

BY LAWS  
OF



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**MEMBERS**

1. The Lodge shall comprise of :

Subscribing Members and Honorary Members. Honorary Members are those elected as such for services rendered to Masonry in General or this Lodge in particular (R 142 B of C)

**MEETING**

2. The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Temple, Tiruchirappalli on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every English Calendar Month, at such hour as the Master decides, except in the month of May when there will be no meeting.

3. The Summons convening the Regular Meetings shall be issued at least seven days in advance; emergency meetings however may be convened at shorter notice.

### **FEES & DUES**

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

- a) Subscription for each member per annual Rs. 900/-

In case of members not residing within jurisdiction of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, this subscription if so requested, may be reduced to Rs. 750/-

- b) Initiation Rs. 350/-

- c) Joining or rejoining (Indian Constitution) Rs. 200/-

- d) Joining from other recognised constitution Rs. 300/-

- e) Installation fee of honour devoted to Lodge Charity Fund Rs. 20/-

- f) Contribution to charity fund of the Lodge for initiation or joining Rs. 300/-

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 (Rule 71-3 Regional Grand Lodge By-Laws).

### **ADMISSION AND RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS**

6. No candidate for Initiation or Joining shall be accepted unless approved by Standing Committee, and if two Black Balls appear in the Ballot he must be rejected. No such candidate shall again be proposed until 6 months have elapsed.
7. A member who subscription is unpaid for one year shall be debarred from exercising the rights of voting, proposing or seconding candidates, or holding any office or appointment. He is also liable to be put up for exclusion if the Master so desires. He is

automatically excluded by R 124B of C if in for arrears two years.

8. One who has ceased to be a member shall not be re-admitted. Unless he has paid all his dues and subjected to a fresh ballot. Resignations must be made in open Lodge or in writing before the meeting.

### **ELECTION**

9. a) The Master shall be elected by ballot (Rule 82 B of C) at the Regular Meeting in December. The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in January. All other officers, except the Treasurer and the Tyler, shall be nominated by the Elected Master and they will be invested at the January meeting after his installation
- b) The Treasurer shall be elected by the Members by ballot the regular day of election of the Master (Rule 92 B of C)

- c) The Tyler shall be elected by the Members on the regular day of the election of the Master Every Tyler must be a Master Mason and registered as such in the book of the Grand Lodge. (Rule 93 B of C)

### **STANDING COMMITTEE**

10. An annual standing committee shall be constituted at the Installation Meeting consisting of the Master. I.P.M. Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary (ex-officio) in addition to two members elected by the Lodge, not in office, if possible.

#### **The duties of this Committee shall be**

- (a) to Scrutinise the monthly financial statement
- (b) to Enquire into the eligibility of any candidate proposed for Initiation or Joining.
- (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 any matter and give suggestions 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 Election Meeting for auditing the accounts of the year. The audited statement shall form part of the Annual Report of the Standing Committee.

### **CONTROL OF PROPERTIES**

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

### **TREASURER**

13. The Treasurer shall collect subscriptions and other dues and shall issue receipts thereof. 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

and the Master are authorised to operate the accounts jointly. He shall submit financial statements at the Regular Meetings of the Lodge. The disbursement of any amount exceeding Rs. 100/-, otherwise than for routine expenses, requires the previous sanction of the Lodge, under notice. He shall maintain separate accounts for the General Funds, Charity Funds and Stewards Funds. He shall also at each meeting make a report of members in arrears over 3 quarters.

### **SECRETARY**

14. The Secretary shall be incharge 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. He shall keep a record of the minutes of the proceedings maintain a Register of Members as required by the B of C and be responsible

for the necessary return etc. to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge under the signature of the Master and of himself wherever is required. All letters from the Members shall be addressed to him in office and with personal address so that it will be evident that they are for the Secretary only.

### STEWARDS

15. The Stewards shall have charge of all Lodge furniture, and Regalia and shall see that they are kept in good order. They shall also see that the preparation for the meetings and adequate and with the Tyler see that no defects may occur to mar the proceedings. They will also be in charge of Banquets and Refreshments. All expenses connected with these shall be borne by the members partaking of same, including their guest if any. A sum not exceeding Rs 5/- shall be borne by the Lodge for aerated waters only at each meeting. If any light refreshments are ordered. The stewards will promptly collect the dues and disburse the expenses.

16. Members introducing Visitors shall vouch for them and see that the Visitors sign the attendance book in due form.

17. Every member of the Lodge, initiated in or joining the Lodge shall be presented with a printed copy of the By-Laws free of charge in the first instance. The printed By-Laws shall be read in open Lodge once in every year and at such of the times as the Master may think it proper.

18. No alternation addition or amendment shall be made to these By-Laws unless moved and seconded in open Lodge and after due notice to the Brethren, being given in the Summonses; these amendments should be passed by a majority of  $\frac{2}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> of the brethren present at the meeting and finally approved by the Regional Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Master.

Adopted in open Lodge on 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1966 at the Consecration Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Egmores, Madras - 8.

Confirmed at the Meeting of the Lodge at  
Tiruchi on 9.4.1966

**K. Srinivasan**  
Wor.Master

**V.R. Sundarajulu**  
Senior Warden

**M. Mohammed Hussain**  
Junior Warden

**C.S. Ramachandra**  
Secretary

Approved by the  
**R.W. Regional Grand**  
Master on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1966.

**S.T. Srinivasan Gopalachari**  
Regional Grand Master

Approved by the **M.W. The Grand Master.**