

12. That it is mutually agreed that the Regional Grand Lodge meetings and Grand Lodge meetings could be hosted jointly by the two Lodges wherever possible; and that whenever necessary joint meetings of the two Lodges could be held on proper occasions further cultivate and encourage amity and fraternal bond between the two Lodges;

13. That both Lodges hereby solemnly affirm that neither of the two Lodges shall do anything which will affect the harmony and peaceful working of the other Lodge and it shall be the constant endeavour of both the Lodges to promote fellowship, fraternal love and affection between the brethren of the two Lodges.

Unanimously adopted by Lodge Pandyan at its regular meeting on the 7th October, 1972.

S. THIRUVENGADAM
W. M.

R. C. KESAVAMOORTHY
S. W.

T. K. DHARMARAJU
J. W.

Unanimously adopted by Lodge Rajasabai at its regular meeting on the 18th November 1972

A. S. RAJASABAI
W. M.

K. RAMAN
S. W.

W. P. A. R. NAGARAJAN
J. W.



LODGE RAJASABAI

No. 212

G.L.I.

MADURAI.

BY-LAWS

Presented to

Lodge Rajasabai No. 212 G.L.I.

on the ~~11th~~ day of ~~October~~ 1972.

Secretary.

W. M.

THE
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OF THE
LODGE RAJASABAI
No. 212

on the
Roll of the Grand Lodge of Ancient
Free and Accepted Masons of India
Meeting at Madurai - Southern India.

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THE BY-LAWS OF Lodge Rajasabai No. 212 G.L.I.

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. MEMBERS

1. The members of the Lodge shall comprise of four classes viz:
(a) Resident (b) Out Station (c) Non-Resident and
(d) Honorary.
2. (a) Resident Members shall be those who normally reside within the revenue district of Madurai and Ramanathapuram.

(b) Out-Station Members shall those who normally reside outside the revenue districts of Madurai and Ramanathapuram but within the jurisdiction of the Reginal Grand Lodge of Southern India

(c) Non-resident Members shall be those who normally reside outside the jurisdiction of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India.

(d) Honorary Members shall be those who are elected as such for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Lodge in accordance with the provisions of Rule 141 Book of Constitutions.

II. MEETING

3. The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Temple, Madurai, on the third Saturday of every month, except in May, when there will be no meeting, at such convenient hour as shall be entered in the summons and every Brother attending shall sign his name in the attendance book kept for that purpose.

4. The expenses of an emergency meeting shall be defrayed by the Brother or Brethren on whose account the Lodge is summoned in addition to the dispensation fees, if any. But when an emergency meeting is called for the Lodge is purposes, all expenses shall be defrayed from Lodge funds.

III. PROCEDURE AT MEETING

5. Any number of amendments duly proposed and seconded may be made to any proposition, in which case, the amendments shall be put first and if they are negatived the original proposition shall be put to the vote; if any amendment is carried, the proposition as amended shall be put to the Lodge.

IV. DUES AND FEES.

Rs. 17/- per Resident Member per half year to Stewards Fund.

ing members on rolls on 1st of June every year (the rate of contribution to be decided by the Lodge from time to time) to Lodge Pandiyan No. 49 :

NOTE : All Members of the Lodge shall be members of Madurai Masonic Trust and shall pay the entrance fee along with the Initiation or joining fee and also the annual subscription both of which shall be considered as dues.

7. All subscriptions & fees shall be payable annually in advance and the Official year shall be from 1st of July of Every English year.

8. All sums payable by members under By-law No. 31 and 32 and charged to their respective accounts shall be considered as "Dues" and are payable within the next month.

V. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS & MEMBERSHIP.

9. No candidate for Initiation or Joining or Re-Joining shall be ballotted for unless the prescribed fees shall have been previously paid and the prescribed forms duly filled in by the candidate with all other consequential documents, if any, have all been previously deposited with the Secretary.

10. No candidate for Initiation or Joining shall be admitted, if on the ballot, two black balls appear against him. No rejected candidate shall be again proposed until six months have elapsed.

11. If a candidate for initiation is not initiated within twelve English Calendar months after the date of the ballot at which he was elected his election shall be void.

