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13th August 2024

The Regional Grand Secretary
Regional Grand Lodge of SI
Chennai.

Dear Sir and RW Brother,

With reference to your letter No.L.90/2024 dated 29th June 2024, I return
herewith two copies of amendments to bye-laws of Lodge Murray Hammick No.90
duly approved by MW the Grand Master.

With best wishes

Yours fraternally

AJAY BHARGAVA
Grand Secretary

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**Amendments to the By Laws of
Murray Hammick Lodge 90, GLI
Chittoor. (A.P.)**

**proposed at Regular Meeting
held on 13th April, 2024
approved at the Regular Meeting
held on 11th May 2024.**

**confirmed at the
Regular Meeting held on
1st June 2024**

Existing By Laws	Revised By Laws	Reason for Change
BY-LAWS OF THE MURRAY HAMMICK LODGE NO.90 No. 3636 E.C. CHITTOOR	By Laws of the Murray Hammick Lodge 90, GLI at Chittoor	To incorporate that the lodge is currently under the Grand Lodge of India,
PREAMBLE Under authority granted by THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND and by its Charter, dated 19th November 1912, a copy of which is appended, a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons styled "THE MURRAY HAMMICK LODGE" shall be held at Chittoor in the Province of Madras.	Under the authority granted by the Grand Lodge of India and by its charter dated 11th No- vember 1961, The Murray Hammick Lodge 90 will function at Chittoor in the state of Andhra Pradesh	Change from EC to GLI
By Law 1 - The subscribing members of the Lodge shall comprise of two classes, (1)Resident and (2) Non- resident.	No Change	
By Law 2 - A Resident member shall be a member who resides within the municipal limits of Chittoor.	A Resident member shall be a member who resides within the limits of Erstwhile Chittoor District	The Lodge has been Initiating the members in this manner for a long time, and hence necessi- tates for the change into the By Law
By Law 3 – Honorary members may be elected in accordance with Rule 167, Book of Constitutions.	Honorary Members may be elected in accordance with Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India	Change in rule number is necessitated
By Law 4 - The Regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held in the Freemasons Hall, Chittoor, on the penultimate Saturday of everymonth, except in February and August when the meeting shall be held on the second Saturday.	The Regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the 2nd Saturday of every month	The Lodge has been meeting in this manner for a long time, and hence necessitates for the change into the By Law.
By Law 5 – The Summons of the Lodge shall be sent at least 7 days prior to the meeting date	The Summons of the Lodge shall be sent by email / postal mail to all the members at least 10 days prior to the Lodge Meeting date.	To align with the rules and guidelines of the Grand Lodge of India, with respect to summons as per circular instructions

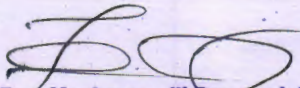
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By Law 6 – The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and the Tyler chosen at the regular meeting in January. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in February	The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and the Tyler chosen at the regular meeting in February. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in March.	Changing the Election and Installation Meetings to suit the convenience of the Brethren.
BY Law 7 – Members shall pay subscriptions in advance at the following rates: Resident members and Non-resident members who Are Officers of the Lodge...Rs.3 per month Non-resident members ...Rs. 2 per month. The subscription of members shall become due on the 1st of each month. A member whose subscription is unpaid for three months shall not be eligible for election or appointment to any of the offices or for voting.	The Annual Subscription shall be fixed at INR 5000/- for the time being, and is subject to change from time to time, for which the Lodge will pass a vote in the open assembly after giving due notices to its members. The Scale of Fee is a) Due to GLI at actual b) Dues to RGLSI at actual c) Lodge Dues - 2000 d) Steward Fund Dues - 800	To align with the current GLI instructions and rules to ensure uniformity
By Law 8 – The scale of fees shall be as follows: Fee for Initiation... Rs. 100/- Fee for Joining... Rs. 15/- Fee of Honour on Installation, Payable to Benevolence...Rs.10/- The fees shall be paid in advance.	The Scale of Fees currently is: For Initiation – INR 20000 For Joining from GLI – INR 10000 For Joining from another constitution – INR 25000 For Rejoining – INR 5000	Fee Change imminent and hence introduced the same to keep with the times.
By Law 9 - A member of the Lodge who allows his subscription to fall into arrears for three months in the case of resident members or for six months in the case of non-resident members shall be called on by the Secretary by registered letter to his last known address for the payment of his dues; and if the dues are not liquidated	A member of the Lodge who allows his subscription to fall into arrears for more than twelve months from the date it is demanded, is liable to be sent a cessation notice under Rule 124 of the Book of Constitution of the Grand	To align with Rule 124 of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of India

