

BY – LAWS OF LODGE SAKTHI No-288

1. Members :

The members of 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 100 Kms. of Gobichettipalayam
- b. Non-Resident members are those who reside beyond the said limit of 100 Kms. Radius of Gobichettipalayam 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.

2. Days of Meetings :

There shall be nine Regular meetings of Lodge except in the months of May, September and December and shall be held on the second Sundays at Gobichettipalayam or at Coimbatore and as such hour as the Master may direct from time to time , October being the installation Meeting and August being the Election Meeting.

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

4. Subscription Fees :

- a. The annual subscription of both resident and non-resident members will be Rs.500/- and a sum of Rs.250 shall be payable by all members as steward subscription to meet the dinner and refreshment expenses. Both the subscriptions are payable in advance along with G.L.I & R.G/L dues.
- b. The Secretary and the Tyler (if a Subscribing member) may be exempted from the payment of their subscription to the general fund for the period they are holding such offices.

5. The following shall be Fees PAYABLE IN ADVANCE :

Initiation	- Rs.1500/-
Joining and Re-Joining	- Rs.1500/-
Joining from other foreign Constitution	- Rs.1500/-

6. 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.

7. Admission and Retirement of Members :

No Candidate for Freemasonry Shall be admitted as a joining member of the Lodge, if on the ballot two or more Black balls against him.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Elections etc.:

The Master shall be elected at the Regular meeting in August and shall be installed at the next regular meeting in October.

11. The Treasurer and the Tyler shall be elected at the Regular meeting in August and invested in October.

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

13. 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 .

14. The control of the property of the lodge shall be provided for in rule 119, B of C (1993)

15. 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 and two other members elected by the Lodge.

16. At the regular meeting in October the Lodge shall elect an Audit Committee of two members.

17. The duties of the standing committee appointed by the Lodge shall be 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.

18. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all committee appointed by the Lodge.

19. All letters from the members shall be addressed to the Secretary.

20. 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 Committee, 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 money 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.

21. The Treasurer shall discharge all the duties and responsibilities laid on him by Rule 129 B of C. He 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 in a Bank approved by a resolution of the Lodge. He shall make payments for all current and ordinary expenses on the authorities of Master of Officers in charge of the Lodge. No other payments shall be made without a resolution of the Lodge. All cheques must be signed by any two of following viz : The Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

22. 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, authorize transfer of such sums as may be deemed necessary from the General fund to the Charity fund but not vice-versa.

23. A sum of Rs.500/- from the General funds of the Lodge shall be paid to the Secretary as imprest cash to meet petty expenses and which shall be reimbursed by the Treasurer on the Secretary rendering to him the accounts of such expenses.

24. All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in Open Lodge.

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

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

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 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 R.W.R.G.M. and the M.W.G.M.

This By Law was duly passed and adopted at the Consecration and Installation Meeting Held on 21st March 1992.

W.Bro.L.RAJAMANI

W.Master

Bro.G.N.VISWANATHAN

Sr.Warden

Bro.V.VEERAPPAN (Jr.)

Sr.Warden

W.Bro.M.PERANANDAM

Secretary

Bro.S.VASANTHAN

Treasurer

**Confirmed with modification in open
Lodge on 14.4.1996**

W.Bro.T.J.VIJAYAKUMAR

Worshipful Master

Bro.Dr.K.S.ASHOK KUMAR

Sr.Warden