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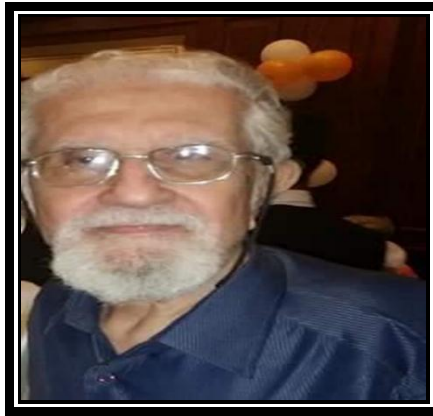
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**IN LOVING MEMORY
OF BRO. RUSTOM DALAL
FROM HIS MOTHER LODGE
BLAVATSKY LODGE**





Group Photo at Adyar Convention –

First Row L to R:

- (1) Bro. Rustom Dalal, Treasurer Indian Section
- (4) Mr. John Algeo, International Vice-President
- (5) Dr. Radha Burnier, International President
- (6) Ms Mary Anderson, International Secretary
- (7) Shri S. Sundaram, General Secretary Indian Section
with Brethren of Bombay.

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NEWS & NOTES

White Lotus Day was virtually celebrated on 8th May 2021 by the Bombay Theosophical Federation along with Blavatsky Lodge.

The Meeting began with The Universal Prayers by **BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya** and the Members present. **Blavatsky Lodge President Sis. Kashmiri Khambatta** thanked the Members present for attending the meeting and read out quotes of Bro. William Q. Judge for his colleague and friend Madame Blavatsky. Significance of the White Lotus Day was explained by Bro. **Vinayakji Pandya**. **Vice President Bro. Navin Kumar** read out passages of the Bhagwat Gita. **Sis. Archana Munshi** read out passages from Light of Asia in English and **Bro. Taral Munshi** explained the same in Hindi. **Sis. Ruby Khan** read out passages of "Light of Asia." **Hon. Secretary Sis. Jasmine Cawasji** read out passages from the "Voice of Silence."

Editor – Bro. Rustom R. Dalal **Cover Page by:** Sis. Kashmiri Khambatta
Editorial Committee – Sis. Mahazaver Dalal (Reporter & in charge of Mailing List),
 Sis. Kashmiri Khambatta, Sis. Aban Patel and **Ex-Officio:** President Bro. Vinayak

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Pandya. **Note:** News, Notes and Programs to be printed in the Bulletin be forwarded by e-mail to kashmira.khambatta@gmail.com latest by 16th of each month. Readers' Views are invited.

Hon. Treasurer Bro. Arni Narendran took everyone to a blissful meditation. **Bro. Taral Munshi** recited a poem on The White Lotus Day which will be printed in the July 2021 Bulletin. The meeting concluded with **Sis. Zeena Rastomjee** reciting "The Golden Stairs".

A Virtual Condolence Meeting was organized on the 10th of May 2021 by **BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya** along with other lodges. Members from Gujarat Federation too attended the meeting. Tributes were paid by most members present. **Sis. Mahazaver Dalal and Sis. Freny Pagdiwala** thanked all the members.

Obituary

Sis. Havovi Rustom Cooper, Blavatsky Lodge Member passed away to peace on **12th April 2021**. She and her husband Rustom learnt about Theosophy when they used to attend Dr. Darius H. Umrigar's classes at Blavatsky Lodge. Both became members of Blavatsky Lodge. During membership of Nine years, she accompanied her husband Rustom, Managing Committee Member of Blavatsky Lodge for meetings and Red-Letter Days & Support Conventions. Sis. Havovi greeting everyone with a smile will be fondly remembered by Brethren.

Sis. Kety Marolia, Shanti Lodge Member passed away to peace on **20th April 2021**. Hers was a dedicated membership of 45 years. She was active when Shanti Lodge was at Dalal Estate. Due to age & health she could not attend Lodge meetings at Vijay Niwas, Sleater Road, but was very particular to receive her issues of The Indian Theosophist and BTF Bulletin.

May their souls be blessed with Eternal Peace.

