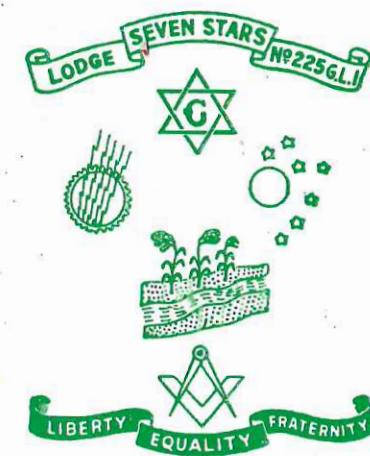


LODGE SEVEN STARS

225 G.L.I
COIMBATORE

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LODGE SEVEN STARS 225 GLI, COIMBATORE.

Prefatory to Lodge By-Laws

Lodge Seven Stars was duly constituted under a Charter or Warrant dated 19th day of October 1974 corresponding to the 27th Asvina 1896 Saka Era and was consecrated on the 8th November 1974 at Venkatalakshmi Kalyana Mandapam, Trichy Road, Singanallur, Coimbatore -641 005, by

- 1) R.W.Bro. Hon'ble Chief Justice K.VEERASWAMY

P.Dy.G.M., O.S.M., Regional Grand Master of Southern India.

Assisted by :

- 2) V.W. Bro. Hon. Justice G.RAMANUJAM,

P.Dy.G.Regr., P.Dy R.G.M... as Senior Warden.

- 3) V.W. Bro. Hon. Justice V. RAMASWAMI,

P.Dy. G. Regr., P.Dy R.G.M., Pres, Bd. G.P. as Junior Warden.

- 4) W. Bro. Hon. Justice S. NATARAJAN,

P.G. Std., Br., P.Dy. R.G.M., as Chaplain.

- 5) R.W. Bro., C. SANTAMURTI NAIDU

P.S.G. W., P.Dy. R.G.M., Regional Grand Secretary, as Secretary.

- 6) W. Bro.M.K. SRIDARAN

P.A.G.D. of C., P.R.G. Chap., as Director of Ceremonies

- 7) W. Bro.V.M.C. SREENIVASAN

P.G. Tyl., P.A.R.G. Std., Br. as Senior Deacon

- 8) W. Bro. N.R. DORAISWAMI,

P.G. Tyl., R.G. Marsh., as Junior Deacon

- 9) W.Bro. R.RATNASWAMI,

P.G. Tyl, P.A.R.G. Std.,Br. as Sword bearer.

- 10) W. Bro.S.THIRUNAVUKARASU,

P.G. Std., P.S.R.G.D., R.G. Supd. of works, as Deputy Director of Ceremonies

- 11) W. Bro. K. VENKATASWAMI,

P.R.G.I.G., as Inner Guard.

- 12) W. Bro. V.G. RAJAH,

P.G. Tyl., R.G. Organist as Tyler.

This Lodge was sponsored by Lodge Coimbatore 172 GLI on 9th August 1974 with the following principal Officers :

W. Bro. T.K. SHANMUGANANDHAM - Worshipful Master

Bro. K.R. RAMANATHAN - Senior Warden

Bro. R. PARTHASARATHI - Junior Warden

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By-Laws of the Lodge as adopted during
its meeting held on 8-11-1974 and on amended up to 31-12-2000

I. Preliminary :

1. These Bylaws are subject and in addition to the Rules contained in the Book of Constitution so far as the said Rules relate to the Daughter Lodges.

II. Membership :

2. There shall be three classes of Members Viz.,
 - a) Resident members :- Resident members are those who reside within a radius of 80 kms of Coimbatore District Head quarters.
 - b) Non-Resident members :- Non-Resident members are those who reside beyond the said limit of 80 kms. radius and apply to be brought on the Non-Resident list of members. Resident members leaving Coimbatore area and beyond the limit of 80 kms. 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.
 - c) Honorary Members :- Honorary members are those duly elected as such by the members of the Lodge, for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Lodge in Particular.

II. Meetings :

3. There shall be nine regular meetings of the Lodge held annually on the last Friday of every month of February, March, April, June, July, August, October, November and December.
4. Eight regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Temple, 232, Race Course Road, Coimbatore - 641 018 and one of the regular meetings shall be held outside Coimbatore as may be decided upon by the master and brethren from time to time.
5. The hour of the commencement of the meetings shall be fixed by the Master from time to time.
6. Summons for convening the regular 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 meetings.

7. The Master may direct the Secretary for convening emergency meetings of the Lodge as and when necessary. In such cases the Secretary may issue the summons for convening the meetings of the Lodge with not less than five clear days prior to date of meeting.

Admissions & Retirement of Members.

