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### **1. Membership.**

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 60 Miles from Calicut.

#### **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 leaving the afore - mentioned limits 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.

### **II. Days of Meetings**

3. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemasons Hall West



Hill, Calicut on the THIRD Saturday 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 at least Seven Days previous to such meetings.

### III. **Subscription & Fees**

5. The Annual subscription of Resident Member shall be Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only) per annum and that of Non- Resident Member shall be Rs.800 (Rupees Eight Hundred Only) per annum payable in full on 1st January every year
6. The following shall be Fees payable

in advance.

Initiation ..Rs. 1000/- ( Rupees One Thousand Only)

Joining ...Rs. 100/- (Rupees One Hundred Only)

Re-joining ...Rs 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only)

7. The expense of any Emergency Meeting and 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.

### IV. **ADMISSION & RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS.**

8. No person shall be made a Mason in

or admitted a Member of the Lodge, unless if on ballot, Two-thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature.

9. A Candidate rejected for Initiation or joining shall not be again proposed in Lodge until after the lapse of 6 months from the date of the last ballot.
10. Any member whose subscription for a period of One Year or more remains Unpaid shall be liable to exclusion under the provision of Rule 135 of Book of Constitution of Grand Lodge of India.
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 the re-joining fee and subject to a fresh ballot as provided in Rule 130 of the Book of Constitution of Grand Lodge of India

#### V **Elections etc.**

12. The Master shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in the month of December and shall be installed at the next Regular Meeting in the month of January every year.
13. The Treasurer shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in December every year.
14. The Tyler shall be elected at the



Regular Meeting in December every year.

15. 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.
16. No question once decided in Open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Master or until 3 months shall have elapsed after its decision.
17. The control of property of the Lodge shall be as provided in Rule 119 of Book of Constitution of Grand Lodge of India
18. At the Installation Meeting in

January every year, the Lodge shall appoint a Standing Committee consisting of Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, The Secretary, The Treasurer and Two other Members.

19. At the Installation Meeting in the Month of January every year, the Lodge shall appoint the Committee referred to in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitution of Grand Lodge of India.
20. 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 and check the Treasurer's Accounts, to inspect and check all the property of the Lodge at least once a year and to submit at the Meeting in

January 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.

21. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be Secretary ex-officio to all Committees appointed by the Lodge.
22. All letters from the Members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.
23. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondences of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for or Notices of all Meetings of the Lodge or Committees, 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 Lodge and forward them through the Master together with all fees and contributions due thereon, to the authorities concerned.

24. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for money and the Accounts Books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct all moneys due to or held for the Lodge. Deposit the same in the name of the Lodge at a Bank approved by a resolution of the Lodge and shall



make payments for current ordinary expenses on the authority of the Master or other Officers-in charge of the Lodge. No other payment shall be paid without a resolution of the Lodge. He shall submit his accounts to the Regular Meeting of the Lodge.

25. A sum of Rs. 50/- 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 Meeting of the Lodge. Otherwise, the sum shall, at the close of the year be carried to the Charity Account.

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

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

27. 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 spent for this purpose.

28. It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these byelaws 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.



Adopted by the Lodge at the Consecration Meeting held on 01-01-1979 at the Freemasons' Hall, West Hill, Caliuct.

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**W. Bro.P.Padmanabhan Nair**  
**Worshipful Master**

(Sd)

**W. Bro. Dr. V. K. Balraj**  
**Senior Warden**

(Sd)

**Bro. Dr. K. K. Varma**  
**Junior Warden**

(Sd)

**Bro. P. Balakrishnan**  
**Secretary**

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