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Name of Brother

Initiated on

Passed on

Raised on

The Original Bye-Laws of the Lodge, dated 21st November, 1894, were revised in 1912 and the revised Bye-Laws were approved on 21st September, 1912. These were again revised in 1925 and the amended Bye-Laws received the approval of the M. W. Grand Master on 12th February, 1926. These were again revised in 1933.

The Revised Bye-Laws received the approval of the M. W. Grand Master on 25th June, 1934.

The Bye-Laws were again revised and amended in April, 1941 and these received the approval of the M. W. Grand Master on the 26th June, 1942.

On the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of India on 24th November, 1961, at New Delhi, Lodge Mount opted to join the Indian Constitution, and a new warrant was issued to the Lodge by the Grand Lodge of India. The Lodge was numbered 14 in the register of the Grand Lodge of India. Certain consequential amendments to the Bye-laws were made in December, 1962 and these received the approval of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of India on 20th February, 1963.

1. In these Bye-laws, the term 'resident member' shall include every brother who resides within a radius of

ten miles from the Lodge or in the City of Madras or practises his trade or profession in the City of Madras.

The 'District' shall mean the City of Madras and the area within a radius of ten miles from the Lodge.

MEETINGS.

2. The regular Meeting of the Lodge shall take place in the Masonic Temple at Saint Thomas' Mount, Madras, on the first Saturday of every month at the time fixed by the Master.

3. All Brethren must sign the Attendance Register and are requested to see that the visiting Brethren who are introduced by them also sign.

4. Any Brother wishing to propose a candidate for Initiation or Joining or Rejoining shall submit to the Secretary on or before the day of proposal, the prescribed forms duly filled in by the candidate.

ADMISSION.

5. Any Brother proposing a candidate for Initiation or Joining or Rejoining shall pay the prescribed fee to the Treasurer while submitting the application of the candidate.

6. The Lodge shall appoint annually at the Installation meeting an Enquiry Committee consisting of not more than five Brethren including the Master and the Secretary whose duty shall be to make strict enquiries into and make a true and faithful report on the character, circumstances and

social standing of any candidate for initiation, joining or rejoining.

Note :—Should there be any objection to the introduction of a Candidate for Initiation, or a Brother for Joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or Secretary, who may communicate with the proposer and give him the opportunity of withdrawing his Candidate.

7. If at a ballot in respect of a candidate for Initiation or Joining or Rejoining, two black balls appear against him, he shall be deemed to have been rejected and the result shall be notified to him through the Brother proposing him.

8. If a candidate for Initiation is not initiated within the year after the date of the ballot at which he was elected, his election shall be void.

9. A candidate for Initiation, Joining or Rejoining may, if rejected at a ballot, be proposed again after the lapse of three months from the date of the ballot,

SUBSCRIPTION FEES AND OTHER DUES.

10. The following fees shall be payable to the Lodge :	Rs.
(1) For Initiation	... 175
(2) For joining or re-joining from a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of India	... 25
(3) For joining from a Lodge under a recognised Jurisdiction	... 40

In cases where Brethren may have to withdraw, on being ordered away from the District and wishing to re-join

on their return, the fee will be Rs. 5 only provided they be so elected within three months after returning to the District.

11. The sum of *Rupees five (5) per mensem* will be paid by every Resident Member and *Rupees two and nP. fifty (2-50 nP.)* by every Non-resident Member.

The subscription shall be payable monthly in advance.

A member whose subscription is unpaid for more than three months in the case of Resident members and for more than six months in the case of Non-Resident members shall not be qualified for election or to appointment to any office. He shall not be qualified to vote on any question or proposition.

12. The Lodge may elect as an Honorary Member in accordance with Rule 151 of the Book of Constitutions, any Brother of good standing whom it may consider worthy of such distinction by reason of his service to the Craft or to the Mount Lodge, and who is or has, within the previous year, been a subscribing member of a regular (daughter) Lodge.

13. Any member ceasing to reside in the District or practise his trade or profession in the City of Madras may give notice of the fact to the Secretary in writing. In the absence of such notice and until such notice is given he shall be treated as a resident member.

AUDIT AND EXPENSES.

14. The Treasurer shall receive all monies payable to the Lodge and make all necessary disbursements under the

immediate orders of the Master or the officer in the charge of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall keep a book in which the same shall be regularly entered and which shall be open for the inspection of the subscribing members at every monthly meeting. The Secretary shall submit a memorandum of the sums due to the Lodge at every monthly meeting.

