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NAME

1. The Lodge shall be known as 'DHARWAR LODGE' having been assigned No. 54 under the Grand Lodge of India.

MEMBERS

2. The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Non-Resident and Honorary members.

(a) Resident :

Resident member means a member who ordinarily resides within Hubli-Dharwar Municipal Corporation limits and others who pay the full subscription, even when not residing within the above limits.

(b) Non-Resident :

Non-Resident members are those who ordinarily reside beyond the Hubli-Dharwar Municipal Corporation limits. Any Resident Member who ceases to reside within the limits of Hubli-Dharwar Municipal Corporation may be placed on the list of Non-resident members on his application to the Secretary from the English Calender month following the month in which the application is received. Non-Resident members residing within Hubli-Dharwar Municipal Corporation limits, for not less than two consecutive months, shall be transferred to the list of Resident Members with effect from the month next after the month in which the two months' period is completed.

(c) Honorary :

Honorary Members are those elected as such by the Lodge in accordance with Bye-law 142 of the Book of Constitution.

MEETINGS

3. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Hall, Dharwar on the 2nd Saturday of every month at such hour as may be mentioned in the summons for the meeting.

4. Emergency meetings may be held for the purposes mentioned in the Book of Constitution and in accordance with the provisions thereof.

5. The Master of the Lodge and the Tyler shall be elected at the regular meeting in the month of December every year as per the provisions in Rule No. 87 of the Constitution.

6. The Master elect shall be installed at the regular meeting of the Lodge in the month of January every year.

COMMITTEES**7. (a) The Permanent Committee :**

The Lodge shall, at the installation meeting, appoint a Permanent Committee, which

shall consist of the Master, the Immediate Past Master, the Treasurer, the Secretary and three other members elected by the Lodge.

The Permanent Committee shall meet once at least in every month. Three members of the Committee will form the quorum. The Committee shall check the Treasurer's account, inspect and report on the Lodge property consider and report on the proposals for the membership of the Lodge and transact any other business referred to it by the Lodge. The Master, in the absence of the Master the Immediate Past Master or in his absence the Senior most Brother present, shall preside.

(b) Audit Committee :

At the Regular Meeting in January every year, an Audit Committee consisting of the same members as shown in Bye-law No. 7 above, shall be appointed as per Rule 129 of the Book of Constitution, which shall audit and certify the accounts of the Lodge for the year for placing the same before the Lodge

at its Installation Meeting in January every year.

FUNDS

8. (a) Benevolent Fund :

A contribution of Rs. 5/- shall be paid by every member once a year at the beginning of the year. Other voluntary contributions that may be made on special occasions shall also be credited to the Benevolent Fund.

(b) Building Fund :

A Building Fund shall be maintained, out of special contributions from Brethren every month, or occasional contributions from the General Fund and shall be utilised for the maintenance, repairs, and extension of the Lodge building, as and when necessary.

LODGE FEES

9. The following fees be payable to the Lodge and they shall be paid in advance :

Fees for initiations. Rs. 150-00

Fees for joining from a
Lodge under the recognised
constitution. Rs. 40-00

Fees for joining from G.L.I. Rs. 30-00

Fees for rejoining. Rs. 30-00

These fees are exclusive of subscription.

SUBSCRIPTION

10. The subscription for resident member shall be Rs. 5/- per month and for absent member Rs. 3/- per month. If an absent member resides within the limits of the Lodge for more than two months continuously he shall be charged the resident member's subscription from the second month onwards. If any member allows his subscription to remain unpaid for one year or more, he shall be deprived, while so in default, of the rights of voting, of being appointed or elected or continuing in any office in the Lodge, and proposing, seconding or speaking

on propositions before the Lodge. Such defaulting member shall also be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of B. of C. of G.L.I. (Cessation and Exclusion from membership will be governed by Rules 124 and 156 of the B. of C. of G.L.I.)

OFFICERS

11. (a) The regular officers of the Lodge shall be the Master, the Immediate Past Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Inner Guard and Tyler (*vide* Rule No. 86 of B of C of G.L.I.)

