

LODGE



SAINIK

No. 196 GLI

BYE - LAWS

OF

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BANGALORE

(As amended till 10th March 2000)

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1. **Name & Style :** The Lodge shall be known by the name and style 'Lodge Sainik No. 196 G.L.I.' and has been constituted under the warrant of the Grand Lodge of India, dated the 23rd January 1970, corresponding to the third day of Magha 1891 Saka era, with the special purpose of promoting the knowledge of the Mystic Art among.
 - 1.1 Those who hold or have held commissions in the Armed Forces of India in particular and in general of such other countries as may be decided by the Permanent Committee of the Lodge from time to time.
 - 1.2 Civilian Gazetted Officers and their equivalents serving and retired, paid out of Defence Estimates.
 - 1.3 Persons in good standing whose association with the Lodge is considered desirable by the Permanent Committee of the Lodge and
 - 1.4 The sons (Lewises) of members of the Lodge.
2. **Regular Meetings :** The lodge shall hold its regular meetings on the second Monday of every calendar month at the Freemasons Hall, Primrose Road, Bangalore. Seven days notice of each meeting shall be given to each member in the manner prescribed by the constitution of the Grand Lodge of India (hereinafter referred to as the B of C).
3. **Emergency Meetings :** Emergency meetings may be held in accordance with Rule 115 of the B of C. No business may be transacted at these emergencies than appears in the agenda therefor. When an emergency meeting is held mainly for the purpose of conferring a Degree at the request

of or for the convenience of candidate(s) the Lodge may require him or them to defray the cost of dispensation and hall rent.

4. **Attendance :** It is the duty of every member to attend all Lodge meetings unless prevented by unavoidable exigency. Officers unable to attend any meeting will inform the Secretary or the W.M. of such inability at the earliest possible.

5. **Membership :** The Lodge shall consist of Resident Members, Absentee Members and Honorary Members. The Lodge may have serving members as permitted by the B of C.

5.1 **Resident Members :** Resident members are those who are ordinarily resident within a radius of 24 Kms of Bangalore.

5.2 **Absentee Members :** Absentee Members are those who are ordinarily resident beyond this limit, Provided however, that any member leaving these limits for a continuous period of six months or more may, on request made in writing or in open Lodge in this behalf, be temporarily placed on the Absentee List from the first of the month following such request. He shall resume his Resident Member status and be liable for subscriptions as Resident Member from the first month in which he returns to the area. A member holding office in the Lodge cannot be placed in the Absentee List during his year of office.

5.3. **Honorary Members :** Distinguished brethren may be proposed to be elected as Honorary Members only by the Worshipful Master in the Chair at a regular meeting. The proposition shall appear in the agenda of the subsequent regular meeting for being voted upon. The election must be unanimous.

5.4 **Serving Members :** Serving members may be elected in accordance with and shall be governed by the provisions of Rule 144 B of C.

6. **Elections :** The Worshipful Master shall be elected from among the qualified members of the Lodge by ballot & the Tyler chosen by show of hands at the regular meeting of the Lodge held in July each year. The names of the brethren of the Lodge qualified for the office of the Master shall appear on the summons of the election meeting.

All other officers of the Lodge shall be appointed by the new W.M. on his installation.

7. **Installation, appointment and investiture :** At the regular meeting in August each year the Worshipful Master-elect shall be installed in accordance with ancient custom. He shall thereafter, invest the Tyler and appoint and invest other officers of the Lodge. (Rule 96 B of C).

8. **The Treasurer :** The Treasurer shall comply with all the requirements of Rule 128 B of C and shall in particular :-

8.1 Be in charge of all Lodge funds.

8.2 Collect all dues and make all disbursements in connection therewith.

8.3 Keep separate and correct accounts of the various funds of the Lodge and in particular maintain the cash-book, the general ledger and the members' personal ledger of dues and payments, and maintain proper vouchers for all transactions and make them available for audit whenever required.

8.4 Shall deposit all moneys received on account of the Lodge, in a bank duly approved by the Lodge, at the earliest opportunity and shall not keep cash in hand

in excess of such sums as authorised by the Lodge Committee from time to time.