8. No candidate shall be initiated and no brother shall be admitted as the member of the Lodge, if on ballot two or more Black balls appear against him.
9. No candidate rejected for admission shall be again proposed in the Lodge until after a lapse of twelve calendar months from the date of last ballot.
10. The Memberships shall cease :
 - (a) by resignation, (b) by death or (c) by nonpayment of subscription consecutively for two years.
11. Any member whose subscription for a period more than six months remains unpaid shall be liable for exclusions under provisions of Rule 156 of the Book of Constitution
12. No member shall seek to propose more than one name at one time.
13. A proposal for admission once made in the open Lodge at the said meeting be included in the summons for the next regular meeting for balloting; If the ballot be not taken in a meeting in which the proposal has been included in the summons, the proposal shall be void.
14. A member who has resigned or ceased to be a member or has been excluded for nonpayment of subscription, shall be permitted to rejoin 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, but shall be subjected to fresh ballot.

Subscription and Fees.

15. Every member (both resident and nonresident members) shall pay per annum the following :
 - a) Subscription of Rs. 300/- and
 - b) Steward charge of Rs. 200/- and
 - c) Grand Lodge of India dues and Regional Grand Lodge of India dues as may be levied from time to time.

All the above are payable before the expiry of the first quarter.

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16. The initiation fee shall be Rs. 500/- and is payable in advance.
17. The admission fee for rejoining members shall be Rs. 500/- and shall be payable in advance.
18. 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.

VI. Elections etc...

19. The Master and the Tyler chosen shall be elected at the regular meeting in December and the Master shall be installed at the next regular meeting in February.
20. At the regular meeting in February there shall be appointed a Standing Committee consisting of the Master, Immediate past Master, the Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two other members elected by the Lodge.
21. At the regular meeting in February the Lodge shall elect an Audit Committee consisting of two members.

VII. Duties and Committees and Officers.

22. The duties of the standing Committee shall be to examine the Secretary's Books, to check the Treasurer's accounts, to inspect and check all the properties of the Lodge and to perform such other duties as may be delegated to it from time to time by the Master.
23. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all Committees appointed by the Lodge.
24. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondences of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for, or notices of the meetings of the Lodge or Committees, record the minutes of their proceedings and keep register of the 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.
25. All communications from the members shall be addressed to the Secretary.
26. The Treasurer shall discharge all the duties and responsibilities laid on him by rule 129 of Book of Constitution. He shall receive all moneys paid or remitted to him without undue delay, deposit

the same in an account in the name of the Lodge in a Bank to be approved by a resolution of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall make such payments as are duly authorised or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. All cheques issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and the Master or the Secretary of the Lodge. 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 accounts annually, which statements shall be verified and audited by the Audit Committee. Copies of the accounts duly certified by the Audit Committee shall be circulated to all Members of the Lodge together with the summons convening the meeting at which they are to be considered. The books of accounts shall be produced for inspection in the open Lodge at such meeting or another suitable occasion also if required by a resolution of the Lodge.

VIII. General :

27. The charity box shall be circulated at the Lodge meeting. 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 funds. The Lodge may be resolution authorise transfer of such sums as may be deemed necessary from the general fund to the charity fund but nor viceversa.
28. A sum of Rupees 50/- from the General Fund 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 meeting of the Lodge. Otherwise the sum shall, at the close of the year, be carried to the charity fund.
29. All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge.
30. A sum of Rs. 125 from the general fund of the Lodge shall be paid to the Secretary as imprest cash to meet petty expenses and shall be reimbursed by the Treasurer on the Secretary rendering to him the accounts of such expenses.
31. The stewards funds 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.

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32. The Control of the property of the Lodge Shall be as laid down in Rule 119 of the Book of constitution (1968).
33. No Motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless the Master directs otherwise.
34. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again without the permission of the Master until after two regular meetings.
35. It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these by-laws unless the abrogations, amendments or Alterations shall have been duly proposed and passed at a regular meeting, after due notice has been given to all the Members through insertions in the summons.
36. The proposal for amendment shall be deemed to have been passed by two thirds of the regular Members of the Lodge present during a particular meeting, casting their ballot in favour of the proposal. The proposals so passed shall not be deemed to have been brought into effect unless approved by R.W.R.G.M. and the M.W.G.M.

These Bye-Laws have been duly adopted at the Consecration and constitution of the Lodge on 8th November, 1974.

(Sd.) V.Lakshmikanthan,
Worshipful Master

(Sd.) M.R. Venkataraman
(9-11-1974) Secre

Approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master

(Sd.) K. Veeraswamy,
(Madras, 5th December 1974.) Regional Grand Master.

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master.

(Sd.) P.M. Sundaram,
(New Delhi, 17-12-74) Grand Secretary.