

The Carnatic Lodge No.39
CHENNAI



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CONSECRATED ON 27TH OCTOBER, 1883 A.D., A.L. 5883

I MEMBERS

1. The Members of the Lodge shall comprise of four classes viz.:-(a) Resident Members
(b) Non -Resident Members
(c) Honorary Members &
(d) Life Members

Explanation 1 - Resident members are those who reside within 50 Kilometres from Fort St. George.

Explanation 2 - Non-Resident members are those who reside beyond the limits as in Explanation 1 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

Explanation 4 - A member becomes a Life Member of the Lodge on payment of Ten Years lump sum subscription as on date payable to the Lodge, if he was a subscribing member for 25 years continuously in this Lodge and has also attained the age of 55 years.

Provided, that a member with multiple membership of Lodges could become a Life Member in only one Lodge of his choice.

2. Resident Members leaving Chennai shall be placed on the non-resident list from the date on which the application to be brought on that list is made by the member.

II DAYS OF MEETINGS

3. The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons Hall, 14, Ethiraj Salai, Egmore, Chennai 600 008, on the Third Saturday of every month, at such hour as the Master may, from time to time, direct.

Notwithstanding the above, the Lodge shall not meet during the months of May and June.

4. Summons for convening the Meetings of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.

III SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES

5. The subscription of a Resident Member shall be Rs.900.00 per annum or part thereof and that of a Non Resident Member Rs.450.00 per annum or part thereof, payable in advance, together with the annual dues and quaterages payable to the Grand Lodge of India and the Regional Grand

Lodge of Southern India, as may be applicable from time to time.

6. The following shall be the fees payable in advance :-

Initiation fee:- Rs.1000.00 together with the annual subscription payable to the Lodge and the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge Registration fees as may be applicable from time to time.

Joining fee:- Rs.500.00 together with the annual subscription payable to the Lodge and the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge Joining Fees as may be applicable from time to time.

Joining from a Foreign Constitution : Rs.750.00 together with the annual subscription payable to the Lodge and the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge Joining Fees as may be applicable from time to time.

Re Joining fee :- Rs.500.00 together with the annual subscription payable to the Lodge and the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge Joining Fees as may be applicable from time to time.

7. Every Initiate and Joining Member shall pay a donation of Rs. 1000.00 towards The Carnatic Lodge Charity Fund.
8. The expenses of any Emergency Meeting and Dispensation fee if any, due to the Regional Grand

Lodge, shall be defrayed by the Brother at whose instance the meeting is held and dispensation obtained.

IV ADMISSION AND RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

9. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated and no Brother shall be admitted as a Joining Member of the Lodge unless, two thirds of the Members present and voting, shall vote in his favour.
10. A candidate for Initiation or Joining shall furnish three passport size photograph along with the proposal forms to enable the Lodge to maintain an album of its Members.
11. A candidate rejected for Initiation or Joining shall not be again proposed in the Lodge until after the lapse of six months from his date of last ballot
12. A member whose subscription remains unpaid till October 31 of the said year shall come under automatic cessation as per Rule 124 of the Book of Constitutions.
13. A member who has resigned or has ceased to be member or has been excluded for non payment of dues, shall be permitted to rejoin only on payment of all the arrears together with his re-joining fee and shall be subject to a fresh ballot.

V ELECTIONS, ETC.,

14. The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in November, and shall be installed and invested at the Regular Meeting in December.
15. The Tyler shall be selected by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in November and be invested at the installation meeting in December.
16. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless, in case of emergency or the Master directs otherwise.
17. No question once decided in the open Lodge, shall be raised again for consideration without the permission of the Master or until 3 months shall have elapsed after the last decision.
18. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided in Rule 119 of the Book of Constitutions.
19. At the Regular meeting in December, the Lodge shall appoint a Standing Committee consisting of the Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer, The Director of Ceremonies, Senior Deacon and The Assistant Director of Ceremonies and three other Members.
20. At the Regular meeting, in December, the Lodge shall appoint the committee referred to in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions.

21. The duties of the Standing Committee shall be to enquire about and report on the candidates for initiation and joining, to 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 regular meeting in December before the installation of the Master-elect, an annual report and audited statement of accounts during the period under review. The Standing Committee shall inspect the Secretary's books in January and in July and report its findings to the Lodge at the next regular meeting.
22. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be the Ex-Officio Secretary to all the Committees appointed by the Lodge.
23. All letters from the Members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.
24. The Secretary shall conduct all general business and correspondence 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 prepare the returns for the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges, as and when due, and forward them

- through the Master, together with all the fees and contributions due thereon.
25. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the monies and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct, all monies due to or held for the Lodge and 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 Officer in charge of the Lodge. No other payments shall be made without a resolution of the Lodge. He shall submit his accounts to the regular meetings of the Lodge and to the Standing Committee. All Cheques shall be signed by any two of the following viz., the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary.
26. A sum of Rs. 250/- from the General funds of the Lodge shall be placed at the disposal of the Master, at the time of the installation, to meet emergent cases of distress. In case, the Master exercises this privilege, he shall report the circumstance at the next regular meeting of the Lodge. Otherwise the sum shall, at the close of the year, be carried to the Charity Account.
27. All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge.

28. A sum of Rs. 500/- shall be paid to the Master, from General fund to defray a part of the Installation expenses.
29. 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 insertion in the summons, and read and confirmed at the next regular meeting.

Passed on 20 November 2001

Confirmed on 15 December 2001

Approved by the Right Worshipful The Regional Grand Master on 07 March 2002.

Approved by Most Worshipful The Grand Master on 25 March 2002

W.Bro. V Lakshminarayanan

WM

Bro. J Jayakar

SW

Bro. Ashok Zachariah

JW

Bro. PM Anand

Secretary