- 8.5 Shall issue receipts in proper form for all moneys received by him on behalf of the Lodge.
- 8.6 Shall remit all dues payable to Regional Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge of India as they fall due.
- 8.7 Shall make all other payments due by the Lodge (except such as may have been generally authorised by the Lodge) only on the specific sanction of the Lodge.
- 8.8 Shall make all payments as far as possible by cheque.
- 8.9 Shall prepare and transmit to the Secretary a list of dues exigible from each member at least 10 days prior to each meeting to enable him to communicate the same to the members along with the summons.
- 8.10 Shall prepare the income and expenditure account and balance sheet of the Lodge as at the end of June each year and submit them along with the books and vouchers in support thereof for audit by the Audit Committee in time for that Committee to submit the same along with their Audit Report to the Lodge at the Installation Meeting in August for adoption.
- 8.11 Shall prepare a monthly statement of account at the end of each calendar month and present it at the next regular meeting in the following month.

9. Bank Account : The Lodge shall by a resolution approve the opening of a current or savings bank account with an approved bank in the name of the Lodge. The account shall be operated by the Worshipful Master, Treasurer and the Secretary on the signatures of any two of them signing which

together. For this purpose, the Lodge shall pass a resolution in the terms required by the bank at the Installation Meeting and shall transmit to the bank a copy of the resolution and the specimen signatures of the officers concerned, duly authenticated by the retiring Worshipful Master.

10. **Secretary :** The Secretary shall be the custodian of all the books and papers of the Lodge except those required to be maintained by the Treasurer. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Lodge and shall, in general, act as the Executive Officer of the Lodge under the direction of the Worshipful Master.
 - 10.1 He shall maintain in proper form all registers of the Lodge in conformity with the B of C.
 - 10.2 He shall in particular maintain proper minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge and its Committees of which he shall, ex-officio, be the Secretary. He shall prepare and issue to all members and authorised brethren the summons and agenda for all meetings at least 7 days prior to the date thereof, indicating specifically therein any dues exigible from the members concerned. He shall communicate to the Treasurer all additions, deletions, changes and other casualties in the roll of members so as to enable him to make necessary adjustments in the dues.
 - 10.3 The Lodge may by a resolution exempt the Secretary from any part or whole of his subscription but the Lodge will remain liable for Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge dues on his account.
11. **Tyler :** The Tyler shall be in day to day custody and upkeep of the regalia and equipments of the Lodge. His duties shall include, inter-alia, those of seeing that the Lodge room is properly prepared and regalia, banner and other equipment required for the purposes of the meeting are laid out, for

purpose he shall attend in good time before the notified time of the meeting. The Lodge may at its discretion exempt the Tyler from part or whole of his subscription or if he is a serving member grant him a remuneration for his services.

12. Permanent Committee :

12.1 The Permanent Committee of the Lodge shall consist of :

The Worshipful Master as Chairman

All Past Masters of the Lodge

The two Wardens

The Treasurer

The Secretary as ex-officio and two additional members elected by the Lodge at its Installation Meeting.

12.2 Vacancies arising in the course of the year among the elected members may be filled by the Lodge for the remaining term.

12.3 Three shall form a quorum.

12.4 A record of the proceedings of the Committee shall be kept and read out in open Lodge by the Secretary and put for adoption with or without amendments by the Lodge. The proceedings shall form an annexure to the minutes of the meeting at which they were adopted.

12.5 Upon the Permanent Committee devolves the responsibility for the guidance of the conduct of the Lodge affairs. It shall consider all questions of importance and such matters generally as are referred

to it by the Lodge or the W.M. and submit its recommendations thereon to the Lodge for approval. The recommendations of the Committee must be approved by the Lodge before they can be acted upon.

12.6 Provided, however, that the Lodge may delegate authority to the Committee to decide and act on certain matters on its own within the limits of the delegation.

13. Audit Committee : The Lodge shall at its Installation Meeting elect a Committee of three members other than the Worshipful Master, Treasurer and the Secretary, to audit the accounts of the Treasurer for the year and report on the same to the Lodge at the next Installation Meeting.

14. Funds :

14.1 There shall be a General Fund, a Steward's Fund and a Charity Fund. The Lodge may create any other fund(s) for any specific purpose. No money may be transferred from the Charity Fund to any other fund. Subject to this restriction, the Lodge has authority to transfer money from any fund to another.

14.2 The General Fund : All moneys, other than those specifically earmarked for any other fund, shall be credited to this fund and all expenditure, other than those specified to be met from any other fund, shall be met from this fund.

14.3 The Steward's Fund : The income to this fund shall be derived from such portion of the subscriptions as may be decided by the Lodge to be credited to it, any dinner fees, bar dues, donations made towards entertainment and sums transferred by the Lodge from the General Fund. All expenditure on entertainment after labour shall be met from this fund.

