

# LODGE ZENITH NO.258

Coimbatore



BY - LAW

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Prefatory : - The Lodge Zenith was duly constituted under a charter of warrant of the Grand Lodge of India dated 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1984 and was consecrated on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1985 at Venkatalakshmi Kalyana Mandapam, Coimbatore by

R.W.Bro. Hon'ble Justice

**S.NATARAJAN P.A.G.M**

Deputy Regional Grand Master

and his team of officers

## FOUNDER MEMBERS

1. D. Dorairaj
2. R. Venkatesan
3. K. Narayanaswamy
4. C. V. Ramaraj
5. K. Sathianathan
6. V. Lakshmikanthan
7. B. Karunaseker
8. B. Chandrasekar
9. R. P. Sarangapani
10. S. Sivasubramaniam
11. V. M. Jayaraj
12. V. Chinnaswamy
13. Dr. V Ramachandran
14. Dr. K. Ponnambalam

The Lodge was sponsored by Lodge Seven Stars No.225 on 7-8-1984 with the following principal officers.

W.Bro.M.Peranandam	W.M
Bro. M.Palaniswami	Senior Warden
Bro. Veluswami	Junior Warden

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### **BY - LAWS**

#### **I. Preliminary:**

1. Those By-laws are subject to and in addition to the Rules contained in the Book of Constitutions so far as the said Rules relate to the Daughter Lodges.

#### **II. Meetings:**

2. The regular monthly meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Race Course, Coimbatore. The Meetings will be held on the 3rd Friday of every month. Regular meetings can else) be held outside Coimbatore as may be decided upon by the Master and Brethren from time to time.
3. The hour of commencement of the meetings shall be fixed by the Master from time to time.
4. Summons for convening the meetings of the Lodge shall be issued by the Secretary not less than seven clear days prior to the date of each meeting and shall specify the place and hour of the meeting.

#### **III. Elections:**

5. The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected at the Regular meeting in August every year and the Master shall be Installed at the next regular meeting in September. In the same election meeting in the month of August, Tyler will also be chosen.

Our financial year will be from 1st September to 31st August.

6. At the Installation meeting in September there shall be appointed a Standing Committee consisting of the Master I.P.M., the Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Director of Ceremonies and two other members elected by the Lodge.
7. At the Installation meeting in September, the Lodger,, shall also elect an Audit Committee consisting of two members of the Lodge,
8. The Charity Box shall be circulated at the Lodge Meeting The Charity Funds of the Lodge shall be kept separate from the General Funds of the Lodge and all the expenditure of charity shall be defrayed from this funds. The Lodge may by resolution authorise transfer of such sums as may be deemed necessary from the General Fund to the Charity Fund but not vice versa.

#### **IV. Duties of Standing Committee and Officers**

9. The duties of the Standing Committee shall be to examine the Secretary's Books and other records, to check the Treasurer's account to inspect and check all the properties of the Lodge, to make confidential enquiry regarding Master Masons seeking admission and candidates for Initiation anti to make recommendation regarding the suitability or otherwise of the Master Masons or the candidates for admission or initiation as the case may be delegated to it from time to time by the Master,
10. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for, or notices 'of, the meetings of the Lodge or Committees. record the minutes of their proceedings and keep the Register of Members and all other Registers and records except the

accounts. He shall promptly prepare the Returns for the, Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge and forward them through the Master together with all the fees and contributions due thereon.

11. The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid or remitted to him and without undue delay, deposit the same in an account in the name of the Lodge at a Bank to be approved by a resolution of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall make such payments as are duly authorised or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. All cheques must bear the signature of the Treasurer and unless the Lodge resolves to the contrary, or atleast one other member authorised by the Lodge, The Treasurer shall regularly enter a complete recort of all monies passing through his hands in the proper Books of .accounts which shall be the property in his possession, shall be transferred to his successor upon investiture. He shall prepare a statement of account as at the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August each year. The Statement of accounts shall be verified and audited. by the Audit Committee. Copies of the accounts and of the certificate by the Audit Committee that all balances have been checked and that the accounts have been duly audited shall be sent to all Members of the Lodge together with the summons convening the meeting to be held in the month of September each year at which the said accounts shall be considered, The books of Accounts shall be produced for inspection in open Lodge at such meeting or on other suitable occasion also, if requested by a 'resolution of the Lodge
12. All communications from the Members shall be addressed to the Secretary.

