

REGIONAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTHERN INDIA

Lodge CA RAMAKRISHNAN No. 192 Place CHENNAI

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO / REVISED BY LAWS

(To be Submitted in Triplicate)

Existing By-Laws	Amended By-Laws
By-Law No.....	By-Law No..... <i>AMENDED BY LAWS GIVEN SEPARATELY</i>

The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Lodge at a regular Meeting held on 29/11/2002 Passed at a regular Meeting held on 11/12/2003 and confirmed at a regular Meeting held on 22/12/2003

Place CHENNAI

Date 13/12/03

W. Master
W. Master

Senior Warden
Senior Warden

D. J. Jayakumar
Junior Warden

Anthony
Secretary

APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

Place Chennai
Date 17/12/2003

D. J. Jayakumar
Regional Grand Master

APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

New Delhi,
Date 25/11/2003

Grand Secretary

BYE LAWS OF LODGE C.A.RAMAKRISHNAN No:192

CHENNAI

CONSECRATED ON 22.8.1969

1. Members:-

(a) The Members of the Lodge shall comprise of four classes viz:-
(i) Resident Members
(ii) Non-Resident Members
(iii) Honorary Members
(iv) Life Members

Explanation:-

(i) Resident Members are those who reside within 50 kilometers from Fort St. George.
(ii) Non-Resident Members are those who reside beyond the limits as explained in (i) above and apply to be brought on the Non-Resident list.
(iii) Honorary Members are those who are elected, as such, for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular.
(iv) A member becomes a Life Member of the Lodge on payment of Ten Years lump sum subscription as on date payable to the Lodge, if he was a subscribing member for 25 years continuously in this Lodge and has also attained the age of 55 years.

Provided that a member with multiple membership of Lodges could become a Life Member in only one Lodge of his choice.

2. Conversion of membership from Resident to Non-Resident Status:

Any Resident Member leaving Chennai, shall be placed on the list of Non-resident Members on his application to the Secretary with effect from the English Calender month following the month in which the application is received. The revised subscription will be applicable from the ensuing year.

3. Conversion of Membership from Non-Resident to Resident Status:

Non-Resident Members on their return to Chennai and stay in Chennai for not less than three consecutive months shall be transferred to the list of Resident Members with effect from the first month after the month on which the three months period is completed. The revised subscription will be applicable from the ensuing year.

4. Conversion of Membership from either Resident or Non-Resident to Life status:

Both Resident and Non-Resident Members who become eligible can opt to convert their membership status to that of Life Member by paying the prescribed Life Membership fee, as per Bye Law No: 7 and according to Bye Law No: 1 (iv).

5. Meetings:

The regular meetings of the Lodge will be held on the fourth Saturday of January, February, March, April, July, August, September, October and November.

Emergency Meetings may be held in accordance with Rule 116 of the Book of Constitutions. The expenses of any emergency meeting and dispensation fee, if any due to the Regional Grand Lodge shall be defrayed by the brother at whose instance the meeting is held and dispensation obtained.

6. Election and Installation Meetings:

(a) The election of the Worshipful Master and Treasurer will take place in the Regular Meeting in November and Installation Meeting will be held in January.

(b) The Worshipful Master shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Meeting in November and installed at the next Regular Installation Meeting in January.

(c) The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Meeting in November and invested at the next Regular Installation Meeting in January.

(d) The Tyler shall be selected by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in November and invested at the next Regular Installation Meeting in January.

7. Subscription and Fees:

The following shall be the subscription and the fee payable in advance:-

Annual subscription

- Resident Members:-	Rs.1300
Non- Resident Members:-	Rs. 650

Fee:

Initiation	- Rs.2000
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Joining from Indian Constitution	- Rs.1500
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Joining from other recognized constitutions-	Rs.1500
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Re-Joining	- Rs.1500
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Annual subscription shall be paid in the beginning of each year.

8. Admission and Retirement of Members:

a. No candidate for freemasonry shall be initiated and no brother shall be admitted as a Joining member of the Lodge unless, two thirds of the members present and voting shall vote in his favour.

b. A candidate for Initiation or Joining shall furnish three passport size photograph along with the proposal forms to enable the Lodge to maintain an album of its members.

c. A candidate rejected for initiation or joining shall not

be again proposed in the Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of last ballot.

d. A member whose subscription remains unpaid till December 31st of the said year shall come under automatic cessation as per Rule 124 of the Book of Constitutionss.

e. 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 the arrears together with his re-joining fee and shall be subject to a fresh ballot.

9. Membership Committee:

The Lodge shall annually elect at the Installation Meeting a Membership Committee consisting of three members for the purpose of considering and reporting to the Permanent Committee upon the character, qualifications and the general desirability of the candidates proposed for membership in the Lodge for consideration by the Permanent Committee.

