

Lodge G.K.Devarajulu No.221 G.L.I Coimbatore

Prefactory :- The Lodge G.K.Devarajulu was duly constituted under a Charter of Warrant of the Grand Lodge of India dated 19th April, 1974 and was consecrated on the 6th day of May, 1974 at Venkatalakshmi Kalyana Mandapam, Coimbatore by

R.W.Bro. Hon'ble Chief Justice K.Veeraswamy P.Dy.G.M.,O.S.M Regional Grand Master of Southern India

Assisted by : Wor. Bro. Hon'ble Justice S.Natarajan, P.Dy.G.Regr.,P.Dy.R.G.M. - as I.P.M

Wor. Bro. Hon'ble Justice V.Ramaswamy P.Dy.G.Regr.,P.Dy.R.G.M.Pres. Bd ofG.P as S.W.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Sitarama Jaipuria, M.P.,P.A.,G.M.Dy.R.G.M.(N.I) as J.W

Rt. Wor. Bro.Rao Bhadur C.S.Bhasker P.A.G.M., P.Dy.R.G.M as Chaplain

Rt. Wor. Bro. C.Santamurti Naidu P.S.G.W.,P.Dy.R.G.M.R G.Secretary - as Secretary

V. Wor. Bro.B.K.S.Rao M.B.E.,G.Chap P.Dy R.G.M. D. Of C. - as D.of C.

War. Bro.T.Gopalakrishnan - as Senor Deacon

Wor.Bro. K.R.C.Natesan P.G.Std. R.G. Br. Of V.S.L. - as Junior Deacon

Wor.Bro. S.Thirunavukkarasu P.G. Std P.S.R.G.D.R.G. Supt. Of Works -as Sword Bearer

Wor.Bro. R.Krishnamurthy P.Dy.G.D. Of C. P.S.R.G W.R.G. Treasurer - as Dy. D Of C

Wor.Bro. A.Sankaran P,A.G D. Of C., P.J.R.G.W., as Asst. D. Of C

Wor.Bro. T.K.Doraiswamy G.Std.,P.R.G. Swd. Br. Asst.R.G.Secretary - as Inner Guard

Wor.Bro. A.J.Arunagiri P.G.Tyl. P.R.G.Marshall - as Tyler

FOUNDER MEMBERS

1.R. W. Bro.Fionble Justice T.Ramaprasada Rao P.G.S.W. Dy.R.G.M.

2. R. W. Bro.Hon'ble Justice S.Natarajan, G.St.Br,P.Dy.R.G.M

3,V. W. Bro. G.K.Devarajulu

4. W. Bra. Lakshminarayana Hariachar

5. W. Bro. N.R.Doraiswamy P.G.Tyl,R.G.Mar

6. W. Bro. V.G.Rajah P.G.Tyl.,R.G.O
7. W. Bro. K. M.Santhanagopalan
8. W. Bro. V.M.C.Srinivasan, P.G.Tyl.,P.A.R.G.St.Br.
9. W. Bro. V.Lakshmikanthan. R.G.Std.
10. W. Bro. T.K.Shanmuganandam
- 11 Bro. N.Rudrappan
12. Bro. D.Dorairaj
13. Bro. K.Nagarajan
14. Bra. Dr.V.P.Subbian
15. Bro. B.Karunasekar
16. Bro. C.V.Ramaraj
17. Bro. Dr.C.V.Shanmugam
18. Bra. Dr.S.S.Narasimhan
- 19: Bra. Dr.S.Srihari
20. Bro. Dr. M.Ra maswami
21. Bro. Dr. P.G.Viswanathan

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By - Laws

1. Preliminary :

1. These By-Laws are subject to and in addition to the Rules contained in the Book of Constitutions so far as the said Rules relate to the Daughter Lodges.

II Meetings :

2. Nine regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held of the third Tuesday of every month except in the months of March, May and December.

3. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Coimbatore.

4. The hour of commencement of the meetings shall be fixed by the Master from time to time
5. Summons for convening the meetings of the lodge shall be issued by the Secretary not less than seven clear days prior to the date of each meeting and shall specify the place and hour of the meeting.

III Elections

6. At the Regular Meeting in the month of April the Master and the Treasurer shall be elected and the Tyler chosen. The Master shall be installed At the next regular meeting in the month of June.
7. At the regular meeting in June there shall be appointed a Standing Committee consisting of the Master I.P.M. The Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Director of Ceremonies and two other members elected by the Lodge.
8. At the regular meeting in June the Lodge shall also elect an Audit Committee consisting of two Members of the Lodge.

