

BYE - LAWS

OF

LODGE UNITED SERVICES

No. 58 G. L. I.

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No. 58 G.L.I.
(Originally 2735-EC)

MEETING AT THE
FREEMASON'S HALL, PRIMROSE ROAD,
BANGALORE-560 025

On 4th Wednesday in every month

As revised up to 13-1-1988

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I. MEMBERS

1. The Lodge shall comprise the following Members :

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

2. Members residing within 25 kms of Freemason's Hall, Bangalore, shall be deemed Resident Members.

3. Members Residing beyond the 25 kms Limit for a period of not less than 6 months, may, on request, be admitted Non-Resident Members.

II- HONORARY MEMBERS

4. 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 142, of B. of C.

III. REGULAR MEETINGS

5. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemason's 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, Treasurer and the Tyler, shall take place at the regular meeting in December and the installation of the Master Elect in January following.

V. EMERGENCY MEETINGS

7. The holding of emergency Meetings (by Dispensation) shall be regulated by provisions of Rule 116, B. of C.

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, total sum not exceeding Rs. 500/- towards the expenses of the meeting.

VI. FEES

8. The scale of Fees shall be as follows :

- (a) Initiation Rs. 200/- plus a sum of Rs. 50/- towards Benevolent Fund, which shall be transferred to a separate Benevolent Fund Account
- * (b) Joining form G. L. I. Rs. 35/-
- * (c) Joining from other contributions Rs. 50/-
 - (b) & (c) to contribute a sum of Rs. 50/- towards Benevolent Fund Account.
- * This includes Fee for G. L. Certificates.

VII. SUBSCRIPTIONS

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

- (a) Resident Members (Exclusive of contribution of Rs. 5/- per month towards refreshments Rs. 10/-

(b) Non-Resident Members Rs. 8/-

(B) A sum of Rs. 50/- shall be transferred from General Fund (Subscriptions) to the Stewards Account every month to meet the cost of dinner for Two Visitors to be invited at the Masters discretion

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 156, B. of C. The cost of such Registered notice shall be debited to the Members Account.

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 Rule 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, on the ballot being taken, two black balls appear against him. If the Master is of the 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 incharge 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. Ms of and in the lodge, the Wardens and all Officers of the year except the Stewards and the Tyler. (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 1st 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 December 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 third majority otherwise directs.

XV. RELIEF

26. A sum of Rs. 300/- 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 Bye-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. 100/- may, (with the concurrence of two members of the Permanent Committee) be allotted to the Master from the Benevolent Fund.

27. Whenever the Master takes advantage of Bye-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.

28. 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.

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. BYE - LAWS

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

31. These Bye-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 untill 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 Bye-Law or Bye-Laws, the Secretary shall provide each member with a copy there of after approval by the R W. the Regional Grand Master of Southern India and by the M.W. the Grand Master.

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

Bye-Laws of Lodge United Services No. 58 G.L.I. under Rule III, B. of C., G.L.I.

Approved at the Regular meeting held on the 25th July 1984 and confirmed at the Regular meeting held on the 22nd August 1984 and further approved at the regular meeting held on 28th August 1985.



S. SANKARANARAYANAN

Worshipful Master

S. UPENDRA

Senior warden

PRAKASH ASWATHIAH

Junior warden

K. V. ASWATHIAH

Secretary

APPROVED

Madras,
16-11-1987

(Sd.) V. RAJENDRAN
Regional Grand Master

Grand Lodge Of India

Approved by M. W. The Grand Master

New Delhi
13-1-1988

H. P. GUPTA
Grand Secretary