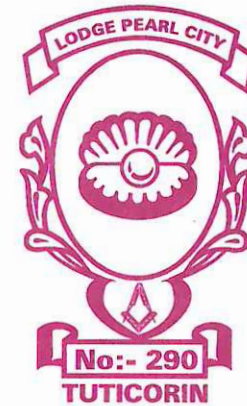




LODGE PEARL CITY

NO. 290

TUTICORIN



BY- LAWS



**THE
BY- LAWS
OF
LODGE PEARL CITY
NO. 290**

Warrant
Dated 30th October 1992

Consecrated
On 13th November 1992

PRESENTED TO

Bro.....

on the..... day of..... 20

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Secretary

.....
W.Master

P R E A M B L E

Whereas under the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India every daughter Lodge has the power of framing and revising By- Laws for its own Government, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the landmarks and Constitutions of the order, the following By-Laws adopted unanimously at the Consecration meeting held on 13-11-92 and approved by the R. W. Regional Grand Master and by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, shall be binding on all members of Lodge Pearl City No. 290 under the jurisdiction of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India.

O. S. Kashivysvanathan
Secretary

THE BY- LAWS OF LODGE PEARL CITY NO. 290 TUTICORIN.

Without due order and decorum, harmony cannot be preserved nor, the business of masonry properly conducted, therefore, at the stroke of Master's Gavel profound silence shall be observed.

1. This Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons styled Lodge Pearl City No. 290 in the register of the Grand Lodge of India shall hold its meetings at the Freemasons' Hall, Meelavittan Road, V.M.S. Nagar, Thoothukudi.

OFFICERS

2. The regular officers of the Lodge shall be the Master, the immediate Past Master, Two Wardens, a Treasurer, a Secretary, Two Deacons, an Inner Guard and a Tyler. The Master may also appoint as additional officers a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Almoner, Bearers of the Volumes of Sacred Law, a Sword Bearer, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary, a Steward or Stewards but no others.

MEMBERS

3. This Lodge shall consist of resident, non resident and honorary members.
4. (a) Resident Members shall be those who normally reside within the revenue district of Thoothukudi
(b) Non-Resident members shall be those who normally reside outside the revenue district of Thoothukudi
(c) Every member shall be considered resident until he intimates his desire verbally in open Lodge or in writing to the Secretary to be placed on non-resident list.
(d) Honorary members are those who are elected as such by the Lodge in accordance with Rule 142 of the Book of Constitution.

ELECTION OF MASTER, TREASURER AND TYLER

5. The Master and the Treasurer shall be annually elected by ballot at the regular meeting of the Lodge in December and the Master elect installed at the regular meeting in January.

The Tyler shall also be annually elected by show of hands at the regular meeting in December.

ANNUAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

6. At the Installation meeting in December of each year the Lodge shall appoint the Audit Committee, consisting of two members, not being any of the regular officers. The Treasurer and Secretary shall attend the meetings of the Audit Committee.

The duties of the Committee shall be :

- (a) To examine the Secretary's and Steward's books and audit the accounts of the Treasurer.
- (b) To take stock of the Lodge property annually prior to the installation meeting and submit a report on the condition thereof to the Lodge.

The presiding officer of the Committee shall have power to call for any book, account, document or other record belonging to or connected with the Lodge which may be in the possession of any Officer or Member and which may throw light on the matter under investigation or report.

- (c) To submit the annual report on the general condition and working of the Lodge during the previous year at the installation Meeting.

The annual report and the annual Financial Statement which after being read at the installation meeting, shall be entered in the minutes book and printed and distributed for the information of the brethren.

Any suggestion made in the annual report shall be put to the Lodge in the shape of a proposition duly seconded, approved by the Brethren and confirmed before carried into effect.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE :

7. A Permanent Committee consisting of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, Treasurer and the Secretary of the Lodge for the time being and two members elected by the Lodge at the installation meeting shall conduct all business of the Lodge, superintend the finances and the properties of the Lodge and consider any subject relating to its interest. It shall meet at least once a month when summoned by the Master. Five to form a quorum, and the result of its proceedings shall be reported at the regular meeting of the Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE :

8. The Lodge may be resolution or the Master may also at his discretion nominate for the consideration of special subjects other committees consisting of not less than three members, a Past Master being included, three to form quorum. The Master, ex-Officio, shall belong to and be entitled to preside over every committee of the Lodge.