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<p>within a period of two months from the date of service of the letter, such member shall be liable to exclusion under Rule 181 of the Book of Constitutions.</p>	<p>Lodge of India, and the Secretary shall send the same by Registered Post to that member, and if his dues are not liquidated within the stipulated time as mentioned in the said cessation notice, he will be liable to be ceased under the Rule 124 of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of India</p>	
<p>By Law 10. – A brother desirous of joining the Lodge shall fill up and sign the application in the prescribed form and pay the joining fee before the date of joining.</p>	<p>No Change</p>	
<p>By Law 11 - A person seeking to be made a Mason in the Lodge shall fill up and sign the application in the prescribed form and pay the fees for initiation before the date of initiation.</p>	<p>The Words before the date of initiation is replaced with before the date of ballot. The date of ballot and date of initiation can also be one and the same, but the initiation can be taken up only if the ballot is favourable to the candidate seeking initiation.</p>	<p>Suitably amended to adhere to the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India with respect to Initiation.</p>
<p>By Law 12 – A candidate for initiation or a brother desirous of joining shall not be accepted if on the ballot more than two black balls appear against him, provided that the Master may, if he has reason to believe that a mistake might have been made, direct a second ballot to be taken immediately, the result of which shall be final.</p>	<p>The words more than two black balls, is now substituted with the words, " 2/3rd (TWO-THIRD)" majority of members present. The clause will now read, " A candidate for initiation or a brother desirous of joining shall not be accepted if on ballot, he does not get a " 2/3rd (TWO-THIRD)" majority of the members present for him, provided that the Master may, if he has reason to believe that a mistake might have been made, direct a second ballot to be taken immediately, the result of which shall be final</p>	<p>To align with the proposal and the decision of the members in the open lodge Regular meeting held on 13 April 2024, Approved in the Regular meeting held on 11th May 2024.</p>

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By Law 20 – A proposition shall not be discussed in open Lodge unless it shall have been proposed by one member and seconded by another member.	No Change	
By Law 21 - There shall be a Permanent Committee consisting of the Master, the Wardens, the Treasurer, all the Past Masters and two other members elected annually at the Installation meeting. Any vacancy on the Permanent Committee which may occur during the period between one Installation meeting and the next shall be filled by election at the next meeting of the Lodge.	No Change	
By Law 22 - It shall be the duty of the Permanent Committee to consider and report to the Lodge on general questions affecting the Lodge, to check the inventory of the Lodge property and to submit an annual report, to be presented at the Installation meeting, upon the working and condition of the Lodge. No Change	No Change	
By Law 23 - Proceedings of the Permanent Committee shall be reported at the next regular meeting of the Lodge.	No Change	
By Law 24 – The Audit Committee to be appointed under Rule 153 of the Book of Constitutions to audit the accounts of the Lodge as on December 31st of each year shall be appointed at the regular meeting in January. This Committee shall consist of three members besides the Master and the Secretary, who shall be ex-officio members.	The Audit Committee to be appointed under Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India to audit the accounts of the Lodge as on December 31st each year shall be duly elected at the Installation meeting held in March of the succeeding year. The committee will consist of three members, who will be those who do not hold any other office in the Lodge for that particular year.	Change necessitated to align with the Grand Lodge instructions and rules.