12. In the event of rejection of the Candidate for Initiation or Joining or deferred Initiation for over twelve English Calendar months, the Admission fees previously paid shall be returned.

13. A member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing, or orally in open Lodge, and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in Rule 149 (a) and (b), Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge.

14. 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 regularly proposed and seconded and balloted for in the usual course

15. Except with the special permission of the Master or unless recommended by the Committee for General Purposes no proposal shall be brought forward for consideration by the Lodge unless it is proposed and seconded in open Lodge at the regular meeting or is given in writing to the Secretary duly proposed and seconded fifteen days prior to the next regular meeting. With the exceptions noted above, no proposal shall be considered in the Lodge unless it has been notified in the summons for the meeting concerned

VI. ARREARS OF DUES.

When the subscription of a member remains unpaid within six months of the

17. (a) Notices and summonses which it shall be requisite to send 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 for acknowledgment due.

(b) All changes of addresses shall be invariably notified to the Secretary in writing by members, directly they occur.

Note:—The Secretary and Treasurer shall always be addressed as such, in virtue of their office and never by name, as it frequently happens that letters addressed to the Lodge Officers by name are forwarded as private letters, if such officers have left the station.

VIII. ELECTION OF MASTER AND TYLER.

The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and the Tyler elected by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in June every year. The master shall be installed at the next Regular Meeting in July.

selected by the Lodge at the Regular Meeting in July, shall, conduct all business of the Lodge, superintend the finances and the property of the Lodge and consider any subject relating to its interest. It shall meet at least once a month when summoned by the Master (three to form a quorum) and the result of its proceedings shall be reported at the regular Meeting of the Lodge.

X. ANNUAL AUDIT COMMITTEE.

20. At the Regular Meeting in June of each year the Lodge shall appoint the Audit Committee, consisting of three members. The Secretary and the Treasurer shall attend the meetings of the Audit Committee.

21. The duties of the Audit Committee shall be:—

- i) To inspect and to take an inventory of the property of the Lodge, mentioning its state and condition;
- ii) To examine the Secretary's books and audit the Treasurer's accounts;
- iii) To draw up a report of the result of their examinations and of the working of the Lodge during the past year; in this respect they may suggest any matter tending to promote the welfare of this Lodge.

22. The Report of the Annual Audit Committee shall be submitted to the Lodge at the Regular Meeting in July of each year before the installation of the Master, which after being read, shall be entered in the Minutes book and printed and distributed for the information of the Brethren.

23. Any suggestion made in the Annual Report must be put to the Lodge in the shape of a proposition duly seconded, approved by the Brethren and confirmed before being carried into effect.

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

24. (a) There shall be constituted a committee on admissions of new candidates, consisting of the Master and two Brethren, elected in Open Lodge, at the installation Meeting in July each year. It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report to the Lodge on all proposals for membership.

(b) The Lodge may, at its discretion, nominate other Committees for the conduct and consideration of special subjects consisting of not less than three members,

a Past Master being included, if possible, three to form a quorum. The results of its proceedings shall be reported at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge and any suggestions made must be put to the Lodge in the shape of a proposition as in By-law No. 24.

XII. WARRANT, PREMISES, FURNITURE, ETC., OF THE LODGE

25. (a) The Warrant of this Lodge together with the Vels, Regalia, Archives and (all properties of the Lodge list of which shall be kept by the Secretary) shall vest in and be under the absolute control of the Master and Wardens for the time being in trust for the members of the Lodge, but shall not be sold or otherwise disposed off, except by resolution of the Brethren in open Lodge, assembled, regularly proposed, carried and confirmed. No property of the Lodge shall be lent or hired except for purely Masonic purposes,

XII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

TREASURER.

26 (a) All moneys due to or held for, the Lodge shall be paid or remitted to the Treasurer direct, who shall without undue delay, deposit the same in an account or accounts opened in the name of the Lodge at a Bank or Banks to be approved by resolution of the Lodge. The Lodge Funds so desposited with a Bank or Banks will be subject to withdrawals against the joint-signatures of the Master and the Treasurer.

(b) Except for routine expenses no sum of money shall be expended by the Treasurer without the sanction of the Lodge.

