

ODGE COIMBATORE

**No. 172 G. L. I.
COIMBATORE.**

BY - LAWS



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**CONSECRATED
28-9-1965**

BY - LAWS
OF
LODGE COIMBATORE

172 G. L. I.
COIMBATORE
(As Amended upto 16-4-91)

PREFATORY: The Lodge Coimbatore was duly constituted under a Charter or Warrant dated 10th August 1965 was consecrated on the 28th September 1965 at the Masonic Temple, Palghat by

R. W. Bro. Rao Bahadur
S. T. Srinivasagopalachari,
P. Dy. G. M. R. W. R. G. M. (S. I.)

Assisted by :

V. Wor. Bro. Rao Bhadur A. Veeriah
Vandyar P. G. Chaplain
Dy. Regional Grand Master
— as I. P.M.

R. Wor. Bro. Dr. M. N. Mahadevan
P. S. G. W.
— as Senior Warden

V. Wor. Bro. Rao Sahib K. A. M. A.
Kaliappa Nadar
P. G. Chaplain
— as Junior Warden

Wor. Bro. R. Krishnasamy P. J. G. D.
— as Chaplain

Wor. Bro. C. Santamurti Naidu R. G. S.
— as Secretary

V. Wor. Bro. C. A. Ramakrishnan I. C. S.
President Board of General
Purposes
— as Director of Ceremonies

Wor. Bro. R. Ganesh
P. R. G. Br. of V. S. L.
— as Senior Deacon

Wor. Bro. M. Rajagopalan,
Pres. R. G. Stewards
— as Junior Deacon

Wor. Bro. S. F. Byramshaw, P. Dy. G. D. of C
— as Sword Bearer

Wor. Bro. S. R. Chari
— as A. D. of C.

Wor. Bro. C. D. Jacob
— as Inner Guard

Wor. Bro. T. K. Narsing Rao, P. G.
Steward
— as Tyler

This Lodge was Sponsored By Lodge
Palghat No. 159 G. L. I. on 8th May 1965;
with the following principal officers :

W. Bro. C. S. V. Ramani
— Worshipful Master

Bro. P. R. Swami Iyer
— Senior Warden

Bro. P. R. Narayanaswami
— as Junior Warden

MEMBERS :

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

- (a) Resident members b) Non-Resident members and c) Honorary members

Explanation :— a) Resident members are those who reside within a radius of 50 Kms. of Coimbatore, District Head-quarters.

(b) Non-Resident members are those who reside beyond the said limit of 50 Kms. radius and apply to be brought on the Non-resident list of Members.

(c) Honorary Members are those elected as such, for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular.

d) Life Member

Life members are those who pay five years lump sum subscription and also subscribing member for 20 years in one or more Lodges and had also attained the age of (55) Fifty Five years.

(This facility will not be available to him if he had already been a life member of any other Lodge)

Amended by 11-11-94

3. DAYS OF MEETINGS :

The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Temple, Race Course, Coimbatore on the SECOND FRIDAY of every month at such hour as the Master may from time to time direct.

4. Summons for convening the regular meetings of the Lodge, shall be issued by the Secretary atleast seven days previous to such meetings. The summonses shall specify the place and hour of the meetings.

5. SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES :

The annual subscription of both the resident and non-resident members shall be Rs. 250/- per annum payable in advance. In addition, the annual dues payable for each brother to Grand Lodge and the quarterages to Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India are also payable extra. The steward fund contribution of Rs. 250/- per annum is payable by resident members along with the subscription.

Amended by Dec. 2000

(B) The Secretary & Tyler (If subscribing member) may be exempt from paying their annual subscription to the General Fund for the period they are holding such Offices. However, they are to pay the Steward Fund Contribution of Rs. 150/- per annum

6. The following shall be PAYABLE IN ADVANCE			
Initiation	:	Rs.	500.00
Joining or Rejoining	:	Rs.	400.00
Joining from other foreign constitution	:	Rs.	400.00

Amended by 9-4-93

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

8. ADMISSION AND RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS :

No Candidate for Feermasonry shall be initiated, and no brother shall be admitted as a Joining member of the Lodge, if, on the ballot two or more 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 last ballot.
10. Any member whose subscription for a period of six months or more remains unpaid shall be liable to exclusion under provisions of Rule 156 of B. of C.
11. A member who has resigned or ceased to be a member or has been excluded for non-payment of subscription, shall be permitted to rejoin only on payment of all arrears due, if any, together with his rejoining fees but shall be subjected to a fresh ballot.
12. ELECTIONS ETC.

The Master shall be elected at the Regular meeting in December and shall be installed at the next regular meeting in January.

13. The Tyler shall be elected at the Regular meeting in December.
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 questions once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Master until three months shall have elapsed after its last decisions.
16. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided for in Rule 19, B of C (1963).
17. At the Regular meeting in January, the Lodge shall appoint a standing Committee consisting of the Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, the

- Secretary, the Treasurer and two other members elected by the Lodge.
18. At the regular meeting in January, the Lodge shall elect an Audit Committee of two members.
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 examine the Secretary's books and check the Treasurer's accounts, to inspect and check all the property of the Lodge during the period under Review.
20. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all committees appointed by the Lodge.
21. All letters from the members shall be addressed to the Secretary.

22. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondences of the Lodge. He shall issue Summons for or Notices of meetings of the Lodge or Committees, record Minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of the members and all the 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 if they are due, prepare the return for the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges and forward them through the Master, together with all the fees and Contributions due thereon to the authorities concerned.
- The Treasurer shall discharge all the duties and responsibilities laid on him

by rule 129 of B of C. He shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and the accounts 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 in a Bank approved by a resolution of the Lodge. He shall make payments for all current and ordinary expenses on the authorities of the Master or other Officers in charge of the Lodge. No other payments shall be made without a resolution of the Lodge. All cheques issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and the Master or the Secretary of the Lodge. He shall submit his accounts every month to the Regular meetings of the Lodge.

24. 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. The Lodge, may, by resolution, authorise transfer of such sums as may be deemed necessary from the General fund to the Charity fund but not vice-versa.

25. 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 circumstances at the next Regular meetings of the Lodge, otherwise the sum shall at the close of the year, be carried to the Charity fund.

26. A sum of Rs. 25/- from the general funds of the Lodge shall be paid to the Secretary as Imprest case to meet petty expenses and which shall be reimbursed

by the treasurer on the Secretary rendering to him the accounts of such expenses.

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

28. The Charity Box shall be circulated at all meetings of the Lodge.

29. The Stewards fund shall consist of collections from members towards Dinner and refreshments and shall be maintained separately. No part of the general or charity funds of the Lodge shall be expended for this purpose.

30. It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these by-laws unless the abrogation, amended or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one

Regular meeting, after due notice has been given to all the members through insertions in the Summons and read and confirmed at the next Regular meeting and approved by the R. W. R. G. M. and the M. W. G. M.

The above By-Laws were duly passed at the consecration and installation meeting held on 28-9-1965 and were approved by the Right Worshipful the Regional Grand Master (Southern India) on 11-10-1965 and by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on 15-10-1965.

E. P. B. MANIAN
Workshopful Master

P. R. SUBRAMANIAM
Senior Warden

V. M. C. SREENIVASAN
Junior Warden

K. G. RANGANATHAN
Secretary