## **V.           Membership**

13. There shall be two clauses of Members viz, Regular Members and Honorary Members.
14. All the Founder Members and those Masters Masons who are regularly admitted or re-admitted to the Membership of the Lodge and those initiated into the Craft shall be Regular Members,
15. Honorary Members are those Master Masons duly chosen by the Regular Members for outstanding services rendered to Masonry-in-General or to this Lodge in particular.

## **VI.           Joining Re – Joining and Initiation :**

16. Any Member desirous of proposing for joining any Master Mason shall communicate to the Secretary his deem in the form Of a letter containing such particulars as are necessary to assess the suitability of the Master Mason proposed,
17. Within seven days of receipt of the said letter, the Secretary shall forward it to the Standing Committee and the Standing committee shall within fifteen days after receipt forward to the Secretary its recommendation regarding the suitability or otherwise of the proposed Master Mason for joining.
18. If the recommendation of the Standing „Committee is against the joining, the Secretary shall inform the Member who sent the letter referred to in Clause (16) above, and the said Master. Mason shall not be reconsidered for joining for a period of one year from the date of the said letter.
19. If the recommendation of the Standing Committee is in favour of the joining, the Secretary shall within seven days after the receipt the report, inform the Member. who sent the letter referred to in Clause (16) above and the said Member shall

send or cause to be sent a proposal for joining.

20. A proposal for joining of a Master Mason as a Regular Member shall be in the prescribed Form, duly filled in and signed by not less than two regular Members and sent to the Secretary not less than thirty clear days prior to each regular meeting and shall be accompanied with the joining fee.
21. A proposal so made shall be included in the Agenda for the ★ said, meeting and in that meeting, the joining shall be proposed and recorded and in the next regular Meeting, the proposal shall be balloted, If the ballot be not taken in the said meeting, the proposal shall be void.
22. The proposal shall be deemed to have been rejected if in the said balloting two or more black balls appear against the proposal; within ten days after reject in, the Secretary shall refund the joining fee to the proposer.
23. Any Master Mason whose joining has been rejected under Clause (22) above, shall not be again proposed for joining until at least six regular meetings after the meeting in which the ballot was taken.
24. The Membership shall cease :
  - a. by resignation ;
  - b. by death : or
  - ★ c. by non – payment of subscription consecutively for one year
25. The procedure for rejoining of a Member who has ceased to be a Member under sub-clauses (a) and (c) of clause (24) above, shall be as laid down in clauses (16) to (23) above, provided that the Member seeking such rejoining has paid all arrears not less than fifteen days prior to the regular meeting in which



the proposal is to be made and recorded.

26. Any member desirous of proposing for initiation any candidate shall communicate to the Secretary, his desire in the form of a letter containing such particulars of the said candidate as are necessary to assess the candidate's
27. Within seven days of receipt of the said letter, the Secretary shall forward it to the Standing Committee and the Standing Committee shall within fifteen days after receipt of the same, forward to the Secretary its recommendation regarding the suitability or otherwise of the candidate for initiation.
28. If the Standing Committee's report is against the initiation, the Secretary shall inform the Member who sent letter referred to in clause (26) above and the same Candidate shall not be considered for initiation for a period of one year from the date of the said letter.
29. If the Committee's report is in favour for initiation, the Secretary shall within seven days of receipt of the Standing Committee's recommendation, inform the Member who sent the letter referred to in clause (26) and the said Member shall send or cause to be sent for a proposal.
30. A proposal for initiation shall be in writing and signed by not less than two regular members and shall contain the particulars- required to the candidate as well as of his proposer and seconder in the prescribed form of application. The proposal shall be sent to the Secretary not less than thirty clear days prior to each regular meeting and shall be accompanied with the initiation fee.
31. A regularly made proposal for initiation, shall be included in  
★ the Agenda for the said meeting and in that meeting the

proposal shall be made and recorded and in the next regular meeting the proposal shall be ballotted. If the ballot be not taken in the said meeting the proposal shall be void

