

BY LAWS OF LODGE TIRUCHIRAPALLI

No. 203

(As amended up to November 2013)



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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 this Lodge in particular. (Rule 142 B of C).

MEETINGS

2. The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Temple, Tiruchirappalli on the second Saturday of every English calendar month, except May where there will be no meeting, at such hour as the Master decides or at such other place as may be agreed to by the Regional Grand Maser under dispensation.
3. The Summons convening the Regular Meeting shall be issued atleast seven days in advance. Emergency meetings, however, may be convened at shorter notice.

FEES & DUES

4. The fees, dues and subscriptions shall be as follows and are payable in advance.
 - a) Subscription for each Member Per annum payable in advance Rs.3000/-
 - b) Initiation fee Rs. 2000/-
 - c) Joining or rejoining from Indian Constitution Rs. 500/-
 - d) Joining from other constitutions Rs. 500/-
5. The expenses of any emergency meeting and the dispensation fees, if any, shall be defrayed by the brother or brothers at whose instance the meeting is held (Rule 73-3 Regional Grand Lodge By-Laws.)

ADMISSION AND RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

6. No candidate for Initiation or joining shall be accepted unless approved by the standing Committee, and if three black balls appear in the ballot, he must be rejected. No such candidate shall again be proposed until six months have elapsed.
7. A member whose subscription is unpaid for one year shall be debarred from exercising the rights of voting, proposing or seconding candidates or holding any office

or appointment. He is also liable to be put up for exclusion if the Master so desires (N.B. He is automatically excluded by Rule 124 B of C if in arrears for two years.)

8. One, who has ceased to be a member, shall not be re-admitted unless he has paid all his dues and is subjected to a fresh ballot. Resignations may be made in open Lodge or in writing before the meeting.

ELECTION Etc.

9. The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and Tyler by show of hands or ballot (Rule 93 B of C) at the Regular Meeting in December. The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in January. All other officers shall be nominated by the Elected Master and they will be invested at the January meeting after his installation.

STANDING COMMITTEE

10. There shall be a Standing Committee and the standing committee shall consist of the Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and all the Past Masters of Lodge Tiruchirappalli No. 203 and in addition
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SECRETARY

14. The Secretary shall be in charge of the Lodge records and books other than the accounts 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. He shall keep a record of the minutes of the proceedings, maintain a Register of Members as required by the B of C and be responsible for the necessary return etc. to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge under the signature of the Master and of himself wherever is required. All letters from members shall be addressed to him in office and with personal address so that it will be evident that they are for the Secretary only.

CONCEPT OF MUTUALITY

15. All activities of the Lodge at all times be for the common benefit of all the members and for the public at large without any distinction as to Cast, Creed or Religion. No part shall be a business activity for the individual or collective benefit of any or all the members.

STEWARDS

16. The stewards shall have charge of all Lodge furniture, and Regalia and shall see that they are kept in good order. They shall also see that the preparation for the meeting are adequate and with the Tyler see that no defects may occur to mar the proceedings. They will also be in charge of banquets and refreshments. All expenses connected with these shall be borne by the members partaking same including their guests if any. The Stewards will promptly collect the dues and disburse the expenses.

SECRETARY AND TYLER

17. The services of the Secretary and Tyler (if a subscribing member) will be equivalent to their appropriate subscription to the Lodge, but the Lodge shall remit to the Grand Lodge and to the R.G.L. the requisite payments due in respect of their membership of the Lodge.
18. Any Member introducing visitors shall vouch for them and see that the visitors sign the attendance book in due form.