



# Lodge Cannanore

NO. 234

Kannur

Date of Warrant: 15th December 1977

Date of Consecration: 11th March 1978

## **BYE-LAWS**

Approved by the

R.W. The Regional Grand Master  
On 2nd May, 1978

M.W. The Grand Master  
On 8th June, 1978

**(Incorporating amendments up to 2012)**

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Bylaws of

LODGE CANNANORE No. 234

I. MEMBERSHIP

1. The members of the Lodge shall comprise three classes, viz

- (a) Resident Members
- (b) Non-Resident Members
- (c) Honorary Members

Explanation: 1. Resident members are those who reside within the District of Kannur.

Explanation: 2. Non-resident members are those who reside beyond the said limit and apply to be brought on the Non-Resident list.

Explanation: 3. Honorary members are those who are elected as such, for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular.

2. Resident members leaving the afore-mentioned limits shall be placed on the Non-Resident list from the month following that in which the application to be brought on that list is made.

II. DAYS OF MEETINGS

3. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Dr. T.D. Nair Memorial Firemensons' Hall, Kannur on the FIRST FRIDAY of every month at such hour as the Master from time to time decide.

4. Summons convening the Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.
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### III. SUBSCRIPTION & FEES

5. The annual subscription for the Resident and Non-Resident members shall be Rs. 1500/- payable on the first of January every year. The actual annual/half yearly dues as demanded from time to time by the Grand Lodge of India and the Regional (Grand Lodge of Southern India shall also be payable.
6. The following shall be the fees payable in advance:-

Initiation	Rs. 5,000/-
Joining	Rs. 2,500/-
Rejoining	Rs. 2,500/-
Building Fund	Rs. 5,000/-

The Registration fees for the Grand Lodge of India and the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India as applicable, prescribed from time to time.

#### (a). STEWARD FUND

An amount of Rs. 700/- shall be collected from every member as steward fund per year towards food and refreshment served to the members at the meetings and kept in separate bank account which shall be checked and audited by the Audit Committee. No part of the general or charity funds of the Lodge shall be expended for this purpose.

7. The expense of any Emergency Meeting and dispensation fee, if any, due to the Regional (Grand Lodge), shall be defrayed by the Brother or Brethren of whose insurance the meeting is held; or dispensation obtained.

### IV. ADMISSION & RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

8. No candidate for freemasonry shall be initiated in this, nor shall any brother be admitted as a joining member or rejoining member of the Lodge if, on ballot, more than 2/3rd of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature.
9. A candidate rejected for initiation, joining or rejoining shall not be again proposed in Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of rejection.

- (a). In all cases where the votes of brethren on any proposition are equal, the Master shall have a second or casting vote.

10. Any member whose subscription for a period of 6 months or more remains unpaid, the Secretary shall advise him of the amount due, by registered post, and if the full amount is not paid within thirty days thereof, he shall come under exclusion under the provision of Rules 156 of the Book of Constitutions.
- (a). Any member desirous of resigning from the Lodge may notify the same verbally, in open Lodge, or by letter to the Secretary, and such notice, unless withdrawn prior to being accepted, shall take effect from the date on which it is given.

11. A member who has resigned or has ceased to be a member or has been excluded for non payment of dues, shall be permitted to re-join only on payment of all former arrears together with the rejoining fee and subject to a fresh ballot as provided in Rule 130 of the Book of Constitution.

### V. ELECTIONS, etc.

12. The Worshipful Master and Treasurer shall be Elected by ballot at the Regular Election Meeting in December and shall be installed and invested at the next Regular Installation Meeting in JANUARY every year.
13. The Tyler shall be elected by show of hands at the Regular Election Meeting in December.
14. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge, which is not mentioned in the Summons unless, in case of emergency, the Worshipful Master directs otherwise.
15. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Worshipful Master or until 3 months shall have elapsed after its decision.
16. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided in Rule 119 of Book of Constitution.
17. At the Regular Meeting in January the Lodge shall appoint a



Standing Committee consisting of Worshipful Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two other members.

18. At the Regular Meeting in January the Lodge shall appoint the Audit Committee referred to in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitution.

(a) At the Regular Meeting in January the Lodge shall appoint a Screening Committee consisting of three senior brethren of the Lodge in good standing. The Worshipful Master and Secretary as ex officio members.

(b) The duties of the Screening Committee shall be, to meet every candidate proposed for initiation or every brother proposed for joining or rejoining, to ascertain the suitability of the Candidate/brother, may visit the candidate's/brother's home and/or his place of work, meet with his family and may make any such due enquiry to its satisfaction; to submit its report with its recommendations about the candidate(s) to the Standing Committee at its next meeting.

(c) At the Regular Meeting in January the Lodge shall appoint a Building Committee consisting of three senior brethren of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Secretary as ex officio members.

(d) The duties of the Building Committee shall be, to periodically inspect the Lodge building and report with its recommendation for improvements, repairs and maintenance if any, to the Standing Committee, to carry out the work subject to the approval of the Lodge with due report to the Standing Committee.

(e) At the Regular Meeting in January the Lodge shall appoint a Charity Committee consisting of three senior brethren of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Secretary as ex officio members.

(f) The duties of the Charity Committee shall be, to submit its report with its recommendations of the charity projects to be implemented if any, to be taken up by the Lodge for the benefit of the community at large; to prepare and submit a budget for the charity project for the ensuing year to allocate funds by the Lodge for the implementation of the Charity project to the Standing Committee before the Installation Meeting; to submit its report annually of the projects undertaken to the Standing Committee before the Installation Meeting.

19. The duties of the Standing Committee appointed by the Lodge shall be to enquire about and report on candidates for initiation and joining, to examine the Secretary's books and check the Treasurer's accounts, to inspect and check all the property of the Lodge at least once a year and to submit at the Regular meeting in January before the Installation of the Master-elect, an Annual Report of the financial condition of and upon general questions affecting the Lodge during the period under review.

20. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be Secretary ex-officio to all Committees appointed by the Lodge.

21. All letters from the members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

22. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for or notices of all meetings of the Lodge or committees, record minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of members and all 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 as they are due, prepare the Returns for the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges and forward them, through the Worshipful Master together with all fees and contributions due thereon, to the authorities concerned.

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23. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the moneys and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct all moneys due to or held for the Lodge, deposit the same in the name of the Lodge at a Bank approved by a resolution of the Lodge, and shall make payments for current ordinary expenses on the authority of the Worshipful Master or other Officers-in-charge of the Lodge. No other payment shall be made without a resolution of the Lodge. He shall submit his accounts at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge. All cheques shall be signed jointly by the Treasurer either with the Master or Secretary.

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25. All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge. The Charity box shall be circulated at all the meetings of the Lodge.

26. The Steward funds shall consist of collection from members towards dinner and refreshments and shall be maintained separately. No Part of the general or charity funds of the Lodge shall be expended for this purpose.

27. It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these byelaws unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one Regular Meeting after insertion in the summons, and read and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting.

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Adopted by the Lodge at the Consecration Meeting held on 11.03.1978 at the Freemasons' Hall, Egmore, Madras and subsequent amendments approved by M.W. The Grand Master, New Delhi on 19.09.2011 & 04.08.2012, respectively.