



BYE-LAWS

LODGE " THIRUNAL "

**No.179
BANGALORE**

2002

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OF
LODGE "THIRUNAL"**

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1. Name of the Lodge shall be LODGE 'THIRUNAL' No. 179

The Meetings of the Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, No. 1, Primrose Road, Bangalore - 25.

MEMBERS

2. The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Non-Resident and Life Members.
 - 2.1 (a) Resident members are those residing within a radius of 25 kms. From the limits of the Bangalore City Corporation.
 - (b) Non-Resident members are those residing beyond the area mentioned in (a)
 - (c) Life members are those members who have attained the age of 55 years and have been continuously subscribing members of the Lodge for 20 years and who have after 1-1-1995 paid a one time lumpsum subscription equivalent to normal

subscription of ten years as currently applicable to Resident members.

- 2.2 Subject to Rule 142 of the Book of Constitution the Lodge may elect Honorary members.

MEETINGS

3. (a) The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the third Saturday of every month at such hour as the Worshipful Master may fix.
- (b) (i) The Master of the Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot at the Regular meeting in June (vide Rule 87 of B of C).
- (ii) The Treasurer shall be elected annually at the Regular Election Meeting in June.
- (iii) The Tyler shall be elected annually at the Regular Election Meeting in June (vide Rule 93 of the B of C). The Tyler, if a serving brother, shall be chosen at the Regular Meeting in June.
- (c) The Installation of the Master shall take place at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in July. Succeeding the Election Meeting in June.

OFFICERS

4. (a) The Regular Officers of the Lodge shall be the Master. The immediate Past Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Inner Guard, Tyler (vide Rule 86 of B of C).
- (b) The master may appoint as additional officers a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of ceremonies, an Almoner, Bearers of Volume of Sacred Laws, a Sword Bearer, an Organist, and Stewards and no others (vide Rule 86 of B of C).
- (c) The master may appoint a Brother who is holding a Regular Office to one additional office also (vide Rule 86 of B of C).

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

5. (a) The Permanent Committee shall consist of Wor. Master (who will be Ex. Officio President), all Past Masters in and of the Lodge, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary and two Members to be appointed by Lodge at the Installation Meeting (The Tyler

will be in attendance).

- (b) (i) The Permanent Committee shall meet at No.1, Primrose Road, Bangalore - 25, at 6 p.m. on the Third Saturday on any day and time the Worshipful Master may order.

- (ii) The quorum for the Permanent Committee shall be four.

- (c) The Permanent Committee shall check the Treasurer's Accounts, inspect and report on the Lodge property, consider and report on the proposals for membership of the Lodge and to transact any other business brought forward; (Vide Rule 129 of B of C).

SECRETARY

6. (a) The Secretary shall conduct the General Correspondence, Record the Minutes, Issue Summons and make due returns to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge. He shall also be the Ex-officio Secretary of the Permanent Committee. The Secretary shall be exempt from paying the Lodge Subscription. (Vide Rule 86 of B of C).

- (b) The Secretary shall take note of members coming within the provision of By-law No. 10.3(b) and Rule 124 & 156 of B of C and report to the Lodge and take necessary steps to enforce the above provision.

TREASURER

7. (a) The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue receipts for the same. He shall deposit them in any of the Nationalised or Scheduled Bank or both, approved in the Open Lodge. (Amended and approved on 4-1-1985).
- (b) The Lodge by resolution may also invest its funds in Government and other recognised securities. The Lodge by resolution, may sell or borrow against such securities.
- (c) All financial transactions of Lodge shall be carried out by the Treasurer, Worshipful Master and the Secretary, The Treasurer and any one of the other two officers, namely, the Wor. Master and the Secretary shall sign at a time.

- (d) Cheques shall ordinarily pay all payments exceeding Rs. 100/- only.
- (e) The Treasurer shall intimate to the Secretary all cases of arrears falling under By-laws No. 10.3(b) and Rule 124 and 156 of B of C.
- (f) The Treasurer is also authorised to correspond with members regarding collection of fees and other dues.
- (g) All receipts to be given and routed through Treasurer so that they will be appropriately accounted and receipts issued.

TYLER

- 8. (a) The Tyler shall be exempt from Lodge Subscription. (Vide Rule 86 of B of C).
- (b) when the Tyler is a serving brother he shall be paid an honorarium of Rs. 7-50 per meeting.

FEES

- (a) For Initiation, passing and raising Rs.1000/-
- (b) For joining from another Constitution duly recognised by Grand Lodge of India Rs.500/-

- (c) For joining from a Lodge under Grand Lodge of India Rs. 300/-
- (d) For rejoining : Rs.300/-
(Amended and approved on 29-11-1994)

SUBSCRIPTION

- 10 (c) Rs.40/- month. In addition, all dues of the Grand Lodge of India and of the Regional Lodge of India and of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India payable by the Lodge (annually) for its members, to be recovered from each member at actuals as charged by the G.L.I. and by the Regional Grand Lodge of S.I. (Amended and approved on 21-11-1992)
- 10.1 (a) The annual subscription of Rs. 750/- due to be paid by Resident Members in advance during the month of July every year.
- (b) If a Resident member is initiated or joins during the period January to June the subscription payable will be Rs. 375/-
- (c) The annual subscription to Non-Resident members will be Rs. 350. The amount will due to be paid by a

Non-Resident Member irrespective of the date/month of Initiation/Joining.