IV Duties of Standing Committee and Officers :

9. The duties of the Standing Committee shall be to examine the Secretary's Books and other records, to check the Treasurer's accounts, to inspect and check all the properties of the Lodge, to make confidential enquiry regarding Master Masons seeking admission and candidates for initiation and to make recommendation regarding the suitability or otherwise of the Master Masons or the candidates for admission or initiation as the case may be, and in general to perform such other duties as may be delegated to it from time to time by the Master.
10. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. Shall issue summons for, or notices of, the meetings of the Lodge or Committees, record the minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of Members and all other registers and records except the accounts. He shall promptly prepare the returns for the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge and forward them through the Master together with all the fees and contributions due thereon.
11. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid or remitted to him and without undue delay, deposit the same in an account, in the name of the Lodge at a Bank to be approved by a Resolution of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall make such payments as are duly authorized or sanctioned by the Lodge. All cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz. the W.M. the Treasurer and Secretary. The Treasurer shall regularly enter a complete record of all moneys passing through his hands in the proper books of accounts which shall be the property of the Lodge and which together with the Lodge funds and property in his possession, shall be transferred to his successor upon investiture. He shall prepare a Statement of Account as at 31st day of May each year. The Statement of accounts shall be verified and audited by the Audit Committee. Copies of the Accounts and of the Certificate by the Audit Committee that all balances have been checked and that the Accounts have been duly audited shall be sent to all Members of the Lodge together with the summons convening the meeting at which the said Accounts shall be produced for inspection in Open Lodge at such meeting or on other suitable occasion also, if requested by a Resolution of the Lodge.

12. All communications from the members shall be addressed to the Secretary.

V Membership:

13. There shall be two classes of Members Viz., Regular Members and Honorary Members

14. All the Founder Members and those Master Masons who are regularly admitted or re-admitted to the Membership of the Lodge and those initiated into the Craft shall be Regular Members.

15. Honorary Members are those Master Masons duly chosen by the Regular Members for outstanding services rendered to Masonry in general or, to this Lodge in particular.

VI Joining, re-joining and Initiation:

16. Any Member desirous of proposing for joining any Master Mason shall communicate to the Secretary his desire in the form of a letter containing such particulars as are necessary to assess the suitability of the Master Mason proposed. No member shall seek to propose more than one name at one time.

17. Within seven days of receipt of the said letter, the Secretary shall forward it to the Standing Committee and the Standing Committee shall within fifteen days after receipt forward to the Secretary its recommendation regarding the suitability or otherwise of the proposed Master Mason for joining. 18. if the recommendation of the Standing Committee is against the joining, the Secretary shall inform the Member who sent the letter referred to in Clause (16) above, and the said Master Mason shall not be reconsidered for joining for a period of one year from the date of the said letter

19. If the recommendation of the Standing Committee is for joining, the Secretary shall within seven days after the receipt of the report, Inform the Member who sent the letter referred to in Clause (16) above and the said Member shall send or cause to be sent a proposal for joining.

20. A proposal for joining of a Master Mason as a Regular Member shall be in the prescribed form, duly filled in and signed by not less than two regular members and sent to the Secretary not less than thirty clear days prior to each regular meeting and shall be accompanied with the joining fee.

21. A proposal so made shall be included in the Agenda for the said meeting and, in that meeting, the joining shall be proposed and recorded and in the next regular meeting the proposal shall be balloted. If the ballot be not taken in the said meeting, the proposal shall be void.

22. No person shall be made a member in the Lodge unless if on ballot Two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature. The member so rejected in the ballot is not eligible for re proposal for 6 months from the date of rejection. The Secretary shall refund the joining fee to the proposer within 15 days of rejection.

23. Any Master Mason whose joining has been rejected under Clause (22) above shall not be again proposed for joining until at least six • regular meetings after the meeting in which the ballot was taken.

24. The Membership Shall cease:

- a) by Resignation
- b) by death, or
- c) by non - payment of subscription

25. The procedure for rejoining of a member who has to be a member under sub-clauses (24) above, shall be as laid down in Clauses (20) to (22) above. Provided that the Member seeking such rejoining has paid all arrears not less than fifteen days prior to the regular meeting in which the proposal is to be made and recorded.

26. Any member desirous of proposing for initiation and Candidate shall communicate to the Secretary his desire in the form of a letter containing such particulars of the said candidate as necessary to assess the candidate's suitability. No member shall seek to propose more than one name at one time

27. Within seven days of receipt of the said letter, the Secretary shall forward it to the Standing Committee and the standing committee shall within fifteen days after receipt of the same, forward to the Secretary its recommendation regarding the suitability or otherwise of the candidate for initiation.