***Bro Rustom Dalal- A glittering Light amongst Mumbai
Theosophists***

Born 23rd April 1940 – 27th April 2021.

On 27th April 2021 , when an What's App post appeared by Sr. Mahazaver Dalal informing the passing to Peace of her belloved husband –Bro Rustom Dalal , the news was shattering to the hearts of Theosophists already reeling under the gloom of the second phase of the Pandemic. Bro Dalal's news pierced the heart of very Theosophist in the city. A Col Olcott look alike in his physical appearance, he and his wife were known as the Leading Theosophist couple of Mumbai, the Editor of the Bombay Theosophical Bulletin and Trustee of the Blavatsky Lodge, Served the Bombay Theosophical Federation for decades and was an integral part of the Mumbai Theosophical movement. A leading Chartered Accountant with a degree in law, who served with Ferguson and Company, from 1970 to 1989 as Senior partner and Management consultant, both in Mumbai and Madras (now Chennai) dedicated his Life to Theosophy together with his wife, Sr. Mahazaver, a devout and ever serving Theosophist. An alumni of St. Mary's school and Sydenham college, Mumbai. The Dalals not only served the movement but were major Benefactors to the Blavatsky Lodge year after year. During the pandemic they helped the Lodge, among others to tide over the financial crises of the Blavatsky Lodge. Bro Dalal was the former Treasurer of the Indian section, active member of the TOS, Round table and allied organizations . He served in various capacities including being its President at the historic Mumbai Blavatsky Lodge.

Milestone Events initiated by Bro Rustom Dalal:

Organized jointly with Marathi Federation along with late Bro. Raghunath Bhadbade- a Youth workshop. Sr. Meherangiz Baria and other young Theosophists of Mumbai participated. The first

PowerPoint presentation in the Lodge by Prof Shinde was a highlight of the event.

The 125th Anniversary of the Blavatsky Lodge was celebrated with a theme” SCIENCE and THEOSOPHY.

Radhaji was that he must be the Treasurer of Concorde Lodge in Juhu, which he carried on till his very end.

He had facilitated major repair works at the Blavatsky Lodge, by donating substantial amount from a Trust where he was an Executant. The Dalals are always ever ready not only to serve but also donate for the upkeep of the Blavatsky Lodge.

We give below extracts of tributes that have poured in:

Bro Vinayak Pandya, President Bombay Theosophical Federation: Please accept our Heartfelt condolences. He was a gem of a person. He had devoted his life for Theosophical Society, It is a great loss to Bombay Theosophical Federation. May his Soul rest in eternal Peace. I pray his family members get enough strength to bear this loss. Om Shanthi.

Sis. Kashmir Khambatta, President of the Blavatsky Lodge: Dear Mahazaver Aunty, Heartfelt condolences to you and all the near and dear ones of your family. May Rustom Uncle’s Soul rest in eternal Peace. Bro. Baji, Firdaus and Astad send their sincere condolences.

Bro Navin Kumar, Vice President of Blavatsky Lodge: I am devastated by the news, He was and will remain in our Hearts as an Angel for the Blavatsky Lodge and for all of us. My Mother and Lata are praying to the Almighty to give to the Dalal family the strength to bear this irreparable loss.

Sr. Jasmine Cawasji: Secretary, Blavatsky Lodge :Oh my God, this is very sad news, May our Brother Rustom’s Soul rest in eternal Peace. Deepest condolences to you and family, dear Mahazaver.

Arni Narendran , Treasurer, Blavatsky Lodge, Education Director, Virtual centre of Theosophical studies: The news of Bro Rustom Dalal having passed to Peace comes as a rude jolt to all of us in the Bombay Theosophical family. He has been a Father figure to all of us over the years. A Gentleman Theosophist to the hilt. He radiated Loving kindness both in his presence and speech and carried with him the Divine vibrations of profound Theosophical living. In his departure, the Blavatsky Lodge has lost a Brilliant Light of Wisdom and Altruism . May the Masters handhold him to the higher realms of Love and Light.

