

The BY - LAWS
of
Lodge Round Table No. 282
Coimbatore

Lodge Round Table No. 282

Prefactory : The Lodge Round Table No. 282 was duly constituted under Charter of Warrant of the Grand Lodge of India dated 5th April 1991, and was consecrated on the 24th day of July 1991 at Venkatalakshmi Kalyana Mandapam, Coimbatore

By

R.W. Bro. K.L. Reddi P.Dy. G.M.,

R.W. The Regional Grand Master

Assisted by

R.W. Bro. V.G. Ramamoorthi

J.G.W., P.Dy. R.G.M., as Senior Warden

V.W. Bro. I.V.S.S. Murthy

P.Dy. G. Regr, P.Dy. R.G.M., as Junior Warden

V.W. Bro. S. Chintopanth

P.G.D. of C., P.Dy. R.G.M., as Chaplain

V.W. Bro. N.R. Santhanam

P.G.D. of C., P.Dy., R.G.M. R.G. Secy., as Secretary

W.Bro. K. Narayanan

P.G. Stwd. R.G.D. of C as Dir. of Cer.

W.Bro. N.R. Doraiswamy

G.Br. of VSL. P.Dy. R.G.M., as Senior Deacon

W.Bro. D. Dorairaj

P.G. Std. Br., P.Dy. R.G.M. as Junior Deacon

W.Bro. T.K. Shanmuganandam

P.G.I.G., P.A.R.G.M., R.G. Regr. as Dy. Dir. of Cer.

W.Bro. K. Alagiriswami

A.G.D. of C. A.R.G.M. as Sword Bearer

W.Bro. K. Balakrishnan Nair

P.G. Std. Br. P.A.R.G.M., as Standard Bearer

W.Bro. M.R. Venkataraman

P.G.I.G., P.R.G., Regr as Standard Bearer

W.Bro. C.N. Vennel

P.G. Stwd., P.R.G.D. of C as Inner Guard

W.Bro. R. Somasundaram

P.G. Stwd., P.R.G. Regr as Tyler

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Amended (2004) 3. 760/- in place of 450/-

1. Name :

The Name of the Lodge shall be "Lodge Round Table No. 282"

2. Members :

The Members of the Lodge shall comprise of two classes, namely Regular and Honorary

- a) Regular Members are all Founder Members and those Master Masons who are regularly admitted or readmitted to the membership of the Lodge and those initiated into the Craft.
- b) Honorary Members are those who are elected as such by the Lodge in accordance with Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions.

3. Subscription and Fee :

- a) Subscription and Fees shall become due on January 1st and payable in advance on or before 31st January each year.
- b) A Regular Member shall pay an annual subscription of Rs. 300/- and Stewards Fees of Rs. 150/- ~~(A Member admitted in the second half of the year i.e., from July 1st may pay only half of the above*)~~

4. Exclusion :

- a) Any Member whose subscription remains unpaid for one quarter, shall be liable to be excluded in accordance with the provisions contained in Rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions.
- b) Any Member who has been excluded may be permitted to rejoin, provided that he is regularly proposed and balloted for in accordance with Rule 138 of the Book of Constitutions and provided further that he pays all arrears due by him and the prescribed fee for rejoining.

5. Cessation :

Membership of any Member (Honorary or Regular) shall cease

- a) On resignation
- b) On death, criminal conviction or insanity.

6. Initiation and Joining :

- a) Any Member desirous of proposing a candidate for initiation of Joining shall, communicate to the Secretary his desire, in the form

of a letter containing such particulars of the said candidate as are necessary to assess the candidate's suitability. No member shall seek to propose more than one name at a time.

