

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

From the desk of KCS President

Dear friends,

Let me keep you informed about the state of affairs during the rest of the KCS year up to June 30,2022.

1) Induction of 3 GC members

As informed already, 3 nominated GC members for the next two terms were inducted on Saturday, 30 October at KCS hall. They are dedicated KCS members who represent our march towards younger leadership of KCS. We wish them all success.

2) Silver Jubilee meet

KCS completes its successful journey of 25 years as a successful organisation on December 15, 2021. Due to continuing covid restrictions and in consultation with members we have fixed our jubilee meet on **Saturday, February 19, 2022**. Please note the date and ensure your presence on this once in a ‘quarter of a century’ occasion.

The tentative programme 19 Feb 2022 is as follows.

- 4.30 pm - Holy Mass by Archbishop His Grace George Antonysamy at the Santhome Cathedral
- 6.30 pm - Meeting at ITC Welcome Hotel (Formerly Chola Sheraton), Cathedral Road,
 - Chief Guest - Mr. Peter Alphonse, Chairman, State Minority Commission.
 - Guest of Honour, Singing Priest, Rev. Fr. Paul Poovathingal
 - Presentation of Honour award
 - Cultural programme , Cicily Itty and group
 - Fellowship and dinner



3) Nominations for the Honour award

The last date for the nominations to be received is October 31, 2021. We have received a small number of nominations. I am sure that you have many deserving to be honoured. We extend the last date to November 30, 2021. As informed, please send the nominations to eckcs21@gmail.com

4) Permanent project – Dialysis unit

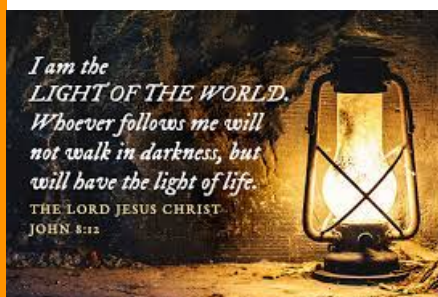
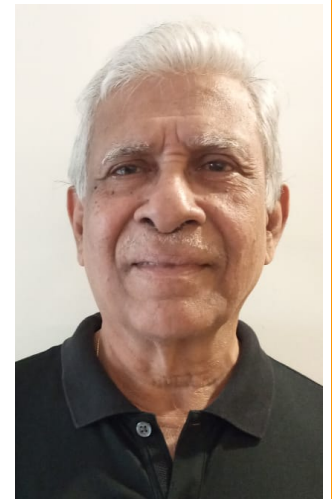
We are in the final stages of our discussions with our associates, Rotary Club of Madras West, and Tanker Foundation. We do receive welcome support from members. Detailed project report and financial planning will be informed to you soon.

5) Subscriptions

Silver jubilee budget is estimated to be tentatively around Rs. 6 lakhs. Detailed estimates are still to be determined. We could manage with funds available with us because normal meetings were cancelled due to covid. There are few members who are still to pay subscriptions. We request them to pay their subscriptions before November 30 to finalise our financial planning.

I thank you all for the unstinted support .

Regards,
EC Thomas
President



Minutes of the 12th Governing Council Meeting of Kerala Catholic Society held on 9th October 2021 at KCS House, 23 Halls Road, Kilpauk, Chennai - 600010 at 6 pm

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of the GC meeting held on 11.09.2021 was circulated and approved after discussion.

Review of the Accounts: Accounts for the month of Sep'21 was circulated and approved after review.

Nomination Committee selection- GC Members: It was decided that as three positions are to be filled up for next 4 terms, the nomination committee headed by its Chairman Mr. Malcolm Joseph is required to select three members and induct them virtually on 30.09.21.

Reconstitution of GC: It was decided to reconstitute the GC with 10 members as follows -

- (1) President (2) Vice President (3) Secretary (4) Treasurer (5) Lady Representative
- (6) Youth Representative (7) Zonal Representative (ZR) - Adyar (8) ZR - Anna Nagar
- (9) ZR - Kilpauk (10) ZR - Kodambakkam.

