



BYE - LAWS

OF

Lodge Shanthi
No.146

CHENNAI

(Amended and brought upto date as
on 11th February 2010)



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*The First Lodge
Consecrated by the
Grand Lodge of India
after its formation*

Consecrated by
R.W.Bro. BHOGILAL C. SHAH, Dy.G.M.

on

9th December 1961

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LODGE SHANTHI**

**No.146
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**CONSTITUTED ON 9th DECEMBER 1961
A.L. 5961**

I. MEMBERS

1. The Members of the Lodge shall comprise of :
 - i) Subscribing Members
 - ii) Honorary Members

No brother shall be elected Honorary Member unless he shall have done some special service for Craft Masonry in general or for this Lodge in particular. The procedure and guidelines as laid down in Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions shall be followed.

iii) Life Members

A member could become a Life Member of the Lodge on payment of Seven years lumpsum subscription as on date payable to the Lodge, if he was a subscribing member for 20 years continuously in this Lodge and has also attained the age of 55 years.

Provided that a member with multiple membership of Lodges could become a Life Member in only one of the Lodge of his choice.

II. DAYS OF MEETINGS

2. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons Hall, 14, Ethiraj Salai, Chennai - 600 008, on the Second Friday of every month except in the months of May and June, at such hours as the Master may, from time to time decide.
3. Summons for convening the Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.

III. SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES

4. a) The Annual Subscription payable by the members shall be Rs. 1200/- plus annual dues payable to Grand Lodge of India and Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India as may be applicable from time to time. All Subscription shall be paid in advance.
- b) Out of the annual Subscription collected from members, a sum of Rs. 300/- shall be allocated to the Stewards Fund and transferred to a separate account called "Lodge Shanti Stewards' Fund Account" to be operated by any two of the following Viz. The Treasurer and either the W.Master or the Secretary. The dinner Charges of the members and Visitors to the Lodge at only regular meetings (excluding Installation Meetings and Fellowship at all meetings) may be defrayed from out of the Stewards' Fund.

c) The accounting year of the Lodge shall be from the 1st November to 31st October of the succeeding year. The subscription from Members shall be received before 31st of October of the concerned year.

5. The following shall be the fees payable in advance.

	Rs.
Initiation	3,000
Joining from Indian constitution	3,000
Joining from a recognised Constitution	3,000
Rejoining	3,000

Plus Initiation / Joining fees payable to Grand Lodge of India and the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India as may be applicable from time to time.

6. The expenses of any Emergency Meeting and the 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 or Dispensation obtained.

7. A Member whose subscription is unpaid for three months or above shall not be qualified for election or appointment to any Office. Such Member, shall also be liable for Exclusion under the terms of Clause 156 of Book of Constitutions.

IV. ADMISSION AND RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

8. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated and no Brother shall be admitted as a Joining Member of the Lodge unless, two thirds of the Members present and voting, shall vote in his favour.

9. A candidate rejected for initiation or joining shall not be again proposed in Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of the last ballot.

10. A 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 rejoining fees, and shall be subjected to a fresh ballot.

V. ELECTIONS

11. The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Regular (Election) Meeting in November and shall be installed and invested respectively at the next Regular Meeting in December.

12.(a) The Tyler, if a Serving Brother, shall be chosen at the Regular (Election) Meeting in November.

(b) No officer shall be considered for any Office in the succeeding year if he has put in less than 50% attendance.

13. 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.

14. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Master or until three months shall have lapsed after its decision.

15. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be vested with the Master and the Wardens as provided in Rule 119 of the Book of Constitutions.

16. As per Rule 130 of the Book of Constitutions, the following Committees shall be elected at the Installation Meeting in December:

- (i) A Standing Committee
- (ii) An Audit Committee

17. The Standing Committee shall consist of the W.Master, Immediate Past Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, D of C and two other Members.

18. 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 December before the Installation of the Master - Elect an annual Report on the Financial condition of and upon general questions affecting the Lodge during the period under review. Before a proposal is made of a candidate for Initiation or joining, the Proposer and Seconder shall introduce the candidate to the Members of the Standing Committee at its meeting and obtain approval before making the proposal in open Lodge.

19. The Audit Committee shall consist of two Members, who shall check and examine the Treasurer's Account and prepare the Annual Balance Sheet before the Installation Meeting.

20. The Secretary of the Lodge shall be Ex-Officio Secretary of all Committees appointed by the Lodge.

21. All letters from Members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

22. The Secretary in consultation with and approval of the W.Master shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue Summons for or notice of all Meetings of the Lodge or Committees, record minutes of their proceedings and keep the Register 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 Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge and forward them, through the W.Master, together with all fees and contributions due thereon to the authorities concerned.

23. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct all moneys due to or held on half of 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 W.Master or other Officers-in-charge of the Lodge. No other payments shall be made without a resolution of the Lodge. He shall submit his accounts to the Regular Meeting of the Lodge. All cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz : The Treasurer and either the W.Master or the Secretary.

24. It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these By 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.

Passed on the 9th December, 1961

confirmed on the 25th January, 1962

P. Chandrasekhara Kurup W.M.

K.V. Srinivasan S.W.

R. Krishnamoorthy J.W.

Dr. R.A. Varma Secretary

Approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Master,
Southern India, on 28th April 1962.

Approved by M.W.The Grand Master on 10th May 1962.

AMENDED AND BROUGHT UPTO
DATE ON 11th FEBRUARY 2010.

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