



# Grand Lodge of India

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GRAND SECRETARY

No.530(29)

25<sup>th</sup> March 2002

The Regional Grand Secretary,  
Regional Grand Lodge of S.I.,  
Freemasons' Hall,  
14, Ethiraj Salai,  
Chennai-600 008.

Dear Sir and W.Bro.,

With reference to your letter No.L-39/2002 dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2002, I have the pleasure to return herewith two copies of revised by-laws of Lodge <sup>Carnatic</sup> ~~Kodakanal~~ No. <sup>39</sup> ~~235~~ duly approved by M.W.the Grand Master. Official receipt No.1422 dated 21.3.2002 for Rs.100/- is also enclosed.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Harish Gupta*

(DR.HARISH GUPTA)  
Grand Secretary

*Recd  
PMANAND.  
Secretary - The Carnatic lodge no.39  
28 March*

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Lodge CARNATIC No. 39 Place CHENNAI.

(To be Submitted in Triplicate)

REVISED BYELAWS  
ENCLOSED.

Havish Jyoti  
Grand Secretary

## EXISTING BY-LAW

[Revised In 1991]

### I. Members

1. The members of the Lodge shall comprise three classes, viz:-

[a] Resident members

[b] Non-Resident members

[c] Honorary members.

**Explanation 1.**—Resident members are those who reside within 15 miles of Fort St. George.

**Explanation 2.**—Non-Resident members are those who reside beyond the said limits and apply to be brought on the Non-Resident list.

**Explanation 3.**—Honorary members are those who are elected, as such, for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular

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2. Resident members leaving Madras shall be placed on the Non-resident list from the month following that in which the application to be brought on that list is made.

### II Days of Meetings

3. The Regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, 87, Ethiraj Road Egmore Madras-600 105, on the Third Saturday of every month at such hour as the Master may, from time to time, direct.

Notwithstanding the above, the Lodge shall not meet during the months of May and June.

4. Summons for convening the Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.

## AMENDED BY-LAW

### I MEMBERS

1. The Members of the Lodge shall comprise of four classes viz:-

(a) Resident Members

(b) Non -Resident Members

(c) Honorary Members &

(d) Life Members

**Explanation 1** - Resident members are those who reside within 50 Kilometres from Fort St. George.

**Explanation 2** - Non-Resident members are those who reside beyond the limits as in Explanation 1 and apply to be brought on the Non-Resident list.

**Explanation 3** - Honorary Members are those who are elected, as such, for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular

**Explanation 4** - A member becomes a Life Member of the Lodge on payment of Ten Years lump sum subscription as on date payable to the Lodge, if he was a subscribing member for 25 years continuously in this Lodge and has also attained the age of 55 years.

Provided, that a member with multiple membership of Lodges could become a Life Member in only one Lodge of his choice.

2. Resident Members leaving Chennai shall be placed on the non-resident list from the date on which the application to be brought on that list is made by the member.

### II DAYS OF MEETINGS

3. The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons Hall, 87, Ethiraj Salai, Egmore, Chennai 600 008, on the Third Saturday of every month, at such hour as the Master may, from time to time, direct. Notwithstanding the above, the Lodge shall not meet during the months of May and June.

4. Summons for convening the Meetings of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.

## III. Subscription and Fees

5. The monthly subscription of a Resident Member shall be Rs. 20/- and that of a Non-Resident Member Rs. 10/- payable on the 1st of every month.

6. The following shall be the fees payable in advance :-

	Rs.
Initiation	500/-plus Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge Registration fees.
Joining	250/-Plus Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge Joining fees.
Joining from a Foreign Constitution	300/-Plus Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge Joining fees
Re-joining	250/-Plus Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge Joining fees.

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7. The expense of any Emergency Meeting and the Dispensation fee, if any, due to the Regional Grand Lodge, shall be defrayed by the Brother or Brethren at whose instance the meetings is held or Dispensation obtained.

## IV. Admission and Retirement of Members

8 a. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated, and no Brother shall be admitted a

Joining member of the Lodge if, on the ballot, two black balls appear against him.

