

BY - LAWS
OF

Lodge Trivandrum

No. 168



FREEMASONS' HALL,
TRIVANDRUM



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Founded on 3rd March 1965

TRIVANDRUM
1965

FOUNDERS

W.	Bro.	N.P. Ramakrishna Pillai
"	"	S.S. Pillai
"	"	R. Vaidyalingom Pillai
"	"	K. Govinda Pillai
"	"	U. Chandu Nair
"	"	R. Ramalingom Iyer
"	"	S. Aiyappan Pillai
"	"	V. R. Narayanan Nair
"	"	S. R. Narayana Raja
"	"	A. S. Rajasabai
"	"	S. Raja Iyengar
"	"	A. G. Ninam
"	"	G.P. Sukumaran
"	"	R. A. Varma
"	"	P.C. Kurup
"	"	K. Narayana Pillai
"	"	P.R.C. Nayar
"	"	J. C. Alexander
"	"	R. Raghupathy
"	"	P. Narayanan Nair
"	"	E. K. Moidu
"	"	S. V. Pandit
"	"	P. Velayudhan Pillai
"	"	S. Kumar

Bro.	P. Krishnan
"	J. G. Fritschi
"	G. Appukuttan Pillai
"	N. Vijayakrishnan Nair
"	V. Nirmalan Thampi
"	C. Narayanan Nair
"	K. Mahadevan Pillai
"	K. Kunjukrishna Pillai
"	P. Ramananthan
"	S. Peermohammed
"	Revi Karunakaran
"	S. Ramachandran
"	T. P. Kesavan Nair

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Members :

1. The Lodge shall comprise of :

- (a) Subscribing members.
- (b) Honorary members

Honorary members are those elected, as such, for services rendered to Masonry in general or to the Lodge in particular. (R 142 Book of Constitutions)

Meetings :

2. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Hall, Trivandrum, on the third Saturday of every English calendar month, at such hour as the Master decides.

3. Summons convening the regular meetings shall be issued at least seven days before the meetings. Emergency meetings, however, may be convened at shorter notice.

Fee and dues:*

4 The fees and subscriptions shall be as follows and payable in advance.

	Rs.
(a) Subscription for membership for an year	40/-
but those admitted in the second half year need pay only	20/-
(The Official year of the Lodge shall be the English Calendar year)	
(b) Initiation	150/-
(c) Joining or rejoining	30/-
(d) Joining from foreign constitution	40/-

5. The expenses of any Emergency Meeting and the Dispensation fee, if any, shall be defrayed by the Brother or Brethren at whose instance the meeting is held.

Admission & Retirement of Members :

*6. No candidate for Initiation or joining shall be accepted, if two black balls appear in a ballot. No such candidate shall again be proposed until six months have elapsed.

7. A member whose subscription is unpaid for one year shall be debarred from exercising the rights of voting, proposing or seconding candidates and being appointed or elected to any office. He is also liable to be excluded.

* See amendments

8. One who has ceased to be a member shall not be readmitted unless he has paid all his dues and subjected to a fresh ballot.

Elections Etc.*

9. The Master shall be elected by ballot, & Tyler elected (R. 93 B of C) at the Regular meeting in December. The Master -elect shall be installed at the Regular meetings in January.

Standing Committee :

10. An annual Committee shall be constituted at the Installation meeting, consisting of the Master, IPM, two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two members who do not hold any regular office and elected by the Lodge.

The Duties of the Committee shall be

- (a) To scrutinise the monthly financial statement.
- (b) To enquire into the eligibility of every candidate proposed for admission.
- (c) To take an inventory of the Lodge property and report on its condition.
- (d) To present the annual report at the Installation meeting.
- (e) To consider and suggest any matter tending to promote the welfare of the Lodge.

* See amendments

Audit Committee.

11. A Committee of two (who are not members of the standing Committee) shall be appointed by the Lodge at the December meeting for auditing the accounts of the year. The audited statement shall form part of the Annual Report.

12. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided in R. 119 B. of C.

*13. The Treasurer shall collect subscription and other dues and shall issue receipts therefor. He shall be in charge of all moneys and make payments for current routine expenses with the permission of the Master. All moneys shall be deposited in a Bank approved by the Lodge, and in the name of Lodge. The Treasurer is authorised to operate on the accounts. He shall submit financial statements at the Regular meetings of the Lodge.

