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LODGE TRICHUR

No. 180 G. L. I.

BY-LAWS

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BY-LAWS OF THE TRICHUR LODGE

I. Membership

The Members of the Lodge shall comprise three classes viz.

(a) Resident Members, (b) Non - Resident Members, (c) Honorary Members.

Explanation: 1 Resident members are those who reside within 70 miles from Trichur.

Explanation: 2. Non-Resident Members are those who reside beyond the *said limit* and apply to be brought on the Non-Resident list.

Explanation: 3. Honorary Members are those who are elected as such, for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular.

2. Resident Members leaving the afore mentioned limits shall be placed on the Non-Resident list from the month following that in which the application to be brought on that list is made.

II. Days of meetings

3. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemason's Hall, Central Hotel, Annexe, on

the 3rd Saturday of every month at such hour as the master may, from time to time, direct.

4. Summons for convening the Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.

III. Subscription & Fees.

5. The monthly subscription of a Resident Member shall be Rs 5 and that of a Non-Resident Member Rs. 2/50 payable on the 1st of every month, provided that for three years from the date of constitution of the Lodge, Non-Resident members shall pay the same subscription as Resident Members.

6. The following shall be fees payable in advance :—

Initiation	Rs. 200
Joining	" 50
Joining from a foreign constitution	..		75
Re-joining	" 50

7. The expense of any Emergency Meeting and dispensation fee, if any, due to the Regional Grand Lodge, shall be defrayed by the Brother or Brothers at whose instance the meeting is held or Dispensation obtained.

IV. Admission & Retirement of Members.

8. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated, and no Brother shall be admitted a joining member of the Lodge if on the ballot, one black ball appears against him.

9. A candidate rejected for initiation for joining shall not be again proposed in Lodge until after the lapse of 6 months from the date of the last ballot.

10. Any member whose subscription for a period of 6 months or more remains unpaid shall be liable to exclusion under the provisions of Rule 156 of the B. of C.

11. A member who has resigned or has ceased to be a member or has been excluded for non-payment of dues, shall be permitted to re-join only on payment of all former arrears together with the re-joining fee but shall be subjected to a fresh ballot.

V. Elections, Etc.,

12. The Master shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in March and shall be installed at the next Regular Meeting in April.

13. The Tyler shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in March.

14. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the Summons unless, in case of emergency, the Master direct otherwise.

15. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Master or until 3 months shall have elapsed after its last decision.

16. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided in Rule 119 of B. of C.

17. At the Regular Meeting in April the Lodge shall appoint a Standing Committee consisting of Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two other members.

18. At the Regular Meeting in April the Lodge shall appoint the Committee referred to in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions.

19. The duties of the standing Committee appointed by the Lodge shall be to enquire about and report on candidates for initiation and joining, to examine the Secretary's books and check the Treasurer's accounts to inspect and check all the property of the Lodge at least once a year and to submit at the Regular Meeting in June, before the Installation of the Master-elect, an Annual Report of the

Financial condition of and upon general questions affecting the Lodge during the period under review.

20. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be ex-officio to all committees appointed by the Lodge.

21. All letters from the members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

22. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for or notices of all Meetings of the Lodge or Committees, record minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of members and all other registers and records except the accounts kept by the Treasurer. He shall carefully preserve all books and records, and keep a register of all moneys passing through his hands. He shall, immediately they are due, prepare the Returns for the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges and forward them, through the Master together with all fees and contributions due thereon, to the authorities concerned.

23. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct all moneys due to or held for the Lodge and deposit the same in the

name of the Lodge at a bank approved by a resolution of the Lodge, and shall make payments for current ordinary expenses on the authority of the Master or other Officer-in-charge of the Lodge. No other payment shall be made without a resolution of the Lodge. He shall submit his accounts to the Regular Meetings of the Lodge.

24. A sum of Rs. 50 from the general funds of the Lodge, shall be annually placed at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress. In case the Master exercises this privilege he shall report the circumstances at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge; otherwise the sum shall, at the close of the year be carried to the Charity account.

25. All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge.

The Charity box shall be circulated at all the meetings of the Lodge.

26. The Stewards fund shall consist of Collections from members towards Dinner and refreshments and shall be maintained separately. No part of the general or charity funds of the Lodge shall be expended for this purpose.

27. It shall not be competent for the Brethern to abrogate, amend or alter those by-laws unless the resolution, amendment or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one Regular Meeting after insertion in the summons, and read and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting.

*Approved by the Lodge at the Consecration Meeting on
30th March 1967.*

(Sd)	J. H. Williams	W. M.
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Secretary.