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By Law 13 - In every case the result of the ballot shall be communicated as early as practicable to the person for whom the ballot was taken.	No Change	
By Law 14 - If the ballot is unfavourable the fee paid by the rejected candidate shall be returned to him.	No Change	
By Law 15 - No rejected candidate shall be again proposed in the Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the day of his rejection.	No Change	
By Law 16 - Resignation of membership of the Lodge may be effected either verbally in open Lodge or by letter to the Secretary, according to the provisions of Rule 183 of the Book of Constitutions.	Resignation of membership of the Lodge may be effected either verbally in open Lodge or by letter to the Secretary, according to the provisions of Rule 158 of the Book of Constitutions	To align with the regulations of the Grand Lodge of India Book of Constitution
By Law 17 - All communications for the Lodge from members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary	No Change	
By Law 18 - The Tyler, if elected under Rule 113, B.of C., shall be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the Lodge.	The Tyler, if chosen under By Law 6 above and under Rule 86 of the Book of Constitution, shall be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the Lodge from time to time.	To align with the GLI BoC rules.
By Law 19 - Unless otherwise decided by two-thirds of the members present at the meeting, a proposition shall not be brought forward for consideration in open Lodge except on behalf of the Permanent Committee unless notice of it has been given in writing by the member desirous of proposing it in sufficient time to allow of its entry in the summons to the meeting.	No Change	

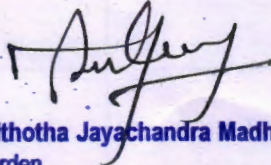
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By Law 25 - The Secretary shall be the ex-officio Secretary of all committees appointed by the Lodge.	No Change	
By Law 26 - A member shall not be allowed to borrow more than one book at a time, and a fresh book shall not be issued until the book previously taken by him has been returned.	No Change	
By Law 27 - Any book lost or damaged while borrowed by a member shall be replaced or paid for at its full value by the borrower.	No Change	
By Law 28 - The charity collections shall be kept separate from the general funds of the Lodge and shall be appropriated to such charitable objects as the brethren in open Lodge may from time to time direct.	No Change	
By Law 29 - A sum of twenty-five rupees from the Charity Fund shall be held at the disposal of the Master to relieve emergent cases of distress. When the Master relieves cases of distress under this by-law he shall report the fact at the next regular meeting of the Lodge	A sum of one thousand rupees from the Charity Fund shall be held at the disposal of the Master to relieve emergent cases of distress. under this by-law he shall report the fact at the next regular meeting of the Lodge	Amount amended to one thousand to suit with the times
By Law 30 - No alteration of or addition to these by-laws shall be considered at any meeting except a regular meeting or shall be submitted for the approval of the Grand Master until and unless it has been confirmed at the regular meeting succeeding that at which it was carried, and it shall not become effective until subsequently approved by the District Grand Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Master.	No alteration of or addition to these by-laws shall be considered at any meeting except a regular meeting or shall be submitted for the approval of the Grand Master until and unless it has been proposed at one regular meeting, approved at the next regular meeting and confirmed at the third regular meeting, succeeding that at which it was carried, and it shall not become effective until subsequently approved by the Right Worshipful the Regional Grand Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Master	To align with the Rules 111 of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of India



W. Bro. Machanapalli Danamaiah

Worshipful Master

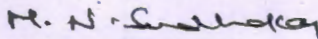
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Bro. Vavilthotha Jayachandra Madhusudhana Reddy

Senior Warden

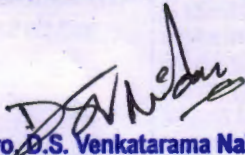
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Bro. Manthena Nagaratna Sudhakar

Junior Warden

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W. Bro. D.S. Venkatarama Naidu

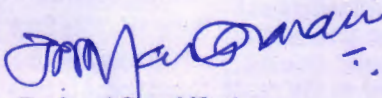
Secretary

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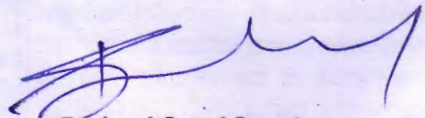
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Recommended for Approval

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Regional Grand Master



Regional Grand Secretary

Approved by M W THE GRAND MASTER

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13.08.2024

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