28. If the Standing Committee's report is against the initiation, the Secretary shall inform the Member who sent the letter referred to in 10 Clause (26) above and the same candidate shall not be considered for initiation for a period of one year from the date of the said letter.

29. If the Committee's report is for initiation, the Secretary shall within seven days of receipt of the Standing Committee's recommendation, inform the Member who sent the letter referred to in Clause (26) and the said Member shall send or cause to be sent for a proposal for initiation.

30. A proposal for initiation shall be in writing and signed by not less than two regular Members and shall contain the particulars required of the candidate as well as of his proposer and seconded in the prescribed form of application. The proposal shall be sent to the Secretary not less than thirty clear days prior to each regular meeting and shall be accompanied with the initiation fee.

31. A regularly made proposal for initiation shall be included in the Agenda for the said meeting and in that meeting the proposal shall be made and recorded and in the next regular meeting the proposal shall be balloted. If the ballot be not taken in the said meeting, the proposal shall be void.

32. The proposal for initiation shall be deemed to have been rejected if, in the said ballot, two or more black balls appear against the proposal. Within ten days after the rejection, the Secretary shall refund the initiation fee to the proposer.

33. Any Candidate whose initiation has been rejected under Clause (32) above shall not again be proposed for initiation until after at least six regular meetings after the meeting in which the ballot was taken.

34. When a candidate is not initiated on the date of his election, the date of such election shall be stated on the summons for the meeting at which the initiation is to take place. If the candidate is not initiated within one year after his election, the election shall be void.

VII Subscription and Fees : 35. A Regular Member shall pay a sum of 750/- per year of which Rs.450/- will be towards subscription and Rs.300/- towards stewards charges. This sum of Rs.750/- is payable before the end of 31st May every year. A regular member shall also pay along with the subscription & Stewards charges, a sum equivalent to the RGL & GLI Dues payable per member per year.

36. The initiation fee shall be Rs. 2500/- and the Joining fee shall be Rs.2000/-. Besides a sum equivalent to RGL and GLI Dues payable per member per year is to be paid along with the annual subscription and shall be payable in advance.

37. The Rejoining fee shall be Rs.2000/- along with a sum equivalent to RGL & GLI Dues payable per member per year and shall be payable in advance along with the annual subscription. 38. Expenses of any emergency meeting and dispensation fee, if any due to the G.L and R.G.L. Shall be defrayed by the brother or brethren at whose instance the meeting is held or dispensation obtained.

39. The Charity Box will be circulated at all meetings of the Lodge.

40. The Charity funds of the Lodge shall be kept separate from the general funds of the Lodge and all the expenditure of charity shall be defrayed from this fund,

41. The Lodge may, by resolution, authorise transfer or such sums as may be deemed necessary from the general fund to the charity fund but not vice versa.

42. The Stewards fund consisting of the Stewards charges collected from the regular members shall be maintained separately. No part of the general or charity funds of the Lodge shall be diverted towards these funds.

43. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as laid down in Rule 119 of the Book of Constitution (1971).

VIII General :

44. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless the Master directs otherwise.

45. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again without the permission of the Master until after two regular meetings.

IX Amendment of the By- Laws : 46.(i) These By-laws shall not be amended otherwise than as laid down hereunder.

(ii) A proposal to amend shall be in writing and signed by not less than three regular members and sent to the Secretary not less than thirty clear days p; for to each regular meeting.

(iii) The said proposal, If regularly made, shall be included in the agenda for the said meeting and in that meeting, the proposal shall be read and recorded.

(iv) In the next regular meeting the proposal shall again be included in the Agenda and shall be discussed and ballotted.

(v) The proposal shall be deemed to have passed by a majority of the members present at the meeting casting their ballot in favor of the proposal.

(vi) The amended By- laws passed by the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge.

(vii) The proposal so passed and confirmed shall not be deemed to have been brought into effect unless approved by the R.G.M. and G.M.

Adopted in open Lodge on 8th June 1974

Sd!- K.Nagarajan Sd!- Ramaprasada Rao Junior Warden Worshipful Master

Sd!- Lakshminarayan Hariachar Secretary

Approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master

Madras Sd!- K.Veeraswami 27th August 1974 Regional Grand Master

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master

New Delhi Sd!- P.M.Sundaram 2nd September 1974 Grand Secretary

As amended and approved upto 15.03.2005

W.Bro.Dr.K.Rathinaswamy Secretary