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The following Brethren were appointed as members of the By-Law Committee to update the Lodge by-laws, to print and distribute the new edition of the by-law book to the brethren.

1.	W.Bro.D.Sudhakar	... W.M
2.	W.Bro.C.S.Madhavan	... Secretary
3.	W.Bro.V.P.M.Govindadass	
4.	W.Bro.V.S.Varadarajan	
5.	W.Bro.V.Prithviraman	
6.	W.Bro. R.Baskaren	



The Jyothi Lodge No. 253

Founder Members

S.No	Reg. No.	Name	Initiated On	Initiated In	Past In	Past Master On
1	1	R.W.Bro.Dr.J.R.Mehta PAGMPDYRGM	22-5-43	3400	3400	1950 79 1965
2	2	W.Bro.P.V.Purushothaman PVPRGStwd	27-2-60	46	235	1983 79 1983
3	3	W.Bro.T.C.Vijayaraghavan PARGIG	17-2-62	79	79	1974
4	4	W.Bro.V.P.M.Govindadass PAGIG PRG Regr	15-2-63	79	79	1972
5	5	W.Bro.M.B.Gunavansingh PVPRGStwd	20-7-68	79	79	1980
6	6	W.Bro.V.S.Varadharajan PRG IG	21-12-68	79	79	1982
7	7	W.Bro.Prakash J.Mehta RG Stwd	19-2-72	79	204	1983
8	8	Bro. Dr.K.Loganathan	21-2-76	79		
9	9	Bro. Dr.C.Ramalingam	21-2-76	79		
10	10	Bro.Deepak Girdharlal	22-7-78	79		
11	11	Bro.R.Balasubramaniyam	19-5-79	79		
12	12	Bro.Dr.M.Kumaravel	19-5-79	79		
13	13	Bro.Dr.N.Rajan	19-5-79	79		
14	14	Bro.P.Shankar	20-8-82	79		



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FIRST OFFICERS - 1984

W.Bro. Prakash J.Mehta	R.G.Std	... W.M.
W.Bro.P.V.Purushothaman	P.V.Pr.R.G.Std	... I.P.M
Bro. Dr.K.Loganathan		... S.W
Bro.Dr.C.Ramalingam		... J.W
R.W.Bro.Dr.J.R.Mehta	P.A.G.M / P.Dy.R.G.M	... Chaplain
W.Bro.V.S.Varadharajan,	P.R.G.I.G.	... Treasurer
W.Bro.V.P.M.Govindadass	P.A.G.I.G. / P.R.GRegr	... Secretary
W.Bro.M.B.Gunavansingh	P.V.Pr. R.G.Std.	... D.of C.
Bro.Deepak Girdharlal		... S.D.
Bro.R.Balasubramaniyam		... J.D.
Bro.Dr.M.Kumaravel		... Almoner
Bro.Dr.N.Rajan		... I.G.
Bro.P.Shankar		... Steward
W.Bro.T.C.Vijayaraghavan	P.A.R.G.I.G.	... Tyler



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CONSTITUTION

1. Under authority granted by the Grand Lodge of India and by its warrant dated the 16th January 1984 a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, styled LODGE JYOTHI No.253 shall be held in Salem.

MEMBERS

2. The members of the Lodge shall be (1) Resident, (2) Non-Resident, or (3) Honorary.

3. (1) All members shall be classified as Resident members unless they have been placed on the Non-Resident or Honorary list.

(2) All members living outside Salem Revenue District, who do not hold any office, shall on application be placed on the Non-Resident list

(3) Honorary members shall be those who are elected as such in accordance with the provisions of Rule 142 B of C.

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

4. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemasons Hall, Suramangalam, Salem at such hour as the Master may fix. on the last Saturday of every month except in the month of April when there will be no meeting.

ANNUAL ELECTION

5. The Master shall be elected annually at the regular meeting in the month of October and installed in the regular meeting in the month of November. The Treasurer and Tyler shall also be elected at the regular meeting in October and invested with the other officers during the Installation Meeting in November.

EXPENSES OF MEETING

6. Where an Emergency Meeting is held for the sole purpose of conferring a degree at the request and for the convenience of a candidate or candidates, such candidate or candidates may be required to pay the expenses for holding such emergency meetings.

DUES AND FEES

7. The Subscription payable by a resident member shall be Rs.600/- per annum and for non-resident member Rs.200/- per annum, in addition to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge per capita dues payable by the member at the rates applicable from time to time. The subscription must be paid within three months from date of billing. Past Masters of the Lodge will have to pay the Grand Lodge Installed Master's fee, in addition to the above.

8. The following shall be the scale of fees:-

(a) Initiation	...	Rs. 1640
(b) Joining / Rejoining	...	Rs. 1000
(c) Joining from other constitution	...	Rs. 1000

9. The Secretary shall bring to the notice of the Lodge all cases in which the brethren are in arrears of subscription after the expiry of three months from the date of bill. It shall be competent for the Lodge to take such action as may be deemed necessary.