14. The disbursement of any amount exceeding Rs. 500/- otherwise than for routine expenses, requires the previous sanction of the Lodge, under notice.

15. The Secretary shall be in charge of the Lodge records and books other than the account books maintained by the Treasurer. He shall conduct all

* See amendments

general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall be Ex- Office member and convener of all committees appointed by the Lodge.

16. No alteration or addition to these by - laws shall be made except by a motion carried at the Regular meetings, after due notice and confirmed at the next Regular meeting and approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Master

Passed on 2nd February 1965

Confirmed on 3rd March 1965

S.S. Pillai	W.M.
J. C. Alexander	S.W.
J. G. Fritschi	J.W.

N.P. Ramakrishna Pillai,
Secretary

*Approved by the Right Worshipful Regional
Grand Master on 11th March 1965.*

S. T. Srinivasa Gopalachari

*Approved by the Most Worshipful
Grand Master on 22nd March 1965.*

P.M. Sundaram,
Grand Secretary

Amendment to By-law No. 4(a) on 21-6-1975 and confirmed on 19-7-1975

Existing

4. Fees and dues :

The fees and subscriptions shall be as follows and payable in advance.
(a) Subscriptions for membership for an year -Rs. 40/- but those admitted in second half year need pay only Rs. 20/- (The official year of the Lodge shall be the English Calendar year)

N. Jai Kumar *W.M.* **S. V. Das** *S.W.*

Approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master on 4th September 1975.

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master on 25th October 1975.

As amended

4. Fees and dues :

The fees and subscriptions shall be as follows and payable in advance
(a) Subscriptions for membership for an year -Rs. 60/- but those admitted in second half year need pay only Rs. 30/- (The official year of the Lodge shall be the English Calendar year)

S. Padmanabhan *J.W.* **M.R.B. Menon** *Secretary*

T. Ramaprasada Rao *R.G.M.*

C. D. Natarajan, M.P
Ag. Grand Secretary.

Amendment to By-law No. 4 passed on 15.3.1980 and confirmed on 19.4.1980

Existing

4. Fees and dues:
The fees and subscriptions shall be as follows and payable in advance
- a) Subscriptions for membership for an year -Rs. 60/-
but those admitted in second half year need pay only Rs. 30/-
() The official year of the Lodge shall be the English Calendar year)
- (b) Initiation - Rs. 150/-
(c) Joining or rejoining Rs.30/-
(d) Joining from a foreign constitution - Rs. 40/-

V.P. Velayudhan M. Narayanan
W. M. S. W.

Approved by the R. W. The Regional Grand Master on 10th May 1980

Approved by M. W. The Grand Master on 10th June 1980.

As amended

4. Fees and dues:
The fees and subscriptions shall be as follows and payable in advance
- a) Subscription for membership for an year -Rs. 75/-
but those admitted in second half year need pay only Rs. 30/-
() The official year of the Lodge shall be the English Calendar year)
- (b) Initiation - Rs. 250/-
(c) Joining or rejoining - Rs. 50/-
(d) Joining from a foreign constitution - Rs. 150/-

R. Ravi Varma R. Ravi Kumar
J. W. Secretary

A.S. Rajasabai
R.G.M.

H.J. Rushi
Grand Secretary

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Grand Secretary

“Every Daughter Lodge should elect the Treasurer by ballot on the regular day of election of the Master”

As amended

Amendment to Rule 92 - A of the Book of Constitutions passed on 29.12.1979 at the Grand Festival of the Grand Lodge of India at Culcutta.

Amendment to By - law No.4 (a) passed on 18.12.1982 and confirmed on 15.1.1983

Existing

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- a) Subscription for membership
for an year - Rs. 75/-

The fees and subscription shall be
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- a) Subscription for membership
for an year - Rs. 100/-

The fees and subscription shall be as
follows and payable in advance.