THE ADMISSION COMMITTEE :

9. A committee consisting of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, Secretary and two members elected by the Lodge at the annual installation meeting shall sit and enquire into the eligibility of every candidate proposed for admission and the Master shall report in open Lodge the decision of the committee before the ballot is taken.

MEMBERS TO MASONIC TRUST :

10. Five members to be elected to the Pearl City Masonic Trust every year in December regular meeting. Worshipful Master and Secretary, are Ex-officio members. Total seven members. The members so elected will hold office for the year elected. They are also eligible for re-election.

MEETING :

11. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemasons' Hall, Meelavittan Road, V.M.S. Nagar, Tuticorin, on the Last Saturday of every month at such hour as the Master or other Officer in charge may appoint and notify in the summons and every member shall be regular and punctual in his attendance.
12. a. Emergency meetings may be held in accordance with Rule 116 of Book of Constitution. Every brother shall be equally bound to attend emergency meetings as regular Lodge meetings.
- b. All expenses of emergency meetings shall be borne by the member or members at whose instance the meetings are convened, but when they are called for Lodge purposes they shall be defrayed from the Lodge funds.

PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS :

13. Any number of amendments duly proposed and seconded may be made to any propositions, in which case, the amendments shall be put to vote; if any amendment is carried, the proposition as amended shall be put to the Lodge.

ATTENDANCE REGISTER :

14. a. Every brother shall previously to entering the Lodge subscribe his name in the attendance register placed in the anteroom.
- b. Every visitor shall also add the name and number of his Lodge as well as his office in it, if he holds any.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND FEES

14. a. Every member shall pay the dues to the lodge as per the following structure

SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES:

15. (a) Subscription for each year

i.. Lodge Subscription	Rs. 875.00
ii. GL Dues	Rs. 200.00
iii. RGL Dues	Rs. 300.00
iv. Steward Fund	Rs. 25.00
v. Past Master Due	Rs. 50.00
vi. Initiation Fee	Rs. 2000.00
vii. Joining Fee	Rs. 2000.00
viii. Re-joining Fee	Rs. 1000.00
ix. Development Fund	Rs. 3000.00

Note : For Founder member the subscription will become due only from the First of January 1993. For members joining during 1992 full years subscription will be collected and the next due will be from January 1994.

The development fund fees is a one time payment and will be collected only from candidates for initiation and joining at the time of their admission. This will not be collected from the Founder Members.

(b) A sum of Rs. 250/- will be collected from all members as deposit. Non-resident members who are officers of the Lodge shall pay the subscription as of resident members.

16. All subscription shall be payable annually in advance and the official year shall be from 1st January of every English year. The amount collected from each member as deposit only shall be refunded to him on his resignation after adjusting the dues if any. This

deposit shall carry no interest and it does not preclude any member from automatic cessation under Rule 23 (a)

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP :

17. a. No ballot for joining or re-joining shall take place and no degree shall be conferred unless in each case the prescribed fee shall have been previously paid.
- b. The candidate for initiation shall on or before the day of initiation, pay the prescribed fees and the annual subscription.
- c. The proposal form duly filled in by the candidate for initiation or joining or re-joining with all other consequential documents, if any, shall be deposited with the Secretary (prior to) the meeting at which the candidate is to be proposed,
18. No candidate for Free Masonry shall be initiated if on the ballot two or more black balls appear against him.
19. No brother shall be admitted as joining or re-joining member of the Lodge if on the ballot three or more black balls appear against him.
20. In the event of rejection in either case the fees previously paid shall be returned.
21. Brethren or candidate once rejected by the Lodge at the ballot are not eligible to come up again for proposal until twelve months shall have expired from the time when the ballot was taken.
22. If a candidate for initiation is not initiated within twelve English months after the date of the ballot at which he was elected his election shall be void and the fees previously paid shall be returned.
23. Brethren wishing to resign from the Lodge should do so verbally in Open Lodge or should state their intention in writing to the Secretary who will lay the letter before the next regular meeting of the Lodge, and they shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in rule 150 (a) and (b) of the Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which they left the Lodge.

ARREARS OF DUES

24. a. If the subscription of a member remain unpaid for one full year, at the expiration of the period he shall be excluded from membership under Rule 156 of Book of Constitutions which fact shall be reported to the Lodge at the next regular meeting and recorded on the minutes.