## III SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES

5. The annual subscription of a Resident Member shall be Rs.900.00 per annum or part thereof and that of a Non Resident Member Rs.450.00 per annum or part thereof, payable in advance, together with the annual dues and quaterages payable to the Grand Lodge of India and the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, as may be applicable from time to time.

6. The following shall be the fees payable in advance :-

Initiation fee:- Rs.1000.00 together with the annual subscription payable to the lodge and the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge Registration fees as may be applicable from time to time.

Joining fee:- Rs.500.00 together with the annual subscription payable to the lodge and the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge Joining Fees as may be applicable from time to time.

Joining from a Foreign Constitution :  
Rs.750.00 together with the annual subscription payable to the lodge and the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge Joining Fees as may be applicable from time to time.

Re Joining fee :- Rs.500.00 together with the annual subscription payable to the lodge and the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge Joining Fees as may be applicable from time to time.

7. Every Initiate and Joining Member shall pay a donation of Rs. 1000.00 towards The Carnatic Lodge Charity Fund.

8. The expenses of any Emergency Meeting and Dispensation fee if any, due to the Regional Grand Lodge, shall be defrayed by the Brother at whose instance the meeting is held and dispensation obtained.

## IV ADMISSION AND RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

9. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated and no Brother shall be admitted as a Joining Member of the Lodge unless, two thirds of the Members present and voting, shall vote in his favour.

8 b. Candidate for Initiation or Joining shall furnish a passport size photograph along with the proposal forms to enable the Lodge to maintain an album of its members.

9. A candidate rejected for initiation or Joining shall not be again proposed in Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of the last ballot.

10. Any member whose subscription for a period of 3 months or more remains unpaid shall be liable to exclusion under the provisions of Rule 156 of the B. of C.

11. A member who has resigned or has ceased to be a member or has been excluded for non-payment of dues, shall be permitted to rejoin only on payment of all former arrears together with his re-joining fee but shall be subjected to a fresh ballot.

#### V. Elections, etc.

12. The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Meeting in

November and shall be installed and invested at the next Regular Meeting in December.

13. The Tyler, [if a Serving Brother] shall be elected by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in November.

14. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the Summons unless, in case of emergency the Master directs otherwise.

15. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Master or until 3 months shall have elapsed after its last decision.

16. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided in Rule 119 B. of C.

17. At the regular meeting in December the Lodge shall appoint a Standing Committee consisting of the Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Director of Ceremonies, Senior Deacon and the Assistant D. of C and two other Members.

18. At the Regular Meeting in December the Lodge shall appoint the Committee referred to in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions.

10. A candidate for Initiation or Joining shall furnish three passport size photograph along with the proposal forms to enable the Lodge to maintain an album of its Members.

11. A candidate rejected for Initiation or Joining shall not be again proposed in the lodge until after the lapse of six months from his date of last ballot.

12. A member whose subscription remains unpaid till October 31 of the said year shall come under automatic cessation as per Rule 124 of the Book of Constitutions.

13. A member who has resigned or has ceased to be member or has been excluded for non payment of dues, shall be permitted to rejoin only on payment of all the arrears together with his re-joining fee and shall be subject to a fresh ballot.

#### V ELECTIONS, ETC.,

14. The Master and the treasurer shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in November. and shall be installed and invested at the Regular Meeting in December.

15. The Tyler shall be selected by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in November and be invested at the installation meeting in December.

16. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless, in case of emergency or the Master directs otherwise.

17. No question once decided in the open lodge, shall be raised again for consideration without the permission of the master or until 3 months shall have elapsed after the last decision.

18. The control of the property of the lodge shall be as provided in Rule 119 of the Book Of Constitutions.

19. At the regular meeting in December, the lodge shall appoint a standing committee consisting of the Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer, The Director Of Ceremonies, Senior Deacon and The Assistant Director Of Ceremonies and three other Members.

20. At the regular meeting, in December, the lodge shall appoint the committee referred to in Rule 129 of the Book Of Constitutions.

