

BY LAWS OF



Lodge Trinity No. 171

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MEMBERS

1. The Lodge shall comprise of :

Subscribing Members and Honorary Members. Honorary Members are those elected as such for services rendered to Masonry in General or this Lodge in particular (R 142 B of C)

MEETING

2. The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Temple, Tiruchirappalli on the 3rd Saturday of every English Calendar Month, at such hour as the Master decides, except in the month of May when there will be no meeting.

3. The Summons convening the Regular Meetings shall be issued at least seven days in advance; emergency meetings however may be convened at shorter notice.

FEES & DUES

The fees dues and subscription shall be as follows and payable in advance

- a) Subscription for each member per annual Rs.1500/-

In case of members not residing within jurisdiction of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, this subscription if so requested, may be reduced to Rs.1200/-

- b) Initiation Rs.1000/-

- c) Joining or rejoining (Indian Constitution) Rs.200/-

- d) Joining from other recognised constitution Rs.300/-

- e) Contribution to charity fund of the Lodge for initiation or joining Rs.500/-

5. The expenses of any emergency meeting and the dispensation fees, if any, shall be defrayed by the brother or brethren at whose instance the meeting is held (Rule 71-3 Regional Grand Lodge By-Laws).

ADMISSION AND RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

6. No candidate for Initiation or Joining shall be accepted unless approved by Standing Committee, and if two Black Balls appear in the Ballot he must be rejected. No such candidate shall again be proposed until 6 months have elapsed.
7. A member who 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. He is automatically excluded by R 124B of C if in for arrears two years.

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

ELECTION

9. a) The Master shall be elected by ballot (Rule 87 B of C) at the Regular Meeting in December. The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in January. Upon his Installation, the Master shall appoint his Wardens and other officers and shall invest all the officers,

present, including the Treasurer and Tyler elected (R 96 B of C)

- b) The Treasurer shall be elected by the Members by ballot the regular day of election of the Master (Rule 92-A B of C)
- c) The Tyler shall be elected by the Members on the regular day of the election of the Master Every Tyler must be a Master Mason and registered as such in the book of the Grand Lodge. (Rule 93 B of C)

STANDING COMMITTEE

10. a) The Standing Committee shall consist of W.Master (Who will be Ex-Officio President) All subscribing Past Masters, The Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two members to be elected by the Lodge at the Installation meeting. (The Tyler will be in attendance)

- b) The Standing Committee shall meet at 30 minutes before every regular meeting or on any day and time the Master may order.
- c) The quorum for the Standing Committee shall be five.
- d) The Standing Committee shall check the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts, inspect and report on the Lodge property, consider and report on the proposals for membership of the Lodge and transact any other business brought forward (R130 B of C)

AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 11. A committee of two (who are not Members of the Standing Committee) shall be appointed by the Lodge at the Election Meeting for auditing the accounts of the year. The audited

statement shall form part of the Annual Report of the Standing Committee.

CONTROL OF PROPERTIES

- 12. The control of the properties of the Lodge shall be as provided in R 119 B of C.

TREASURER

- 13. a) The Treasurer shall collect all subscriptions, fees and dues and shall deposit in the Savings Bank Account.
- b) Charity Collection and Benevolent Fund shall be deposited and Charity disbursement shall be effected from Charity Savings Bank Account
- c) The Treasurer shall keep accounts of the General Fund, Steward Fund and Charity Fund of the Lodge. He shall allocate unit of Annual Subscription of members as follows (i) Rs. 1,300/- to General Fund and Rs. 200/- to Steward Fund.

- d) The Cheques must be signed by the Treasurer (mandatory) jointly along with either the Master or the Secretary
- e) He shall also at each meeting make a report of members in arrears over 3 months

SECRETARY

- 14. The Secretary shall be in charge of the Lodge Records and books other than the account 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 the 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.

STEWARDS

- 15. The Stewards shall have charge of all Lodge furniture and Regalia and shall see that are kept in good order. They shall also see that the preparation for the meetings are adequate and with the Tyler see that no defects may occurs to mar the proceedings. They will also be in charge of Banquets and Refreshments.
- 16. Members introducing Visitors shall vouch for them and see that the Visitors sign the attendance book in due form.
- 17. Every member of the Lodge, initiated in or joining the Lodge shall be presented with a printed copy of the By-Laws free

of charge in the first instance. The printed By-Laws shall be read in open Lodge once in every year and at such of the times as the Master may think it proper.

18. No alternation addition or amendment shall be made to these By-Laws unless moved and seconded in open Lodge and after due notice to the Brethren, being given in the Summonses; these amendments should be passed by a majority of 2/3rd of the brethren present at the meeting and finally approved by the Regional Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Master. 16. M e m b e r s introducing Visitors shall vouch for them and see that the Visitors sign the attendance book in due form.

19. Should any matter arise for which no provision has been made in these bylaws, The provisions in the Book of

Constitutions of the Grand Lodge shall apply.

20. It is incumbent on every member of the Lodge to possess a copy of these bylaws.

Adopted in open Lodge on 11th day of March 1966 at the Consecration Meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Egmore, Madras - 8.

Confirmed at the Meeting of the Lodge at Tiruchi on 9.4.1966

K. Srinivasan
Wor. Master

V.R. Sundarajulu
Senior Warden

M. Mohammed Hussain
Junior Warden

C.S. Ramachandra
Secretary

Approved by the
R.W. Regional Grand Master
on 21st May 1966.

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master

Latest Amendment

Approved by the
R.W. Regional Grand Master
on 10th November 2009

R.W.Bro.Varanasi Narasimham
Regional Grand Master

Approved by the
M.W. The Grand Master on 14.12.2009

M.W.Bro.Dr.B.Biswa Kumar. OSM
Grand Master of India

Tiruchirappalli
19th December 2009

M.Padma Kumar
Secretary