

I MEMBERS

1. 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 the Municipal limits of Vizianagaram.

Explanation 2 : Non-Resident Members are those who reside beyond the said limits 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 this Lodge in particular.

2. Resident Members leaving Vizianagaram 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 Viziamam IV Memorial Masonic Temple, Vizianagaram on the last Tuesday 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 atleast Seven days prior to such meetings.

III SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

5. The Subscription of a Resident Member shall be Rs.15/- per mensem or Rs. 150/- payable before 30th November and that of a Non-Resident Member Rs. 5/- per mensem payable on 1st of every month or Rs. 50/- per annum payable in

advance before 30th November.

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

Initiation	-	Rs. 250/-
Joining	-	Rs. 50/-
Joining from a		
Foreign Constitution	-	Rs. 75/-
Re-Joining	-	Rs. 50/-

7. The expenses of any Emergency Meeting and Dispensation Fee if any due to the Regional Grand Lodge shall be defrayed by the brother or brethren at whose instance the meeting is held and dispensation obtained.

IV ADMISSION AND 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, three black balls appear against him.

9. A candidate rejected for Initiation of joining shall not be again proposed in Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of 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 Rules 156 of the B. of C.

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

V ELECTIONS, ETC.,

12. The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in October and shall be installed at the next Regular Meeting in November.

13. The Tyler if not a serving Brother, shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in October.

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 directs otherwise.

15. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Master until 6 months shall have elapsed after its last decision.

16. No member shall be allowed to speak twice on a motion except original proposer by way of reply.

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

18. At the Regular meeting in November, the Lodge shall appoint a Standing Committee

consisting of the Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two members who are not office bearers. The quorum for the Standing Committee is 4.

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 November 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 Secretary to all committees appointed by the Lodge.

21. All letters from 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 registers 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. A sum of Rs. 25/- shall be always kept as permanent advance with the Secretary for contingent expenditure.

23. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive, direct moneys due to or hold 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. All cheques for payment shall be signed by Master & Treasurer. He shall submit his accounts to the Regular Meetings of the Lodge.

24. A sum of Rs. 25/- from the Charity Fund 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, which shall be kept under a separate Bank account. All Charity box collections and 3% of the monthly subscriptions shall be credited to Charity A/c.

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

26. Building Fund - A separate account shall be maintained in an approved bank. All monies received by way of rents on buildings and other properties of the Lodge shall be credited to this account. In addition 5% of the subscriptions collected shall be credited to this account every quarter.

27. It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these Bye-Laws unless the abrogation, 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. It shall not become effective until approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master.

Passed on 29th May, 1965.

Confirmed on 31st July 1965.

1. (Sd.) Jiwatram Mirpuri, Wor. Master
2. (Sd.) U. Krishna Mohan, Senior Warden
3. (Sd.) V. Satyanarayana, Junior Warden
4. (Sd.) U. Raghuram, Secretary

Approved by the Right Worshipful
Regional Grand Master on
9th September 1965

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Approved by the Most Worshipful
Grand Master on
22nd September 1965
(Sd.) P. M. Sundaram, Secretary

Revised Byelaws

compiled as per
Standing Committee Meeting
held on 31st January 2012.

authorisation given to
Committee Members

W.Bro. B.S. Kali Rao

W.Bro. K. Ravi

W.Bro. A. Srinivas

Wor. Master

V.W.Bro. A.R. Narasinga Rao

Secretary

III SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

5. The Subscription of a Resident Member shall be Rs.150/- per mensem or Rs. 1500/- payable before 31st January and that of a Non-Resident Member Rs. 120/- per mensem or Rs. 1200/- per annum payable in advance before 31st January.

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

Initiation	-	Rs. 500/-
Joining	-	Rs. 250/-
Re-Joining	-	Rs. 250/-

IV ADMISSION AND RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

8. No candidate for freemasonry shall be initiated, and no Brother shall be admitted a Joining Member of the Lodge, in the ballot,

if 1/3rd of the brethren present for the ballot reject the same with black balls. All the brethren present should exercise the Ballot.

V ELECTIONS

18. At the Regular meeting in November, the Lodge shall appoint two members who are not office bearers. All the Past Masters, Wardens, the Secretary and Treasurer shall be members of Standing Committee. The quorum for the standing committee is 7.

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 registers 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 money 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. A sum of Rs. 1,000/- shall be always kept as permanent advance with the Secretary for contingent expenditure.

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23 (A). Bank Accounts - The Lodge shall

place all its monies in scheduled Nationalised Banks. The Lodge shall maintain separate Bank Accounts for different heads of collection and expenditure i.e. Building Fund A/c., Stewards Fund A/c. Charity / Benevolent Fund A/c., Education Fund A/c. etc., The Bank accounts shall be jointly operated by Treasurer and W.Master.

23 (B). Stewards Fund A/c. - A sum of 2% of the Subscription shall be created to this account and the refreshment expenses on the day of meetings shall be met from this account.

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