- 10.2 (a) The Lodge shall take a collection for the Benevolent Fund at every Meeting.
- (b) The Benevolent Fund shall be utilised to make contributions to Masonic Charities and to aid a distressed brother or the dependents of a deceased brother. The merits of each case shall be investigated by the Permanent Committee.
- 10.3 (a) In circumstances of emergency, the worshipful Master may accord relief upto Rs. 100/- and the matter when reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting, the Worshipful Master shall be reimbursed from the Lodge Benevolent Fund.
- (b) If any member allows his subscription to remain in arrears for six months, he shall be deprived while so in default, of the rights of voting of proposing or seconding candidates of being appointed or elected to offices in the Lodge and of proposing, seconding and

speaking on propositions before the Lodge. Such defaulting members shall be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of Book of Constitutions.

BALLOT

11. (a) All candidates for Initiation, Joining or Rejoining must be proposed at a Regular Meeting according to Rule 134 and 137 of the B of C.
- (b) Every application for Initiation or Joining shall be placed by the Secretary before the Permanent Committee for due enquiry and report. Any information by a Brother regarding the character or qualification of a candidate shall be treated with strict confidence.
- (c) No person shall be made a Mason or accepted as Member of the Lodge if on ballot two Black Balls appears against him.
- (d) A collective ballot for two or more candidates for initiation or joining may be taken with approval of the Lodge. Should there however be even one Black Ball, each candidate should be balloted for individually. A collective ballot for an initiate and

a Joining Member is irregular.

(e) Honorary Member - Election - Rule of 142 B of C.

The motion for election of an honorary member shall be voted on by ballot and declared carried unless 3 or more black balls appear against it.

(f) No rejected candidate can be proposed again until a period of six months has elapsed from the date of the Ballot. (Vide Rule 139 of the B of C).

LODGE COLOURS

12. The colour of the Regalia worn shall be Light Blue.

PROPOSALS

13. (a) No motion shall be put to the Lodge assembled unless duly proposed by one member and seconded by another.
- (b) An amendment to any proposition may be made duly proposed and seconded. Amendments shall be put to the vote first, if negatives the original proposition shall then be put to the vote, but if the amendment is

carried, the original proposition shall be decided to be lost.

- (c) No proposition of importance shall be brought forward for consideration, unless notice thereof, has been given, at the previous Regular Meeting or in writing to the Secretary, well in advance and in time to be circulated with the summonses of the meeting.

BY-LAWS

14. (a) These By-laws shall be printed at the expense of the Lodge and a copy presented to every brother. Every Member on his initiation or joining shall receive a copy of the By-laws. His acceptance shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.
- (b) These By-laws shall be read in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting at least once a year and within three months of the installation of the Wor. Master.
- (c) In any case, for which the foregoing By-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 at the consecration and installation Meeting held on 1st April 1967.

M. N. MAHADEVAN Worshipful Master

MARTHANDA VARMA Senior Warden,

E. N. SITARAMAN, Junior Warden

B. S. RAJA RAO, Treasurer

B. KRISHNASWAMY RAO Secretary

Approved by the Rt. Wor. Regional Grand Master, Regional Grand Lodge of southern India. Madras,

S. T. SRINIVASAGOPALACHARI,
11th May, 1967, Regional Grand Master.

Approved by the M. W. The Grand Master
New Delhi

P. M. SUNDARAM

14-5-67

Amendments approved and confirmed at the regular meeting of the Lodge on 20th Sept. 1969 and 15th November, 1969 respectively.

(Sd.) **M. Ramu,** *Worshipful Master*

(Sd.) **Sadanand D. Ubhayakar,**
Senior Warden

(Sd.) **R. Krishna Pillai,** *Junior Warden*

(Sd.) **B. S. Raja Rao,** *Treasurer*

(Sd.) **B. Krishnaswamy Rao,** *Secretary*

Approved by the R. W. Regional Grand Master of Southern India.

(Sd.) **C. A. Ramakrishnan**
Madras, *Regional Grand Master*
20th January, 1970

Approved by the M. W. The Grand Master

(Sd.) **P. M. Sundaram**
New Delhi, *Grand Secretary*
24th January 1970.

Amendments approved and confirmed at the regular Meeting of the Lodge held on 14th August 1981 & 19th Sept. 1981 respectively.

(Sd.) **K. S. Sekhar**, *Worshipful Master*

(Sd.) **B. A. Anantharam**, *Senior Warden*

(Sd.) **N. K. Viswanathan**, *Junior Warden*

(Sd.) **T. Abraham**, *Treasurer*

(Sd.) **E. N. Sitaraman**, *Secretary*

Approved by the R. W. Regional Grand Master
of Southern India.

(Sd.) **A. S. RAJA SABAI**

Madurai

21-10-1981

Approved by the M. W. Grand Master

(Sd.) **H. J. Rushi**
Grand Secretary

New Delhi

13-11-1981

Approved by the M. W. Grand Master

(Sd.) **Harish Gupta**
Grand Secretary

New Delhi

07-01-2002

FOR FUTURE AMENDMENTS