Brethren, I have much pleasure, it is indeed my privilege as the master, to present to you the annual report of Lodge Sainik No. 196 under the roll of GLI for the masonic year 2012-13.

On 17th August 2012, I was ably installed in the Eastern Chair by my predecessor WBro. Kuna Srinivas, in the august presence of the then ARGM of Bangalore area WBro. Lakshmipathaiah Ananth, and a forty plus deputation of worthy & distinguished brethren.

At the outset, I was encouraged by the presence of a hundred plus brethren in the installation meet.

**Membership status:**

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The growth trend as in the previous year has continued. The resignations have been due to some members’ relocation from Bangalore.

**Meetings:**

1. Installation meeting - 1
2. Regular meetings - 11, including an outstation meet. Feb and Mar 2013 were double working with two candidates in each of the working.
3. Emergency meetings – 6 including the RWC meet.

The outstation meeting was held at Mercara on 19th January 2013 where two of our candidates were initiated in Lodge Coorg. It was a thoroughly enjoyable meet, well attended by 19 of our brethren and eight spouses. I must here place on record the excellent support and warm hospitality extended to us by the brethren of Lodge Coorg. The toast around the bonfire – the spirits of the dancing flames - on a cold evening, is unforgettable.

I also wish to place on record my thanks to the Worshipful Masters and brethren of following Lodges who accommodated ritual advancement of our brethren in their Lodges:
• Lodge Bangalore – Passing one
• Lodge Professionals - Passing two.
• Lodge United Services - Raising one.
• Lodge North Star - Passing two in the very first of their regular meet.

Lodge Sainik Family meet was held on 26th July 2013, at RSI club / M.G. Road. It was a fun, spirited and musical nite well attended by brethren and their families.

I also place on record the able support of my IPM, WBro. Kuna Srinivas, who officiated in the Eastern Chair in my absence during October and November 2012. The upside of this being that it gave him the opportunity for a good preparation for the RWC that did not go in vain!

**Attendance:**

The average attendance was around 26. It is my conviction that the reflection of a Lodge’s strength lies in the numbers inside the temple rather than outside. It is my conviction that just the presence of senior brethren in temple adds aura to the affairs.

**Ritual workings:**

1. Initiation - 12 Candidates
2. Passing - 14 Brethren
3. Raising - 16 Brethren

Total dealt = 42, which is a 23.5% increase as compared to last year.

Believe me; this was not made to sport with creation of any record (although it will be interesting to see if it has created one!). Far be from me any such intention. It was done for three especial reasons.

First, to deal with the back log. Secondly as an attempt to ensure that as many initiated candidates as possible are raised within my tenure and thirdly, as a warning to my own heart that I would not be guilty of leaving undue backlog to my successor.

It is with much pleasure and satisfaction I state that every candidate or brother who promised me to be present for his ritual advancement showed up without fail.

**Finance** (Balance sheet and account reports are attached):

The Lodge has paid all its dues to the various bodies.

The subscription arrears, as of June 2013 seen in the balance sheet has since been collected and I am happy to say that just one is due as of this day.
**Charity:**

I express my sincere thanks to each and every brother who generously contributed to the various charity causes.

A few high notes on charity:

1. The entire contribution to the Universal Brotherhood day - Yuva Bangalore school aid kit cause was made, by a few generous brethren, within 48 hours.
2. Flood relief fund:
   - At one point, a WBro called and said “your target being one lakh, I volunteer to fill up any shortage you may have. Please let me know where you stand on 10th of August”. That generous thought itself was good enough to reach a figure of Rs. 1,15,000.00! Thanks all the same W.Bro.
   - A WBro, who was abroad, took a cue from my missed call and pledged a generous sum. Thank you WBro.
   - A brother said that he had already contributed through another lodge. How about a little in this lodge to enthuse others? The money was in, the next moment! Thank you Bro.

Thanks once again to all the brethren who contributed to one or the other charity call. There are some who have contributed to every single project. Special thanks to them. Again, it is not the quantum but quality of the heart!

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**Visitations:**

Lodge Sainik’s presence in the Grand and Regional Lodge meets has steadily increased. A good number of our brethren attended the RGL meet at Rajamundry in September 2012, the GLI meet at Chennai in November 2012, more so at the RGL meet in Mysore in February 2013, at the Universal Brotherhood Day in June 2013 and recently at the inspirational masonic education talk given by the RW, the Dy GM of GLI, RW Bro. Dr. P.K. Muthukumaraswamy, on 3rd August 2013.

**Honours:**

- WB. Dr. S.K. Sadasivan P Dy R G M
- WB. Varghese Mathews P A R G M & Elected member of R B of G P
- WB. WgCdr R.S. Murthy P A R G M
- WB. WgCdr Divakaran P R G Sec
- WB. B.S. Rao P A R G DofC
- WB. A. Murali P A R G Std. Br.
- WB. Ravi Kumar P A R G DofC
- WB. Jayakar Malliah P A R G Br of VSL / Dy R G DofC
- WB. Doraiswamy P G DofC
- WB. Vissal Mathew P R G Marshall
- WB. Vasunni Shivshanker P R G Swd Br
- WB. Kuna Srinivas P. VP. R G Stw

**My sincere thanks to:**

01. At the outset, the GAOTU.
02. WB. Varghese Mathews for his untiring and efficient discharge of his duties as the secretary, aided very ably by assistant secretary Bro. Kuna Venugopal.
03. WB. Vissal Mathew for efficient discharge of his duties as the treasurer.
04. WB. WgCdr R.S. Murthy for the efficient discharge of his duties as the D of C.
05. My principal and assistant officers for their support.
06. The brethren who substituted in the absence of regular officers.
07. The brethren for their regular attendance and taking keen interest in the delivery of ritual and lodge affairs. We have some good young talent in the reckoning.
08. The senior brethren whose presence in the lodge is in itself an inspiration.
09. The ruling masters and brethren of sister lodges who were ready and supportive to accommodate our brethren for ritual advancement.
10. The masonic brotherhood in general; *I have some great brothers out there, united in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness!*