

LODGE TIRUPUR No. 324

TIRUPUR

By - Laws

18 JUL 2000

1. Preliminary

1. These By-laws are subject to and in addition to the Rules contained in the Book of Constitutions so far as the said Rules relate to the Daughter Lodges.

2. Members:

1. The members of the Lodge shall comprise two classes, viz.:-(a) Members (b) Honorary Members

Explanation: Honorary Members are those elected as such, for services rendered to masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular.

3. Days of Meetings:

The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Poppy's Hotel, Thirumuruganpondi, Tirupur, **on the Last Tuesdays in the months of January, February, March, April, May, July, August, September, October and November** or at such hour as the Master may, from time to time direct.

Summonses 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 and Fees:

The Annual subscription of the Member shall be Rs. 800/- made up of Rs. 350/- towards the General Fund and Rs. 450/- towards the Stewards Fund payable on or before August. In addition each Member shall pay RGL & GLI Annual dues, as applicable from time to time.

5. The following shall be the Fees PAYABLE IN ADVANCE:

Initiations	Rs. 2,500
Joining and Re-joining	Rs. 2,500
Joining from other foreign constitutions	Rs. 2,500

Inclusive of Annual subscription, RGL & GLI dues, Apron, Ritual book for the first year and as per clause 4 for subsequent years.

6. No Candidate shall be initiated or brother admitted as a Joining member of Lodge, unless if on ballot, two-thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature.
7. 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.
8. Any member whose subscription remains unpaid shall be liable to exclusion under provisions of Rule 124 of B of C.
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.**

- (a) The Master shall be elected at the Regular meeting in May and shall be installed at the next regular meeting in July.
- (b) The Treasurer and Tyler shall be elected at the Regular meeting in May.
- (c) At the Regular meeting in July, the Lodge shall appoint a standing Committee consisting of the Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer, D of C and two other members elected by the Lodge.
- (d) At the regular meeting in July, the Lodge shall elect an Audit Committee of two members.
11. 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.
12. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all committees appointed by the lodge.
13. All letters from the members shall be addressed to the Secretary.

14. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondences of the Lodge. He shall issue Summonses for or Notices of meetings of the Lodge or committees, records 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.
15. 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 account 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 must be signed by any two of the following Viz., the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary. He shall submit his accounts every month at the Regular meetings of the Lodge. **The year ending shall be 30th June for each year** and Annual audited accounts will be presented at the Annual investiture meeting in July for approval.
16. The Charity Box shall be circulated at all meetings of the Lodge.
17. 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 as decided by the Members in the open Lodge. 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.
18. The Stewards fund shall consist of collections from member 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.

19. No motion shall be made of discussed in the Lodge, which is not mentioned in the Summons, unless, in case of Emergency, the Master directs otherwise.
20. 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.
21. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided for in Rule 119, B of C (1963).
22. 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 the R.W.R.G.M. and the M.W.G.M.

Adopted in open Lodge on 1st February 2000

(Sd)

T.K. SHANMUGANANDAM
W.M.

(Sd)

R. SOMASUNDARAM
Secretary

Approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Master.

Bangalore
11-05-2000

(Sd)

Regional Grand Master

Approved by M.W. The Grand Master.

New Delhi
08-06-2000

(Sd)

Grand Secretary