

LODGE CHERAN NO.395

BYE-LAWS

1. Preliminary :

These bye-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.

2. Members :

Members of the lodge shall comprise two classes, viz:-

- a. Members
- b. Honorary Members

Explanation: Honorary members are those elected as such, for services rendered to masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular.

3. Days of meetings :

The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Temple, 232, Race Course, Coimbatore, on the 1st Friday of every month except March, June, September and December or at such hour the Master may, from time to time direct.

Summonses for convening the regular meetings of the Lodge, shall be issued by the Secretary atleast 7 days previous to such meetings. The summons shall specify the place and hour of the meeting.

4. Subscription fees :

The annual subscription of the members shall be Rs. 1400/-, made up of Rs. 750/- towards the General Fund and Rs. 650/- towards the Stewards Fund payable on or before February, in addition each member shall pay RGL and GLI Annual dues, as applicable from time to time.

5. Following shall be the fees payable in advance :

Initiations	Rs. 4,000/-
Joining and Re-joining	Rs. 3,000/-
Joining from recognized constitutions	Rs. 4,000/-

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Inclusive of all annual subscription, RGL and GLI dues, Apron, Ritual book for the first year and as per clause 4 for subsequent years.

6. No candidate shall be initiated or brother admitted as a joining member of Lodge, unless screened and approved by the Screening Committee, comprising Worshipful Master, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies and Senior and Junior Wardens and if on ballot, two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature.
7. A candidate rejected for initiation or joining shall not be again proposed in the Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of last ballot.
8. Any member whose subscriptions remain unpaid for one full year shall be liable to cessation under provisions of Rule 124 of Book of Constitutions.
9. A member who has resigned or ceased to be a member or has been excluded for non-payment of subscription, shall be permitted to re-join only on payment of all arrears due, if any, together with his re-joining fees but shall be subjected to a fresh ballot.
- 10. Election & Installation :**
 - a. The Master shall be elected at the regular meeting in February and shall be installed in the next regular meeting in April.
 - b. The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and the Tyler by show of hands at the regular meeting in February.
 - c. At the regular meeting in April the Lodge shall appoint a Standing Committee consisting of the Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, D of C and two other members elected by the lodge.
 - d. At the regular meeting in April, the Lodge shall elect an Audit Committee of two members.
11. The duties of the Standing Committee appointed by the Lodge shall be to inquire about and report on candidates for initiation and joining, to examine the Secretary's books and

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check the Treasurer's accounts, to inspect and check all the property of the Lodge during the period under review.

12. The Secretary of the Lodge shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all committees appointed by the Lodge.
13. All letters from the members shall be addressed to the Secretary.
14. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue Summonses for or notices of meetings of the Lodge or committees, records Minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of the members and all the 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, if they are due, prepare the return of the Grand and Regional Lodges and forward them through the master, together with all the fees and contributions due thereon to the authorities concerned.
15. The Treasurer shall discharge all the duties and responsibilities laid on him by Rule 129 of Book of Constitutions. He 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 for the Lodge and deposit the same in the name of the Lodge in a bank approved by a resolution of the Lodge. He shall make payments for all current and ordinary expenses on the authorities of the Master or other officers in charge of the Lodge. No other payment shall be made without a resolution of the Lodge. All cheques must be signed by two of the following Viz. The Treasurer and either the Master or Secretary. He shall submit his accounts every month at the regular meetings of the Lodge. The year ending shall be January for each year and annual audited accounts will be presented at the annual investiture meeting in ~~April~~ for approval.
16. The Charity Box shall be circulated at all meetings of the Lodge.
17. The Charity Fund of the Lodge shall be kept separate from the General Fund of the Lodge and all the expenditure of charity shall be defrayed from this Fund as decided by

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the members in the open Lodge. The Lodge may, by a resolution, authorize transfer of such sums as may be deemed necessary from the General Fund to the charity fund but not vice versa.

18. The Stewards Fund shall consist of collections from members towards dinner and refreshments and shall be maintained separately. No part of the general or charity fund of the Lodge shall be expended for this purpose.
19. 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.
20. No questions once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Master and three months shall have elapsed after its last decisions.
21. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided for in Rule 119 Book of Constitutions.
22. It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these bye-laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one regular meeting, after due notice has been given to all the members through insertions in the summons and read and confirmed at the next regular meeting and approved by the R.W. the Regional Grand Master and the M.W. the Grand Master.

Adopted in the open Lodge on..... 12th February 2015

WM

SW

Secretary

JW.

Approved by the R.W. the Regional Grand Master

Place CHENNAI

Date 06.08.2015

Regional Grand Master

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Approved by M.W. The Grand Master

Place **NEW DELHI**
Date **31.08.2015**

V.K. Gupta
Grand **Secretary**