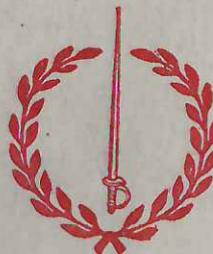


By-Laws
of



Lodge Tiruchirappalli
No. 203

(as amended upto 12th Nov. 81.)

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Master.

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of

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MEMBERS.

1. The Lodge shall comprise of :

(a) Subscribing members, (b) Honorary Members. Honorary Members are those elected as such for services rendered to Masonry in general or this Lodge in particular. (Rule 142 B. of. C).

MEETINGS.

2. The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Temple, Tiruchirappalli on the second Saturday of every English calendar month, except May when there will be no meeting, at such hour as the Master decides or at such other place as may be agreed to by the Regional Grand Master under dispensation.

3. The Summons convening the Regular Meeting shall be issued atleast seven days in advance. Emergency meetings, however, may be convened at shorter notice.

FEES & DUES.

4. The fees, dues and subscriptions shall be as follows and are payable in advance.

(a) Subscription for each Member per quarter payable in advance Rs. 30/-

In case of members not residing within the limits of Tiruchirappalli district, the subscription per quarter payable in advance.

(b) Initiation fee Rs. 275/-

(c) Joining or rejoining from Indian Constitution. Rs. 50/-

- (d) Joining from other constitutions Rs 100/-
- (e) Installation fee of honour to be devoted to the Charity fund of the Lodge Rs. 25/-

5. The expenses of any emergency meeting and the dispensation fees, if any, shall be defrayed by the brother or brothers at whose instance the meeting is held (Rule 73-3 Regional Grand Lodge By-Laws.)

ADMISSION AND RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS.

6. No candidate for Initiation or joining shall be accepted unless approved by the Standing Committee, and if three black balls appear in the ballot, he must be rejected. No such candidate shall again be proposed until six months have elapsed.

7. A member whose 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 (N. B. He is automatically excluded by Rule 124 B of C if in arrears for two years.)

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

ELECTION Etc.

9. The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and Tyler by show of hands or ballot (Rule 93 B. of C) at the Regular Meeting in December. The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in January. All other Officers shall be nominated by the Elected Master and they will be Invested at the January meeting after his installation.

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 to :

- (a) scrutinise the monthly financial statement
- (b) enquire into the eligibility of any candidate proposed for initiation or joining.
- (c) take an inventory of the Lodge property and report on its condition.

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 meeting are 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 guests 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.

SECRETARY AND TYLER.

16. The services of the Secretary and Tyler (if a subscribing member) will be equivalent to their appropriate subscription to the Lodge, but the Lodge shall remit to the Grand Lodge and to the R. G. L. the requisite payments due in respect of their membership of the Lodge.

16. a Members introducing visitors shall vouch for them and see that the visitors sign the attendance bookin 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 other times as the Master may think it proper.

18. No alteration, 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 Summons, these amendments should be passed by a majority of two thirds of the brethren present at the meeting and finally approved by the R. W. Regional Grand Master and the M. W. Grand Master.

1. Approved by the M. W. Grand Master on 11th December 1970 at New Delhi.

2. Approved by the R. W. Regional Grand Master on 8th May 1971 at Madras.

3. Adopted in open Lodge on 8th May 1971 at the Consecration Meeting held at the Freemasons' hall Madras and confirmed at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge at Tiruchirappalli on 12th June 71.