C. S. Sethuraman *W. M* M. Krishnan Nair *S. W*

R. Ravi Kumar *J. W*

C.P. N. Nair
Secretary

Approved by R. W. the Regional Grand Master on 16.2.1983

A. S. Rajasabai
R.G.M.

Approved by M.W. the Grand Master on 20.3.1983

H. J. Rushi
Grand Secretary

Amendment to By-law No.4 passed on 20.3.1993 and confirmed on 17.4.1993

Existing

4. Fees and dues:

The fees and subscriptions shall be as
follows and payable in advance

- a) Subscription for membership for
an year - Rs. 175/-
Initiation : Rs. 600/-
Sundries for supplies : Rs. 250/-
Joining or rejoining from the same
Constitution - Rs. 150/-
Sundries for supplies - Rs. 100/-
Joining from a foreign constitution
- Rs. 300

As Amended

The fees and subscriptions shall be as
follows and payable in advance

- a) Subscription for membership for an
year - Rs. 250/-
Initiation : Rs. 1000/-
Sundries for supplies : Rs. 250/-
Joining or rejoining from the same
Constitution - Rs. 300/-
Sundries for supplies - Rs. 150/-
Joining from a foreign constitution -
Rs. 400/-

*Note : Dues to Grand Lodge from Grand Lodge
Officers and Past Masters from time to time shall
be paid to the Lodge for remittance to the Grand
Lodge along with Annual Return.*

G. R. Nanda Kumar Krishna Sankara Pillai *W. M* D. Santhi Kumar *S. W* M.R.B. Menon
Secretary

Approved by R. W. the Regional Grand Master on 26.4.1993

D. Dhorrairaj
R.G.M.

Approved by M.W. the Grand Master on 12.5.1993

N.L. Duggal
Grand Secretary

Amendment to By-law No.13 Passed on 18.3.1995 and confirmed on 15.4.1995

Existing

Treasurer shall collect subscription and other dues and shall issue receipts therefor. He shall be in charge of all moneys and make payments for current routine expenses with the permission of the Master. All money shall be deposited in a Bank approved by the Lodge and in the name of the Lodge. The Treasurer is authorised to operate on the accounts. He shall submit financial statements at the regular meetings of the Lodge.

D. Santhikumar
W.M.

R. Hari kumar
S.W.

Approved by R. W. the Regional Grand Master on 9.5.1995

Approved by M.W. the Grand Master on 27.5.1995

P. Sreekumar P.G. Sukumaran Nayar
J.W. Secretary

D. Dhorrairaj
R.G.M.

N.L. Duggal
Grand Secretary

As Amended:
The Treasurer shall collect subscription and other dues and shall issue receipts therefor. He shall be in charge of all meetings and make payments for current routine expenses with the permission of the Master. All moneys shall be deposited in a Bank approved by the Lodge and in the name of the Lodge. The accounts shall be operated by any two of the following viz. The Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary. The Treasurer shall submit financial statements at the regular meetings of the Lodge.

Amendment to By-law No.4 (a) passed on 16.3.1996 and confirmed on 20.4.1996

Existing

4. Fees and dues :

The fees and subscription shall be as follows and payable in advance.

(a) Subscription for membership for an year - Rs. 250/-

R. Hari kumar
W. M.

P. Sreekumar
S.W.

Approved by R. W Regional Grand Master on 29.5.1996

Approved by M.W. the Grand Master on 17.7.1996

As Amended

4. Fees and dues :

The fees and subscription shall be as follows and payable in advance.

(a) Subscription for membership for an year - Rs. 250/-, excluding the dues per member payable to the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge from time to time.

P. B. Menon P.G. Sukumaran Nayar
J.W. Secretary

K. R. Rajasekharan Nayar
R.G.M.

N. L. Duggal
Grand Secretary

Amendment to By-law No.6 passed on 20.5.2000 and confirmed on 17.6.2000

Existing

No candidate for initiation or joining shall be accepted if two black balls appear in a ballot. No such candidate shall again be proposed until six months have elapsed.

As Amended

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 approves the proposal for such candidature. No rejected candidate shall again be proposed until six months have elapsed.

M. Kesavan Nair AVSM S. Ramnath

W.M.

S.W

Ashok G. Nair

J.W

R. Ravi Kumar

Secretary

Approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Master on 29.6.2000

Arun Chintopanth

R.G.M.

Approved by M.W. the Grand Master on 10.8.2000

S. Krishnan

Grand Secretary