

BYE-LAWS
OF
Lodge Vivekananda

No. 254



Pioneer Kumaraswamy Hall, Kovalam Road

KANYAKUMARI



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Founded on 12-2-1935

Founder Members

W. Bro. J. C. Alexander
" " M. Ramaswamy Iyer
" " C. Pazhaniyandi Pillai
" " C. S. Sethuraman
" " S. Ramanatha Pillai
" " Vadivel Babu
" " S. Parameswara Iyer
" " P. Velayudhan Pillai
" " N. Jayakrishnan Nair
" " C. P. N. Nair
Bro. S. Peer Mohamed
" N. A. Noor Mohamed
" K. Padmanabhan
" G. Surendran
" N. Sastha
" K. P. Narayanan Nair
" R. Ravikumar
" Thomas Crowther
" M. Abdul Khadir
" G. Raghuvaran
" R. Premnath
" D. Sivasubramaniam
" E. V. Naidu
" N. Mahesh
" Chacko Mathew
" K. Purushothaman Nair
" Syed Ismail
" A. Gopalan Nair
" M. S. Thiruvaryan
" Augustine Mathew-
 -Kayyalackakom

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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 to this Lodge in particular. (R 142 Book of Constitutions).

Meetings:

2. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Vivekananda Puram, Kanyakumari on the second Saturday of every English calendar month, at such hour as the Master decides.

3. Summons convening the regular meetings shall be issued at least seven days

before the meetings. Emergency meetings, however, may be convened at shorter notice.

Fees and dues:

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

	Rs.
(a) Subscription for membership for an year (Rs. 200 + Rs. 50 (Steward Fund)	150.00
but those admitted in the second half year need pay only	80.00
(The official year of the Lodge shall be the English calender year).	
(b) Initiation	750 00
(c) Joining or rejoining	100 00
(d) Joining from a foreign constitution	200.00

5. The expenses of any Emergency meeting and the Dispensation fees, if any, shall be defrayed by the Brother or Brethren at whose instance the meeting is held.

Admission & Retirement of Members:

6. No candidate for Initiation or joining shall be accepted, if two black balls appear in

a ballot. No such candidate shall again be proposed until six months have elapsed.

7. A member whose subscription is unpaid for one year shall be debarred from exercising the rights of voting, proposing or seconding candidates and being appointed or elected to any office. He is also liable to be excluded, under rule 156 of the B of C.

8. One who has ceased to be a member shall not be readmitted unless he has paid all his dues and subjected to a fresh ballot.

Elections, etc.

9. The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and Tyler elected (R 87 92 A & 93 B of C) at the Regular Meeting in January. The Master-elect shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in February.

Standing Committee:

10. An Annual Committee shall be constituted at the Installation Meeting, Consisting of the Master, IPM, the two wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two members who do not hold any regular office and elected by the Lodge.

The duties of the Committee shall be-

- (a) To scrutinise the monthly financial statement.
- (b) To enquire into the eligibility of every candidate proposed for admission.
- (c) To 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 and suggest any matter 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 December meeting for auditing the accounts of the year. The audited statement shall form part of the Annual Report.

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

13. The Treasurer shall collect subscription 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 is authorised to operate on the accounts. He shall submit financial statements at the Regular Meetings of the Lodge.

14. The disbursement of any amount exceeding Rs. 50/-, otherwise than for routine expenses shall be paid by cheque and requires the previous sanction of the Lodge, under notice.

15. The Secretary shall be in charge of the Lodge records and books other than the account books maintained by the Treasurer. 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.

16. No alteration or addition to these by-laws shall be made except by a motion carried at a Regular Meeting, after due notice and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting and approved by the R. W. Regional Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Master.

Adopted on 12-2-1985

J. C. Alexander W.M.

M. Ramaswamy Iyer S.W.

Pazhaniyandi Pillai J.W.

A. Gopalan Nair Secretary.

Approved by the Right Worshipful Regional
Grand Master on 11-6-1985

Cavalier G. K. Devarajulu

Approved by the Most Worshipful Grand
Master on 16-8-1985.

H. P. GUPTA
Ag. Grand Secretary

Amendment to by-law No. 2 passed on 13-7-1985 and
confirmed on 24-8-1985

EXISTING

The regular meeting of the Lodge
shall be held at Vivekanandapuram,
Kanyakumari on the Second Satur-
day of every English Calendar
month at such hour as the Master
decides.

J. C. ALEXANDER
W. M.

C. PAZHANIYANDI PILLAI
J. W.

Approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master on 24-10-1985

Approved by the M. W. The Grand Master on 20-11-1985

AS AMENDED

The regular meeting of the Lodge
shall be held at Pioneer Kumara-
swamy Hall, Kovalam Road, Kanya-
kumari on the Second Saturday of
every English Calendar month at
such hour as the Master decides.

M. RAMASWAMY IYER
S. W.

A. GOPALAN NAIR
Secretary

Approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master on 24-10-1985
Cavalier G. K. Devarajulu
R.G.M.

H.P. Gupta
Ag. Grand Secretary