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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 the city of Chennai.

Explanation 2 – Non-resident members are those who reside beyond the said limit 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.

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

DAYS OF MEETINGS

3. The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemason's Hall, Egmore, Chennai, on the first Friday of every month, except May and June (when there will be no meeting) at such hour as the Master may, from time to time, direct.

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

SUBSCRIPTIONS & FEES

5. The annual subscription of a Resident Member shall be Rs. 800/- and that of a Non-Resident Member Rs. 600/- payable in advance.

GL-Membership subscription Rs. 200/- per annum and additional fees for Past Masters/ Master & Wardens Rs. 50/- per annum.

RGL- Membership subscription fees Rs. 160/- per annum (Rs. 60/- per quarter).

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

Initiation	Rs. 1000/-
Joining	Rs. 500/-
Joining from other constitutions	Rs. 1000/-
Re-Joining	Rs. 500/-

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

ADMISSION AND RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

8. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated, and no Brother shall be admitted a joining member of the Lodge if, on the ballot, three black balls appear against him.
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 previous ballot.
10. If any member allows all or any part of his dues or subscription to remain unpaid beyond the last day of January following the date of the Installation meeting, the Bro. Secretary shall issue intimation by registered letter to the defaulting members last known address; and, if the arrears are not cleared in full within one month from the date of issue of such registered letter, the defaulting member shall be liable to be excluded under the provisions of Rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions.
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 rejoining fee but shall be subjected to a fresh ballot.

ELECTIONS, etc

12. The Master shall be elected at the regular meeting in September and installed at the next regular meeting in October.
- 12A. The Treasurer shall be elected at the regular meeting in September.
13. The Tyler shall be elected at the regular meeting in September.
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 and until three months shall have elapsed after its last decision.
16. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided in Rule 119 Book of Constitutions.
17. At the Regular Meeting in October, the Lodge shall appoint a standing Committee consisting of the Master, Immediate Past Master, wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies and two members to be elected.
18. At the Regular Meeting in October, the Lodge shall appoint a Committee of two members referred to in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions.
19. The duties of the Standing Committee shall be to enquire about and report on candidates for initiation and joining, to examine the Secretary's books and to inspect and check the Treasurer's

accounts and check all the properties of the Lodge at least once a year and to submit at the Regular Meeting in September, 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.

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 in general consultation with the Master, conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for or notices of all meetings of the Lodge or Committee, 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, 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 current ordinary expenses on the authority of the Master or other officer in charge of the Lodge. All payments shall be made by cheques. Any two persons among the Worshipful Master, Treasurer, and Secretary shall operate the Bank accounts on behalf of the Lodge. No other payment shall be made without a resolution of Lodge. He shall submit his accounts in the Regular Meetings of the Lodge. He can keep imprest cash not exceeding Rs. 500/- for defraying contingent expenses of the Lodge.

24. A sum of Rs. 50/- from the General Funds of the Lodge, shall be annually placed at the disposal of Master to meet emergent cases of distress. In case the Master exercise this privilege, he shall report the circumstance at the next regular meeting of the Lodge.
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, but no such amendment or alteration shall come into force until the same is approved by the Regional Grant Master and the Grand Master.

Approved in open lodge on 21st August, 1969

PROPOSED NEW BY-LAW

27. The Lodge shall annually elect at the Installation meeting a "Membership Committee" consisting of 5 members for the purpose of considering and reporting to the Lodge upon the character, qualification, and general desirability of the candidates proposed for membership in the Lodge.

Proposed & Seconded - 7th Dec 2001.

Passed - 5th Jan 2002.

Confirmed - 12th Feb 2002.

(Forwarded to RGL with DD & cheque on 29th Sept 2002).

Approved vide RGL letter ref L190/2002 dt 23rd Oct 2002 forwarded alongwith amendment and Receipt No. 2487 dt 13th Oct 2002.

Approved by RGM @ Chennai dt 8th Oct 2002.

Approved by GM @ New Delhi dt 18th Oct 2002.

WOR.BRO G.S. KRISHNA
Worshipful Master

BRO. T. ADISESHA IYER
Senior Warden

BRO. T.K. SESHADRI
Junior Warden

BRO. V. VENKATARAMAN
Secretary