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Consecrated on: 27.03.2009

LODGE WESTERN STAR NO. 363
OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
KANNUR

BYE-LAWS

Approved by the

R.W. The Regional Grand Master
on 5th April 2009

M.W. The Grand Master
on 14th April 2009

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS

Approved by the

R.W. The Regional Grand Master
on 29th April 2016

M.W. The Grand Master
on 19th May 2016

BYE-LAWS OF LODGE WESTERN STAR NO. 363

I. MEMBERSHIP

1. The members of the Lodge shall comprise three classes, viz
 - a. Resident Members
 - b. Non Resident Members
 - c. Honorary Members

EXPLANATION

- ♦ Resident members are those who reside within the District of Kannur.
 - ♦ Non-Resident members are those who reside beyond the said limit and apply to be brought under the non-resident category.
 - ♦ 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 aforementioned 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 Freemasons' Hall, Talap, Kannur – 670 004, on the THIRD SUNDAY in the months from February to October at such hour as the Ruling Master decides from time to time. The Lodge shall not have regular meetings in the month of November, December and January.
4. An Emergency meeting of the Lodge may be called by the authority of the Ruling Master at any time and the business to be transacted at such meetings shall be strictly in accordance with Rule No. 116 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India.
5. Summons convening the Regular/ Emergency meeting of the Lodge shall be dispatched by the Secretary to all members of the Lodge at least seven days previous to such meetings.

III. SUBSCRIPTION & FEES

6. The annual subscription for the Resident and Non-Resident members shall be Rs.1000.00 and shall be due and payable on the first February 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.

7. The following shall be the fees payable in advance:

Initiation	Rs. 2500.00
Joining	Rs. 2000.00
Re-joining	Rs. 2000.00

The registration fees to the Grand Lodge of India and the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India as applicable and prescribed and demanded from time to time.

8. The expense of any emergency meeting and dispensation fee, if any, due to the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, shall be defrayed by the brother or brethren at whose instance the meeting is held or dispensation obtained.

IV. ADMISSION & RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

9. No candidate 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 1/3rd of the brethren present at the meeting vote against him.
10. A candidate rejected for initiation, joining or rejoining shall not be again proposed in Lodge until after lapse of six months from the date of rejection.
11. In all cases where the votes of brethren on any proposition are equal, the Ruling Master shall have a second or casting vote.

12. If any brother allows his subscription to be in arrears for a period of six months or more, 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.
13. Any brother 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. Any 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 Constitutions.

V. ELECTIONS, ETC.

14. The Ruling Master shall be elected every year by ballot at the regular meeting in October, which will be the election meeting and shall be installed at the next regular meeting in February of the next year which shall be the Installation meeting.
15. The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the election meeting.
16. The Tyler shall be chosen at the election meeting.
17. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge, which is not mentioned in the Summons

unless, in case of emergency, the Ruling Master directs otherwise.

18. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Ruling Master or until 3 months shall have elapsed after its decision.
19. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided in Rule 119 of Book of Constitution.
20. At the Installation meeting the Lodge shall appoint a Standing Committee consisting of the Ruling Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies and two other elected Master Masons.
21. At the Installation meeting the Lodge shall appoint an Audit Committee consisting of two brethren as per the Rule 129 of Book of Constitutions.
22. At the Installation meeting the Lodge shall appoint a Screening Committee consisting of two Past Masters who are members of the Lodge in good standing.
23. The duties of the Screening Committee shall be, to meet every candidate proposed for initiation, every brother proposed for joining or rejoining, to ascertain the suitability of the candidate/brother, and may visit their homes and /or 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)/brethren to the Standing Committee.
24. At the Installation meeting the Lodge shall appoint a Charity Committee consisting of three brethren of the Lodge. The Ruling Master, Treasurer, Secretary and Almoner shall be ex-officio members of the committee.
 25. The duties of the Charity Committee shall be; to submit its report with its recommendations of the charity projects if any to be implemented or suggested by the Lodge for the benefit of the community, to prepare and submit a budget to the Standing Committee for the charity projects for the ensuing year, to submit its report annually of the projects undertaken to the Standing Committee prior to the Installation meeting.
 26. The duties of the Standing Committee appointed by the Lodge shall be to consider the reports of the screening committee, to allocate funds by the Lodge for the implementation of the Charity project, to examine the Secretary's books, to inspect and check all the property of the Lodge at least once a year and to submit at the regular Installation meeting an Annual Report and Audited Statement of Accounts and upon general questions affecting the Lodge during the period under review.
 27. The Ruling Master and Secretary of the Lodge shall be ex officio in all Committees appointed or elected by the Lodge.

28. All correspondence from the members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.
29. 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 Lodge of India and the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India and to forward them, through the Ruling Master together with all fees and contributions due and thereon, to the authorities concerned.
30. 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 Ruling 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.

31. A sum of Rs. 500/- from the general fund of the Lodge shall be annually placed at the disposal of the Ruling Master to meet emergent cases of distress. In case the Ruling Master exercises the privilege he shall report the circumstances at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, otherwise the sum shall, at the close of the year be carried to the Charity Account.
32. 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.
33. 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.
34. It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these by-laws 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.

Any case for which the foregoing Bye-Laws do not provide, the Laws and Regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India shall be binding on all concerned.

Adopted by the Lodge at the Consecration & Installation Meeting held on Friday the 27th March 2009 at Dr. T.D. Nair Memorial Freemasons' Hall, Talap, Kannur, Kerala – 670 004.



W.Bro. Mathew Thomas
Worshipful Master



Bro. M.D. George
Senior Warden



Bro. P. Mahesh Gopalan
Junior Warden



W.Bro. K. Pramod
Secretary

Approved by

R.W.Bro. Varanasi Narasimham, P.A.G.M.
The R.W. the Regional Grand Master of the
Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India

Chennai
5.4.2009



Regional Grand Master

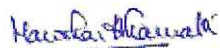
M.W.Bro. Justice Devinder Gupta, O.S.M.
The M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India

New Delhi
14.4.2009



Grand Secretary

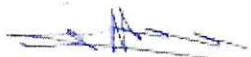
Amendments to the Bye-laws adopted by the Lodge
at the 51st Regular Meeting held on Sunday the 18th
October 2015 at Dr. T.D. Nair Memorial Freemasons
Hall, Talap, Kannur - 670 002.



W. Bro. Manohar H Kamath
W. Master



**Bro. Hrishikesh
Seetharaman Upadhyay**
Senior Warden



Bro. C.V. Shabari Das
Junior Warden



W. Bro. Thomas C. Joseph
Secretary

Approved by

R.W. Bro. Arvind Prasad Chitra, P.Dy.G.M.

The R.W. the Regional Grand Master of the
Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India

Chennai
29.04.2016



Regional Grand Master

M.W. Bro. Harcharan Singh Ranauta, O.S.M.

The M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India

New Delhi
19.5.2016



Grand Secretary