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THE
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OF

LODGE UNITED SERVICE
No. 58 G. L. I.

Of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of India

MEETING AT THE
FREEMASONS' HALL, PRIMROSE ROAD, BANGALORE.

On 4th Wednesday in every month

As revised up to the 20th March 1962

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NOTE

Should there be any objection to the introduction of a Candidate for Initiation, or a Brother for Joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or Secretary, who may communicate with the proposer and give him the opportunity of withdrawing his Candidate.

I. MEMBERS

1. The Lodge shall comprise the following Members:—

- (a) Resident Members.
- (b) Non-Resident Members
- (c) Honorary Members.

2. Members residing within 10 miles of Freemasons Hall, Bangalore, shall be deemed Resident Members.

3. Members residing beyond the 10 miles limit for a period of not less than 6 months, may, on request be admitted Non-Resident Members.

II. HONORARY MEMBERS

The Lodge may, if it deems fit, acknowledge the services of a Brother to Freemasonry in general, or to this Lodge in particular, by electing him an Honorary Member in accordance with the provisions of Rule 167; B. of C.

III. REGULAR MEETINGS

5. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Bangalore, on the 4th Wednesday of each month, at such hour as may be fixed by the Master

IV ELECTION & INSTALLATION MEETINGS

6. The Election of the Master and Tyler, shall take place at the Regular Meeting in November, and the Installation of the Master-Elect in December.

V. EMERGENCY MEETINGS

7. The holding of Emergency Meetings (by Dispensation) shall be regulated by Provisions of Rule 140, B. of C.

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Where an Emergency Meeting is held for the sole purpose of conferring a Degree at the request and for the convenience of a candidate or candidates, the Lodge may require from such candidate or candidates a total sum not exceeding Rs. 25/- towards the expenses of the meeting.

VI. FEES

8. The scale of Fees shall be as follows:—

- (a) Initiation Rs. 150.00
- (b) Joining from G. L. I. Rs. 20.00
- (c) Joining from other Constitutions* Rs. 35.00

*This includes fee for G. L. Certificate.

VII. SUBSCRIPTIONS

9. The monthly subscriptions payable in advance are as follows:—

- (a) Resident Members Rs. 5.00
- (b) Non-Resident Members.... Rs. 3.00
(Excluding Dining Fee)

10. The Secretary shall be exempt from payment of subscriptions.

11. Any Member allowing his dues to remain unpaid for 3 months in the case of a Resident Member, and for 6 months in the case of a Non-Resident Member shall receive intimation from the Secretary by Registered Letter to last known address; and if the arrears are not cleared off within one month in the case of a Resident Member, or three months in the case of a Non-Resident Member from the date of receipt of the intimation or date of receipt of the registered letter, shall be liable to be excluded under Rule 155, B. of C.

12. Should a Brother who has been excluded wish to rejoin, he must again be balloted for and pay full joining fee and all arrears due by him.

VIII. PROPOSING MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES

13. The Laws in the Book of Constitutions regarding Proposing, Joining, Making, Passing and Raising Members shall be strictly enforced (Rules 132 to 147, B. of C.) and no candidate for initiation or joining shall be balloted for until he has signed the declarations as set forth in 136 and 137, B. of C. respectively, and has been duly proposed and seconded by a member of this Lodge. All such applications shall in the first instance be referred to the Permanent Committee for the purpose of considering and reporting upon them. The Candidate for Initiation shall be required to appear before the Permanent Committee for this purpose.

IX. BALLOTING

14. No Candidate shall be made a Mason in, and no Brother shall be admitted a Member of this Lodge, if on the ballot being taken, two black balls appear against him. If the Master is of opinion that a mistake may have occurred in the ballot he may order a second ballot to be taken forthwith, which shall be final.

15. Candidates and Brethren rejected from Membership may not be proposed again until after the lapse of three months from the date of their first ballot.

X. SECRETARY

16. The Secretary shall be in charge of all Lodge records, and Books other than the account Books maintained by the Treasurer.

