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Meetings

1. The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the fourth Thursday of every month.

The Election of the Master shall take place by ballot at the Regular Meeting in December. The Treasurer and Tyler shall also be elected at this Meeting. The Master elect shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in January.

Annual accounts shall be closed on 31st December.

(Approved by the Regional Grand Master on 31st March 1981 and by the Grand Master on 4th May 1981).

Membership

2. Chartered or Cost Accountants and other qualified Accountants are eligible to become members. The Lodge can however decide to admit eminent and distinguished brethren who do not belong to the profession of Accountants, at its discretion

All candidates for initiation shall be interviewed by the Permanent Committee and they will come up for balloting on the recommendation of the Permanent Committee. Two black balls shall exclude a candidate for joining or initiation.

The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Non-resident and Honorary members. Non-resident members will be those who reside beyond a radius of 10 miles from the Freemasons' Hall Madras.

Fees

3. The following shall be the fees payable:-

Fees for initiation	Rs. 200/-
Joining from the same constitution	Rs. 50/-
Joining from a different constitution	Rs. 75/-
Re-Joining	Rs. 25/-

The subscription per month will be Rs. 10/- for resident and Rs. 5/- for non-resident members - all subscriptions being payable in advance. Where an Emergent Meeting is held for the sole purpose of conferring a degree at the request and for the convenience of a candidate or candidates, the Lodge may require from such candidate or candidates a total sum not exceeding Rupees Forty towards the expenses of the meeting.

Permanent Committee

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

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

Three members shall form a quorum.

The Committee shall meet atleast once before each meeting.

Auditor

5. The Auditor shall be elected at the Installation Meeting in January. He shall audit the accounts for the year ending 31st December.

(Approved by the Regional Grand Master on 5th August 1975 and by the Grand Master on 25th October 1975).

Funds

6. All the funds of the Lodge shall be deposited in an authorised Bank as resolved by the Lodge and shall be operated upon by the Worshipful Master and Treasurer jointly. All expenses other than routine expenses shall be sanctioned by the Lodge.

The sums collected for Charity shall be kept separate from the other Lodge funds, and appropriated to such charitable purposes as the brethren in open Lodge may direct.

A sum of Rs. 50/- from the Charity Fund of the Lodge shall be held at the discretion of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress. In case the Master shall think fit

to take advantage of this Bye-Law, he shall expend such amount on cases of distress and report the circumstances in detail at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge.

Arrears of Subscription

7. Any member leaving his subscription in arrears for over two quarters shall be liable for exclusion under Rule 156 of the Book of Constitution. Such members shall not also vote, take part in any ballot or be qualified for election or appointment to any Office.

Alteration of Bye-Laws

8. No alteration in, or addition to, these Bye-Laws shall be made except on motion carried at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge after due notice given to the Secretary and inserted in the Summons for the meeting at which it is intended to be made, and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting and approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master and the M. W. Grand Master.

All matters not especially provided for in these Bye-laws shall be decided according to the General Constitutional Laws of Craft Masonry.

Approved in open Lodge on 17th December, 1969.

(Sd.) P. Brahmayya

Wor. Master.

(Sd.) N.C. Krishnan (Sd.) Sp.St. Palaniappan
Senior Warden. Junior Warden.

(Sd.) C. N. Ramachandran

Secretary.

Approved by the Regional Grand Master of
Southern India.

Madras (Sd.) C. A. Ramakrishnan
February 26, 1970 Regional Grand Master.

Approved by the M. W. the Grand Master.

New Delhi (Sd.) P. M. Sundaram
March 9, 1970 Grand Secretary.