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I Members

1. The members of the Lodge shall comprise of (a) Subscribing Members (b) Honorary Members.
2. Honorary Members are those, who are elected, as such, for services rendered to Masonry in general or of this Lodge in particular.

II Days of Meetings

3. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemasons Hall, Chennai on the Second Fridays of every month at such hour as the W.M may from time to time direct.
4. Summons convening the Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be issued at least five days previous to such meetings.

III Subscriptions and Fees

5. The annual subscription payable by members is Rs.600, together with the dues payable to the Grand Lodge and to the Regional Grand Lodge.
6. The following shall be the fees payable by the candidates
 - a. Initiation ... Rs 1600
 - b. Joining from a Lodge under G.L.I ... Rs 500
 - c. Joining from other constitutions ... Rs 1000
 - d. Re-joining ... Rs 500
7. Treasurer shall send a bill mentioning the amount payable by the members under each head and follow it with reminders, if necessary. The annual subscription shall be paid within the end of June every year.

IV Admission and Retirement of Members

8. No candidate for initiation or for joining shall be admitted, if on the ballot, three black balls appear against him.
9. Such a candidate shall not be re-proposed until the expiry of 6 months from the date of such adverse ballot.

10. Any member, whose subscription remains unpaid till September shall be liable for exclusion under Rule 155 of the Book of Constitution.
11. A member, who has resigned or has ceased to be a member or has been excluded for non-payment of subscriptions, shall be permitted to rejoin only after he pays all the arrears payable by him.

V Election etc

12. The Master shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in December and shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in January.
13. The Tyler and the Treasurer shall be elected at the Regular meeting in December.
14. No motion, not mentioned in the Summons shall be permitted to be raised or discussed, unless the W.M. permits the raising and consideration of the same.
15. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again before the expiry of 3 months after its decision, unless the W.M grants permission for its consideration in the meanwhile.

16. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided in Rule 118 Book of Constitutions.
17. At the Installation Meeting the Lodge shall appoint a Standing Committee consisting of the W.M. the wardens, Immediate Past Master, Secretary, Treasurer and two other members to be elected at that meeting.
18. At the Installation Meeting, the Lodge shall appoint the Committee referred to in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions.
19. The Standing Committee shall enquire about the candidates for initiation and joining and report about the same, shall examine the Secretary's books. Check the accounts of the Treasurer, check all the property of the Lodge at least once a year and shall prepare the Annual Report about the functioning of the Lodge during the year and the audited statement of accounts for the year.
20. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be the ex officio Secretary to all the Committees appointed by the Lodge.
21. All the communications from the members shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Lodge.
22. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue the Summons for and notices of all meetings of the Lodge or Committees,

record minutes of their proceedings and keep the registers and records other than the accounts kept by the Treasurer. He shall carefully preserve all books and records and keep a register of all amounts passing through his hands. He shall immediately, they are due prepare the returns for the Grand and regional Grand Lodges and forward them through the Master, together with all fees and contributions due thereon, to the authorities concerned.

23. The treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct all moneys due to or held for the Lodge and 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 Master or other officer in charge of the Lodge. No other payment shall be made without a resolution of the Lodge. He shall submit his accounts in the Regular Meetings of the Lodge.
24. 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 considered and passed at the next Regular Meeting, after insertion in the Summons of that Meeting and read and confirmed at the next Regular meeting thereafter.

Approved in open Lodge at the Consecration Meeting held on 9th November 1962 at Bangalore.

Signed:-

1. W.Bro. A.Veeraiah Vandayar
2. W.Bro. K.V. Srinivasan
3. W.Bro. T.S. Krishnamurthy
4. W.Bro. S.Rajarama Iyer.

Approved by the R.W.R.G.M of S.I on 9th November 1962.

Approved by the M.W. the Grand Master on 16th December 1962.

Amendments made from time to time have been approved by the
M.W. Grand Master.