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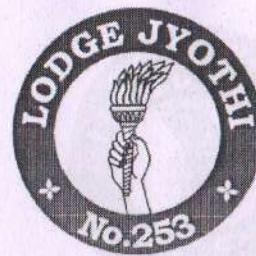
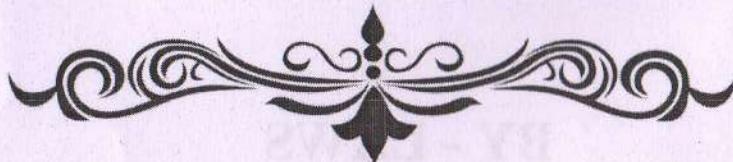
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The following Brethren were appointed as Members of the By-Law Committee to update the Lodge by-laws, to print and distribute the new edition of the by-law book to the brethren.

1. W.Bro.D.Sudhakar ... W.M
2. W.Bro.C.S.Madhavan ... Secretary
3. R.W.Bro.V.P.M.Govindadass
4. W.Bro.V.S.Varadarajan
5. W.Bro.V.Prithviraman
6. W.Bro. R.Baskaren



The Jyothi Lodge No. 253

Founder Members

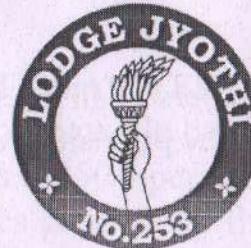
S.No	Reg. No	Name	Initiated on	in	Past in	Master on
1	1	R.W.Bro.Dr.J.R.Mehta	22-05-43	3400	3400	1950
		PAGMPDYRGM			79	1965
2	2	W.Bro.P.V.Purushothaman	27-02-60	46	235	1983
		PVPRGStwd			79	1983
3	3	W.Bro.T.C.Vijayaraghavan	17-02-62	79	79	1974
		PARGIG				
4	4	W.Bro.V.P.M.Govindadass	15-02-63	79	79	1972
		PAGIG PRG Regr				
5	5	W.Bro.M.B.Gunavansingh	20-07-68	79	79	1980
		PVPRGStwd				
6	6	W.Bro.V.S.Varadharajan	21-12-68	79	79	1982
		PRG IG				
7	7	W.Bro.Prakash J.Mehta	19-02-72	79	204	1983
		RG Stwd				
8	8	Bro. Dr.K.Loganathan	21-02-76	79		
9	9	Bro. Dr.C.Ramalingam	21-02-76	79		
10	10	Bro.Deepak Girdharlal	22-07-78	79		
11	11	Bro.R.Balasubramaniyam	19-05-79	79		
12	12	Bro.Dr.M.Kumaravel	19-05-79	79		
13	13	Bro.Dr.N.Rajan	19-05-79	79		
14	14	Bro.P.Shankar	20-08-82	79		



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FIRST OFFICERS - 1984

W.Bro. Prakash J.Mehta	R.G.Std	...W.M.
W.Bro.P.V.Purushothaman	P.V.Pr.R.G.Stds	... I.P.M
Bro. Dr.K.Loganathan		... S.W
Bro.Dr.C.Ramalingam		... J.W
R.W.Bro.Dr.J.R.Mehta	P.A.G.M / P.Dy.R.G.M	... Chaplain
W.Bro.V.S.Varadharajan,	P.R.G.I.G.	... Treasurer
W.Bro.V.P.M.Govindadass	P.A.G.I.G. / P.R.GRegr	... Secretary
W.Bro.M.B.Gunavansingh	P.V.Pr. R.G.Std.	... D.of C.
Bro.Deepak Girdharlal		... S.D.
Bro.R.Balasubramaniyam		... J.D.
Bro.Dr.M.Kumaravel		... Almoner
Bro.Dr.N.Rajan		... I.G.
Bro.P.Shankar		... Steward
W.Bro.T.C.Vijayaraghavan	P.A.R.G.I.G.	... Tyler



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BY - LAWS

CONSTITUTION

1. Under authority granted by the Grand Lodge of India and by its warrant dated the 16th January 1984 a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, styled LODGE JYOTHI No.253 shall be held in Salem.

MEMBERS

2. The members of the Lodge shall be (1) Resident, (2) Non-Resident, or (3) Honorary.

3. (1) All members shall be classified as Resident members unless they have been placed on the Non- Resident or Honorary list.

