

BY-LAWS  
OF  
THE MURRAY HAMMICK LODGE  
*No. 3636 E. C.*  
CHITTOOR

**1950**

*As amended in November-December 1949*

*and*

*Approved by the Rt. Worshipful District*

*Grand Master and the Most Worshipful*

*Grand Master in February 1950.*

Name in full of the Brother

Initiated 19

Passed 19

Raised 19

Joined 19

Rank held in the Lodge: Year

## **HISTORY OF THE LODGE**

It was during the period when the Hon. Sir Murray Hammick, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., I.C.S., was District Grand Master, efforts were made by the Freemasons at Chittoor to form a Lodge named "Murray Hammick" at Chittoor. They unani- mously passed a resolution to that effect at an informal meeting held on the 6th March 1912.

Under the Registry of THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, the Warrant for the constitution of THE LODGE MURRAY HAMMICK, No. 3636, was granted on the 19th November 1912.

The Lodge was consecrated and constituted on the 15th February 1913, by Worshipful Brother C. J. Higgs, the then Deputy District Grand Master of Madras, in the presence of a distinguished gathering of Masons and some Officers of the District Grand Lodge, at the Collector's residence in Chittoor.

Worshipful Brother A. Y. G. Campbell, who later became the Right Worshipful District Grand Master of Madras, and continues his connection.

**FOUNDERS**

1. Wor. Bro, A. Y, G. Campbell,
2. Wor, Bro, It. V. Narayana Ayyar
3. Bro. R, W, Chester,
4. Bro. P. Krishna Rao,
5. Bro. O. A. Bouter,
6. Bro. J. Day.
7. Bro. A.B. Boaler,
8. Bro. T. Raja Rama Rao,
9. Bro. B. Rama Rao,
10. Bro. E.H.A. Travers Drapes,
11. Bro. V. B. Bingaravelu Mudaliar,
12. Bro. A. H. A. Todd,
13. Bro. F. T. Watson,
14. Bro. C. M. Doraswami Mudaliar.

**PREAMBLE**

So the By-laws as first approved by the Most Worship full Grand Master on the 9th December.

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the well-being and good Government of so Ancient and Honourable an Institution that its members should be bound by certain laws, WE, THE MASTER, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE LODGE MURRAY HAMMICK, No. 3686, on the Register of THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, in order to preserve that Faith and Harmony which should ever distinguish Freemasons, have established and subscribed to the following By-laws.

with the Lodge as an Honorary Member, was installed as the First Master of the Lodge.

With fourteen members on the rolls, the next meeting of the Lodge was held on the 1st March 1913.

The meetings held in the separate building in the compound of the Collector's residence mark a definite period of advance in the history of the Lodge. On the 7th June 1913, a Committee was formed to raise debentures and to arrange for the proper construction and equipment of a Masonic Hall.

The edifice was soon raised and the Brethren held their first meeting in the present building on the 20th February 1915.

Ever afterwards, the number of members increased and with it true Masonry. Thus was laid the foundation of a great work under the guidance and protection of T. G. A. O. T. U.

The Silver Jubilee of the Lodge was celebrated in 1938. From May 1943, due to the conditions created by World War II, meetings of the Lodge were held at Vellore by special Dispensation till

August 1946. The meetings were resumed at the Lodge's own Temple at Chittoor from September 1946. The Temple and the buildings of the Lodge were electrified in 1947, thus fulfilling a need which, according to records, was first expressed during the Jubilee year 1938.

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**THE MURRAY HAMMICK LODGE**  
No. 3636 E. C.

**CHITTOOR**

As amended and approved by the Lodge at its Regular meeting held on Saturday, 19th November 1949, and confirmed at the Regular meeting held on Saturday, 24th December 1949, and approved by the Right Worshipful District Grand Master on 22nd February 1950 and by the Most Worshipful Grand Master on 27th February 1950.

**PREAMBLE**

Under authority granted by THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND and by its Charter, dated 19th November 1912, a copy of which is appended,\* a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons styled "THE MURRAY HAMMICK LODGE" shall be held at Chittoor in the Province of Madras.