15. The monies of the Lodge shall be held under the following distinct heads.

- (a) General Fund.
- (b) Reserve Fund.
- (c) Charity Fund.
- (d) Stewards Fund.

The Lodge may, by resolution, constitute such other Funds as may be necessary for specific purposes.

16. The funds of the Lodge shall be deposited in the name of the Lodge in any Bank approved by the Lodge. The account shall be operated upon by the Treasurer and the Master jointly.

17. *Audit Committee.* The Audit Committee shall consist of three members of the Lodge who shall be elected by the Lodge annually at the Installation-meeting in November. The Committee shall audit the annual accounts of all Funds of the Lodge made up to the end of October and present the same to the Members for their consideration at the Regular meeting in November.

18. (1) The Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and three members of the Lodge elected by the Lodge at the

Installation Meeting shall form the "Permanent Committee" and shall make all arrangements for meetings, consider all matters connected with the welfare of the Lodge and shall audit the accounts of the Lodge. They shall report quarterly on the state of the Funds and annually take stock of the jewels, furnitures and other property of the Lodge and submit a report of the same to the Lodge.

(2) The Permanent Committee shall submit at the Installation meeting in November, its annual report on the working and conditions of the Lodge along with the report of the Audit Committee and Statement of accounts for the consideration of the Lodge.

19. The Tyler shall be paid a fee of Rs. 10, (Ten) each meeting, and shall be exempt from payment of dinner charges.

20. (i) All expenses consequent upon a Lodge of Emergency shall be defrayed by the individual or individuals for whose benefit the Lodge is assembled.

(ii) The dispensation fee, if any, shall be defrayed by the Brother or Brethren at whose instance the Dispensation is obtained.

21. A sum of Rupees Fifty only (50) shall be placed at the disposal of the Master for charitable purposes during the tenure of his office. For all amounts over that sum, the sanction of the Lodge shall be obtained. The Master will report any reliefs at the next regular meeting and at the end of the year, the balance, if any, will be carried to the Charity Account.

22. Fifteen per cent. of the Fees collected shall be held and accounted for as ' Reserve Fund ' to meet unforeseen expenditure. Any expenditure out of this Fund can be incurred only upon a resolution of the Lodge, notice of such proposal being given in the Summons convening the meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS.

23. The Master and the Tyler shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Meeting in October and the Master Elect shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in November.

24. Members allowing their dues to accumulate for more than three months in the case of Resident Members or for more than six months in the case of Non-Resident members shall be called upon by the Secretary to pay their dues at once.

The Secretary shall give to such of them as the Lodge directs, due notice as required by Rule 155 of the Book of Constitutions. If the arrears be not cleared off within the time allowed, the defaulting Brethren shall be liable to exclusion at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge.

25. Any member desirous of resigning his membership of the Lodge shall signify the same in open Lodge or to the Secretary in writing. Such resignation shall take effect in accordance with Rule 157 of the Book of Constitutions and the Brother shall be granted a certificate, when required, as provided by Rule 149 of the Book of Constitutions. The Brother resigning shall not be re-admitted without being regularly proposed, seconded and ballotted for as a re-joining

member in accordance with Rule 137 of the Book of Constitutions.

26. No visitor may be admitted into the Lodge without the permission of the Master. Brethren bringing visitors must introduce them to the Master and vouch for their being Masons. Other visitors shall be examined by such officers as the Master may choose at the time, before he is admitted.

27. If any visitor should disclose what passes on in the Lodge, he shall not be allowed to visit it again, and shall be reported to his own Lodge for so doing.

28. The Warrant, Jewels, and the Working Tools belonging to the Lodge shall be in charge of the Master.

29. A Brother desirous of speaking on any matter or question under consideration, shall rise in his place and address the Master. Except with the permission of the Master, no Brother shall speak more than once on the same matter or question, but a Brother who has moved a proposition may speak a second time by way of reply.

30. No proposition or motion of any kind shall be considered valid unless properly seconded. The propositions shall be considered according to priority of proposals.

31. All ordinary cases of distress shall be presented duly attested in open Lodge.

32. The Bye-Laws shall be read in open Lodge once every year and at such other time as the Master may think proper. They shall be printed and every member of the Lodge shall be supplied with a copy free of cost.

33. No alteration in the Bye-Laws or addition thereto shall take place without the sanction of at least two-thirds of the members entitled to vote, then present in the Lodge and any Brother wishing to propose an alteration of, or an addition to these Bye-Laws shall give notice in writing to that effect one meeting previous to that at which the proposition is to be taken into consideration, notice of such proposition being inserted in the Summons convening the meeting. It shall be considered at that meeting mentioned in the Summons, and if approved, shall be submitted for confirmation at the Next Regular Meeting but, shall not become effective until finally approved by the Rt. Wor. The Regional Grand Master and Most. Wor. Grand Master.

