

# **LODGE VEERASWAMI**

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#### **Meetings**

1. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held on the First Friday of January, February, March, April, July, August, September, October, November and December at Freemasons' Hall, Madras-105.

2. The Master, Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, and the Tyler by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in December. The Master-elect shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in January.

#### **Membership**

3. "The Members of the Lodge shall comprise of three classes, namely, Resident, Non-resident, and Honorary.

- (i) Resident Members are those who ordinarily reside within the Corporation limits of the City of Madras.
- (ii) Non-resident Members are those who ordinarily reside beyond the Corporation limits of the City of Madras and placed on the list of Non-resident Members as provided for in sub pars (iii) below:
- (iii) Any Resident Member who ceases to reside within the limits of the City of Madras may be placed on the list of Non-resident Members on his applications to the Secretary with effect from the English calendar month following the month in which the application is received.
- (iv) Non-resident Members residing within the limits of the City of Madras for not less than three consecutive months shall be transferred to the list of Resident Members with effect from the month next after the month in which the three months' period is completed.

- (v) Honorary Members are those elected as such by the Lodge in accordance with Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions.

#### Fees

The following shall be the fees payable :

(i) Initiation	Rs. 200/- 50/-
(ii) Joining from G.L.I. Lodges	Rs. 50/- 100/-
(iii) Joining from other Constitutions	Rs. 75/- 150/-
(iv) Re-joining	Rs. 50/- 100/-

4. Every Resident Member shall pay a monthly subscription of Rs. 10/- and every Non-resident member shall pay a monthly subscription of Rs. 25/- and the subscriptions shall be paid in advance.

#### Initiation & Joining

- 5. All candidates for Initiation and Joining shall be interviewed by the Permanent Committee and balloted on the report of the

Permanent Committee. If two black balls appear against a candidate for Initiation or Joining or Re-joining, he shall be excluded.

#### **Permanent Committee**

6. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Immediate Past Master and two other members elected at the Installation meeting shall constitute the Permanent Committee.

The Committee shall make all arrangements for the meeting, consider all matters connected with the welfare of the Lodge, interview candidates and report to the Lodge.

Three members shall form quorum.

The Committee shall meet atleast once before each meeting.

#### **Audit Committee**

7. The Lodge shall annually at its Regular Meeting in December elect an Audit Committee

consisting of 2 members in accordance with Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions. The Committee shall audit the accounts for the year ending 31st December, the accounting year being 1st January to 31st December.

#### **Funds**

8. All the funds of the Lodge shall be deposited in the name of the Lodge in an authorised bank as resolved by the Lodge and shall be operated upon by the Treasurer. All expenses other than routine expenses shall be sanctioned by the Lodge.

The sums collected for Charity shall be kept in separate "Charity Account" and utilised for such charitable purposes as the Lodge may decide.

#### **Arrears of Subscription**

9. Any member who leaves his subscription in arrears for twelve months shall be liable for exclusion under Rule 124 of the Book of Constitutions.

**Alteration of Bye-Laws**

10. It shall not be competent for the Lodge to abrogate, amend, add to or alter these Bye-Laws, unless the same has been approved at one Regular Meeting and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge after due notice thereof in the Summonses for the said meetings, and approved by the R. W. Regional Grand Master and M. W. the Grand Master.

Approved in open Lodge on 9th November 1970.

(Sd.) Lt. Col. G. S. GILL,  
*Wor. Master.*

(Sd.) S. MOHAN,  
*Senior Warden.*

(Sd.) G. M. ALAGARSWAMY,  
*Junior Warden.*

(Sd.) S. NATARAJAN,  
*Secretary.*

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