\* See page 19.

Now known as the Madras State.



**MEMBERSHIP**

1. The subscribing members of the Lodge shall comprise of two classes, (1) Resident and (2) Non-resident.
2. A Resident member shall be a member who resides within the municipal limits of Chittoor.
3. Honorary members may be elected in accordance with Rule 167, Book of Constitutions. DAYS OF MEETING
4. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held in the Freemasons' Hall at Chittoor on the penultimate Saturday of every month, except in February and August, when the meetings shall be held on the second Saturday.
5. The summons of every meeting shall be issued at least seven days prior to the meeting.

**ANNUAL ELECTION**

6. The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and the Tyler chosen at the regular meeting in January. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in February.

**DUES AND FEES**

7. Members shall pay subscriptions in advance at the following rates:

Resident members and Non-resident members who are Officers of the Lodge ...Rs. 3 per month  
Non-resident members ...Rs. 2 per month.

The subscription of members shall become due on the 1st of each month.

A member whose subscription is unpaid for three months shall not be eligible for election or appointment to any of the offices or for voting.

8. The scale of fees shall be as follows:

Fee for Initiation... Rs. 100/-

Fee for Joining... Rs. 15/-

Fee of Honour on Installation,  
payable to Benevolence... Rs. 10/-

The fees shall be paid in advance.

A member joining from a Lodge not under the United Grand Lodge of England shall pay in

addition to the above joining fee a sum of Rupees Six for his Grand Lodge Certificate of the English Constitution.

9. A member of the Lodge who allows his subscription to fall into arrears for three months in the case of resident members or for six months in the case of non-resident members shall be called on by the Secretary by registered letter to his last known address for the payment of his dues; and if the dues are not liquidated within a period of two months from the date of service of the letter, such member shall be liable to exclusion under Rule 181 of the Book of Constitutions.

#### **ADMISSION AND RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS**

10. A brother desirous of joining the Lodge shall fill up and sign the application in the prescribed form and pay the joining fee before the date of joining.

11. A person seeking to be made a Mason in the Lodge shall fill up and sign the application in the prescribed form and pay the fees for initiation before the date of initiation.

12. A candidate for initiation or a brother desirous of joining shall not be accepted if on the ballot more than two black balls appear against him, provided that the Master may, if he has reason to believe that a mistake might have been made, direct a second ballot to be taken immediately, the result of which shall be final.

13. In every case the result of the ballot shall be communicated as early as practicable to the person for whom the ballot was taken.

14. If the ballot is unfavourable the fee paid by the rejected candidate shall be returned to him.

15. No rejected candidate shall be again proposed in the Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the day of his rejection.

16. Resignation of membership of the Lodge may be effected either verbally in open Lodge or by letter to the Secretary, according to the provisions of Rule 183 of the Book of Constitutions.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

17. All communications for the Lodge from members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

**TYLER**

18. The Tyler, if elected under Rule 113, B. of C., shall be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the Lodge.

**PROPOSITIONS**

19. Unless otherwise decided by two-thirds of the members present at the meeting, a proposition shall not be brought forward for consideration in open Lodge except on behalf of the Permanent Committee unless notice of it has been given in writing by the member desirous of proposing it in sufficient time to allow of its entry in the summons to the meeting.

20. A proposition shall not be discussed in open Lodge unless it shall have been proposed by one member and seconded by another member.

21. Any number of amendments duly proposed and seconded may be considered in connection with a proposition before the Lodge. All amendments shall be put to vote first; if they be negative the original proposition shall be put to the vote; if any amendment or amendments be carried the original proposition as amended shall be put to the vote.

**COMMITTEES**

22. There shall be a Permanent Committee consisting of the Master, the Wardens, the Treasurer, all the Past Masters and two other members elected annually at the Installation meeting. Any vacancy on the Permanent Committee which may occur during the period between one Installation meeting and the next shall be filled by election at the next meeting of the Lodge.