(2) All members living outside Salem Revenue District, who do not hold any office, shall on application be placed on the Non-Resident list

(3) Honorary members shall be those who are elected as such in accordance with the provisions of Rule 142 B of C.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

4. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemasons Hall, Suramangalam, and Salem at such hour as the Master may fix. On the last Saturday of every month except in the month of April when there will be no meeting.

ANNUAL ELECTION

5. The Master shall be elected annually at the regular meeting in the month of October and installed in the regular meeting in the month of November. The Treasurer and Tyler shall also be elected at the regular meeting in October and invested with the other officers during the Installation Meeting in November.

EXPENSES OF MEETING

6. Where an Emergency Meeting is held for the sole purpose of conferring a degree at the request and for the convenience of a candidate or candidates, such candidate or candidates may be required to pay the expenses for holding such emergency meetings.

DUES AND FEES

7. The Subscription payable by all members including non residents will be Rs. 1250/- per annum in addition to GL and RGL per capita dues payable by the member at the rates applicable from time to time. The subscription must be paid within 3 months from date of billing. Past Masters of the Lodge will have to pay the Grand Lodge, installed Master's fee in addition to the above.

8. The following shall be the scale of fees:-

(a) Initiation	... Rs.6500/-
(b) Joining / Rejoining	... Rs.6500/-
(c) Joining from other constitution	... Rs.6500/-

The Apron is to be borne at their own cost.

9. The Secretary shall bring to the notice of the Lodge all cases in which the brethren are in arrears of Subscription after the expiry of three months from the date of bill. It shall be competent for the Lodge to take such action as may be deemed necessary.

10. Brethren whose subscription are unpaid for more than six months from date of bill shall neither be eligible to vote on any matter raised in the lodge nor be elected, nor be appointed to any office.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

11. Proposal forms properly filled in for candidates for admission to freemasonry, and for Brethren as Joining

Members must be in the hands of the Secretary along with the required fees at least fourteen days before the day on which the proposal is to be made in open Lodge.

12. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated, nor a brother admitted as a Joining Member of the Lodge, if more than 50% of the member's present, ballot against the candidate. The fees previously collected in such cases shall be refunded.

13. Candidates and brethren who are not accepted for initiation or membership may be proposed after a lapse of six months from the date of the ballot at which they were not accepted.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

14. The first Permanent Committee shall be constituted on the consecration meeting day and subsequently it shall be constituted on the regular installation meeting day of each year. The committee shall consist of the two wardens, the treasurer, the secretary and two other Past Masters who shall be elected by the Lodge besides the Immediate Past Master and Master who will be ex-office members as per rule 129 B of C.

14 (a) Three members shall form a Quorum.

15. The decision of the Permanent Committee may, whenever necessary, be obtained by circulation.

16. The Committee shall consider application for admission prior to the ballot being taken and report thereon to the Lodge. It may also examine the accounts every month before they are read at the regular

meeting and submitted to the Lodge for consideration any matter which it may deem to be for the benefit of the Lodge.

17. At every installation meeting the Permanent Committee shall lay before the Lodge a report of the working of the Lodge.

17a) The minutes of the Permanent Committee meeting shall be read at the following regular meeting of the Lodge.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

18. An Audit Committee comprising two members other than the members of the Permanent Committee shall be elected by the lodge in the regular meeting in October of each year to audit the accounts of that year and submit the audited statement of accounts at the regular meeting in the following November.

SECRETARY

19. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence, issue summonses for all meetings, record minutes of the proceedings and keep the register of members and other registers. He shall further maintain all records other than the account books maintained by the Treasurer.

20. The Secretary shall have power to incur expenditure on behalf of the lodge to the extent of Rs.2000/- at a time, subject to the formal ratification and reimbursement by the perm.comm. Of the Lodge at its next regular meeting

TREASURER

21. 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 in the

name of Lodge at a Bank(s) to be approved by 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 any one of the two, viz., Worshipful Master or Secretary, shall regularly enter a complete record of all moneys passing through his hands in the proper books of account, which shall be the property of the lodge and which, together with all lodge funds and property in his possession, shall be transferred to his successor upon investiture. He shall prepare a statement of account annually, at a date to be determined by the members, showing the exact financial position of the lodge, which statement shall be verified and audited by a Committee of members of the lodge annually elected for that purpose. Copies of the accounts and of the certificate signed by this Audit Committee that all balances have been checked and that accounts have been duly audited shall be sent to all the members of the lodge together with the Summons convening the Meeting at which they are to be considered. The books of accounts shall be produced for inspection in open Lodge at such meeting or on other suitable occasion also if required by a resolution of the Lodge.

