committee. An EGM will be convened in March for the formal approval of recommendations by the general body, in the hope that restrictions due to covid might be relaxed by that time.

It is imperative that we should have at least 25% of our membership to be of youth for the society to survive and thrive in the years ahead. We discussed plans to give temporary membership for a year to young men and women to see for themselves the activities we are planning for 2021-2022. I request our senior members to encourage their young adult children to take temporary memberships for a year at a nominal fee. We also request the youngsters to fill up the questionnaire prepared by our Vice President Oommen Abraham and already circulated to all for us to have data to plan programmes to suit their interests.



The president mentioned that the expected sale of Elavur KCS property is not an easy proposition. Therefore, we must consider proposals to enhance the value of the property to be useful for KCS. We have asked a realtor company to estimate the cost of making a layout with interconnected roads according to the original idea for a KCS enclave. We also have to approach relevant authorities for reclassification which is an arduous process.

We will come up with the programmes for 2021 shortly.

E C Thomas
President

KCS VISION STATEMENT

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.

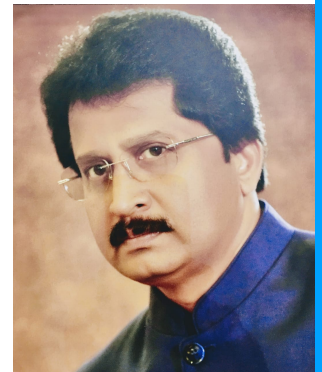
From the desk of KCS Secretary

Dear Friends,

We are happy to give below a summary of discussions in the GC meeting held on the 23rd January, 2021.

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the GC held on 05th December, 2020 was circulated and approved after discussion.
2. Review of Accounts: Accounts for the month of December,2020 were circulated and approved after review. It is again proposed to request the zonal representatives to collect the outstanding subscriptions from their zones viz; Anna Nagar Rs.14,300/-, Kilpauk Rs.39,000/-, Kodambakkam Rs.20,400/- and Adyar Rs.27,300/-
3. Water & Sewage Tax Rs.76,144/-: To be paid before 31.03.2021
4. Suneela Thomas Salgar Award: Cheques for the four students to be sent along with certificates
5. M.C. Punnose Memorial Award: No response from the KCS members. Hence dropped.
6. Checklist of events (Annual Calendar}: Prepared for the year 01.04.2021 to 31.03.2022.
7. Helpline Meeting by Video Conferencing: Will be discussed in the next meeting.
8. KCS Web site: Discussion had on the quotes collected and requested for some more quotes by providing our requirements/details to be covered such as - History, Basic details, Photos, Directory, Social Media etc.
9. Meeting with the Auditor: This will be scheduled at the earliest date based on his availability.
10. Empowered Committee Report: It is decided to convene an EGM during 3rd week of March (expecting some relaxation in conducting meetings in KCS house by that time), with 21 days prior notice, to get the feedback, suggestions from the Members and accordingly pass the recommendations of the Committee.
11. EGM draft resolutions: GC discussed the recommendations of EPC and a few opinions were expressed. The recommendations and the GC opinions will be circulated to members before the EGM.

M S Abraham
Secretary



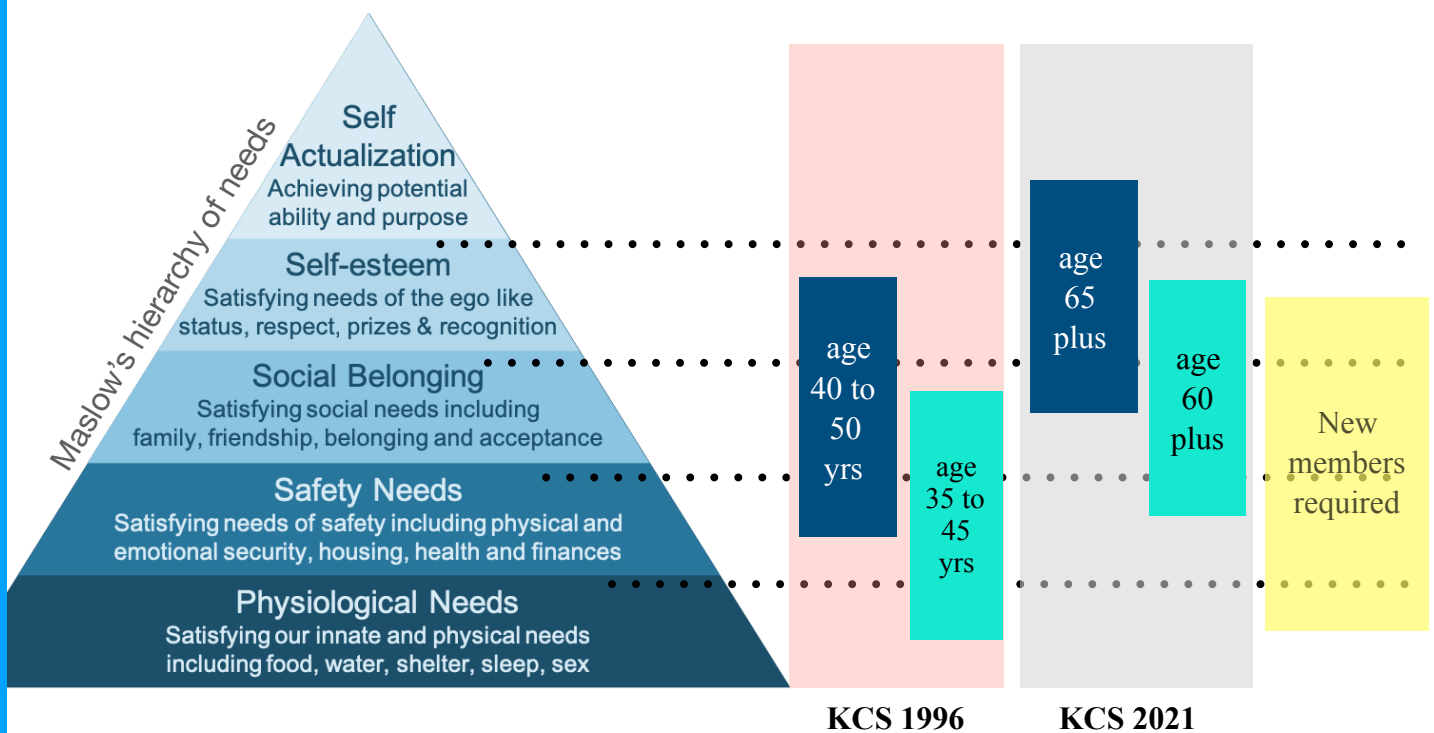
KCS Quiz: The first 10 respondents who give correct answers will be recognised in the next issue of KCS NEWS. All questions are from this news letter.

