



# Lodge Justitia

No. 82

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**BYE - LAWS**

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**LODGE JUSTITIA  
No. 82 G.L.I.**

Bye-Laws of the Lodge Justitia No. 82 framed under Rule 111 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India.

**1. Eligibility for Membership :** Persons who belong to the legal profession or have held or hold judicial offices or have been or are Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries in the Law and Legislature Departments of State or Central Government or who hold a Degree in Law are eligible to become Members of the Lodge.

**2. Members :** The Members of the Lodge shall comprise of three classes, namely, Resident, Non-resident and Honorary.

*Explanation 1 :* Resident Members are those who ordinarily reside within the Corporation limits of the City of Madras.

*Explanation 2* : Non-resident Members are those who ordinarily reside beyond the Corporation limits of the City of Madras and placed on the list of Non-resident Members as provided for in Bye-Law 3.

*Explanation 3* : Honorary Members are those elected as such by the Lodge in accordance with Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions.

3. Any Resident Member who ceases to reside within the limits of the City of Madras may be placed on the list of Non-resident Members on his application to the Secretary with effect from the English calendar month following the month in which the application is received.

4. Non-resident Members residing within the limits of the City of Madras for not less than three consecutive months shall be transferred to the list of Resident Members with effect from the month next after the month in which the three months period is completed.

5. **Subscription** : (1) Every Resident Member shall pay an annual subscription of Rs. 750/- and every Non-Resident Member shall pay an annual subscription of Rs. 500/-. In addition, both Resident and Non-Resident member shall also pay the annual dues payable to the Grand Lodge of India

and the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, as may be applicable from time to time.

**6. Exclusion** : (1) Any member whose subscription remains unpaid for one full year at the expiration of the period, shall cease to be a member in accordance with the provisions contained in Rule 124 of the Book of Constitutions.

(2) Any Member who has been excluded under Rule 6 (1) may be permitted to rejoin.

Provided that he is regularly proposed and balloted in accordance with Rule 138 of the Book of Constitutions and

Provided further he pays all arrears due by him and the prescribed fee for rejoining.

**7. Initiation and - Joining** : (1) No candidate for initiation or joining shall be initiated or balloted for until he has signed the declaration as set forth under Rules 136 and 137 of the Book of Constitutions and has been duly proposed and seconded and all fees payable therefor have been paid.

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meeting at which the candidate is to be proposed and seconded.

(3) No Candidate shall be initiated, admitted as a joining member, unless if on ballot, 2/3rd of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for candidature.

Provided if the Master is of the opinion that a mistake may have occurred in the ballot, he may order a second ballot to be taken forthwith and the result of such second ballot shall be finally accepted.

(4) In all cases of unfavourable ballot, the fees previously paid by the candidates shall be refunded.

(5) Any candidate rejected for initiation or membership shall not be again proposed to the Lodge until the expiry of six months from the date of the last ballot.

(6) The scale of fees payable for initiation by a candidate :

(i) Initiation	Rs. 1,500/-
(ii) Joining from Grand Lodge of India	Rs. 800/-
(iii) Joining from other constitutions	Rs. 1,000/-
(iv) Rejoining	Rs. 800/-

In addition to the above, the candidates for Initiation / Joining / Rejoining shall also pay the prescribed initiation fees / joining fees to the Grand Lodge of India and the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India at the prevailing rates.

(7) Any candidate at whose request an Emergency Meeting is convened shall bear the expenses incurred in conducting the said meeting.

**8. Regular Meeting :** The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons Hall, Madras on the 2nd Saturday of every month, except in the month of May and June, at such hour as may be directed by the Master from time to time.

**9. Emergency Meeting :** Emergency Meetings may be held for the purposes mentioned in the Book of Constitutions and in accordance with the provisions contained thereof.

**10. Election and Installation Meetings :** (1) The Master shall be annually elected at the Regular Meeting in November and shall be installed at the next Regular Meeting in December.

