

# **LODGE ANAMALLAI**

**No. 106 G.L.I.**



## **BY-LAWS**

As amended up to 31<sup>st</sup> July 1999

**BY-LAWS OF LODGE ANAMALLAI  
NO. 106 G.L.I.  
VALPARAI**

**MEMBERSHIP**

1. The members of the Lodge shall comprise two classes, viz.,

- I. Resident
- II. Non-Resident

2. Resident members being those living within a radius of thirty five miles from Valparai P.O. and Non-resident being those living beyond that radius

3. Resident members who have to be away from the Anamallais either on leave or on business for a period exceeding two consecutive months shall be treated as non-resident members for such period of absence.

**DAY OF MEETING**

4. Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Hall, Valparai P.O. on the second Thursday in each month at such hour as the Master may direct.

5. The Summons for every regular meeting shall be issued at least seven days prior to the meeting

## ANNUAL ELECTION

6. The Master shall be elected by ballot and the Tyler by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in February. The Master Elect shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in March.

## DUES AND FEES

7. The member shall pay subscription at the following rates payable annually -

Resident members	- Rs.420/- per annum
Non-resident members	- Rs.300/- per annum

RGL/GLI dues shall be paid by the members concerned as and when bills are received from RGL/GLI.

8. The scale of fees shall be as follows :-

Initiation	- Rs.300/-
Joining/Rejoining from this Constitution	- Rs.300/-
Joining from other Constitution	- Rs.300/-

and such fees to be exclusive of subscriptions.

9. Honorary members may be elected in accordance with Rule No.142 of the Book of Constitutions.

10. 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, the Lodge may require from such Candidate or Candidates a total sum not exceeding Rs.40/- towards the expenses of the meeting.

## BALLOTING

11. The election of candidates for initiation & joining shall be conducted in conformity with requirements of Rule 132 to 140 of the Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for a candidate more than Two black balls shall exclude.

If the Master is of the opinion that a mistake may have occurred in the ballot he may order for a second ballot to be taken forthwith which shall be final.

12. In every case the result of the ballot shall be communicated as early as practicable to the candidate or Brother desirous of joining the Lodge, and if the ballot proves unfavourable, the fees shall be returned at the same time.

13. A candidate or a Brother rejected on ballot shall not be eligible to be proposed until after the lapse of six months from the day of his rejection.

14. If a candidate for initiation who has passed the ballot does not appear for initiation

within one year of the date of the ballot, such ballot shall be null and void.

15. A member of the Lodge whose subscription remains unpaid for three months shall be called upon by the Secretary by letter posted and registered to his last known address, for payment of his dues and if the dues are not liquidated within a period of two months of the date of the demand by the Secretary, such member shall be liable to exclusion in accordance with Rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions. If he should wish to rejoin he must be again ballotted for, and the joining fee and all arrears due by him.

16. A member whose subscription is unpaid for three months shall not be eligible for any of the offices or for voting.

17. A member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary or orally in open Lodge in accordance with Rule 158 of the Book of Constitutions and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in Rule 150 of the Book of Constitutions stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge.

18. A resident member who will be away from the Anamallais as under Clause 3 shall pay his dues in advance.

## TYLER

19. The Tyler, if a serving Brother, shall be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the Lodge, after election.

## PROPOSITIONS

20. Unless otherwise decided by two-thirds of the members present at the meeting, a proposition shall not be brought forward for consideration in open Lodge, unless notice thereof has been given to the Secretary by the member desirous of proposing the same in sufficient time to enable the proposition to be included in the Summons for the Meeting.

21. A proposition shall not be put to the Lodge when assembled unless it be proposed by one member and seconded by another.

22. Any number of amendments, duly proposed and seconded may be considered in connection with a proposition before the Lodge. All amendments shall be put to the vote first; if they be negatived, the original proposition shall be put to the vote; if an amendment or amendments be carried the original proposition as amended shall be put to the vote.

## VISITORS

23. The admission of visitors shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 104 to 106 of the Book of Constitutions.

## COMMITTEE

24. The Audit Committee consisting of three members of the Lodge shall be elected annually at the April Meeting. The accounts shall be made up to end December annually and presented to the Lodge, duly audited to be passed at the Installation meeting to be held in March.

25. The Lodge may appoint annually at the March (Installation) meeting, a Permanent committee consisting of the Master, both Wardens, Treasurer and all resident Past Masters and not more than two other members of the Lodge according to the Rule 130 of the Book of Constitutions.

26. It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report upon questions affecting the Lodge, to check the inventory of the property of the Lodge and to submit an Annual Report, to be presented at the Installation Meeting in March, upon the working and condition of the Lodge, and to consider the particulars regarding every candidate for initiation or joining which are required by Rules 131, 133, 134, 135 & 136 to make due enquiries regarding the candidates, if possible, before the proposition is made and in any case the ballot and to communicate forthwith the result of consideration and enquiry to the Master and to the Proposer and Seconder of the candidate.

27. Each proceeding of the Permanent Committee shall be reported at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge.

28. The Secretary shall be ex-officio Secretary of all Committees.

## LODGE PROPERTY

29. The property of the Lodge shall be vested in the Master and Wardens, for the time being, in trust for the Lodge and shall not be lent or hired outside the Lodge premises.

## LIBRARY

30. A Brother shall not be allowed to take out more than one book at a time. Nor shall a fresh book be issued until any books previously taken have been returned.

31. Books lost or damaged shall be replaced or paid for at full value by the Brother borrowing the same.

## CHARITY FUNDS

32. Before closing of the Lodge the Master may require that the Charity box be taken around in which the Brethren may deposit their freewill offerings. The sums thus collected shall be kept separate from the Lodge funds, and shall be appropriated to such charitable purposes as the Brethren in open Lodge may direct.

33. The sum of Rs.25/- from the Charity Fund shall be held at the disposal of the Master to meet emergency cases of distress. When the Master relieves cases of distress from this fund he shall report the fact at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge.

#### **EXPENDITURE**

34. Payment of any sum exceeding Rs.50/- for other than ordinary purposes may be made only by resolution of the Lodge of which notice has been given in the Summons, except in a case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master and confirmed by the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting.

#### **ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS**

35. Amendment of these by-laws or of any of them may be made only in the following manner -

- a. Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment or amendments proposed shall be given in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting
- b. The motion shall be set out in the Summons for the next Regular Meeting or for any emergency meeting summoned for the purpose and shall at such meeting be put to the Lodge

c. A resolution for amendment, of which notice shall have been given as aforesaid, shall be carried if a majority of the members presents vote in favour of it; but it shall not be effective until approved by the Regional Grand Master and by the Grand Master.

If an amendment involves a change in the place of meeting, the additional requirements of Rule 116 of the Book of Constitutions must also be complied with.

36. A copy of every addition to or alteration of these By-laws shall be supplied by the Secretary to every subscribing member of the Lodge.

(Sgd.) T.T.KURUVILLA  
Worshipful Master

(Sgd.) D.J.DARUVALLA  
Senior Warden

(Sgd.) T.V.ALEXANDER  
Junior Warden

(Sgd.) C.JOHN PHILIP  
Secretary

Approved and confirmed in Open Lodge  
on 15<sup>th</sup> June 1988.

Approved

(Sgd.) V.RAJENDRAN  
Rt. Wor.The R.G.Master,  
Regional Grand Lodge of  
Southern India

MADRAS  
12.12.88

Approved by the M.W. the Grand Master.

(Sgd.) H.P.GUPTA,  
Grand Secretary.

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