Legacy projects - Dialysis unit: It was informed that Rs.130 lakhs is the total requirement - KCS contribution will be Rs.65 lakhs. Eight of our members have agreed to sponsor 8 units and a few have offered Rs.1 lakh each. A committee has been formed to advise GC on this project and the members would be Mr. Kurian Manavalan, Dr. V.M.Kurian and Mr. Joseph Dominic.

Silver Jubilee: It was suggested that as Mr. Peter Alphonse, Minority Commission Chairman, being a politician, might reschedule his programmes on short notice, it is better to select one more person as Chief Guest for the Silver Jubilee celebration scheduled at 6.30 pm on 19th February 2022 at ITC Welcome Hotel, after holy mass at Santhome Cathedral by Bishop.

Youtube: It was suggested that the video of our 25 years is to be produced. Decided further that a Sound engineer / Voice professional service could be hired for the video making.

**M.S. Abraham,
Secretary.**

**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.



**Babu Jacob,
KCF no. 026**

Mr. Babu Jacob needs no introduction. He is a founder member who conceptualised the Helpline of KCS. He is a prolific writer.

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I am a born patriot! Rather I chose to be born as a true patriot! Some readers may raise their eye brows when I make this claim! Why am I making such tall claims? Simple! I was born in 1942, when Quit India movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi was at its crescendo! Gandhiji asked the British rulers to quit India and hearing his exhortation, I quit the cosy comfort zone of my mother's womb, to join the freedom fighters. Tell me now, am I not a born patriot?

While travelling to US of A once, the passenger sitting next to me in the Jet Airways aircraft made small talk with me. When asked where I was born, I answered "GOLD HILL"! He looked at me in disbelief and quipped? "So you must be a US citizen?" to which I answered "No, it's not a US city or town, it's just a small non- descript town in Kerala. It's real name is POKKUNNAM, I anglicized it just to boost my ego, and for some fun"!

Born to middle class parents, I studied only in Malayalam medium schools (there were very few English medium schools in Kerala in those days). During my High School, the teachers of the private School I was studying, which was known as Krishna Vilasam High School, (KVHS for short), went on an indefinite strike, since the owner of the school, Manjappali Ramakrishnan Nair, was paying them peanuts, after getting vouchers signed for salaries as per Govt rules. The Communist Govt in power ordered closure of the school and all students were given Transfer Certificates to neighbouring schools. The next academic year, a new Govt High School was opened at Pokkunnam and I was admitted to 11th Standard. All teachers of KVHS, who lost their jobs, were given jobs in the new school.

M E Joseph sir was the first headmaster of the new school. He had to build it from scratch. He was our neighbour and like us a true Roman Catholic. Joseph

sir quickly spotted my academic talents and encouraged me to do well in all subjects, especially in English, which was his forte. He was the father of 11 children, one of whom was my junior in the same school. Joseph sir used to give me English books, mostly novels, to read. There was no library in the new school, which was functioning in temporary thatched sheds. He used to correct my English answer sheets and encouraged me to excel in the Queen's tongue. In turn, I did him proud by being the school topper and probably a state topper for English for SSLC!

There was a small public library in my town, which was my regular haunt during evenings and holidays. Never keen on sports and games, I soon became a confirmed book worm. Romantic novels, both in English and Malayalam, were my favourites! I soon became a voracious reader of Malayalam magazines, especially MATHRUBHOOMI, which used to publish romantic novels in series every week, apart from travelogues by well known writer S.K Pottekkad.

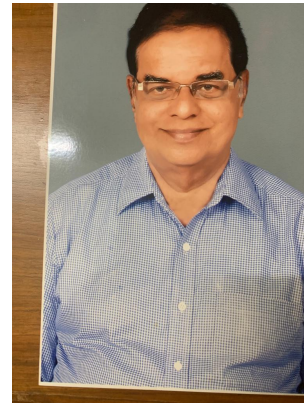
At the age of sixteen, I started dreaming: dreams of romance, of course! , powered and inspired by the many romantic novels I used to hungrily read! I was attracted to a very fair and beautiful girl who was my junior in the same school. I made discreet enquiries about her. I was told by the peon, also my neighbour, that her name is Gracy. A very apt and appropriate name, I thought .I was too shy to approach her and talk. Also, during those times, a boy talking to a girl was taboo and unthinkable. I was crazy about Gracy is an understatement!