32. The proposal for initiation shall be deemed to have been rejected, if, in the said ballot, two or more black balls appear against the proposal, within ten days after the rejection the Secretary shall refund the Initiation fee to the proposer.
33. Any candidate whose initiation has been rejected under clause (2) above shall not again be proposed for initiated until after atleast six regular meetings after the meeting in which the ballot was take
34. When a cancriate is not initiated or. the date of his election, the date of such election shall be stated on the summons for the meeting at which the initiation is to take place. It the candidate is not initiated within one year after his election the election shall be void.

## **VII. Subscription and Fees :**

35. A Member shall pay an annual subscription of Rs. 400 and an ★ amount of Rs.400/- per annum towards Stewards charges Both payable before the expiry of the financial year.

The Initiation fee shall be	Rs. 2500/-
The Joining fee shall be	Rs. 2500/-
The re-joining fee shall be	Rs. 2500/-

36. Expenses o any emergency meeting and dispensation fee, if any duo to the G.L.E. and R.G.L. shall be defrayed by the brother or Brethren at whose instance the meeting is held or dispensation obtained.

37. A sum of Rs. 200/- from the General Fund of the Lodge shall be annually placed at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress of Members and all other Registers and records except the accounts. He shall promptly prepare the Returns for the, Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge and forward them through the Master together with all the fees and contributions due thereon.
38. In case the Master exercises this privilege, he shall report the circumstances at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, Otherwise the sum shall, at the close of the year be carried to the charity fund.
39. All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge.
40. A sum of Rs. 200/. from the General Fund of the Lodge shall be paid to the Secretary as imprest cash to meet petty expenses and shall be reimbursed by the Treasurer on the Secretary rendering to him the accounts of such expenses.
41. The steward fund consisting of the Stewards charge collected from the regular members shall be maintained separately. No part of the General or Charity funds of the Lodge shall be diverted towards these funds.
42. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as laid down in Rule 119 of the Book of Constitution (1971).

## **VIII. General**

43. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless the Master directs otherwise.

44. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again without the permission of the Master until after two regular meetings.

#### **IX .Amendment of the By - Laws:**

45. These By-Laws shall not be amended otherwise than as laid down hereunder.
- i. A proposal to amend shall be in writing and Signed by not less than three regular members and sent to the Secretary not less than thirty clear days Prior to each regular meeting.
  - ii. The said proposal, if regularly made, shall be included in the Agenda for the said meeting and in that meeting, the proposal shall be read and recorded.
  - iii. In the next regular meeting, the proposal shall again be included in the Agenda and shall be discussed and balloted.
  - iv. The proposal shall be deemed to have been passed by a majority of the members present at the meeting casting their ballot in favour of the proposal.
  - v. The amended By-Laws passed by the Lodge shall be confirmed at the next regular meeting of the Lodge.
  - vi. The proposal so passed and confirmed shall not be deemed to have been brought into effect unless approved by the R.G.M. and G.M.

Adopted in open Lodge on 14<sup>th</sup> day of September 1985.

(Sd.) D.DORAIRAJ  
W. Master

(Sd.) V. LAKSHMIKANTHAN  
Secretary

(Sd.) R. VENKATESAN  
S. W.

(Sd.) K. NARAYANASWAMY  
J. W.

Approved by R. W, The Regional Grand Master of Southern  
India.

Coimbatore  
4th March, 1986.

Regional Grand Master

Approved by M. W. The Grand Master.

New Delhi  
17-3-1986

(Sd.) H. P. GUPTA  
Grand Secretary

★ **Amendments to clauses 21, 24 (c), 31 and 35 of the By - laws were confirmed at the regular meeting of the Lodge held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and duly approved by Right Worshipful The Regional Grand Master on 25<sup>th</sup> June and Most Worshipful The Grand Master on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018.**