10. Brethren whose subscription are unpaid for more than six months from date of bill shall neither be eligible to vote on any matter raised in the lodge nor be elected, nor appointed to any office.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

11. Proposal forms properly filled in for candidates for admission to freemasonry, and for Brethren as Joining

members must be in the hands of the Secretary along with the required fees atleast fourteen days before the day on which the proposal is to be made in open Lodge.

12. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated, nor a brother admitted as a Joining Member of the Lodge, if more than 50% of the members present, ballot against the candidate. The fees previously collected in such cases shall be refunded.

13. Candidates and brethren who are not accepted for initiation or membership may be proposed after a lapse of six months from the date of the ballot at which they were not accepted.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

14. The first Permanent Committee shall be constituted on the consecration meeting day and subsequently it shall be constituted on the regular installation meeting day of each year. The committee shall consist of the two wardens, the treasurer, the secretary and two other Past Masters who shall be elected by the Lodge besides the Immediate Past Master and Master who will be ex-officio members as per rule 129 B of C.

14 (a) Three members shall form a Quorum.

15. The decision of the Permanent Committee may, whenever necessary, be obtained by circulation.

16. The Committee shall consider application for admission prior to the ballot being taken and report thereon to the Lodge. It may also examine the accounts every month before they are read at the regular

meeting and submitted to the Lodge for consideration any matter which it may deem to be for the benefit of the Lodge.

17. At every installation meeting the Permanent Committee shall lay before the Lodge a report of the working of the Lodge.

17a) The minutes of the Permanent Committee meeting shall be read at the following regular meeting of the Lodge.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

18. An Audit Committee comprising two members other than the members of the Permanent Committee shall be elected by the lodge in the regular meeting in October of each year to audit the accounts of that year and submit the audited statement of accounts at the regular meeting in the following November.

SECRETARY

19. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence, issue summonses for all meetings, record minutes of the proceedings and keep the register of members and other registers. He shall further maintain all records other than the account books maintained by the Treasurer.

20. The Secretary shall have power to incur expenditure on behalf of the lodge to the extent of Rs.2000/- at a time, subject to the formal ratification and reimbursement by the perm.comm. of the Lodge at its next regular meeting

TREASURER

21. All moneys due to, or held for, the Lodge shall be paid or remitted to the Treasurer direct, who shall without undue delay deposit the same in an account in the

name of Lodge at a Bank(s) to be approved by resolution of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall make such payments as are duly authorised, or have been sanctioned by the lodge. All cheques must bear the signature of the Treasurer and any one of the two, viz., Worshipful Master or Secretary, shall regularly enter a complete record of all moneys passing through his hands in the proper books of account, which shall be the property of the lodge and which, together with lodge funds and property in his possession, shall be transferred to his successor upon investiture. He shall prepare a statement of account annually, at a date to be determined by the members, showing the exact financial position of the lodge, which statement shall be verified and audited by a Committee of members of the lodge annually elected for that purpose. Copies of the accounts and of the certificate signed by this Audit Committee that all balances have been checked and that accounts have been duly audited shall be sent to all the 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 open Lodge at such meeting or on other suitable occasion also if required by a resolution of the Lodge.

PROPOSITIONS

22. Ordinary propositions involving major expenditure of money shall be considered by the Lodge only if the same is brought on the agenda of the summons, provided that the Master shall always have the privilege of allowing a proposition of an urgent nature being considered by the Lodge without notice on the summons.

CHARITY FUND

23. Before the closing of the Lodge, the Almoner if any, or in his absence the Deacons shall take round the Charity Box in which brethren may deposit their free-will offerings. The sums thus collected shall be carried to a separate account and appropriated to such charitable purpose as the brethren in open Lodge may direct.

24. The Master may from the Charity Fund, meet emergent cases of distress upto a sum of Rs. 2000/- and shall report the fact the next regular meeting of the Lodge.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

25. It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend or add to these by-Laws unless the abrogation, amendment or addition shall have duly been proposed passed at one regular meeting & confirmed at then next regular meeting nor shall such alterations be of

effect until they have received the approval of the R.W. Regional Grand Master and of the M.W. Grand Master.

Reference to the Rules of the Book of Constitution in the By-laws relates to the 1982 Edition of the Book of Constitutions as amended from time to time.



FIRST BY-LAWS

The first By-Laws have been duly adopted at the Consecration Meeting held on 3-8-1984.

- (Sd.) PRAKASH J.MEHTA
Wor.Master
- (Sd.) V.P.M.GOVINDADASS.
Secretary
- (Sd.) Dr.K.LOGANATHAN
S.Warden
- (Sd.) Dr.C.RAMALINGAM,
J.Warden

Approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Master of Southern India.

Coimbatore, (Sd.) G.K.Devarajulu,
29th October 1984 Regional Grand Master

Approved by M.W.The Grand Master.

New Delhi, (Sd.) H.P.Gupta,
21s November 1984 Ag.Grand Secretary
(TRUE COPY)