(Sd.) M. RAJAGOPALAN,
Wor. Master.

(Sd.) G. T. WATTS,
S. Warden.

(Sd.) V. R. SELVARAJ,
J. Warden.

(Sd.) A. SARNGAPANI,
Secretary.

Approved by the Rt. Wor. Regional Grand Master.

(Sd.) S. T. SRINIVASA GOPALA CHARI,
Regional Grand Master.
Madras, 14-2-63.

Approved by the M. W. Grand Master.

(Sd.) P. M. SUNDARAM.
(Grand Secretary)
New Delhi, 20-2-1963.

*Names of Masters of the Mount Lodge, No. 14 G. L. I.
from its commencement, on 24th June, 1862.*

NAME	Year made W. M.	NAME	Year made W. M.
J. R. Magreth	1862	G. E. Hedges	1891
J. R. Magreth	1863	R. W. Lyons	1892
B. L. Gordon	1864	J. Temple	1893
H. J. Shaw	1865	J. Wisken	1894
H. T. Rogers	1866	Graham	1895
A. J. Filgate	1866	C. Kilpatrick	1896
W. H. Clarke	1867	C. Kilpatrick	1897
B. D. Gordon	1868	C. H. M. Hitchens	1898
J. H. P. Anderson	1869	J. Temple	1899
R. C. W. Campbell	1870	E. M. Dalma	1900
E. A. Gibbons	1871	J. Temple	1901
J. W. Borthistle	1872	J. Temple	1902
B. Cunliffe	1873	S. Crain Shaw	1903
A. M. Rawlins	1874	N. Chaterjee	1904
G. Leslie	1875	C. H. Parsons	1905
D. R. King	1876	C. F. Deane	1906
W. P. Carson	1877	B. F. Cavanagh	1907
R. H. Cunliffe	1878	J. H. Barker	1908
R. W. O'Grady	1879	H. P. Williams	1909
W. D. Gunn	1880	W. H. Murch	1910
W. G. Ross	1881	J. H. Webster	1911
C. M. J. Moore	1882	M. Srinivasa Mudaliar	1912
H. W. Smith	1883	G. Deva Sagayam	1913
H. W. Smith	1884	G. E. Farlowe	1914
R. R. E. Drake Brock- man	1885	V. S. Gnanaprakasam...	1915
G. Blazey	1886	K. R. Sitaramier	1916
G. Blazey	1886	J. F. Bryant	1917
A. Hosie	1887	V. G. Krishna Yachen-	
J. H. Webster	1888	dra Bahadur	1918
J. A. F. Cole	1889	S. A. K. Jeelani Sahib...	1919
	1890	T. C. Adikesavalu Pillai	1920

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NAME	Year made W. M.	NAME	Year made W. M.
V. Tiruvenkadathan Chetty	1921	T. A. Srinivasan	1942
G. T. Auston	1922	S. Soundararajan	1943
S. V. Devadasan	1923	V. Krishnamurthi	1944
M. Savarimuthu Pillai	1924	T. M. Narayana- swami Pillai	1945
A. H. Chowryappah...	1925	K. G. Veeraragavan	1946
S. K. Abdul Razack Sahib	1926	N. Rangachari	1947
E. A. Baynes	1927	V. T. Srinivasa Raghavan	1948
S. W. Samuel	1929	Jiten Bannerji	1949
R. D. Smith	1930	P. N. Sundararajan	1950
V. A. Muthia Thevar...	1931	P. N. S. Raman	1951
G. J. Benjamin	1932	R. V. Krishna Iyer	1952
N. Rajagopalan	1933	D. K. Teharani	1953
V. J. R. Asirwatham...	1934	S. P. S. Rajan	1954
T. G. Damodara Mudaliar	1935	V. Kunjithapadam	1955
T. S. Varadachari	1936	S. T. Narasimhan	1956
M. J. Santhana- Krishna Pillai	1937	Rev. P. A. Krishna swami	1957
R. V. Krishna Iyer	1938	K. S. Srinivasan	1958
G. A. Daniel	1939	E. W. W. King	1959
M. V. Manasseh	1940	M. K. Sreedharan	1960
T. N. S. Raghavachari	1941	T. S. Chintamani	1961
		M. Rajagopalan	1962

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