- b. Brethren whose subscriptions remain unpaid, for three months from the beginning of the official year, while so in default, shall neither be eligible to vote on any matter raised in the Lodge, nor to propose nor second any candidate for admission nor to be elected nor appointed to any Office.
25. No brother who has resigned or has been excluded for non-payment of dues, shall be permitted to rejoin unless he shall have paid up all dues and unless he is again proposed and seconded and balloted in the usual manner.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECRETARY

- 26. a. The Secretary after obtaining the approval of the Master shall issue summons for all meetings setting forth all the business to be entered upon at each. The amount of dues, if any, for each brother shall be entered on his summons.
- b. In the case of regular meetings the summons shall be issued at least seven days before the day of the meeting and in cases of emergency meetings as early as possible.
- c. He shall attend and take minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge meetings and those of its committees read at every regular meeting; (i) the summons convening the meeting and the agenda of work entered therein and (ii) the minutes of the proceeding of the regular meeting and intermediate emergency meetings, if any, for confirmation.
- d. He shall receive all communications and lay them before the Master for speedy disposal; he shall take particular care of the records of the Lodge and observe that the several documents issued by him are in due and proper form.
- e. He shall keep the register of members which shall give full particulars concerning all the members of the Lodge and the minutes book according to the forms laid down in the Book of Constitutions.
- f. He shall submit all returns due to the Grand Lodge of India and the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India under the Signature of the Master and the responsible for all remittances which should accompany them.

- g. He shall be given a permanent advance of Rs. 200/- to meet the necessary and contingent expenses and shall recoup the amount so spent from the Treasurer through vouchers sanctioned by the Master.

TREASURER :

- 27. a. The Treasurer shall be in charge of the general funds of the Lodge and the charity funds. He shall receive all fees, yearly subscriptions, charity collection and other dues on account of the Lodge. He shall without undue delay deposit the same in an account in the name of the Lodge at a bank or banks approved by the resolution of the Lodge. The Lodge funds so deposited with a bank or banks will be subject to withdrawals against the signature of the Treasurer and the W.M. or Secretary.
- b. He shall not make any disbursements except under the signature of the Master or the Officer in charge of the Lodge or as have been sanctioned by the Lodge. All payments shall be made by cheques signed by the Treasurer and the W.M. or Secretary.
- c. He shall at every regular meeting produce his books and accounts closed up to the end of the month preceding the meeting which accounts shall be read out in open Lodge, passed by the members present and the balance recorded in the proceedings of the meeting.
- d. He shall prepare a statement of accounts annually for the year ending 31st December prior to the installation meeting showing the exact financial position of the Lodge which statement shall be verified and audited by the Audit Committee appointed by the Lodge under, By-Law 6 at the regular meeting of the Lodge in December after which it shall be submitted to the members for their consideration at the installation meeting of the Lodge in January.
- e. The audited and passed accounts of each year shall be transferred to the Treasurer for the ensuing year in open Lodge. The signature of the auditors to the Balance Sheet shall be considered a sufficient release to the retiring Treasurer.
- f. To enable By-Law No. 23 (b) to be enforced, the Treasurer shall report at each meeting the names of members who are in arrears for over three months.

TYLER :

28. a. The Tyler must be punctual in his attendance he must not be absent save through illness intimation thereof being in time to the Secretary with a view to provide a substitute for him.
- b. The Tyler shall see that every brother whether he be a member or visitor is properly clothed and sign his name in the attendance register previous to his admission to the Lodge.
- c. The Tyler is responsible for seeing that the Lodge is always ready at the time fixed for the meeting.
- d. The Tyler, if he happens to be a serving brother shall be paid a fee of Rs.10/- for every meeting he tyles and when he is absent his duties shall be performed by any member of the Lodge requested by the Master to undertake them for the meeting. In the latter case the Tyler's fee shall be credited to the charity fund of the Lodge.

STEWARDS :

29. The Stewards, if appointed, shall have charge of all Lodge furniture and Regalia and shall see that the Tyler keeps them in good order and provides everything requisite in the Lodge. They shall see that the Lodge is always properly prepared for meetings and shall make the necessary arrangements about refreshments, banquet etc.

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS :

30. Except for necessary current expenses no disbursements of the Lodge funds shall be made without the consent of the members previously obtained in open Lodge. It shall however be competent for the Master or Officer in charge of the Lodge to disburse an amount upto Rupees Five hundred during any one month on Lodge purposes in anticipation of sanction, of the members of the Lodge, details of which shall be laid before the Lodge at the next regular meeting for ratification.