1. How many students were given Suneela Thomas award as per Secretary's report?
2. For Extra-General Body meeting (EGM), how many days notice should be served?
3. What is the percentage of young membership required for KCS to survive as per KCS President?
4. KCS then and now - compared with the hierarchy of needs - who is the author of the theory?
5. Which is the award normally given by KCS dropped this year as per Secretary's report?
6. How much is the subscription amount pending for Kilpauk?
7. What is the percentage of attendance required to pass a resolution in EGM?

KCS then and now - kindling thoughts

In the last 25 years, globally major changes happened in communication channels, transportation, banking, etc and due to that, dependence on others have reduced in a big way. Cost of living in the last 25 years have gone up at least 4 times but the KCS annual subscription has not gone up and hence cannot plan the activities as it was done earlier. Lifestyle of members has changed and to support that different types of programmes required and it calls for more thinking and funds.

An Attempt is made to illustrate KCS then and now through the picture below. It is only based on author’s assumptions. Further discussion and sharing of facts by members would help in building the right perspectives and move further.



KCS 1996

Fortunate to have good education, inherited property or self made assets, holding positions of influence, need for socialising and networking was high, able to visualise, willing and able to contribute for the benefit of larger society. Children study in the best Educational institution.	Moved to Chennai for livelihood, but has ambition to move up, need for emotional security and support was high, self made and the need for recognition & acceptance by society. Want their Children to have formal & good education.
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Financial or security need is not there, some of them moved to self actualisation and hence the need for socialising and recognition from others has come down. They want to contribute more to the society at large. Majority children moved out to other locations.	Moved up tremendously, no more the need to struggle for livelihood, most of them well settled, need for recognition and socialisation gone up but there are lot of opportunities to showcase, reliance on formal society reduced
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Life style of children were different and also their thought processes. Social get togethers were luxury then. Rs. 2000/-Scholarship to Students were seen as charity, Picnic means full family members

Children of both group study more or less similar schools and have equal access to many things online, social media etc. Children have their own get togethers, want more fun. They are intelligent, independent and want to contribute to society

The vision of KCS can be carried forward only if we involve the next generation or substantially add new members who will have the need for KCS. New members in the age group 35 years plus are required to take it forward. The current members who have moved up in social strata have to do a lot in terms of helping the newcomers. This is not a club where people with more or less similar background join the club, whereas this is a service organisation with addition of fellowship, celebrations and is in need of more young people to be involved. It will be a very good platform to our next generation for fellowship and service.

Many senior members moved out of city along with children, some are depending on others for movement, some have health issues and for some priorities changed, but everyone wishes KCS to carry on its vision.

One of the primary purpose of KCS is to utilise the inherent talents and strengths of its members to initiate activities that will install a sense of belonging and promote fellowship. Currently to organise a get together in any decent hotel would cost minimum Rs.1000/-per person for a buffet dinner and for a family of 4 members it will cost Rs. 4,000/-. Annual subscription of Rs.6,500/-was fixed around 15 years ago, those days a buffet dinner was only Rs.250 to Rs. 300/-per plate. We want more fellowship & celebration and fun activities to involve youngsters.