(c) He shall keep a cash account of all receipts and disbursements and a Ledger account for each member which later shall be open for inspection of the member to whom it relates on application to the Treasurer.

(d) He (Treasurer) shall maintain separate accounts for the General Funds, Charity Funds and each and every other special Fund, that may be in existence or may be set up, from time to time; and also as for as possible deposit them in separate accounts with Bank of Banks, as may be approved by the Lodge.

(e) The accounts shall be made up by him and audited by the committee appointed under By-law No. 20. He shall also prepare the annual balance sheet and present it to the Audit Committee for this purpose 1st July to 30th June shall be taken to be the Official year of the Lodge).

(f) To enable By-law No. 16 to be enforced, the Treasurer shall report at each meeting the names of members who are two half years in arrears.

The Treasurer shall before the end of the month of June of each year transfer from the General Fund of the Lodge

Rs. (f) Annual subscription for Madurai Masonic Trust:

Rs. (h) Entrance fee for Madurai Masonic Trust:

Rs. (g) Fee for an Emergency Meeting:

Rs. 50 (f) Honour devoted to Lodge Charity Fund:

(f) Installation fee of

(e) Re-joining fee

SECRETARY

27. (a) The Secretary shall issue summons to all members of the Lodge at least seven days prior to each regular Meeting setting forth all the business to be entered on; the amount of dues, if any, for each Brother shall be entered on his summons.

(b) He shall also keep proper minutes of the meetings of the Lodge.

(c) He shall keep the Register, which shall give particulars concerning all the members of the Lodge acquired by the Rule 121 of the Book of Constitutions. He shall prepare for the signature of the Master all the necessary and regular returns required by the Grand Lodge of India and by the Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India.

(d) All letters from the members of the Lodge shall be addressed to him.

(e) He shall keep a list of all Lodge properties.

(f) He shall be ex-officio member and Secretary of all Committees and Special Committees appointed by the Lodge sending out the notices.

STEWARDS.

28. The Stewards, if appointed, shall have charge of the Lodge furniture and Regalia and shall see that the Brother 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.

THE TYLER.

29. The Tyler shall take care of, and keep in good order the Lodge furniture, Regalia, etc. He shall prepare the Lodge before meetings and shall see that every person whether member or visitor enter his name in the Attendance Book previous to his admission to the Lodge.

30. The Tyler, if he happens to be a serving brother shall be paid a fee of Rs. 5 for each meeting attended and his dinner charges also shall be paid from out of the general fund of the Lodge.

XIV. BANQUETS, REFRESHMENTS, ETC.

All expenses connected with Banquets or Refreshments except for Resident Members and Lodge guests shall be borne by the members partaking of the same and shall be charged to their accounts. Charges for private guests will be paid by the members inviting them.

deposit free will offerings.

33. The sum thus collected shall be kept separate from the Lodge funds and appropriated to such charitable purposes as the Brethren in the open Lodge may direct.

XVI. RELIEF

34. A sum of Rs. 50 shall be held at the disposal of the Master annually to meet urgent cases of distress. Every case so relieved shall be intimated to the Brethren at the next Regular Meeting; and all ordinary cases of distress shall be presented duly attested in open Lodge.

XVII. MISCELLANEOUS.

35. Members introducing Visitors shall see that the visiting brethren introduced by them sign the Attendance Book.

XVIII. BY-LAWS

36. Every member of the Lodge, initiated in or joining the Lodge, shall be presented with a printed copy of the By-laws, free of charge. 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. No alteration, addition or amendment shall be made to these By-laws unless moved and seconded in Open Lodge, due notice of such motion having been sent in the summonses to each member, nor shall such alteration or amendment be considered carried unless two-thirds of the members present vote in its favour. The alteration, addition or amendment shall come into force only after it is duly approved by the R. W. Regional Grand Master, Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India and the M. W. Grand Master.

Adopted unanimously at the First Regular Meeting of the Lodge on the 21st October, 1972.

A. S. RAJASABAI

Wor. Master.

K. RAMAN

Senior Warden.

W. P. A. R. NAGARAJAN

Junior Warden.

V. SARANGAPANI

Secretary.