



Lodge Justice Natarajan No. 385
Namakkal.

WARRANT G.L.I
27-11-2013

Consercrated on
7-12-2013

BY-LAWS

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By-Laws

Constitution

1. Under authority granted by the Grand Lodge of India and by its Warrant dated 27th day of November 2013, a Lodge of Free Accepted Masons, styled "**LODGE JUSTICE NATARAJAN No. 385**" shall be held in Namakkal.

Preliminary

2. These Bylaws are subject and in addition to the Rules contained in the Book of Constitution so far as the said Rules relate to the Daughter Lodges.

Members

3. The members of the Lodge shall be (1) Resident (2) Non-resident or (3) Honorary.

a) All members shall be classified as Resident Members unless they have been placed on the Non-Resident or Honorary.

b) All members living outside the radius of fifty kilometers of the Lodge premises, who do not hold any office, shall on application be placed on the Non Resident or Honorary list.

c) Honorary members shall be those who are elected as such in accordance with the provisions of Rule 142 B of C.

Time and place of Meeting

4. The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held at Hotel Coastal Residency, Namakkal, at such hour as the Master may fix, on the second Saturday of January, March, May, July, September and November of every year.

Annual Election

5. The Master shall be elected annually at the regular meeting in the month of November and installed in The Regular Meeting in the month of January. The Treasurer shall and the Tyler be elected by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in November and invested with the other officers during the installation meeting in January.

Expenses of Emergency Meeting

6. Where an emergency meeting is held for sole purpose of conferring a degree at the request and for the convenience of a candidate or candidates may be required to pay a total Sum not exceeding Rs. 1,500/- towards expenses of the meeting.

Dues and Fees

7. The Subscription payable by a resident member shall be Rs. 600/- per annum and for non-resident member Rs. 200/- per annum, in addition to dues payable to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge from time to time.

The following shall be the scale of fees :-

- i. Initiation Rs. 2000/-
- ii. Joining / Rejoining Rs. 1000/-
- iii. Joining from other constitution Rs. 1000/-

8) The Secretary shall bring to the notice of the Lodge all cases in which the brethren are in arrears of subscription for more than three months. It shall then be competent for the Lodge to take such action as may be deemed necessary.

9) Brethren whose subscription are unpaid for more than three months shall neither be eligible to vote on any matter raised in the lodge nor be elected, nor be appointed to any office.

Admission of Members

10. Proposal forms properly filled in for candidates for admission to Free Masonry, and for brethren as Joining Members must be in the hands of the Secretary along with the required fees at least fourteen days before the day on which the proposal is to be made in open Lodge.

11. No Candidate for Free masonry shall be initiated nor a brother admitted as a joining member of the Lodge unless if on the ballot two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the Proposal for such candidature. The fees previously collected in such cases shall be refunded.

12. Candidate and brethren who are not accepted for initiation or membership may be proposed after a lapse of six months from the date of the ballot at which they were not accepted.

13. Permanent Committee

i. The first Permanent Committee shall be constituted on the consecration meeting day and subsequently it shall be constituted on the regular installation meeting day of each year. The committee shall consist of the two wardens, the treasurer, the secretary and three other Members who shall be elected by the Lodge besides the Master who will be an ex-officio member as per rule 130 B of C.

ii. Three members shall form a Quorum.

iii. The decision of the Permanent Committee may, whenever necessary, be obtained by circulation.

iv. The Committee shall consider application for admission prior to the ballot being taken and report there on to the Lodge. It may also examine the accounts every month before they are read at the regular meeting and submitted to the Lodge for consideration.

v. It may also consider any matter which it may deem to be for the benefit of the Lodge.

vi. At every installation meeting the Permanent Committee shall lay before the Lodge a report of the working of the Lodge.

Audit Committee

14. An audit committee comprising of two members other than the members of the Permanent Committee shall be elected by the Lodge in the Regular Meeting in November of each year to audit the accounts of that year and submit the audited statement of accounts at the regular meeting in the following January.

Secretary

15. The secretary shall conduct the general correspondence, issue summonses for all meetings, record minutes of Proceedings and keep the register of members and other Registers. He shall further maintain all records other than the account books maintained by the Treasurer.

a) No Brother shall hold the office of Secretary for more than Three Years and can only be re-appointed as secretary after a lapse of three years as per Rule 95A of B of C.

16. The Secretary shall have power to incur expenditure on behalf of the Lodge to the extent of Rs. 5000/- at a time, subject to the formal ratification and reimbursement by the permanent committee of the Lodge at its next regular meeting.

Treasurer

17. All money due to, and held for the Lodge shall be paid or remitted to the Treasurer direct; who shall without undue delay deposit the same in an account in the name of Lodge at a Bank(s) to be approved by resolution of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall make such payments as are duly authorized, or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. All cheques must bear the signature of the Treasurer and any one of the two, viz, Worshipful Master or Secretary. The Treasurer shall regularly enter a complete record of all moneys passing through his hands in the proper books of account, which shall be the property of the lodge and which, together with all

lodge funds and property in his possession, shall be transferred to his successor upon investiture. He shall prepare a statement of account annually, at a date to be determined by the members, showing the exact financial position of the lodge, which statement shall be verified and audited by a Committee of members of the lodge annually elected for that purpose. Copies of the accounts and of the certificate signed by this Audit Committee that all balances have been checked and that accounts have been duly audited shall be sent to all members of the lodge together with the Summons convening the Meeting at which they are to be considered. The books of accounts shall be produced for inspection in open lodge at such meeting or on other suitable occasion also if required by a resolution of the Lodge.

Tyler

18. The Tyler (if a serving brother) may be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the Lodge from time to time.

Propositions

19. Ordinary proposition involving major expenditure of money shall be considered by the Lodge only if the same is brought on the agenda of the Summons, provided that the Master shall always have the Privilege of allowing a proposition of an urgent nature being considered by the Lodge without notice on the summons.

Charity Fund

20. Before the closing of the Lodge, the Almoner if any, or in his absence the Deacons shall take round the Charity box in which the brethren may deposit their free-will offerings. The sums thus collected shall be carried to a separate account and appropriated to such charitable purpose as the brethren in the open Lodge may direct.

21. The Master may from the Charity Fund, meet emergent cases of distress up to a sum of Rs. 2000/- and shall report the fact at the next regular meeting of the Lodge.

Amendment of By-Laws

22. It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend, or add to these by-laws unless the abrogation, amendment or addition shall have duly been proposed, passed at one Regular Meeting and confirmed at the next regular meeting nor shall such alterations be of effect until they have received the approval of R.W. the Regional Grand Master and of the M.W. Grand Master.

23. Reference to the rules of the Book of Constitution quoted in the by-laws relates the 2008 edition as printed in 2012 as may be amended from time to time in future by GLI and read with Guidelines followed by daughter Lodges as directed by GLI from time to time.

The Bye-laws were duly adopted at the
Consepration Meeting held on 7th December 2013.

Place : Salem

Date : 7-12-2013

W.Bro. Rathnam Prakash

W.Master

W.Bro. G. Selvarajan

Secretary

W.Bro. Dr. K. Chandrasekaran

Senior Warden

Bro. K. Shivakumar

Junior Warden

Approved by RW, The Regional Grand Master

Place : Chennai

Signed.

Date : 20-1-2014

Regional Grand Master

Approved by MW, The Grand Master

Place : New Delhi

Signed.

Date : 24-1-2014

Grand Secretary