RELIEF :

31. a. All application for relief shall be made to the Lodge in writing setting forth the name, place of residence and present circumstances of the petitioner.
- b. Emergent cases of distress may be relieved by the Master to the extent of Rupees One hundred without previous sanction, but the matter must be laid before the Lodge at the next

regular meeting for approval.

ALMS (CHARITY FUNDS) :

32. a. Immediately before the closing of the Lodge, regular or emergency, the charity box shall be taken round as directed by the Master in which the Brethren may deposit their free will offerings.
- b. The amount thus collected shall be kept separate from the Lodge funds and appropriated to such charitable purposes as the Brethren in Open Lodge may direct.
33. No motion shall be put to vote at any meeting of the Lodge of which due notice has not been given at the previous meeting or by a communication sent to the Secretary or Master not less than fifteen days before the meeting at which it is to be proposed. Such notice shall be circulated with the summons convening the meeting. Provided motions of a purely formal character or regarding procedure e.g. for the adjournment of a discussion may, with the consent of the meeting, be voted on without notice.

NOTICE AND SUMMONS

34. a. Notices and summons which shall be requisite to be sent to any member, shall be deemed sufficiently served, if sent through ordinary post to the last known address of a member. Every notice of exclusion or intended exclusion shall be sent through registered post with acknowledgment due.
- b. All changes of addresses shall be invariably notified to the Secretary in writing by members immediately they occur.

MISCELLANEOUS :

35. Members introducing visitors shall see that the visiting Brethren introduced by them sign the attendance register.
36. Every member of the Lodge, initiated in or joining the lodge shall be presented with a copy of the By-Laws free of cost. The By-Laws shall be read in the open Lodge once every year and at such other time as the Master may think it proper.
37. These By-Laws cannot be abrogated, amended or added, to except by a proposition duly made and seconded at one regular meeting and brought on to the summons of the next regular meeting at which such modification shall not be approved unless confirmed by two third of the members present and voting and no alteration or amendment can

take effect until formally approved by the R.W. The Regional Grand Master and the M.W. The Grand Master.

38. In all matters for which there is no specific provision in the foregoing By-laws, the Laws and Regulations of Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India and the By-laws of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India in force from time to time shall be binding on all concerned.

The above By Laws have been adopted at the consecration meeting held on 13th November 1992

(sd.) Dr. S. Shanmugam
Senior Warden

(sd.) Dr. S. Subramanian
Junior Warden

(sd.) Er. S. Kesavan
Worshipful Master

(sd.) Er. S. Kashiviyswanathan
Secretary

Approved by Deputy Regional Grand Master In-charge.

Place : Salem

Date : 7-12-1992

(sd.) P.V. Purushothaman
Deputy Regional Grand Master Incharge

Approved by M.W. The Grand Master.

Place : New Delhi

Date : 3-3-1993

(sd.) N.L. Duggal
Grand Secretary

FOUNDER MEMBERS

Reg No.	Name	Lodge	Ranks
1	P. V. Jambukesn	PM/46	P.G.D.ofC.,P.Dy.R.G.M
2	O.S. Kashivysvanathan	PM/46	P.R.G.Sup. of Wks.
3	D. Rajasekharan Kamak	PM/212	P. Pres.R G Std.
4	Dr. A.P.M. Abdul Kadir	PM/254	P.Pres.R G. Std.
5	P. Velayutham	PM/46	P.V.Pres.R.G.Std.
6	S. C. Subramanian	PM/46	P.A.R G St. Br.
7	S. Kesavan	PM/212	P.R G.Mars.
8	V. N. Jayaprakasam	PM/46	Wm/289
9	Dr.G. Raghuvaran	PM/254	P.R G.Tyl.
10	D. Brmanandam	MM/49	
11	A. Mariappasamy	PW/46	
12	DR. S. Sanmugam	PW/46	
13	M. S. Sundaravel	MM/212	
14	Fathu Rabbani	MM/46	
15	C. Jawahar	MM/49	
16	A. Vijayakumar	MM/46	
17	B. Govinda Pillai	MM/254	
18	Sankar N. Kamak	MM/249	
19	K. Vee Rajenthiran	MM/46	
20	Prof M. Natarajan	MM/49	
21	Dr. Arumairaj Devadas	MM/254	
22	D. T. Ramachandran	MM/254	
23	Dr. V. P. Rajagopal	MM/46	
24	Dr. S. Suabramaniam	MM/46	
25	C. Gunasingh	MM/46	
26	B. Venugopal Pillai	MM/254	
27	T. Prabakaran	MM/46	
28	V. Bhaskaran	MM/46	
29	K. Viswanathan	MM/46	
30	E. Ramkumar	MM//46	
31	M.D.R Thirumalaiappan	MM/46	