14.4 THE CHARITY FUND The income to this Fund shall be from the portion of the subscription as may be decided by the Lodge to be credited to it, the charity collections at meetings, donations specifically made for the purpose of charity and sums transferred by the Lodge to it from any other fund. This fund shall be used only for relief of distress or other approved charitable purposes by vote of the Lodge; provided however, that the Worshipful Master shall have power to grant a donation not exceeding to Rs. 500/- for immediate relief of distress in an emergency, subject to report to the Lodge at its next regular meeting.

15. Voting : All decisions of the Lodge except those specifically provided for otherwise under these bye-laws or the B of C. shall be taken by show of hands by a simple majority and shall be binding on all members. A question so decided shall not be re-opened until six months have passed, except on a written request signed by atleast 2/3rds of the Resident Members on the roll.

16. New Members : Candidates for initiation shall be admitted under the provisions of Rules 133 to 141 of the B of C. No initiation can take place until the prescribed fees have been paid.

Candidates for affiliation/joining/re-joining shall be admitted under the provisions of Rule 138 of the B of C. The necessary declaration, if any prescribed, shall be taken from such candidates before they are admitted.

17. Ballot :

17.1 A ballot shall be taken for all new members. The particulars of the candidate and the names of his proposer and seconder and the fact that a ballot is to be taken on that application appear on the agenda of the meeting at which it is to be taken.

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17.2 No person shall be made a mason in, or admitted Member of the Lodge, unless if on ballot, two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature. A period of 12 months shall elapse before any rejected candidate can be proposed again.

17.3 A collective ballot may be taken for more than one candidate for initiation or for affiliation/joining but not for mixed categories. If a black ball appears in a collective ballot, it shall be repeated separately for each candidate and the result of such separate ballot shall be final.

18. Subscription and Fees : All fees and subscription are payable in advance. The following are the fees and subscription :

18.1 Fees :

18.1.1	For initiation and the three degrees	Rs. 2000/-
18.1.2	Affiliation from a recognised constitution	Rs. 750/-
18.1.3	Joining from the Indian Constitution	Rs. 500/-
18.1.4	Rejoining of a former member of this Lodge	Rs. 200/-

18.2 Subscription :

18.2.1 The Resident Members shall pay a sum of Rs.1,200/- per annum as subscription.

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18.2.2 The Absentee Members shall pay a sum of Rs. 700/- per annum as subscription.

18.2.3 The annual subscription referred to in 18.2.1 & 18.2.2 above shall be paid in advance in the month of July of every year and the annual subscription paid will be in respect of the period commencing from 1st July of that calendar year upto 30th June of the following calendar year.

18.2.4 The annual subscription of Rs. 1200/- shall be payable by a Resident Member irrespective of the date of initiation or joining.

18.2.5 GL & RGL dues that are current for the whole year shall be paid by the concerned Resident Member & Absentee Members, except Honorary Members and Serving Members.

19. **Amendment of Bye-Laws :** These bye-laws shall be read with the Rules of B of C and the Bye-laws of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India and any provision herein which may be or become inconsistent therewith shall automatically be void and shall forthwith be deemed to have been amended to conformity therewith.

19.1 Except as aforesaid, any amendment shall be proposed and seconded in open Lodge by members in good standing who shall provide a fairly written out copy thereof, to the Secretary and the item to consider the proposed amendment with the full text thereof shall appear on the agenda of the next regular meeting at which it shall be discussed and voted upon. If the W.M. so desires the proposals may be previously considered by the Committee in which case the

recommendations of the Committee shall be read in open Lodge before the discussion commences. The amendment(s) shall be declared carried if 2/3rds of the members present vote in favour. Each amendment shall be voted upon separately. The amendments shall come into effect when they receive the approval of Regional Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge of India.

19.2 These bye-laws were adopted by the Lodge at its Consecration Meeting held on the 30th day of May 1970 A.D. corresponding to the 9th day of Baisakh 1892 Saka Era and as amended from time to time.

(Sd.)
S.S. UBEROI
Worshipful Master

(Sd.)
Capt. G. SWAMINATHAN
Secretary

(Sd.)
Lt. Col. G. SESHADRI
Senior Warden

(Sd.)
Wg. Cdr. V.S.N. MURTHY
Junior Warden

Approved by R.W.
The Regional Grand Master
of Southern India
Madras,
3rd June 1970

Approved by M.W.
The Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of India
Madras.
5th June 1970

(Sd.)
K. VEERASWAMI
Regional Grand Master

(Sd.)
P.M. SUNDARAM
Grand Secretary

NOTE : The following amendments have been incorporated :

- (a) To bye law (I) as approved by GL (I) on 21 Aug. 1980
- (b) To bye laws (6), (8), (14), (17) and (18) as approved by GL (I) on 10 March 2000.

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