- b) Within seven days of receipt of the said letter, the Secretary shall informally, circulate the name of the candidate among all the Members, for their comments within the next seven days.
- c) If there are three or more objections to the name of the candidate, the Secretary shall so inform the Standing Committee at its immediate next meeting, and the proposer shall be confidentially advised by the Master and given a chance to withdraw his proposal.
- d) If there are two or less objections to the name of the candidate, the Secretary within the next seven days shall inform the proposer to propose the name of the candidate.
- e) Applications in the prescribed form, for initiation or Joining shall be deposited with the Secretary atleast seven days before the meeting at which the candidate is to be proposed and seconded.
- f) No Candidate for Initiation or Joining shall be initiated or balloted for until he has signed the declaration as setforth under Rules 137 and 138 of the Book of Constitutions and has been duly proposed and seconded in open Lodge and all fees payable thereof have been paid.
- g) No person shall be admitted for Initiation or Joining if the ballot is unfavourable. If however 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 final.
- h) In all cases of unfavourable ballot, the fees previously paid by the candidate shall be refunded within seven days.
- i) Any candidate not favourably ballotted shall not be again proposed to the Lodge until after atleast six Regular Meetings after the meeting at which the ballot was taken.
- j) The scale of fees payable by a candidate for initiation, joining or rejoining shall be as follows :

i) Initiation	-	Rs. 2,500/-
ii) Joining	-	Rs. 2,500/-
iii) Rejoining	-	Rs. 2,000/-

7. **Meeting :**

- a) Summons for convening the meeting of the Lodge shall be issued by the Secretary seven clear days earlier to the date of the meeting and shall specify the place and time of the meeting.
- b) **Regular Meetings :** Nine Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held annually in the months of January to March and June to November, on the second * **Thursdays** at the Freemasons hall, Coimbatore or at any other appropriate place decided by the Standing Committee, at such hour as may be directed by the Master from time to time.
- c) **Emergency Meetings :** Emergency Meetings may be held for the purposes mentioned in the Book of Constitutions and in accordance with the provisions thereof.
- d) **Election and Installation Meetings :**
 - i) The Master and the Treasurer and the Tyler shall be elected and chosen respectively at the Regular Meeting in November and the Master shall be installed at the next Regular Meeting in January.
 - ii) The Lodge shall at the Installation Meeting constitute a Standing Committee which shall consist of the Master, the Immediate Past Master, the Wardens, the Secretary the Treasurer, the Director of Ceremonies and two other members elected by the Lodge.
 - iii) The Lodge shall at the Installation Meeting elect two Brethren to the Audit Committee as prescribed in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions.
- 8. The duties of the Standing Committee shall be to examine the Secretary's Books and other records, check the Treasurer's accounts, to inspect and check all the properties of the Lodge to make confidential enquiry regarding Master Masons seeking admission and Candidates for initiation and to make recommendation regarding the suitability or otherwise of the Master Masons or the candidates for admission or initiation as the case may be and in general to perform such other duties as may be delegated to it from time to time by the Master.

The Standing Committee shall meet before the Regular Meeting, The Master and in the absence of the Master, the Immediate Past Master or in his absence the senior most Brother present shall preside over the meeting. The quorum shall be four. All matters shall be decided by a

majority decision. In the case of conflict of votes on any matter the President of the Meeting shall have a second or casting vote. All proceedings of the Standing Committee shall be signed by the person who presides.

9. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for, or notices of the meetings of the Lodge or Committees, record the minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of Members and all other registers and records except the accounts. He shall promptly prepare the returns for the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge and forward them through the Master together with all the fees and contributions due thereon.
10. The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid or remitted to him and without undue delay deposit the same, keeping necessary balance, with him and may be decided by the Master, in an account in the name of the Lodge at a Bank to be approved by a resolution of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall make such payments as are duly authorised or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. All cheques must bear the signature of the Treasurer and the Master or Secretary of the Lodge. Treasurer shall regularly enter a complete record of all moneys passing through his hands in the proper books of accounts which shall be property of the Lodge and which, together with the Lodge funds and property in the possession, shall be transferred to his successor upon investiture. He shall prepare a statement of account as at the 31st December each year. The statement of accounts shall be verified and audited by the Audit Committee. Copies of the accounts and of the Certificate by the Audit Committee that all balances have been checked and that the accounts have been duly audited shall be sent to all Members of the Lodge together with the summons convening the meeting to be held in the month of January each year at which the said accounts shall be considered. The books of accounts shall be produced for inspection in open Lodge at such meeting or on other suitable occasion also, if requested by a resolution of the Lodge.

