

LODGE VEERASWAMI

No.200

**AMENDED BYE-LAWS 2011
(effective from 1-1-2012)**

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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-residing Members as provided for in sub paras (iii) below :

(iii) Any resident Members 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

4. The Following shall be the fees payable :

1) Initiation	Rs. 1000.00
2) Joining from G.L.I. Lodges	Rs. 500.00
3) Joining from Other Constitutions	Rs. 500.00
4) Re-Joining	Rs. 500.00

4(A) Every Resident Member shall pay a yearly subscription of Rs.1300.00 (out of which Rs.300.00 is towards constituting Stewards Fund),

4(B) Every Past Master (Resident) shall pay a yearly subscription of Rs.1600.00 (out of which Rs.300.00 is to defray expenses relating to the Past Masters Nite and Rs.300.00 towards constituting a Stewards Fund) and

4C) Every Non-resident member shall pay a yearly subscription of Rs.650.00. The subscription shall be paid in advance.

Every Member Resident or Non-Resident shall also pay the actual dues of RGL of SI and The GLI which will be collected in advance. The Dues of te RGL & GLI payable shall be those that are fixed by the respective boards from time to time.

Initiation and Joining :

5. All candidates for initiation and joining shall be interviewed by the Permanent Committee and balloted on the report of the Permanent Committee. If two black ball 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 Constitution. 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