23. It shall be the duty of the Permanent Committee to consider and report to the Lodge on general questions affecting the Lodge, to check the inventory of the Lodge property and to submit an annual report, to be presented at the Installation meeting, upon the working and condition of the Lodge.

24. Proceedings of the Permanent Committee shall be reported at the next regular meeting of the Lodge.

25. The Audit Committee to be appointed under Rule 153 of the Book of Constitutions to audit the accounts of the Lodge as on December 31st of

each year shall be appointed at the regular meeting in January. This Committee shall consist of three members besides the Master and the Secretary, who shall be ex-officio members.

26. The Secretary shall be the ex-officio Secretary of all committees appointed by the Lodge.

### **LIBRARY**

27. A member shall not be allowed to borrow more than one book at a time, and a fresh book shall not be issued until the book previously taken by him has been returned.

28. Any book lost or damaged while borrowed by a member shall be replaced or paid for at its full value by the borrower.

### **CHARITY FUND**

29. The charity collections shall be kept separate from the general funds of the Lodge and shall be appropriated to such charitable objects as the brethren in open Lodge may from time to time direct.

30. A sum of twenty-five rupees from the Charity Fund shall be held at the disposal of the

Master to relieve emergent cases of distress. When the Master relieves cases of distress under this by-law he shall report the fact at the next regular meeting of the Lodge.

#### **ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS.**

31. No alteration of or addition to these by- laws shall be considered at any meeting except a regular meeting or shall be submitted for the approval of the Grand Master until and unless it has been confirmed at the regular meeting succeeding that at which it was carried, and it shall not become effective until subsequently approved by the District Grand Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

32. A printed copy of every alteration of or addition to these by-laws shall be supplied by the Secretary to every subscribing member of the Lodge.

(Sd.) C. Venugopal,  
Worshipful Master.

(Sd.) M. Abdulla,  
Senior Warden.



(Sd.) V. Ramaswamy Reddy,  
Junior Warden.

(Sd.) T. Raghavan,  
Secretary.

Chittoor,  
25th Dec, 1949.

Approved by me:

(Sd.) T. V. Muthukrishnan,  
District Grand Master.

22nd February 1950.

Approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

(Sd.) Sydney A. White,  
Grand Secretary.

27th February 1950.

APPENDIX

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COPY OF CHARTER  
OF  
**THE MURRAY HAMMICK LODGE**  
**No. 3636.**



(Sd.) Ampthill Pro G. M.

To all and every our Right Worshipful,  
Worshipful and Loving Brethren

WE

ARTHUR WILLAM PATRIC ALBERT, DUKE OF  
CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, KNIGHT OF  
THE MOST NOBLE ORDER  
OF THE GARTER,

&c.      &c.      &c.

GRAND MASTER  
OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE  
FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED  
MASONS OF ENGLAND

**SEND GREETING - KNOW YE**

That we by the authority and under the sanction of the United Grand Lodge of England vested in us for that purpose and as the humble Petition of our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Brethren Archibald Young Gipps Campbell, Richard William Chester, Palle Krishna Rao, Albert Edward Boaler, Tandalam Rajaram Row, Francis Thomas Watson, James Day and others DO HEREBY CONSTITUTE the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the Title or Denomination of

THE MURRAY HAMMICK LODGE,  
No. 3636.

The said lodge to meet at Chittoor in the Madras Presidency, India, on the first Saturday in every month empowering them in the said lodge when duly congregated to make, pass and raise Free Masons 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 Archibald Young Gipps Campbell to be the first MASTER, the said Richard William Chester to be the first SENIOR WARDEN and the said Palle Krishna Rao 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 a 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 Archibald Young Gipps Campbell to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that you and hey and all other the Members of the said lodge do observe, perform and keep the Laws, Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors 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 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. It intention that this our being our will and WARRANT OF CONSTITUTION shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said Archibald Young Gipps Campbell 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 at London this 19th November A... 5912,  
A.D. 1912.

*By Command of His Royal Highness the M.W.  
Grand Master.*

(Sd.) T. F. HALSEY, D. G. M.

(Sd.) E. LETCHWORTH, G. S.