



# **Madras Masters Lodge No. 103**

## **BYE LAWS**

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OF  
MADRAS MASTERS LODGE No. 103 GLI  
CHENNAI  
CONSECRATED ON 24.03.1923**

**NOTE:** Except where otherwise stated the word "lodge" in these bye-laws means under the Indian Constitution.

**PREAMBLE:** It is an honourable understanding that no candidate shall be proposed as a joining member unless he is an installed Master of a Lodge under the Indian Constitution or under any Constitution recognized by the GLI and a subscribing member of a Lodge under the Indian Constitution or recognized by it.

**MEETINGS**

1. The lodge shall hold FOUR regular meetings in a year. The FIRST and THIRD regular meeting shall be held on such day as may be convenient either before or after or on the same day as the respective meetings of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India and at the same place. The SECOND and FOURTH regular meetings shall be held on 1st June and 1st December in each year either at Freemasons Hall, Bangalore or Chennai or any other place in the Southern region.

## **EMERGENCY MEETINGS**

2. The holding of Emergency Meetings shall be regulated by the provision of Rule 115 of the Book of Constitutions of GLI.

## **ELECTION**

3. The election of the Master and Treasurer shall take place by ballot at the Regular Meeting in December. The Tyler shall be chosen at the same meeting and shall be a member of the lodge.

## **INSTALLATION**

4. The Master-Elect shall be installed at the first Regular Meeting in each calendar year.

## **BALLOT**

5. Joining or Rejoining will be done in accordance with the provision of Rule 140 of The Book of Constitution.

## **FEES**

6. Fee for joining or rejoining from a lodge under GLI or under any other recognized constitution is Rs. '500.

## **SUBSCRIPTION**

7. The annual subscription shall be 'Rs.650 payable in advance on 1st January of each year, plus amount payable per member to the GLI and RGL of SI annually. From the annual subscription of '650, a sum of '400 will be transferred towards the Journal account of the lodge to support the printing, publishing and other expenses.

relating to Madras Masters Journal.

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

7 (a) A member could become a life member of a lodge on payment of seven years lumpsum subscription, if he is a subscribing member for 20 years in one lodge or more other lodges and he has also attained the age of 55 years provided that with a multiple membership of lodges, he could become a life member in only one of the lodges of his choice.

8. Deleted.

### **PERMANENET COMMITTEE**

9. The Master, IPM, the Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the D of C along with FIVE members elected by the Lodge at the first regular meeting of each year, shall form the committee of management, shall make all arrangements for meetings, shall consider all matters connected with the welfare of the Lodge and all applications for membership. Three shall form a quorum. The committee shall meet at least once a quarter and its proceedings shall be read in open lodge.

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

10. The Audit committee consisting of THREE members of the lodge, shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting in each calendar year. The accounts shall be made upto 31st December of the year presented, duly audited, at the Regular Meeting next following.

## **EDITORIAL COMMITTEE**

10 (a) The Master, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Advisor, the Editor of the Madras Masters Journal and THREE other members of Madras Masters Lodge to be co-opted by the Editor at the first Regular Meeting each year shall form the Editorial Committee to publish and manage the Madras Masters Journal. The Master shall appoint the Editor of the journal and the Advisor at the first Regular Meeting of each year. The Secretary of the lodge shall be the publisher and Secretary of the committee. The Master shall be the Chairman of the Editorial Committee.

## **FUNDS**

11. (A). The disbursement of any sum exceeding Rs.50/- otherwise than for routine expenses requires the previous sanction of the Lodge. Notice of any resolution for sanctioning such payment shall appear in the summons.

(B). No part of the funds of the lodge shall be expended on refreshments.

C). All bank accounts of the lodge shall be operated by the Treasurer jointly with the Master or Immediate Past Master or Secretary of the lodge.

## **ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTION**

12. Any member whose subscription is unpaid for SIX months from the due date shall be liable to be excluded in accordance with the provisions of Rule 156 of Book of constitution. A member whose subscription is in arrears to this extent shall not be allowed to vote or to propose or second candidates and shall not be qualified for election or appointment of any office.

13. A Correspondence Circle shall be attached to the Lodge membership of which shall be open to all brethren including Master Masons who are in good standing with their respective lodges. Lodges, Chapters and other corporate Masonic bodies are also eligible for membership and such bodies shall participate in the activities of Masters Lodge through their presiding officers. The annual subscription shall be 'Rs.150 or 'Rs.1000 lifetime payment in advance. There is no entrance fee and admissions are made by written application to the Master.

The members of the Correspondence Circle shall be entitled to (a) to receive summons for every meeting of the lodge; (b) to receive free of cost a copy of the journal as and when published; (c) to attend the meetings of the Lodge, take part in discussions relating to any kind of

papers which may be read or any subject of general Masonic interest which may be introduced and (d) to read papers and introduce discussion on Masonic subjects. They will not however be entitled to vote, hold office, propose and second candidates for admission to the Masters Lodge and take part in the management of the lodge.

### **ALTERATION OF BYE-LAWS**

14. No alteration in, or addition to, these bye-laws shall be made except by motion carried at a Regular Meeting of the lodge after due notice given to the Secretary and inserted in the summons for the next meeting at which it is intended to be made and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting, and approved by the RW. Regional Grand Master and MW Grand Master.

**Approved in open Lodge on 1st December, 1972**

(sd.) C.A. Ramakrishnan, WM

(sd.) C. Doraiswami, SW

(sd.) T.K. Duraiswami, for JW

**Approved by the RW RGM on 5th December,  
1972**

(sd.) K. Veeraswami, Regional Grand Master

**Approved by MW Grand Master on 11th  
December, 1972**

(sd.) P.M. Sundaram, Grand Secretary

**Revised upto 31st December, 2014**

N. Suryanarayana Moorty  
W. Master

D. Sreenivasan  
Secretary

W.Bro.P.Sridharan  
SW

W.Bro. N.Ganesh  
JW