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Revised by-law of the John Miller Lodge No. 1906 proposed in the September meeting printed in the Summons of October and November meetings and approved in the regular meeting on 15-11-89 and confirmed at the regular meeting held on 20-12-89.

MEMBERS

1. There will be only one class of Members i.e. Resident.

2. The Lodge may elect Honorary members in accordance with the provisions of Rule 167 of the Book of Constitutions.

MEETINGS

3. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Madras, on the third Wednesday of every month at 6-30 p.m. or at such convenient time as the Master may fix.

4. The expenses of any emergency meeting and the dispensation fee, if any, shall be defrayed by the Brother or Brethren at whose instance the meeting is held or dispensation obtained, unless the Lodge on the recommendation of the Permanent Committee decides otherwise.

SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES

Members shall pay Rs.400/- every year as subscription payable in advance. In addition to the subscription, each subscribing member will have to pay the actual dues that will be in force from time to time to the United Grand Lodge of England and the Dist. Grand Lodge of Madras. This becomes due along with the subscription in November each year.

5A Members shall also pay every year a sum of Rs.250/- towards stewards charity fund. This also becomes due along with the subscription in November each year.

exclusion in accordance with Rule 181 of Book of Constitutions.

7. A member whose subscription is unpaid for three months or above shall not be qualified for election or appointment to any office.

8. The scale of fees shall be as follow :-

Initiation	...	Rs. 750/- ^{1000/-}
Joining from a Lodge under English Constitution	...	Rs. 200/- ^{500/-}
Joining from another Constitution	...	Rs. 750/- ^{1000/-}
Re-Joining	...	Rs. 750/- ^{1000/-}

All the fees shall be payable in advance

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

9. A candidate for initiation or a brother desirous of joining the Lodge shall not be accepted, if, on the ballot,

more than two black balls appear. In cases of doubt, the Master may immediately cause a second ballot to be taken and if it proves unfavourable, it shall be final.

In every case, the Secretary shall communicate the result of the ballot to the candidate.

In all cases of unfavourable ballot the fees shall be returned at the time the information is furnished.

10. A candidate or a brother rejected on ballot shall not be again eligible to be proposed until after the lapse of six months from the date of his rejection.

RESIGNATIONS

11. A brother ceasing to be a member of the Lodge by resignation or otherwise, shall be furnished with Certificate in the prescribed forms in accordance with Rule 175 of the Book of Consitutions.

12. A member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall render his resignation in writing or orally in open Lodge.

13. Should the subscription of a member of the Lodge remains unpaid for two full years, at the expiration of that period, he shall cease to be a member of the Lodge, in accordance with Rule 148 of the Book of Constitution.

14. A member who has resigned or has ceased to be a member or has been excluded for non-payment of dues shall be permitted to rejoin on payments of all former arrears together with his rejoining fee, but shall be subjected to a fresh ballot.

ELECTIONS

15. The Master, the Treasurer and the Tyler shall be elected at the regular meeting in October. The Installation

shall take place at the regular meeting in November.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

16. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to make payments for contingent expenses, for which purpose he shall hold an imprest of Rs. 200/- which will be recouped from time to time on account submitted by him to the Treasurer.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

17. All fees and dues shall be paid to the Treasurer, who shall without undue delay send the same to be deposited in a bank as per Rule 153 of the Book of Constitutions.

The Treasurer shall have charge of the Account Books and be responsible for them.

He shall make such payments as are

duly authorised or are sanctioned by the Lodge.

All cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and the Master.

At every regular meeting he shall submit to the Lodge a monthly statement of accounts.

DUTIES OF THE TYLER

18. The Tyler shall prepare the Lodge for the meeting and see that every brother, whether member or visitor, signs the Attendance Book and is properly clothed, previous to admission in to the Lodge.

19. The Tyler shall also be in charge of the Collars, Aprons, etc. belonging to the Lodge. He shall receive for the proper discharge of his duties such remuneration as the Lodge may fix from time to time.

PROPOSITIONS

20. A proposition shall not be brought forward or discussed in the Lodge unless notice thereof shall have been given at the previous regular meeting or sent to the Secretary in writing signed by the proposer not less than 14 days before the meeting at which such proposition is to be made except in matters of emergency and with the permission of the Master.

21. No question once decided shall be raised a second time until three months have elapsed after its last decision.

COMMITTEES :

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

22. The Permanent Committee shall consist of the Master, the Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Immediate Past Master, the Director of Ceremonies, the Chaplain and two members elected

by the lodge at the Installation Meeting. It shall be the duty of this Committee to check the accounts, make all arrangements for meetings, consider all matters connected with the welfare of the Lodge, to inspect and check all the properties of the Lodge, at least once a year and report upon general questions affecting the Lodge during the period under review. The quorum shall be three. The Master, if present, shall preside.

23. At the regular meeting of the Lodge in October of each year, the Lodge shall elect an Audit Committee to audit the accounts as per Rule 153 of the Book of Constitutions. It shall also be the duty of the Committee to submit the regular meeting in November, before the Installation of the Master-Elect, an Annual report on the financial condition of the Lodge.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

24. The Lodge shall also elect at the

Installation meeting, a Membership Committee consisting of 3 members, including the Master to enquire into the character and qualifications of all candidates proposed for admission to the Lodge before the proposal is made in the Lodge.

RELIEF

25. A sum of Rs. 100/- from the general funds of the Lodge shall be held at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress. In case, the Master shall think fit to take advantage of this By-law, he shall report the circumstances at the next meeting of the Lodge.

NOTICE AND SUMMONS

26. Notice or summons which is necessary to be sent to any member shall be deemed sufficiently served if sent through post to the last known address.

BY-LAWS

27. It shall not be competent for the members to abrogate, amend or alter these By laws unless the abrogation, amendment, or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one regular meeting and confirmed at the next regular meeting and approved by the R. W. the District Grand Master and the M. W. the Grand Master.

Note : **Regarding By-law No 5**, Circular dated as per the Instruction from Grand Lodge, the following procedures has to be adopted for amending :

- (a) Notice of Motion appears on the Summons which is circulated to all subscribing members : It is not discussed at all.
- (b) At next Regular Meeting the Motion, together with any amendments notified to the Secretary, appears on the Summons for consideration and decision.

- (c) The change becomes effective when the next annual subscription becomes due; it cannot be made retrospective.

W.Bro. V.N. ASRANI
Worshipful Master.

W.Bro. P. GAJENDRAN
Senior Warden.

Bro. V. KASTURI
Junior Warden.

Bro. V. RAJAGOPAL
Secretary.

Approved by

H.W.Bro. A. P. THAMPI
District Grand Master.

Madras 29-1-1990

Approved by M.W. Grand Master,
His Royal Highness
The Duke of Kent

29-1-1990