FIRST SET OF OFFICERS

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| 1. | W.Bro. S. Kesavan | : | W.M. |
| 2. | W.Bro. P.V. Jambukesan | : | I.P.M. |
| 3. | Bro. Dr. S. Shanmugam | : | S.W. |
| 4. | Bro. Dr. S. Subramanian | : | J.W. |
| 5. | Bro. A. Mariappasamy | : | Chap. |
| 6. | Bro. A. Vijayakumar | : | Tr. |
| 7. | W.Bro. O.S. Kahivysvanathan | : | Sec. |
| 8. | W.Bro. D. Rajasekharan Kamak | : | D of C |
| 9. | Bro. T. Prabakaran | : | S.D. |
| 10. | Bro. B. Venugopal | : | J.D. |
| 11. | W.Bro. A.P.M. Abdul Khadir | : | Br. V.S.L. |
| 12. | Bro. C. Gunasingh | : | Swd. Br. |
| 13. | W.Bro. Dr. G. Raguvaram | : | A D. of C |
| 14. | Bro. C. Jawahar | : | Almoner |
| 15. | W.Bro. S.C. Subramanian | : | Asst. Secy |
| 16. | Bro. Dr. V.P. Rajagopal | : | I. G. |
| 17. | Bro. K. Viswanathan | : | Std. |
| 18. | Bro. E. Ramkumar | : | Std. |
| 19. | Bro. M.D.R. Thirumalaiappan | : | Std. |
| 20. | Bro. D. Bremanandam | : | Tyler |

WARRANT
GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

To All And Every Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful
Worshipful and Loving Brethren
We

Gautham Ramanlal Divan
Recipients of the Order of Service to Masonry
Grand Master
of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity
of Free and Accepted Masons of India.

Send Greetings Know he that we by the authority and under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of India vested in us for that purpose and at the humble petition of our right trusty and well beloved Brethren

S. Kesavan, Dr.S. Shanmugam, Dr.S. Subramanian, P.V. Jambukesan, S. Kasiviswanathan, A. Mariappasamy, K. Viswanathan, M. Natarajan, S. C. Subramaniam, A.P.M. Abdul Kadir, G. Raghuvaran, B. Govinda Pillai, V. N. Jaya Prakasam, J. Prabhakaran, C. Gunasingh, V. Bhaskaran, Fathu Rabbani, P. Velayutham, D. Rajasekaran Kamak, V.V.D. Bremanandam, B. Venugopal, M. shunmuga Sundaravel, M.D.R. Thirumalaiappan, V.P. Rajagopal, E. Ramkumar, Dr. Arumaraj Devadoss, Capt D.T. Ramachandran, S.N. Kamak, K.V. Rajendran, C. Jawhar and A. Vijayakumar and others do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or Denomination of

The Pearl City Lodge No.290

The said Lodge to meet at Free Masons' hall, Meelavittan Road, VMS Nagar, Tuticorin on the Last Saturday empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated to make pass and raise Freemasons according to the Ancient Custom of the craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world and further at their Petition and of the Great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named Brethren we do appoint the said **S. Kesavan** to be the First Master, the said **Dr.S. Shunmugam** to be the first Senior Warden and the said **Dr.S. Subramaniam** to be the First Junior Warden for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected

and installed, strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in Antient Form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and Powers of his office. And we do require you the said **S. Kesavan** to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that you and they and all other the members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the laws, Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being and we do enjoin you to make such By Laws for the Government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations and also an account of the Proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors Grand Masters or to our Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a list of the members of your Lodge and the names who shall have joined the same with the fees and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this our **Warrant of Constitution** shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulation of our Grand Lodge. And you the said **S. Kesavan** are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an Account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge at New Delhi this thirtieth day of October 1992 corresponding to eight day of Kartika, 1914 Saka Era.

Sd. N. L. Duggal
Grand Secretary

Sd. G. R. Divan
Grand Master

AMENDMENTS