PROPOSITIONS

22. Ordinary propositions involving major expenditure of money shall be considered by the Lodge only if the same is brought on the agenda of the summons, provided that the Master shall always have the privilege of allowing a proposition of an urgent nature being considered by the Lodge without notice on the summons.

CHARITY FUND

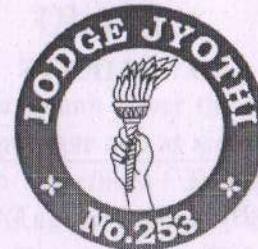
23. Before the closing of the Lodge, the Almoner if any, or in his absence the Deacons shall take round the Charity Box in which brethren may deposit their free-well offerings. The sums thus collected shall be carried to a separate account and appropriated to such charitable purpose as the brethren in open Lodge may direct.

24. The Master may from the Charity Fund, meet emergent cases of distress up to a sum of Rs. 2000/- and shall report the fact the next regular meeting of the Lodge.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

25. It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend or add to these by-Laws unless the abrogation, amendment or addition shall have duly been proposed passed at one regular meeting & confirmed at the next regular meeting nor shall such alterations be of

effect until they have received the approval of the R.W.Regional Grand Master and of the M.W.Grand Master. Reference to the Rules of the Book of Constitution In the By-laws relates to the 1982 Edition of the Book of Constitutions as amended from time to time.



FIRST BY-LAWS

The first By-Laws have been duly adopted at the Consecration Meeting held on 03-08-1984.

(Sd.) PRAKASH J.MEHTA
Wor.Master

(Sd.) V.P.M.GOVINDADASS.
Secretary

(Sd.) Dr.K.LOGANATHAN
S.Warden

(Sd.) Dr.C.RAMALINGAM,
J.Warden

Approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Master
of Southern India.

Coimbatore,
29th October 1984

(Sd.) G.K.Devarajulu,
Regional Grand Master

Approved by M.W.The Grand Master.

New Delhi,
21s November 1984

(Sd.) H.P.Guptha,
Ag.Grand Secretary

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AMENDMENTS

Date	By-Laws	Amended By-Law

Warrant

Know ye that me by the authority and under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of India vested in us for that purpose and at the Humble petition of our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Brethren Prakash Jyothiprasad Mehta, Karuppanna Pillai Loganathan, Chandrasekaran Pillai Ramalingam, Jyothi Prasad Ramprasad Mehta, P.V. Purushothaman, T.C. Vijayaraghavan, V.P. M. Govindadass, M.B. Gunavansingh, V.S. Varadarajan, D.G. Bathija, R. Balasubramaniyam, M. Kumaravelu, N. Rajan, P. Shankar and others do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or Denomination of The Lodge Jyothi No. 253

The said Lodge to meet at Freemasons Hall, Salem on the Last Saturday of Every Month empowering them in the said Lodge When duly congregated to make, pass and raise Freemasons according to the Ancient Custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout The known World and further at their said Petition and of the great Trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named Brethren We Do Appoint the said Prakash Jyothiprasad Mehta to be the first Master, the said Karuppanna Pillai Loganathan to be the first Senior Warden and the said Chandrasekaran Pillai Ramalingam to be the first Junior Warden for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden in Warranted Lodge shall be installed in Ancient Form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his Office. And we do require you the said Prakash Jyothiprasad Mehta to take special care that all and every of the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that you and they and all other the Member of the said Lodge, do observe, perform and keep the Laws.

Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all other which may from time to time be made by our Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being and we do enjoin you to make such By Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a Copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a Copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By Laws and Regulations and also an Account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our Successors Grand Masters or to Our Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a list of the members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the fees and monies payable thereon. To being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Constitution shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulation of our Grand Lodge. And you the said Prakash Jyothiprasad Mehta are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an Account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these Presents.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of New Delhi this Sixteenth Day of January, 1984, is corresponding to Twentysixth Day of Pousa, 1905, Saka Era.

(Sd.) H.J. Rushi,
Grand Secretary

(Sd.) S. Jaipuria
Grand Master

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