



BYE-LAWS

LODGE "THIRUNAL"

No. 179

BANGALORE

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1. Name of the Lodge shall be LODGE 'THIRUNAL' No. 179

The Meetings of the Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, No. 1, Primrose Road, Bangalore-25.

MEMBERS

2. There shall be two classes of Members, namely subscribing and Honorary Members.

(a) **Members :** All Members, other than Honorary Members, are subscribing members. They pay the same subscription, vide by-law 10 (a)

(b) **Honorary Members :** Any brother of good standing and worthy of such distinction by reason of his services to the

craft or to the particular Lodge who is or with-in the previous year has been a subscribing member of a regular daughter Lodge elected as such in accordance with Rule 142 of B. of C.

MEETINGS

3. (a) The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the third Saturday of every month at such hour as the Worshipful Master may fix.
- (b) (i) The Master of the Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot at the Regular meeting in June (vide Rule 87 of B. of C.)
- (ii) The Treasurer shall be elected annually at the Regular Election Meeting in June.
- (iii) The Tyler shall be elected annually at the Regular Election Meeting in June (vide Rule 93 of the B. of C.). The Tyler, if a serving brother, shall be chosen at the Regular Meeting in June.

- (c) The Installation of the Master shall take place at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in July, succeeding the Election Meeting in June.

OFFICERS

4. (a) The Regular Officers of the Lodge shall be the Master. The Immediate Past Master. Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Inner Guard, Tyler (vide Rule 86 of B. of C.).
- (b) The Master may appoint as additional officers a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of ceremonies, an Almoner, Bearers of Volume of Sacred Laws, a Sword Bearer, an Organist, and Stewards and no others (Vide Rule 86 of B of C).
- (c) The master may appoint a Brother who is holding a Regular Office to one additional office also (vide Rule 86 of B of C).

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

5. (a) The Permanent Committee shall consist of, Wor. Master (who will be Ex. Officio President, all Past Masters in and of the Lodge, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary and two Members to be appointed by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting (The Tyler will be in attendance).
- (b) (i) The Permanent Committee shall meet at No. 1, Primrose Road, Bangalore-25, at 6 p.m. on the Third Saturday on any day and time the Worshipful Master may order.
- (ii) The quorum for the Permanent Committee shall be four.
- (c) The Permanent Committee shall check the Treasurer's Accounts, inspect and report on the Lodge property, consider

and report on the proposals for membership of the Lodge and to transact any other business brought forward ;
(Vide Rule 129 of B of C).

SECRETARY

6. The Secretary shall conduct the General Correspondence, Record the Minutes, Issue Summons and make due returns to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge. He shall also be the Ex-Officio Secretary of the Permanent Committee. The Secretary shall be exempt from paying the Lodge Subscription. (Vide Rule 86 of B of C).

TREASURER

7. (a) The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit them in either or both of the Banks, namely, the State Bank of Mysore, Bangalore and the State Bank of India, Bangalore.
- (b) The Lodge by resolution may also invest its funds in Government and other

recognised securities. The Lodge by resolution, may sell or borrow against such securities.

- (c) All financial transactions of Lodge shall be carried out by the Treasurer, Worshipful Master and the Secretary, The Treasurer and any one of the other two officers, namely, the Wor. Master and the Secretary shall sign at a time.

TYLER

8. (a) The Tyler shall be exempt from Lodge Subscription. (Vide Rule 86 of B of C.)
- (b) When the Tyler is a serving brother he shall be paid an honorarium of Rs. 7-50 per meeting.

FEES

9. (a) Fee for Initiation, Passing and Raising, Payable with Application ... Rs. 300 00

- (b) (i) Fees for Joining from another constitution, payable with application Rs. 100 00
- (ii) Fees for joining from Indian constitution, payable with application Rs. 75 00
- (c) Fees for Re-joining, payable with application Rs. 50 00

SUBSCRIPTION

10. (a) Members Rs. 10 00 per month

BENEVOLENT FUND

- (b) The Lodge shall take a collection for the Benevolent Fund at every Meeting.
- (c) The Benevolent Fund shall be utilised to make contributions to Masonic Charities and to aid a distressed brother or the dependents of a deceased brother. The merits of each case shall be investigated by the Permanent Committee.

- (b) In circumstances of emergency, the Worshipful Master may accord relief upto Rs. 25/- and the matter when reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting, the Worshipful Master shall be reimbursed from the Lodge Benevolent Fund.
- (c) If any member allows his subscription to remain in arrears for four months, he shall be deprived while so in default, of the rights of voting, of proposing or seconding candidates, of being appointed or elected to offices in the Lodge and of proposing, seconding and speaking on propositions before the Lodge. Such defaulting members shall be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of Book of Constitutions.

BALLOT

11. (a) All candidates for Initiation, Joining or Rejoining must be proposed at a Regular Meeting according to Rule 134 and 137 of the B of C.

- (b) No person shall be made a Mason or accepted as Member of the Lodge if on ballot two Black Balls appears against him.
- (c) A collective ballot for two or more candidates for initiation or joining may be taken with approval of the Lodge. Should there however be even one Black Ball, each candidate should be ballotted for individually. A collective ballot for an Initiate and a Joining Member is irregular.
- (d) **Honorary Member—Election—
Rule of 142 B of C.**

The motion for election of an honorary member shall be voted on by ballot and declared carried unless 3 or more black balls appear against it.

- (e) No rejected candidate can be proposed again until a period of six months has elapsed from the date of the Ballot. (Vide Rule 139 of the B of C.)

Adopted at the consecration and Installation
Meeting held on 1st April 1967.

M.N. MAHADEVAN,	Worshipful Master
MARTHANDA VARMA,	Senior Warden.
E.N. SITARAMAN,	Junior Warden.
B. S. RAJA RAO,	Treasurer.
B. KRISHNASWAMY RAO,	Secretary.

Approved by the Rt. Wor. Regional Grand
Master, Regional Grand Lodge of Southern
India. Madras, S.T. SRINIVASAGOPALACHARI,
11th May, 1967. Regional Grand Master.

Approved by the M.W. The grand Master
New Delhi P.M. SUNDARAM
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Amendments approved and confirmed at
the regular meeting of the Lodge on 20th Sept.
1969 and 15th November, 1969 respectively.

(Sd.) M. Ramu, Worshipful Master.
(Sd.) Sadanand D. Ubhayakar, Senior Warden
(Sd.) R Krishna Pillai, Junior Warden.
(Sd.) B.S. Raja Rao, Treasurer.
(Sd.) B. Krishnaswamy Rao, Secretary.

Approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master
of Southern India.

(Sd.) C.A. Ramakrishnan
Regional Grand Master.
Madras,
20th January, 1970.

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master
(Sd.) P.M. Sundaram
Grand Secretary
New Delhi,
24th January 1970.

Amendments approved and confirmed at the regular Meeting of the Lodge held on 14th August 1981 & 19th Sept 1981 respectively.

(Sd.) K.S. Sekhar Worshipful Master

(Sd.) B.A. Anantharam Senior Warden

(Sd.) N.K. Viswanathan Junior Warden

(Sd.) T. Abraham Treasurer

(Sd.) E.N. Sitaraman Secretary

Approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master of Southern India.

Madurai (Sd.) A.S. RAJA SABAI
21.10.1981

Approved by the M.N. Grand Master

New Delhi
13.11.1981

Sd. H.J. Rushi
Grand Secretary