XI. TYLER

17. The Tyler, if elected under Rule 93, B. of C., shall be paid such fees as the Lodge may from time to time decide.

XII. PERMANENT COMMITTEE

18. The Permanent Committee shall comprise the Master, all P.M.s of and in the Lodge, the Wardens and two other Members elected at the Annual Installation Meeting in December. (The Treasurer, Secretary and the senior of any Stewards who may be appointed are ex-officio members). Three shall form a quorum. The Master shall preside, in the absence of the Master, the I.P.M. or the next senior in rank will preside. A record of all the proceedings will be signed by the Chairman who shall have a casting vote in case of an equal division of opinion.

19. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be checked by the committee monthly and the report of the Committee shall be read in open Lodge at the next Regular Meeting and submitted to the Lodge for consideration.

20. The Permanent Committee shall meet once monthly on the 2nd Wednesday at such hour as may be fixed by the Master.

XIII. AUDIT COMMITTEE

21. The Annual Audit Committee (Rule 128 B. of C.) shall be appointed by the Lodge at the Regular Meeting in November each year.

XIV. PROPOSITIONS AND VOTING

22. No propositions shall be put to the Lodge when assembled unless it is proposed by one member and seconded by another.

23. An amendment, however, duly proposed and seconded, may be made to any proposition. In this case the amendment shall be put first; if negatived, unless other amendments be proposed, the original proposition shall be put to the vote; but if the amendment be carried, the original proposition shall be considered lost.

24. No motion shall be brought forward for consideration of which notice was not given in the summons convening the meeting, emergencies excepted.

25. In the event of there being an equality of votes on any question to be decided by a majority, the Master shall give a casting vote. No question once decided shall be raised a second time, until six months have elapsed after its first discussion or the Lodge by a two-thirds majority otherwise directs.

XV. RELIEF

26. A sum of Rs. 50/- from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge shall be held at the disposal of the Master to meet all emergent cases of distress or urgent need. In case the Master shall think fit to take advantage of this By-Law he shall report the circumstances at the next regular meeting of the Lodge. Should further temporary relief be considered necessary in the interest of the same individual, an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 50/- may (with the concurrence of two members of the Permanent Committee) be allotted to the Master from the Benevolent Fund.

27. Immediately before closing the Lodge the Charity Box shall be circulated. The sum contributed shall be declared to the Brethren by the Secretary and shall be credited to the Benevolent Fund.

28. Whenever the Master takes advantage of By-Law 26, he shall report the fact and circumstances attending the case at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge, and shall cause the Secretary to record his action in the Minutes of such Meeting.

XVI. CONSTITUTIONS

29. In all respects Members of the Lodge shall abide by and strictly conform to the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of India as embodied in the Book of Constitutions.

XVII. BY - LAWS

30. No alterations or additions to these By-Laws shall be made but by a majority of votes taken on a motion submitted in writing, and included in the summons of the Meeting.

31. These By-Laws shall not be abrogated, amended or altered unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been read and approved by one Regular Meeting and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting. The change shall not become effective until subsequently approved by the R. W. Regional Grand Master and the M. W. Grand Master.

32. In the event of any abrogation, amendment or revision of any By Laws or By-Law, the Secretary shall provide each member with a copy thereof after approval by the R. W. the Regional Grand Master of South India and by the M. W. the Grand Master.

33. Every Member of the Lodge on joining is presented with a copy of these By Laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the Rules contained therein.

By-Laws of Lodge United Service No 58 G.L.I. under B. of C., G.L.I.

Approved at the Regular Meeting held on the 24th January 1962 and confirmed at the Regular Meeting held on the 28th February 1962.

VINAYAKASUNDARAM, 1 P.M.,

P. A. R. G D. of Cs.

For Wor. Master

C. V. KRISHNAMOORTHY,

Senior Warden.

K. RAMANNA,

Junior Warden.

K. S. MONIAM, P. M.,

A. R. G. D. of Cs.,

Secretary

APPROVED

(Sd.) S. T. SRINIVASAGOPALACHARI
Rt. Wor. Regional Grand Master
of South India.

Madras
17th March 1962

Approved by the Most Worshipful The Grand Master on
the 20th March 1962

New Delhi
20th March 1962

(Sd.) P. M. SUNDARAM,
Grand Secretary.