

**BYE - LAWS**  
OF  
**Lodge Vivekananda**

No. 254



**Vivekananda Masonic Charitable  
Trust Building, Kovalam Road,  
KANYAKUMARI.**



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Founded on 12 - 2 - 1985

## Founder Members

W. Bro. J. C. Alexander  
" " M. Ramaswamy Iyer  
" " C. Pazhaniyandi Pillai  
" " C. S. Sethuraman  
" " S. Ramanatha Pillai  
" " Vadivel Babu  
" " S. Parameswara Iyer  
" " P. Velayudhan Pillai  
" " N. Jayakrishnan Nair  
" " C. P. N. Nair  
" Bro. S. Peer Mohamed  
" N. A. Noor Mohamed  
" K. Padmanabhan  
" G. Surendran  
" N. Sastha  
" K. P. Narayanan Nair  
" R. Ravikumar  
" Thomas Crowther  
" M. Abdul Khadir  
" G. Raghuvaran  
" R. Premnath  
" D. Sivasubramaniam  
" E. V. Naidu  
" N. Mahesh  
" Chacko Mathew  
" K. Purushothaman Nair  
" Syed Ismail  
" A. Gopalan Nair  
" M. S. Thiruvaryan  
" Augustine Mathew-  
-Kayyalackakom

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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 this Lodge in particular. (R 142 Book of Constitutions).

### Meetings :

2. The regular meetings of the lodge shall be held at Vivekananda Masonic Charitable Trust Building, Kovalam Road, Kanyakumari on the second 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.

#### Fees and dues:

4. The fees and subscriptions shall be as follows and payable in advance. (The official year of the Lodge shall be the English Calendar year)

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| a) The annual subscription shall be Rs. 300 and Stewards Fund Rs. 100 payable in advance on the 1st January of each calendar year. Over and above the subscription and stewards fund each member shall pay an amount equivalent to the dues payable to the Grand Lodge of India, and the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, respectively as stipulated from time to time and the same shall also be payable in advance on the 1st January of each year. |             |
| b) Initiation  | Rs. 1000-00 |
| c) Joining or rejoining  | Rs. 200-00  |
| d) Joining from a foreign constitution   | Rs. 500-00  |

5. The expenses of any Emergency meeting and the Dispensation fees, 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 remains un-paid for one year from the date on which it falls due shall cease to be a member of the Lodge as per Rule 124 of the B of C. A member whose subscription is in arrears for three months and above shall be debarred from exercising the right for voting, proposing or seconding candidates and being appointed or elected to any office.

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 and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and Tyler elected (R 87 92 A & 93 B of C) at the Regular Meeting in

January. The Master-elect shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in February.

Standing Committee :

10. An Annual Committee shall be constituted at the Installation Meeting, Consisting of the Master, IPM, the 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.

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 or Banks approved by the Lodge, and in the name of Lodge. The Treasurer is authorised to operate the accounts jointly with either Master or Secretary. The Treasurer shall submit financial statement at the Regular Meetings of the Lodge.

14. The disbursement of any amount exceeding Rs. 50/-, otherwise than for routine expenses shall be paid by cheque and 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 general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall be Ex-officio 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 a Regular Meeting, 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.

Adopted on 12-2-1985

J. C. Alexander	W. M.
M. Ramaswamy Iyer	S. W.
Pazhaniyandi Pillai	J. W.
A. Gopalan Nair	Secretary.

Approved by the Right Worshipful Regional Grand Master on 11-6-1985

Cavalier G. K. Devarajulu

Approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master on 16-8-1985.

H. P. GUPTA  
Ag. Grand Secretary

Amendment to Bye-laws No. 2, 4, 7, & 13 proposed in open Lodge by Wor. Bro. Dr. G. Raghuvaran on 9-9-1995 and seconded by Bro. A. Kulathooran Pillai, passed on 14-10-1995 and confirmed on 11-11-1995.

(Sd.) W. Bro. D. T. Ramachandran	—	W. M.
Bro. Dr. A. Devadas	—	S. W.
Bro. A. Kulathooran Pillai	—	J. W.
W. Bro. Vadivale Babu	—	Secretary on 11-11-1995.

Approved by R. W. The Regional Grand Master, R. W. Bro.

D. Durairaj on 28-11-1995.

Approved by M. W. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. K. L. Reddy on 18-12-1995.

(Sd.) R. W. Bro. N. L. Duggal  
Grand Secretary