



LODGE KARUNYA No 360

Warranted on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007  
(13<sup>th</sup> day of Agrahayana Saka Era 1929)

Consecrated on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2007

BYE - LAWS

## BY-LAWS OF LODGE KARUNYA

### 1. MEMBERS

1. The Lodge consists of Subscribing, Honorary and Life Members.

2. Any member who has completed 55 years of age and 20 years in Freemasonry can opt to become a Life Member by paying the lump sum of Rs. 25,000.00 as Fee. Thereafter they shall not be liable to pay any fees or amount raised as dues, except Contribution for General Fund, or such amount as may be decided by the Lodge from time to time. The Lodge shall pay the Annual dues payable to Grand Lodge of India and Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India at prescribed rates from time to time in respect of Life Members.

### II. MONTHLY DUES

Every Member shall pay in advance a sum of Rs. 2500.00 as subscription per annum and such amount towards General Fund including Stewards a/c. as decided by the Lodge from time to time. Thereafter he need not pay any dinner charges for the year.

### III. MEETING

The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at SARVOTHAMA MASONIC TEMPLE, Mundamveli, Kochi -682 507, on the first Tuesday of every month, at such hour as the Master decides.

2. All summonses will be circulated by the Secretary at least seven days previous to the day of Regular Meeting and as soon as possible in case of emergency.

### IV. ELECTION & INSTALLATION

1. The Master, Treasurer and Tyler shall be elected at the Regular meeting in March every year.

2. The Master-Elect shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in April.

3. No member whose dues are unpaid for 6 months shall be eligible to be appointed or elected for any office in lodge.

## V. STANDING COMMITTEE

1. The Standing Committee shall be constituted at the Installation Meeting, consisting of the Master, Immediate Past Master, the two Wardens, all Past Masters of and in the Lodge under the Indian Constitution or recognized constitutions, the Treasurer, the Secretary and two other members duly elected by the lodge at the installation meeting every year.
2. The duties of the committee shall be :
  - a) To scrutinize the quarterly financial statement prepared by the Treasurer.
  - b) To enquire into the eligibility of every candidate proposed for admission.
  - c) To taken an Inventory of the Lodge property and report on its condition.
  - d) To approve the annual report prepared by Secretary to be presented at the installation Meeting.
  - e) To consider and suggest any matter tending to promote the welfare of the Lodge.

## VI. AUDIT COMMITTEE

A committee of two, who are not members of the standing Committee, shall be elected by the Lodge at the Installation meeting for Auditing the accounts of the year. This Audited Statement shall form part of the Annual Report. The term of the members of the audit committee will be for one year but members are eligible for re-election.

## VII. THE TREASURER

1. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys payable to the Lodge and deposit them in a Bank approved by the Lodge. He shall make payments for current routine expenses with the permission of the Master.
2. The disbursements of any amount exceeding Rupees One thousand, otherwise than for routine expenses, requires the previous sanction of the Lodge standing committee.

3. All cheques must be sign by any two of the following viz. the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary.
4. The Treasurer shall close the Lodge accounts once every quarter, at the end of March, June, September and December and such accounts shall be laid before the Standing Committee for examination with a list of members in arrears.
5. The Treasurer shall draw up an Annual Statement of Accounts showing the Receipt and Expenditure, balance in Cash, Securities etc., for the year ending the last day in the month of February, the financial year of twelve months being from first of March to the last date in February, which when audited and found correct by the Audit Committee. shall be signed and placed before the lodge at the Installation Meeting in April.

## VIII. THE SECRETARY

1. 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.
2. All letters from 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.

## IX. ADMISSION RIGHTS ETC OF MEMBERS

### 1. Admission :

- a) Before a candidate is proposed for Initiation, Joining or Rejoining his Proposal Form duly filled in, shall be furnished to the Secretary.
- b) The proposal shall be referred to the Standing Committee for enquiry and report before the proposal is made in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting, two circulations of the names proposed must have been over among the members. The Secretary shall send a separate Communication along with summons mentioning about the proposal of an individual with full details like name, age, profession, address, occupation etc.



- c) The ballot shall be taken at the next Regular Meeting following that which the proposal is made in open Lodge. If the ballot is not so taken the proposal shall lapse.
- d) If 2/3 of members present and voting does not vote in favour of the proposal, the same will be rejected and can be again proposed after a period of 6 months after the date of rejection.
- e) A collective ballot is not regular and as such each candidate for Initiation, or Joining and Rejoining shall be taken up separately.

## 2. Right to Vote :

- a) Any member of the Lodge, who is in default in the payment of his subscription for six months after this becoming due will not be allowed the right of voting, proposing or seconding candidates or being appointed / elected to any office.
- b) A member in debt to the lodge to the extent of twelve months subscription is liable to be excluded after due notice in accordance with Rule 124 & 156 of the Book Constitutions.

## 3. Visitors :

- a. A member of the lodge may invite visitors who are Freemasons and satisfy the provisions in Rule 104 of the Book of Constitutions, to Lodge Meetings with the permission of the Master.
- b. No visitor shall be admitted into the Lodge, unless properly attired, proved or vouched for as provided in Rule 194 of the Book of Constitution.

## X. FEES

### 1. The following shall be the fees payable to lodge :-

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| a. | For Initiation                | Rs. 10, 000/- |
| b. | For joining or rejoining from |               |
|    | The Indian Constitution }     | Rs. 5, 000/-  |
| c. | For Joining from recognised   |               |
|    | Constitution }                | Rs. 10,000/-  |

Inclusive of Registration fees and annual dues to Grand Lodge of India / Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India payable from time to time.

All the provisions in the Book of Constitutions shall be strictly adhered

## XI. GENERAL

No alteration or addition to these by-laws shall be made except by motion carried at a Regular Meeting, after due notice and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting and subsequently approved by the R. W. The Regional Grand Master and the M. W. The Grand Master.

Passed on ..... 2007

Confirmed on ..... 2007

W. Bro. K. Retnan  
W Master

Bro. P. J. Joseph  
Senior Warden

Bro. Francis Mukkanikkal  
Junior Warden

Bro. Raja Sethunath  
Secretary

Approved by RW the Regional Grand Master  
Sd/-  
Regional Grand Master

Approved by MW the Grand Master  
Sd/-  
Grand Master