(2) The Tyler shall also be elected at the Meeting in November.

(3) The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Meeting in November.

**11. Audit Committee :** The Lodge shall annually at its regular meeting in November elect two members for the Audit Committee prescribed in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions.

**12. Permanent Committee :** (1) The Lodge shall at the Installation Meeting in December appoint a Permanent Committee which shall consist of the Master, the Immediate Past Master, the Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Senior Deacon, the Senior Steward, Director of Ceremonies and two other members elected by the Lodge.

(2) The Permanent Committee shall meet once atleast in every month except in the months of May and June before the Regular Meeting.

(3) The Master, in the absence of the Master, the Immediate Past Master or in his absence the Senior - Most brother present shall preside.

(4) In order to constitute a meeting of the Committee, the quorum shall be three.

(5) All matters shall be decided by a majority decision.

(6) In the case of conflict of votes on any matter, the person who presides shall have a second or casting vote.

(7) All proceedings of the Permanent Committee shall be signed by the person who presides.

**12. A) Membership Committee :** The Lodge shall elect at the Installation Meeting in December a Membership Committee consisting of W.Master and two other Members to select the candidates for initiation, joining and rejoining.

**13. Secretary :** (1) The Secretary of the Lodge shall conduct the general correspondence, issue summons for meetings, record Minutes of the proceedings, keep the Members Register and the Declaration Book.

(2) The Secretary along with the outgoing incumbent of the said office shall every year soon after taking charge of his office but not later than the next regular meeting of the Lodge, prepare an inventory of all articles, books and records of the Lodge and sign the same, countersigned by the Master and Immediate Past Master and place the same before the Permanent Committee for its inspection and information.

(3) He shall also keep in safe custody all records and take charge of the Lodge Seal.

(4) He shall be Ex-Officio Secretary to all Committees.

**14. Treasurer :** (1) The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the moneys and account books of the Lodge.

(2) He shall receive all collections and remit the moneys in the Bank from time to time

(3) He shall not keep more than Rs. 1000/- at any time on hand.

(4) He shall make no payments save on the authority of the Master or Secretary or other Officer in charge of the Lodge.

(5) Payments shall always be made by cheque drawn in the name of the payee. All cheques must be signed by the Treasurer and either :

(i) The W. Master or

(ii) The Secretary

**15. Propositions :** (1) No motion unless it is purely formal or technical shall be raised in the Lodge at any meeting for which notice has not been given in the previous Regular Meeting or by a communication addressed to the Secretary

not less than 14 days before the meeting at which such a proposition is to be made. The said motion shall be included in the summons.

(2) No question once decided shall be raised without the permission of the Master or until 3 months have lapsed.

**16. Constitutions :** In respect of matters not specifically and expressly provided for in the Bye-Laws, the Laws and Regulations of Grand Lodge of India as embodied in the Book of Constitutions shall apply.

**17. Bye-Laws :** (1) It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend, add to or alter these Bye-Laws, unless the abrogation, amendment, addition or alteration shall have been approved of, at one Regular Meeting and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge and approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master of Southern India and the M.W. Grand Master.

(2) In the event of any abrogation, amendment or revision of any Bye-Law or Bye-Laws, the Secretary shall provide each member with a copy thereof after approval by the R.W. the Regional Grand Master of Southern India and by the M.W. the Grand Master.

(3) Every Member of the Lodge on his initiation or joining shall be presented with a copy of these Bye-Laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the rules contained therein.

**K. Soundararajan**

*Senior Warden*

**C.T. Mohan**

*Wor. Master*

**L. Chandrakumar**

*Junior Warden*

**B.S. Jhoothiraman**

*Secretary*

*Approved*

**Visakhapatnam**

29-09-2008

**V. Narasimham**

*Regional Grand Master*

approved by the most Worshipful the Grand Master

**New Delhi**

20-10-2008

**S. Krishnan**

*Grand Secretary*