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of



Lodge Tiruchirappalli

No. 203

(as amended upto June 2005)

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MEMBERS

1. The Lodge shall comprise of :

(a) Subscribing members, (b) Honorary Members. Honorary Members are those elected as such for services rendered to Masonry in general or this Lodge in particular. (Rule 142 B of C).

MEETINGS

2. The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Temple, Tiruchirappalli on the second Saturday of every English calendar month, except May where there will be no meeting, at such hour as the Master decides or at such other place as may be agreed to by the Regional Grand Master under dispensation.

3. The Summons convening the Regular Meeting shall be issued atleast seven days in advance. Emergency meetings, however, may be convened at shorter notice.

FEES & DUES

4. The fees, dues and subscriptions shall be as follows and are payable in advance.

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| (a) Subscription for each Member per annum payable in advance | Rs.1,200/- |
| (b) Initiation fee | Rs. 275/- |
| (c) Joining or rejoining from Indian Constitution. | Rs. 100/- |
| (d) Joining from other constitutions | Rs. 100/- |

5. The expenses of any emergency meeting and the dispensation fees, if any, shall be defrayed by the brother or brothers at whose instance the meeting is held (Rule 73-3 Regional Grand Lodge By-Laws.)

ADMISSION AND RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS.

6. No candidate for Initiation or joining shall be accepted unless approved by the standing Committee, and if three black balls appear in the ballot, he must be rejected. No such candidate shall again be proposed until six months have elapsed.

7. A member whose subscription is unpaid or one year shall be debarred from exercising the rights of voting, proposing or seconding candidates or holding any office or appointment. He is also liable to be put up for exclusion if the Master so desires (N.B. He is automatically excluded by Rule 124 B of C if in arrears for two years.)

8. One who has ceased to be a member, shall not be re-admitted unless he has paid all his dues and is subjected to a fresh ballot. Resignations must be made in open Lodge or in writing before the meeting.

ELECTION Etc.

9. The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and Tyler by show of hands or ballot (Rule 93 B. of C) at the Regular Meeting in December. The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in January. All other Officers shall be nominated by the Elected Master and they will be invested at the January meeting after his installation.

STANDING COMMITTEE

There shall be a Standing Committee and the standing committee shall consist of the Master, I.P.M., Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and all the Past Masters of Lodge Tiruchirappalli No.203 and in addition to them 2 members not in any office of the Lodge, if possible shall be elected every year at the Installation meeting and the period of office of the 2 elected members shall be for one year.

The duties of this committee shall be to:

(a) scrutinise the monthly financial statement

(b) enquire into the eligibility of any candidate proposed for initiation or joining.

(c) take an inventory of the Lodge property and report on its condition.

(d) to present the annual report at the Installation meeting.

(e) to consider any matter and give suggestions tending to promote the welfare of the Lodge.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

11. A committee of two (who are not members of the Standing Committee) shall be appointed by the Lodge at the Election Meeting for auditing the accounts of the year. The audited statement shall form part of the Annual Report of the Standing or Permanent Committee.

CONTROL OF PROPERTIES

12. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided in Rule 119 B of C.

TREASURER

13. The Treasurer shall collect subscriptions and other dues and shall issue receipts therefor. He shall be in charge of all moneys and make payments for current routine expenses with the permission of the Master. All moneys shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Lodge and in the name of the Lodge. The Treasurer and the Master are authorised to operate on the accounts jointly. He shall submit financial statements to the Regular meeting of the Lodge. The disbursement of any amount exceeding Rs.50/-, otherwise than for routine expenses, requires the previous sanction of the Lodge, under notice. He shall maintain separate accounts for the General Funds and Charity Funds. He shall also at each meeting make a report of members in arrears for over three quarters.

SECRETARY

14. The Secretary shall be in charge of the Lodge records and books other than the accounts. He shall conduct all general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall be ex-officio member and convener of all committees appointed by the Lodge. He shall keep a record of the minutes of the proceedings, maintain a Registrar of Members as required by the B of C and be responsible for the necessary return etc. to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge under the signature of the Master and of himself wherever is required. All letters from the members shall be addressed to him in office and with personal address so that it will be evident that they are for the Secretary only.

STEWARDS

15. The Stewards shall have charge of all Lodge furniture, and Regalia and shall see that they are kept in good order. They shall also see that the preparation for the meeting are adequate and with the Tyler see that no defects may occur to mar the

proceedings. They will also be in charge of banquets and refreshments. All expenses connected with these shall be borne by the members partaking of same including their guests if any. A sum not exceeding Rs.5/- shall be borne by the Lodge for aerated waters only at each meeting if any light refreshments are ordered, the Stewards will promptly collect the dues and disburse the expenses.

SECRETARY AND TYLER.

16. The services of the Secretary and Tyler (if a subscribing member) will be equivalent to their appropriate subscription to the Lodge, but the Lodge shall remit to the Grand Lodge and to the R.G.L. the requisite payments due in respect of their membership of the Lodge.

17. A Members introducing visitors shall vouch for them and see that the visitors sign the attendance book in due form.

18. 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 in the

first instance. The printed By-Laws shall be read in open Lodge once in every year and at such other times as the Master may think it proper.

18. No alteration, addition or amendment shall be made to these By-Laws unless moved and seconded in open Lodge and after due notice to the Brethren being given in the Summons, these amendments should be passed by a majority of two thirds of the brethren present at the meeting and finally approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Master.

1. Approved by the M.W. Grand Master on 11th December 1970 at New Delhi.

2. Approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master on 8th May 1971 at Madras.

3. Adopted in open Lodge on 8th May 1971 at the Consecration Meeting held at the Freemasons hall Madras and confirmed at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge at Tiruchirapalli on 12th June 1971.