11. Fund and Charity Collection :

- a) The charity box shall be circulated at all Meetings of the Lodge.
- b) The charity funds of the Lodge shall be kept separate from the general funds of the Lodge and all the expenditure of charity shall be defrayed from this fund.
- c) The Lodge, may by resolution, authorise transfer of such sums as may be deemed necessary from the general fund to the charity fund but not vice versa.

- d) A sum of Rs. 1000/- from the charity fund of the Lodge shall be annually placed at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress.
- e) In case the Master exercises this privilege, he shall report the circumstances, at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge, Otherwise the sum shall, at the close of the year, be carried to the charity fund.
- f) All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge.
- g) From the general fund of the Lodge, the Secretary shall be reimbursed by the treasurer, on the Secretary rendering to him the accounts of the expenses.

12. General :

- a) The financial year of the Lodge shall be 1st January to 31st December.
- b) The colour adopted by the Lodge being MAROON, the Lodge regalia clothing shall be in maroon colour.
- c) The dress for the meetings shall be Black DJ / Suit with Maroon Bow.
- d) All communications from the Members shall be addressed to the Secretary.
- e) No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless the Master directs otherwise.
- f) No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again without the permission of the Master or after two Regular Meetings.
- g) The control of the property of the Lodge shall be laid down in Rule 119 of the Book of Constitution (1991).

13. Amendment of By-laws :

- a) These By-laws are subject to and in addition to the Rules contained in the Book of Constitutions so far as the said Rules relate to the Daughter Lodges.
- b) These By-laws shall not be amended otherwise than as laid down hereunder.
 - i) A proposal to amend shall be in writing and by not less than three Regular Members and sent to the Secretary not less than thirty clear days prior to each Regular meeting.

- ii) The said proposal if regularly made, shall be included in the Agenda for the said meeting and in that Meeting, the proposal shall be read and recorded.
- iii) In the next Regular Meeting the proposal shall again be included in the Agenda and shall be discussed and, ballotted.
- iv) The proposal shall be deemed to have been passed if a majority of the Members present at the Meeting cast their ballot in favour of the proposal. In case of equality of vote, Master shall have a casting vote.
- v) The amended By-Laws passed by the Lodge shall be confirmed at the next meeting of the Lodge.
- vi) The proposal so passed and confirmed shall not be deemed to have been brought into effect unless approved by the R.G.M. and G.M.

These By-Laws were considered and adopted at the Consecration and Constitution of the Lodge held at Coimbatore on 24th July 1991.

Sd/-
 (W. BRO. DR. D. RAJENDRAN)
 SENIOR WARDEN

Sd/-
 (W. BRO. R. JAGADISH CHANDRAN)
 WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Sd/-
 (BRO. DR. RAMKUMAR RAGUPATHY)
 JUNIOR WARDEN

Sd/-
 (BRO. DR. ASHOK KUMAR GUPTA)
 SECRETARY

APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

Sd/-
 Place : COIMBATORE
 Date : 02.04.1993

Sd/-
 (D. DORAIRAJ)
 Regional Grand Master

APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

Sd/-
 Place : NEW DELHI
 Date : 03.05.1993

Sd/-
 (N. DURAIRAJ)
 Grand Secretary

FOUNDER MEMBERS

1. W. Bro. R. Jagadish Chandran
2. W. Bro. Dr. D. Rajendran
3. Bro. Dr. Ramkumar Ragupathy
4. Bro. Ashok Kumar Gupta
5. Bro. George Verghese
6. Bro. Joseph J Chakola
7. Bro. G.R. Karthikeyan
8. Bro. D. Lakshminarayanaswamy
9. Bro. C.P. Mathen
10. W. Bro. R. Parthasarathy
11. W. Bro. P.B.H. Pawar
12. Bro. Prasad Oommen
13. Bro. Dr. S. Raghavendra Rao
14. Bro. T.S. Ramani Shankar
15. Bro. D. Ravichandran
16. Bro. Suresh Gokuldas
17. Bro. Vijay Venkataswamy
18. Bro. P.R. Vittel
19. Bro. C.A Chandy