

# **Lodge Coimbatore No.172**

## **G.L.I**

## **Coimbatore**



## **BYE-LAWS**

Consecrated 28-9-1965

(Amended upto 20-6-2018)

**BYE-LAWS  
OF  
LODGE COIMBATORE No.172  
G.L.I  
COIMBATORE.**

**Prefatory:-** The Lodge Coimbatore was duly constituted under a Charter of Warrant dated 10<sup>th</sup> August 1965 and was consecrated on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 1965 at the Masonic Temple, Palghat by

**R.W.Bro. Rao Bahadur  
S.T.Srinivasagopalachari,  
P.Dy.G.M.R.W.R.G.M.(S.I)**

**Assisted by:**

V.Wor.Bro. Rao Bhadur A.Veeriah Vandyar P.G.Chaplain Dy.R.G.M.  
-as I.P.M

R.Wor.Bro.Dr.M.N.Mahadevan P.S.G.W.  
—as Senior Warden

V.Wor.Bro.Rao Sahib K.A.M.A. Kaliappa Nadar P.G Chaplain  
-as Junior Warden

Wor.Bro.R.Krishnasamy P.J.G.D  
-as Chaplain

Wor.Bro.C.Santamurti Naidu R.G.S  
-as Secretary

V.Wor.Bro.C.A.Ramakrishnan I.C.S President Board of General Purposes  
-as Director of Ceremonies

Wor.Bro R.Ganesh, P.R.G.Bro of V.S.L  
-as Senior Deacon

Wor.Bro.M.Rajagopalan, Pres.R.G.Stewards  
-as Junior Deacon

Wor.Bro S.F.Byramshaw P.Dy.G.D. of C  
-as Sword Bearer

Wor.Bro S.R.Chari  
-as A.D of C

Wor Bro.C.D.Jacob  
-as Inner Guard

Wor.Bro.T.K.Narsing Rao, P.G.Steward  
- as Tyler

This Lodge was sponsored By Lodge Palghat No.159 G.L.I on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1965; with the following principal officers:

Wor.Bro.C.S.V.Ramani -as Worshipful Master  
Bro.P.R.Swami Iyer -as Senior Warden  
Bro.P.R.Narayanaswami -as Junior Warden

## **Members**

1. The Members of the lodge shall comprise three classes, viz:-

(a) Regular members, (b) Honorary members and (c) Life members.

Explanation:

Honorary Members are those elected as such, for services rendered to masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular.

Life members are those who pay five years lump sum subscription and are also subscribing member for 20 years in one or more Lodges and had also attained the age of (55) Fifty five years. (This facility will not be available to him if he had already been a life member of any other lodge)

(Amended by 16.04.18)

### **2. Days of Meetings**

The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Temple, Race Course, Coimbatore on the SECOND FRIDAY of every month at such hour as the Master may from time to time direct.

3. Summons for convening the regular meetings of the Lodge, shall be issued by the Secretary at least seven days previous to such meetings. The summonses shall specify the place and hour of the meetings

### **4. Subscription and Fees**

The annual subscription of regular members shall be Rs.750/- per annum payable in advance. In addition, all the dues payable for each brother to Grand Lodge of India and to Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India are payable extra. The steward fund contribution of Rs.950/- per annum is payable by regular members along with the subscription.

5. The following shall be PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

Initiation, Joining or rejoining : Rs. 1500.00

## **6. Admission and Retirement of Members**

No Candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated, and no brother shall be admitted as a Joining member of the Lodge, unless if on ballot for initiation/joining/ rejoining a simple majority of members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposals for such candidate.

7. A candidate rejected for initiation or joining shall not be again proposed in Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of last ballot.

8. Any member whose subscription for a period of 6 months or more remains unpaid shall be liable to exclusion under provisions of Rule 121 and 124 of B. of C.

9. A member who has resigned or ceased to be a member or has been excluded for non-payment of subscription, shall be permitted to rejoin only on payment of all arrears due, if any, together with his rejoining fees but shall be subjected to a fresh ballot.

## **10. Elections etc..**

The Master shall be elected at the Regular meeting in December and shall be installed at the next regular meeting in January.

11. The Treasurer and Tyler and shall be elected at the Regular meeting in December and installed in the Regular meeting in January.

12. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the Summons, unless, in case of Emergency, the Master directs otherwise

13. No questions once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the master until three months shall have elapsed after its last decisions
14. The control of the property of the lodge shall be as provided for in Rule 19, B of C (1963)
15. At the Regular meeting in January the Lodge shall appoint a standing Committee consisting of the Master, Immediate Past master, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two other members elected by the Lodge.
16. At the regular meeting in January, the Lodge shall elect an Audit Committee of two members
17. The duties of the standing committee appointed by the Lodge shall be to enquire about and report on Candidates for initiation and joining; to examine the Secretary's books and check the Treasurer's accounts; to inspect and check all the property of the Lodge during the period under Review and to prepare and present the Annual Report in the Installation meeting.
18. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all committees appointed by the Lodge.
19. All letters from the members shall be addressed to the Secretary

20. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondences of the Lodge. He shall issue Summons for or Notices of meetings of the Lodge or Committees, record Minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of the members and all the 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, immediately if they are due, prepare the return for the Grand and Regional Grand lodges and forward them through the Master, together with all the fees and contributions due thereon to the authorities concerned.
  
21. The Treasurer shall discharge all the duties and responsibilities laid on him by rule no 129 of B. Of C. He shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and accounts books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct all moneys due to or held for the Lodge and deposit the same in the name of the Lodge in a Bank approved by a resolution of the Lodge. He shall make payments for all current and ordinary expenses on the authorities of the Master or other Officers in charge of the Lodge. No other payments shall be made without a resolution of the Lodge. All cheques issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and Master or the Secretary of the Lodge. He shall submit his accounts every month to the Regular meetings of the Lodge. He shall prepare the Annual Income and Expenditure accounts and the Balance Sheet and have them audited by the Audit Committee (Elected) and present them at the Annual Installation Meeting
  
22. The charity funds of the lodges shall be kept separate from the General funds of the lodge and all the expenditure of Charity shall be defrayed from this fund. The lodge, may, by resolution, authorize transfer of such sums as may be deemed necessary from the general fund to the charity fund but not vice versa
  
23. All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open lodge.

24. The charity box shall be circulated at all meetings of the lodge.
25. The stewards fund shall consist of collection from members towards Dinner and refreshments and shall be maintained separately. No part of the general of charity funds of the lodge shall be expanded for this purpose.
26. It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these by-laws unless the abrogation, amended or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one Regular meeting, after due notice has been given to all members through insertions in the Summons and read and confirmed at the regular meeting and approved by the R.W.R.G.M. and the M.W.G.M.

*The above By-laws were duly passed at the consecration and installation meeting held on 28-9-1965 and were approved by the Right Worshipful the Regional Grand Master (Southern India) on 11-10-1965 and by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on 15-10-1965.*

*E.P.N. Manian—Worshipful Master;  
P.R. Subramaniam—Senior Warden;  
V.M.C. Sreenivasan—Junior Warden;  
K.G. Ranganathan—Secretary*

*The above By-laws were amended and were approved by the Right Worshipful the Regional Grand Master (Southern India) on 11-06-2018 and by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master on 20-06-2018.*

*M. Ganesh—Worshipful Master;  
C.N. Krishnakumar—Senior Warden;  
D. Nareshkumar—Junior Warden;  
S.B. Vijayaraghavan—Secretary*