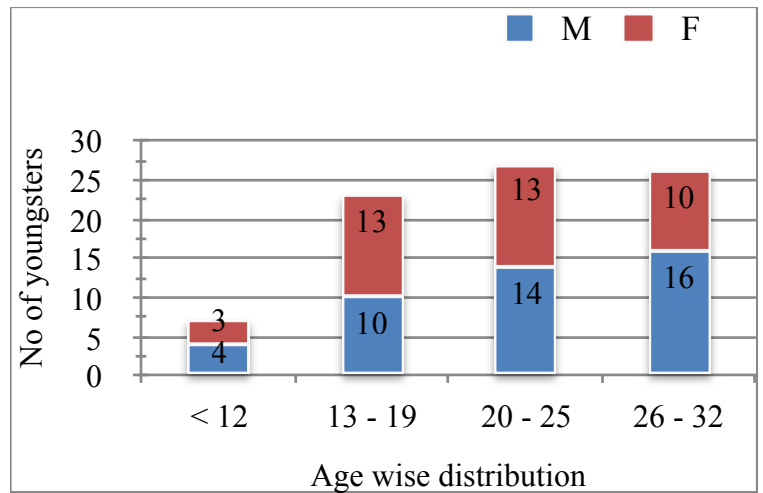
But unfortunately there is a wrong perception that annual subscription is for 3 family dinners and a picnic and if that is not happening, then some members question - why to pay subscription. Last couple of years, our get togethers hardly have 80 to 100 people attend and the budget was adequate but if we want all members to actively participate in all our fellowship, celebrations and meetings with their family, then we can do only one programme with the current annual subscription.

Empowering committee has done a detailed study and developed an action plan, some of the action points require EGM approval. And an EGM requires 50% attendance. So everyone's support required.

Senior members with whomever I have interacted, they are still passionate and have strong desire to rejuvenate KCS activities. Some may have wealth to contribute for services, some may have the contacts and influence to make things happen, some may have very good execution skills and interest to do lot of things. Expecting everyone else to do what one is doing or capable of, or comparing always with others will only kill the spirit of coming together. The purpose of society or coming together is to bring varied strength to achieve the common objectives.



Youth	< 12	13 - 19	20 - 25	26 - 32	Total
M	4	10	14	16	44
F	3	13	13	10	39
Total	7	23	27	26	83



There are 83 eligible youngsters below the age group of 32 years, and their age wise distribution given in the table above. Even if we take the age group 26 -32 years who are away from Chennai for work purposes, still around 57 youngsters are there studying or just entered employment. Interestingly, there are around 26 youngsters who are eligible young men and women in our group.

Many of us are proud of how the KCS membership has grown over the period of 25 years. There must be something unique which brought us together. It is the wish of every KCS member that our next generation to follow the KCS legacy and contribute their best to the society. It is pertinent now to activate our next generation, encourage our married children to involve in KCS activities and do special drive to add more new members who align with KCS vision.

We have circulated a questionnaire to get the views from our youngsters, please support by getting the same duly filled in by your Children. Please share your thoughts, feedback, comments, inputs to abraham@globalbesthr.com or WhatsApp to +91 9840002731.

- Oommen Abraham, VP - KCS

Obituary

The beloved mother of Mr. Babu Emmanuel (OKJ), KCF No. 008, Mrs. Mariamma Emmanuel passed away on 25th January 2021 and the funeral mass was held on 29th Jan at Santhome Cathedral Basilica.

May her soul rest in peace. KCS family conveys its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members.

On behalf of KCS, KJ Joseph, Joseph Philip, Jose Varghese, Oommen Abraham and Augustine placed the wreath on the casket .

Mini Jose on behalf of KCS Ladies wing placed the wreath on the casket.



Mariamma Emmanuel





3rd General Council meeting was held on 23rd January 2021 at KCS House. It was the first physical meeting after Covid19 breakout. Left to Right - 1. Alfred Michael, Treasurer (KCF 244), 2. Ranjith Dominic (KCF235) 3. Oommen Abraham, Vice President (KCF 238), 4.. M S Abraham, Secretary (KCF 237), 5. Binny Lawrence (KCF 166) 6. EC Thomas, President, (KCF 148), 7. Lekha Antony (KCF142), 8. Omana James (KCF 028) and Augustine Joseph (KCF007) who was behind the camera.



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Sorry we missed the Talent Interview in this issue
We thought of presenting the raw data of youngsters questionnaire
Unfortunately the number of responses received was not adequate to present the data
We will continue with Talent Interview from next month



February Born KCS members

- 2 - K A Mathew
- 6 - Celine Udhippu
- 8 - Mariam Alphonsa Thomas
- 10 - PM Mathew
- 14 - Anu Ranjith
- 14 - Anitha George
- 15 - Joem Moyalan
- 20 - Babu Jacob
- 23 - Sunitha Jose
- 26 - Omana James.



February - Wedding anniversaries

Best wishes to all the couples celebrating wedding anniversary in February

- 1 - O Varghese & Sicily Varghese
- 2 - P J Xavier & Mariamma Xavier
- 15 - John Chiramel & Anita John
- 18 - Roy Joseph & Viji Joseph
- 24 - Joseph Jose & Deena George

