



**LODGE ANANTH No. 315  
COCHIN**

**BYE-LAWS**

## BYE-LAWS OF LODGE ANANTH, No. 315 KOCHE

Wherever the term "The Lodge" hereinafter appears in this Bye-Laws, it shall be construed as referring to "Lodge Ananth, Kochi".

### I. MEMBERS :

The Lodge consists of Subscribing, Honorary, Life and Non Resident Members.

Honorary Members are those elected as such for services rendered to Freemasonry in General or to the Lodge in particular (Rule 142 of the Book of Constitution). Honorary Members shall pay no admission fees or other contributions, but shall not be eligible to hold office or to vote.

Life Members are those who have completed 20 years of Freemasonry and also who have completed 55 years of age.

All Members other than Honorary and Life Members shall be considered as Subscribing Members.

### II. SUBSCRIPTION & FEES :

Every Subscribing Member shall pay in lump sum, at the beginning of every financial year of the Lodge in April, an amount comprising of. (i) RGL and GLI dues as applicable. (ii) Administrative Cover charge of Rs. 180 - (iii) Contribution of Charity Fund of Rs. 300 - (iv) Cover charges for Steward's Account of Rs. 600

Every Non Resident Member shall pay, at the beginning of every financial year of the Lodge in April, a sum comprising of (i) RGL and GLI Dues as applicable and (ii) Administrative Cover charges of Rs. 180/-

Any Member qualifying to be a Life Member shall pay five year's subscription in one lump sum. Thereafter he shall not be liable to pay any fees or other dues.

The facility of becoming Life Member would be available for one Lodge of the Member's choice, if he has completed 20 years continuous membership in more than one Lodge(s) and in such cases it may be fixed at 50% more than that payable by other Life Members who have completed 20 continuous years in the same Lodge, in accordance with the existing guidelines.

Moreover, the Life Membership Subscription so paid will be exclusive of the GL & RGL dues which shall be payable in addition at the rates applicable from time to time.

The following shall be the fees payable to the Lodge :

For Initiation - Rs. 1,000/-

For Joining or Rejoining - Rs. 500/-

#### **FEES OF HONOUR :**

The Master shall pay on Installation, a Fee of Honour to the Charity Fund which is Rs. 500/-.

Each Warden on first Investiture shall pay a fee of Honour to the Charity Fund which is Rs. 250/-.

#### **III. MEETINGS :**

The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Sarvothama Masonic Temple, Mundamveli, Kochi on the third Sunday of every month, at such hour as the Master decides.

*Second* Emergency Meeting may be convened at any time as per Rule 116 of the Book of Constitutions.

Summons for the Meeting shall be circulated by the Secretary at least 7 days in advance.

#### **IV. ELECTION & INSTALLATION :**

The Master, Treasurer and Tyler shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in March every Year. The Master Elect shall be Installed at the Regular Meeting in April every year.

The Treasurer shall not hold Office for a continuous period of more than three years at a time.

#### **V. STANDING COMMITTEE :**

A Standing Committee shall be constituted at the Installation Meeting every year consisting of the Master, the two Wardens, the two Deacons, the Inner Guard, the Tyler, the Secretary, the Treasurer, all Past Masters of the Lodge and all Past Masters of other Lodges under the Indian Constitution who are Founder Members of the Lodge.

The duties of this Committee shall be :

To Scrutinize the Financial Statements prepared by the Treasurer.

To enquire into the eligibility of Candidates for admission.

To take inventory of the Lodge property.

To present Annual Report at the Installation Meeting.

To consider any matter tending to promote the welfare of the Lodge.

#### **VI. AUDIT COMMITTEE :**

A Committee of two members shall be elected by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting for auditing the accounts of the year. The Audited Statement shall form part of the Annual Report.

#### **VII. CHARITY COMMITTEE :**

A Committee of two members shall be elected by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting for looking after the Charitable activities of the Lodge. The Charity Committee's period of working shall be for one year till the next Installation Meeting, when a new Charity Committee shall be formed.

#### **VIII. TREASURER :**

The Treasurer shall collect all monies payable to the Lodge and deposit them in a Bank approved by the Lodge and in the name of the Lodge.

The disbursements of any amount exceeding Rs. 500/-, otherwise than for routine expenses, requires the previous sanction of the Lodge under notice.

All cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz., the Master, Treasurer and the Secretary.

The Treasurer shall close the Lodge accounts once every Quarter; at the end of the June, September, December and March every year. Such accounts shall be laid before the Standing Committee for examination alongwith a list of Members in arrears with their dues.

The Treasurer shall draw up an Annual Statement of Accounts showing the Receipts and Expenditure and balance in Banks, other securities and cash in hand, etc. for the year ending 31st March every year, which, when audited and found correct by the Audit Committee, shall be signed and placed before the Lodge at the Installation Meeting in April.

#### **IX. SECRETARY :**

The Secretary shall be in-charge of the Lodge Seal and records and books other than the Account

Books maintained by the Treasurer.

He shall conduct all general business and correspondence of the Lodge under the orders of the Master.

All letters from the Members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary. The Secretary shall issue summonses for all Meetings, take proper Minutes of all the proceedings of the Lodge, receive all Petitions, Memorials etc. and place them before the Master.

#### **X. ADMISSION, RIGHT ETC. OF MEMBERS :**

Before a Candidate is proposed for Initiation, Joining or Rejoining, his Proposal Form duly filled in, proposed and seconded shall be furnished to the Secretary.

The proposal shall be referred to the Standing Committee for enquiry and report and the Candidate's name shall be circulated along with the Summons for two consecutive Regular Meetings before the proposal is made in Open Lodge at a Regular Meeting.

The Ballot shall be taken at the Meeting following that at which the proposal is made, in Open Lodge. If the ballot is not so taken, the proposal shall lapse.

No person shall be made a Mason in or admitted a member of a daughter Lodge unless, if on ballot, two

thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such Candidature. A rejected Candidate shall not be proposed again until one year after the date of his rejection.

#### **RIGHT TO VOTE, ETC. :**

All Subscribing Members shall have right to vote in all resolutions to be passed in the open Lodge. However, any Member who is in default in the payment of his subscription for six months after this becoming due, shall be debarred from exercising the right of voting, proposing or seconding candidates and being appointed or elected to any office.

A Member in debt to the lodge to the extent of 12 months' subscription is liable to be excluded after due notice in accordance with Rule 124 of the Book of Constitution.

#### **VISITORS :**

A Member of the Lodge may invite Visitors who are Freemasons and satisfy the provisions in Rule 104 of the Book of Constitutions, to the Lodge Meeting with the permission of the Master.

#### **XII. GENERAL :**

No alterations or addition to these Bye-Laws shall be made except by motion carried at a Regular Meeting,

after due notice and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting and approved by R. W. The Regional Grand Master and R. W. The Grand Master.

Passed on 26-09-1998

Confirmed on 26-09-1998

W. Bro. Sujit Vasudevan - WM

W. Bro. George Joseph - SW

W. Bro. K. Gopalan - JW

W. Bro. A. J. Kamath - Secretary

