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LODGE VEERASWAMI

NO. 200

Amended Bye Laws

2007

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Meetings

1. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held on the First Friday of January, February, March, April, July, August, September, October, November & December at Freemason's Hall, Chennai - 600 008.
2. The Master, Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, and the Tyler by show of hands at the Regular Meetings in December. The master-elect shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in January.

Membership

3. "The Members of Lodge shall comprise of three classes, namely, Resident, Non-resident & Honorary.
 - i) Resident Members are those who are ordinarily residing within the Corporation limits of the City of Chennai.

- ii) Non-resident Members are those who ordinarily reside beyond the Corporation limits of the City of Chennai and placed on the list of Non-resident Members as provided for in sub paras (iii) below :
- iii) Any resident Member who ceases to reside within the limits of the City of Chennai 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.
- iv) Non-resident Members residing within the limits of the City of Chennai 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.
- v) The Honorary Members are those elected as such by the Lodge in accordance with Rule 142 of the book of constitutions.

Fees

The following shall be the fees payable :

- i) Initiation Rs. 1000.00
- ii) Joining from G.L.I.Lodges Rs. 500.00
- iii) Joining from other constitutions Rs. 500.00
- iv) Re-joining Rs. 500.00

- 4. Every Resident Member shall pay a yearly subscription of Rs. 1000.00 & every Non-resident member shall pay a yearly subscription of Rs. 500.00 & the subscriptions shall be paid in advance. Every resident member shall also pay the actual dues of the R.G.L. of S.I. & the G.L.I. which will be collected in advance. The dues of the R.G.L. & G.L.I. payable shall be those that are fixed by the respective boards from time to time.

Initiation & Joining

- 5. All candidates for initiation & joining shall be interviewed by the Permanent Committee and balloted on the report of the Permanent Committee. If two black balls appear against

a candidate for Initiation or Re-joining, he shall be excluded.

Permanent Committee

6. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Immediate Past Master, Assistant Secretary, Chaplain and two other members elected at the Installation Meeting shall constitute the Permanent Committee.

The Committee shall make all arrangements for the meeting, consider all matters connected with the welfare of the Lodge, interview candidates & report to the Lodge.

Four Members shall form a quorum.

The committee shall meet at least once before each meeting.

Audit Committee

7. The Lodge shall annually at its Regular Meeting in December elect an Audit Committee, consisting of 2 members in accordance with Rule 129 of the Book of

Constitutions. The Committee shall audit the accounts for the year ending 30th November, the accounting year being 1st December to 30th November.

Funds

8. All the funds of the Lodge shall be deposited in the name of the Lodge in an authorised bank as resolved by the Lodge & shall be operated upon as Per Rule 129 of the Book of constitution. The Secretary shall be entrusted with a sum of Rs. 500/- (Five hundred only) for contingent expenses for which he shall submit the accounts to the Treasurer from time to time. All expenses other than routine expenses shall be sanctioned by the Lodge.

The sums collected for Charity shall be kept in a separate "Charity Account" & utilised for such charitable purposes as the Lodge may decide.

Arrears of subscription

9. Any member who leaves his subscription in arrears for twelve months shall be liable for exclusion under Rule 124 of the book of Constitutions.

Alteration of Bye-Laws

10. It shall not be competent for the Lodge to abrogate, amend, add to or alter these Bye - Laws, unless the same has been approved at one Regular Meeting & confirmed at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge after due notice thereof in the Summons for the said meetings & approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master & M.W. the Grand Master.

Approved in open Lodge on the 9th November 1970.

(Sd) Lt.Col. G.S. Gill	W.Master
(Sd) S. Mohan	S.W.
(Sd) G.M. Alagarswamy	J.W.
(Sd) S. Natarajan	Secretary