Dr. Deepa Padhi ,Vice President Theosophical Society, Adyar: I am extremely sorry to hear the sad news. My husband joins me in conveying the deepest condolences to you dear sister Mahazaver. We give you strength and help the noble Soul to attain the highest ascension.

Bro Shinde, Director, Adyar Library: Brother Rustom Dalal a generous and Noble Soul. He worked whole heartedly through the TS for the last many years and was always extremely friendly to everyone. Sis. Mahazaver took care of him and together they encouraged youth to participate. We miss now Mr. Rustom Dalal. My condolences to the Sisters and Brothers of the BTF.

Sr. Freny Toddywalla: Secretary TOS Mumbai and , Parinaz Gandhi: Extremely sorry to hear the sad demise of our Dear Brother Rustom. May his Soul rest in eternal Peace and make further progress on the Higher planes of the invisible world. With benevolent thoughts of Love , Peace and strength to your Dear family.

Sis. Aban Patel: It is with profound sorrow, I pen these few words for you, my Dear Mahazaver. You have lost the Pillar of strength of the family, so also the Theosophical Society, especially at Blavatsky Lodge. Our Heartfelt condolences to the entire family and pray his Soul be at Garothman Behest.

Sr Ketu Irani: It's a Great shock and tremendous loss in our Dearest Rustom passing away to eternal Glory. He has served our Lodge with utmost Love and dedication and service. A Great Theosophist. He is

in our Lord's kingdom with Master's Blessings. He will fondly be remembered by all of us. May our Lord Ahura Mazda's Blessing be upon you and know our Dearest Rustom will continue his wonderful work and practice and shower his Love for the Lodge and upon you and the Family. He will always remain in your side and give immense strength to your work at Home and the Lodge. Darius sends his condolences to you and the family. With Love and Prayers.

Sis. Aban Amroliwalla: My Dear Mahazaver, please accept our Heartfelt condolence n the passing of your Dear husband Rustom. As a dedicated Theosophist and a true Zarthushti, his Soul is sure to reach the higher bodes quickly and easily. We pray that you will have the strength to bear the grievous loss with fortitude. Phiroze joins me in sending you warmest regards and condolences. In Grief, Your friend...

Br Ram : Kindly accept my Heartful condolences. I pray for Peace and progress of the departed soul.

Dr. Rajam Pillai, Managing Trustee and Editor, Synergy: Dear Sr.Mahazaver accept my deepest condolences. Bro Rustom Dalal's passing away is a loss to the entire Theosophist fraternity.

Sr Feruza and Br Zinoo Master: Please accept our Deepest condolences. May his Soul progress on higher realms.

Shikhar Agnihotri, Pragnya Studio, Adyar: Our Heartfelt condolences. We pray for his smooth and Peaceful onward journey and for strength to the family to bear the passing.

Sr. Ruby Khan: May Rustom Uncle's Soul rest in eternal Peace. My sad condolences to Sr.Mahazaver and Sr. Freny aunty.

Sr. Revathi Hora: Hari Om, Shanthi- Om Shanthi.

Sr.Janki Buch : Om Shanthi

Dr. Smruti Hora: Sr. Mahazaver accept our sincere and Heartfelt condolences.

Sr. Freny Jabulee: Extremely shocked, Deepest condolences. A Divine Soul. May Masters guide him on his upward journey.

Dr. Shaunak Hora: Great Loss, please accept our heartfelt condolences.

Sr. Meherangiz Baria: Our deepest condolences to Sr. Mahazaver and family. May Peace and further progress be with Bro Rustom on Higher planes.

Sis. Thrity Dalal: Please accept our Heartfelt condolences. May his Soul go onwards into his journey.

Sis. Zenobia Khodaiji: May Rustom's Soul rest in eternal Peace. He was such a good Soul May the Divine give Mahazaver strength to overcome this irreparable loss .Divine ascension has begun now for Rustom Dalal.

Sis. Armaity Tirandaz: Chairperson of Mumbai Parsi Panchayat : My sincere condolences Mahazaver to you and the family. Garothman Behest to Rustom. May he find Peace and joy in the realm he has entered.