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19. The duties of the Standing Committee appointed by the Lodge shall be to enquire about and report on candidates for Initiation and Joining, to check the Treasurer's accounts, to inspect and check all the property of the Lodge at least once a year and to submit at the Regular Meeting in December before the installation of the Master-elect, an Annual Report of the financial condition of and upon general questions affecting the Lodge during the period under review. It shall inspect the Secretary's books in January and in July and report its findings to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting.

20. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be ex-officio Secretary to all Committees appointed by the Lodge.

21. All letters from members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

22. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for or notices of all meetings of the Lodge or Committees, record minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of members and all other registers and records except the accounts kept by the Treas-

urer. He shall carefully preserve all books and records, and keep a register of all moneys 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 money 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 to the Regular Meetings of the Lodge.

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21. The duties of the standing committee shall be to enquire about and report on the candidates for initiation and joining, to check the Treasurers' accounts, to inspect and check all the property of the Lodge at least once a year, and to submit at the regular meeting in December before the installation of the Master-elect, an annual report and audited statement of accounts during the period under review. The standing committee shall inspect the secretary's books in January and in July and report its findings to the lodge at the next regular meeting.

22. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be the Ex-Officio Secretary to all the committees appointed by the lodge.

23. All letters from the Members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

24. The secretary shall conduct all general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for or notices of all meetings of the Lodge or Committees, record minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of members and all other registers and records, except the Accounts kept by the Treasurer. He shall carefully preserve all books and records and keep a register of all moneys passing through his hands. He shall prepare the returns for the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges, as and when due, and forward them through the Master, together with all the fees and contributions due thereon.

25. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the monies and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct, all monies 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 payments shall be made without a resolution of the Lodge. He shall submit his accounts to the regular meetings of the Lodge and to the standing committee. All Cheques shall be signed by any two of the following viz., the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

## EXISTING BY-LAW

24. A Sum of Rs. 25 from the General Funds of the Lodge shall be annually placed at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress. In case the Master exercises this privilege, he shall report the circumstance at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge; other-

wise the sum shall, at the close of the year, be carried to the Charity account.

25. All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge.

26. 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 passed at one Regular Meeting, after insertion in the summons, and read and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting,

Passed on 17-3-62

Confirmed on 21-4-62

Approved by Right Worshipful the Regional Grand Master on 1-5-62

Approved by Most Worshipful the Grand Master on 10-5-62.

V. N. CHANDRASEKHARA RAO	W.M.
M. M. H. NAMAZIE	S.W.
G. P. SUKUMARAN	J.W.
A. DANIEL	Secretary

## AMENDED BY-LAW

26. A sum of Rs. 250/- from the General funds of the Lodge shall be placed at the disposal of the Master, at the time of the installation, to meet emergent cases of distress. In case, the Master exercises this privilege, he shall report the circumstance at the next regular meeting of the Lodge. Otherwise the sum shall, at the close of the year, be carried to the Charity Account.

27. All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge

28. A sum of Rs. 500/- shall be paid to the Master, from General fund to defray a part of the Installation expenses.

29. 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 passed at one regular meeting, after insertion in the summons, and read and confirmed at the next regular meeting.

Amendment of the above By-laws made in the Open Lodge on 20 November 2001

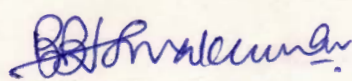
Proposed By R W Bro M Prabhat Kumar  
Seconded By W Bro N Kamlesh Kumar

Considered And Approved in Open Lodge  
On 15 December 2001

By Law Revision Confirmed in Open Lodge  
On 19 January 2002

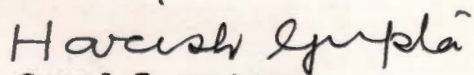
APPROVED BY R. W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

Place: Chennai  
Date: 07/03/2002

  
R. W. Bro. Dr. B. Biswakumar,  
Regional Grand Master

APPROVED BY M. W. THE GRAND MASTER

New Delhi  
Date: 25.3.2002

  
Grand Secretary

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