I confided to my close friend and neighbour Thomas Sebastian about my infatuation to Gracy. He was known by his house name ATHYALIA true and trustworthy friend, ATHYALI used to give a patient hearing to me and gave unsolicited advice too. He told

me to write a LOVE LETTER to Gracy and send it by post. However, I was too scared to follow his advice. But Athyali kept on nagging me. And I kept on procrastinating, after promising him that I will definitely follow his advice. This went on for several weeks and soon weeks became months. Yet my love letter to Gracy remained just a promise to Athyali!.It must however be stated at this juncture that despite the huge distraction of my 'one-way -traffic' love affair, I came out with flying colours in my SSLC exam, topping the school.

My family moved to a bigger town, Changanacherry, in Kottayam district. It was a move just for me, to enable me to pursue my college education. I joined St.Berchmans College for Pre University, a one year course (Pre Degree came a little later).Prof Sebastian was teaching us English. On the very first day he asked all students to stand up and tell the marks obtained by them in English for SSLC.When my turn came and when I stood up and mentioned my marks, he refused to believe. He asked me to bring my mark list the next day. For him, seeing was believing! When he saw my marks the next day, he was flabbergasted! He said "this is incredible! I am sure you will be a state rank holder for English" .I silently thanked Joseph sir for the encomiums I got that day.

A TALE OF TWO CITIES by Charles Dickens was one of the novels prescribed for our Pre University English. At this point in time, after 58 years, especially after my voracious reading habit died a natural death and also due to age related memory losses, I am unable to recall to memory, the names of the characters in that famous novel. The unspoken love of the male character to Pegotty the female one touched my heart. I thought I was in a similar predicament. It did not take much time for me to write a two page LOVE LETTER to GRACY and post it to her in the school address. It was a bomb shell, I later learnt. The letter was opened by Gracy's class teacher, who promptly handed it over to the



Joseph sir, who had a soft corner for me, down played the drama, to save me. He did not inform my parents. He asked Gracy's cousin, owner of the only movie theatre in the town and asked him to write a mild letter of advice to me. When I got his letter admonishing me and advising me not to harbour any hope of marrying Gracy, I wrote back re-iterating my intense love for her.

I was later told that he informed Joseph sir, who advised him not to reply to me. That put a sordid end to my first and last romantic move! Needless to say, I put that romance behind me and moved on in life. My marriage to ACHAMMA was an arranged marriage and God has blessed us with three fantastic children and two handsome grandsons. My dear better half was not told about my romantic exploits till today. I hope she will have a hearty laugh when she reads this article. After all she is ACHCHA AMMA, good mother! (although sometimes I make fun of her by calling her ACHE amma ,when she complains of some ache or the other in some part of her body or the other!}).

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Dated 13th September 2016



Urban Health Centre, Padi, Ambattur, Chennai will soon have 12 dialysis machines for free treatment to the needy, and 8 out of that will be donated by the KCS members. We pray for those generous KCS members & family. These machines normally last for 12 years and around 60,000 free dialysis can be given which is an humungous help to those in need.

Mr. E C Thomas, President has initiated a very noble cause of donating Dialysis machine for free treatment to the needy as part of KCS 25th year Silver Jubilee Celebrations. KCS will be partnering with Rotary Club Madras West and putting up the free dialysis centre in Primary Health Centre, Padi.

The centre will be having 12 machines and will be managed by Tanker Foundation. There is a MOU between Chennai Corporation, Rotary Club and Tanker Foundation in this regard wherein space is provided by Chennai Corporation, Tanker will manage the centre and Rotary Club will invest or identify partners for infrastructures. KCS will be partnering with Rotary and share 50% of total project cost ie Rs. 65 lakhs (Total project cost estimated is Rs.1.30 crores)

Eight of our members have volunteered to donate machines and few others have committed contribution towards necessary infrastructure cost. Still require around Rs.10 lakhs, please be generous. Planning to launch the centre before our Silver jubilee Celebrations.

"ARIVUKKAN Dr A P J ABDUL KALAM
FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION"

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Mrs. Anita Kurian

Primary - Coordinator, Sankalp - The Learning Centre & Special Needs School

"Educationists should build the capacities of the spirit of inquiry, creativity, entrepreneurial and moral leadership among students and become their role model."

- Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

Commemorating the birthday of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam,

Rotary Club of Chennai Rainbow and Rotary Club of Chennai Amethyst on 15-10-2021 have joined in honoring such role models who have made exceptional difference.

Your contribution to education has been in making a huge impact igniting young minds and creating a lasting positive impact on their lives through your noble profession in the field of education over the course of several years.

We laud your service and wish you the best in your endeavor's and encourage you to continue your commendable service for in Kalam's own words Excellence is a continuous process and may you live healthy and happy as you go on building our future generations.

Thanks to Mrs. Anita Kurian for accepting the KCS invite and enlightening the KCS members regarding her selfless services to the young & challenging minds. Great services to the humanity and from KCS, all of us pray for your well being and your services to continue.

Obituary



Mrs. Chechamma Pailo beloved wife of Mr. P K Pailo (KCF No. 059) left for heavenly abode on 18 Oct 2021. KCS family extends its condolences to the bereaving family members and pray for the departed soul to rest in peace.

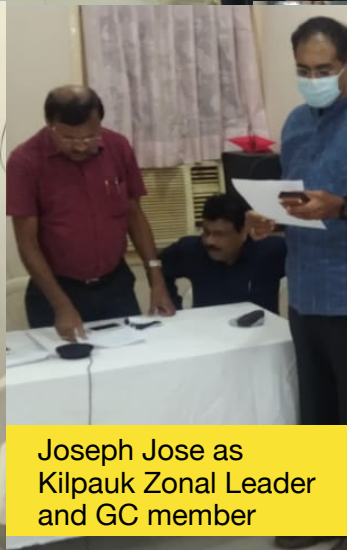




New GC members Induction ceremony held on 30 Oct 2021 at KCS House. It started with prayer and KCS members attended it in physical and virtually. Thanks to all those attended and wished new GC members.



Mini Jose as Lady Wing Representative & GC member



Joseph Jose as Kilpauk Zonal Leader and GC member



Anirita George as GC member



Anita Kurian shared her experience in educating challenging your minds



Leslin and Stenlin joined as student KCS member



New GC members - L-R : Anirita George , Mini Jose, Lekha, EC Thomas, Oommen Abraham, Alfred Michael, Joseph Jose, Binny Lawrence. MS Abraham & Ranjit Dominic not there in the picture and they all constitute 10 member GC

Date	Birthday - November	KCF no	Mobile no
2	Sherly Abraham	147	9790911251
2	Teresa Louis % Louis Franco	240	9962622855
6	Lee Sam	154	9841155642
8	Thomas Eapen	15	9445227340
10	Augustine Joseph	7	9381000534
10	Vittoo Placka	199	9600000976
11	Thankamani Jose	95	9444113266
12	Mary Celine Joseph % Joseph Prince	223	9840778905
13	KJ Job	159	8754555339
13	Mary Johnson	119	9840977920
19	Paul Peter	180	9841042591
19	Rosamma Joseph	38	9677093786
20	Mini Augustine	7	9566055892
23	Paul Sebastin	165	9444134637
23	Thomas Thaliath	77	9986949051
24	Thomas V Joseph	6	9444440241
24	P.J Thomas	198	9444142321
25	Saju Chacko	141	9840422195
26	Cecy Manjila	103	9840075488
27	O J Lukose	53	9884802401
30	Leelamma Zacharia	127	9884185905



Date	Wedding- November	KCF No	Mobile no
9	Paul G Chittalaplly & Raji Pappu	206	9840049152
10	KM Johny & Roselin Shirely	185	7042695520
11	Peter K Manavalan & Linda Manavalan	62	9841020784
17	Jose Varghese & Sherry Jose	163	9840466330
18	Princesson Jose & Sheeba Prince	64	9840078902
20	MJ Joseph & Thankamma Joseph	39	9841003300
20	OJ Lukose & Ponnamama Lukose	53	9884802401
24	PJ Thomas & Mariamma Thomas	198	9444142321
24	Ranjith Dominic & Anu Ranjith	235	9884414627
27	KG George & Mini George	194	9444127773
28	Sunny John & Jeethy Sunny	222	9940055500



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