Sis. Zeena Rastomjee: Oh My God, we all have lost a stalwart, theologian man dedicated to service, generous to a fault, and a really wonderful human being. Dearest Mahazaver, we are all with you in the great loss. May Ahura Mazda Bless you during this trying time. Garothman Behest to our very dear Brother, Rustom Dalal. May his Rawan move speedily to the Light.

Sr Aban Master: We pray for Rustom Uncle's Noble Soul attain eternal Peace. Our Heartfelt condolences to Sr. Mahazaver and entire family, in this hour of grief and prayers to the almighty to give them strength. Garothman Behest.

Sr Shernaz: Garothman Behest. May his Soul progress further in higher realms. My Heartfelt condolences to you Mahazaver and family.

Br Apurva Parekh: My prayers to God Almighty to give eternal Peace to our Noble Soul and strength to family members to bear the tragic loss- RIP.

Sis. Arnavaz: Garothman Behest hojoji . Please accept our Heartfelt condolences.

Sr. Mahatab Tarapore: I knew him for a short period of time but found him to be a Noble soul. May his Soul rest in eternal Peace and may God give you the strength to bear the loss.

Sis. Bachu Vispi Bharucha and family: Rustom you live your name.

Reminds

Us of

Surety of service

Truly to

One and all

Many a times.

We pray, May your soul Rest In Peace in the Peaceful world.

Dear Freny, Mahazaver and family, may God give you all Strength to face HIS physical absence.

Bro. Beji Manjra: Heartfelt condolences to you. May God give you strength and courage to bear the loss.

Bro. Tejas: Very tough to accept. He was a superior practitioner of Theosophy. May he get the best place in heavenly plane.

Sr. Aban Master : Deeply saddened to know about the sad demise of our respected uncle.

Br Khosrow Pavri: May his Soul rest in Peace. Accept my condolences.

Sr. Shernaz: Garothman Behesht. May his Soul progress further in Higher realms.

Br Taral Munshi: He was a wonderful person and Loving and caring. A Divine Soul, May his Soul rest in Peace.

Sr. Deepa Kapur: Mahazaver Aunty, Extremely shocked. Saddened and sorry to hear of the passing away of Bro Rustom Uncle. He was a pillar of the Theosophical family and we used to watch you both in Divine partnership with great admiration. He was inspiration to all of us and led his life on Theosophical values. Deepest condolences on behalf of our mother and our family.

Dr. Previn Keki Surtie: Oh God... Respected Mahazaver Aunt, please accept our heartfelt condolences... May our respected Rustom Uncle's Soul progress.

Messages of condolence have also been received by the Gujarat Theosophical Federation , Bro Chandulala Pandya (Past President), Bro U.S.Pandey- National Lecturer, Bro CVK Maitreya from the Madras Theosophical Federation, Mrs. Manjua and Mr. S. Sundaram

from Indian Section , Varanasi. His colleagues at Ferguson, Chartered Accountants describe him as a “Gentle Gentleman who was a True Professional.

The Theosophical Movement in Mumbai is bereft of a “ Gentleman Theosophist of the Highest Order.”

Godspeed- Our Dear Bro Rustom.

Arni Narendran, Blavatsky Lodge, Mumbai





Swami Vivekananda:
There is no higher virtue
than charity.
He is the Highest Man
whose hand goes out in
giving.
The Hand was made to give
always.
You will be perfect.
You will be God.
BRO RUSTOM DALAL
was one example.



A Message from Brother
 Keki Palkhiwalla

Dear Freny & Mahazaver,
 Theosophists never die but
 are reborn into Eternity.
 The Great work that they
 did on earth will be carried
 forward in the next. Your
 dear Rustom has sailed the
 waters of Theosophy and
 reached the shore of The
 Great Ones. We wish him
 Au Revoir. My gratitude to
 him.

*Our loving thoughts of peace and strength are also with Sister
 Freny's husband Firoze J. Paghdiwala, Bro. Rustom's daughter*

*Shirin & Son-in-law Hasnoor Daruwalla and Grand-son
Rayomand.*