10. Audit Committee:

The Lodge shall annually elect at the Installation Meeting an Audit Committee consisting of two members, as prescribed in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutionss, for the purpose of conducting the Audit of the Accounts of the Lodge.

11. Permanent Committee:

(a) The Worshipful Master, IPM, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Senior Deacon, three Past Masters and two other members elected at the Installation Meeting shall constitute the permanent committee.

(b) The permanent committee shall meet atleast once a month except in the months of May, June and December before the Regular Meeting.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Committee to check the accounts, make arrangements for the meetings and consider all matters connected with the working of the Lodge, to inspect and check all the properties of the Lodge and report upon the general working of the Lodge.

(d) The Worshipful Master shall preside over the Permanent committee meetings. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Immediate Past Master, or in his absence, any other past master who is a member of the committee shall preside over the meeting.

(e) In order to constitute a meeting of the permanent committee, the quorum shall be three.

(f) All the matters shall be decided by a majority decision.

(g) In the case of conflict of votes on any matter, the person who presides shall have a second or casting vote.

12. Secretary:

(a). The Secretary of the Lodge shall conduct the general correspondence, issue summons for all meetings, record Minutes of the proceedings, keep the Members Register and Declaration Book.

(b). The Secretary along with the outgoing incumbent in the said office shall every year soon after taking charge of his office but not later than the next regular meeting of the Lodge prepare an inventory of articles, books and records of the Lodge and sign the same, countersigned by the Worshipful Master and the Immediate Past Master and place the same before the permanent committee for its inspection and information.

(c). The Secretary shall also keep in safe custody all records.

(d). The Secretary shall make payments for petty contingent expenses for which purpose he shall receive an advance of not more than Rs.500 from the Treasurer from time to time. All payments made by him shall be accounted for with vouchers, bills or self declaration as the case may be.

(e). The secretary shall be the Ex-Officio Secretary to all Committees.

13. Treasurer:

(a). The Treasurer shall have charge of and responsible for all the moneys and account books of the Lodge.

(b). The Treasurer shall receive all collections and remit the money in the bank from time to time.

(c). The Treasurer shall not keep more than Rs.500 at any time on hand.

(d). The Treasurer shall make payments for ordinary expenses on the authority of the Worshipful Master or the Officer in charge of the Lodge.

(e) The accounts shall be opened in the name of the Lodge in a scheduled Bank approved by a resolution at the Installation Meeting.

(f) All cheques must be signed by any two of the following namely the Worshipful Master, the Secretary and the Treasurer.

(g) The Treasurer shall submit his accounts to the regular meeting of the Lodge and to the Permanent Committee.

14. Stewards fund:

A Stewards Fund shall be constituted. A sum of Rs.25/- per resident member in good standing shall be transferred annually, from the Lodge account to the Stewards Fund. Out of the amount so due, and transferred to the stewards' fund, 80% of Rs.25/- (i.e Rs.20 per resident member) shall be paid to the Master-Elect to defray part of the banquet expenses on the Installation night.

15. Exclusion:

(a) If any member whose subscription for a period of six months or more remains unpaid shall be liable to exclusion

under the provisions of Rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions.

(b). Any Member who has been excluded under bye-laws No:15(a) may be permitted to rejoin, provided that he is regularly proposed and balloted for in accordance with Rule 138 of the Book of Constitutions and provided further he pays all arrears due from him and the prescribed fee for rejoining.

16. Propositions:

(a). No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless, in case of emergency or the Master directs otherwise.

(b) No question once decided in the open Lodge, shall be raised again for consideration without the permission of Master or until 3 months shall have elapsed after the last decision.

17. Lodge Property:

The control of the Lodge property shall be as provided in Rule 119 of the Book of Constitutions.

18. Constitutions:

In respect of matters not specifically and expressly provided for in the Bye Laws, the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge of India as embodied in the Book of Constitutions shall apply.

19. Bye Laws:

(a). It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend, add to or alter these Bye laws, unless the abrogation, amendment, addition or alteration shall have been duly proposed and seconded at one Regular Meeting, approved at the next Regular Meeting and thereafter, confirmed at the following Regular Meeting of the Lodge, and, approved by the R.W., the Regional Grand Master of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India and the M.W., The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India.

(b). In the event of any abrogation, amendment or revision of any Bye Law or Bye Laws, the secretary shall provide each member with a copy thereof after obtaining approval from the R.W., The Regional Grand Master of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India and the M.W., The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India.

(c). Every Member of the Lodge on his Initiation or Joining shall be presented with a copy of the Bye Laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the Rules contained therein.

APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

PLACE: CHENNAI
DATE: 17/11/2003

D. Ravikumar
Regional Grand Master

APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

PLACE: NEW DELHI
DATE: 25.11.2003

Havish Gupta
Grand Secretary