(b) The Master may appoint as additional officers a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Almonar, Bearer of the Volume of the Sacred law, a Sword Bearer, an Assistant Secretary and Stewards and others.

SECRETARY

12. The Secretary shall be the usual medium of communication between the

members and the Worshipful Master and shall attend to all correspondence, record the minutes, issue summonses and make due returns to the Grand Lodge and the Regional Grand Lodge. He shall also be ex-officio Secretary of all the Committees appointed by the Lodge.

TREASURER

13. The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit them in the name of the Lodge in a Bank or Banks approved by the Lodge from time to time. The Bank account shall be operated by the Treasurer and any one of the following viz.

- 1) The Wor. Master, and 2) The Secretary.

The Treasurer shall keep account of all Lodge funds. The Treasurer shall not ordinarily keep more than Rs. ~~150~~ 100, as cash on hand.

LODGE PROPERTY

14. Every kind of property belonging to the Lodge shall be vested in the Master and Wardens for the time being subject to the directions and control of the Lodge.

An Inventory of all such property shall be maintained in a separate Register by the Wor. Master, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer and all additions there to, deletions there from shall be recorded in the inventory as and when made. All such additions deletions shall be submitted to the General Committee meetings as and when made and shall be recorded in minutes.

BALLOT

15. (a) All candidates for Initiation, joining and rejoining must be proposed at a Regular meeting of the Lodge according to Rule 135 and 138 of B. of C of G. L. I.

)b) No person shall be made a mason or accepted as a member of the Lodge if, on ballot two black balls appear against him.

(c) A collective ballot for two or more candidates for Initiation or joining may be taken with the approval of the Lodge. However should there be even two black balls, each candidate shall be ballotted for, individually.

(d) No rejected candidate can be proposed again until a period of six months has elapsed from the date of the ballot (*vide* rule 140 of B. of C. of G. L. I.)

PROPOSALS

16. (a) No motion shall be put to the Lodge assembled unless duly proposed by one member and seconded by another, except when proposed by the Wor. Master.

(b) An amendment to any proposition may be made duly proposed and seconded. Amendments shall be put to vote first. If negatived, the original proposition shall then be put to vote. If the amendment is carried, the original proposition shall be declared to be lost.

(c) No proposition of importance shall be brought forward for consideration unless

notice thereof has been given at the previous regular meeting or in writing to the Secretary, well in advance, and in time, to be circulated with summons of the meeting.

AMENDMENTS OF BYE—LAWS

17. Amendments of these Bye-laws or of any of them may be made only in the following manner :

(a) Notice of motion in writing stating precise Amendment or Amendments proposed shall be given in open Lodge at a regular meeting of the Lodge

(b) The motion shall be circulated in the summons for the next regular meeting and shall be voted upon at that meeting.

(c) A resolution for amendment, of which notice shall have been given as aforesaid, shall be carried, if a majority of the members present vote in favour of it, but shall not be effective until it is confirmed and approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master.

VISITORS

18. General Committee may from time to time fix a fee for Dinner to be paid by members for visitors who may be invited by a member to Banquets or other functions connected with the Lodge.

COLOUR OF THE REGALIA

19. The Lodge regalia will be pale blue in colour.

BYE-LAWS

23. (a) These Bye-Laws shall be printed at the expense of the Lodge and a copy presented to every Brother. Every member on his initiation or joining shall receive a copy of the by-Laws. His acceptance shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.

(b) These bye-laws shall be read in open Lodge at a regular meeting at least once a year, as early as possible, after the Installation meeting.

Proposed on : 10- 2-1970.

Accepted on : 12-12-1970.

Confirmed on : 9- 1-1971.

(Sd) M. A. Kamat.
Worshipful Master

(Sd) R. S. Nawari
Secretary

(Sd) A. N. Nayak
Senior Warden.

(Sd) N. M. Rege
Junior Warden.

Approved by the R. W. Regional Grand
Master of Southern India.

Madras
18th Feb. 1971

(Sd) K. Veeraswami
Regional Grand Master

Approved by the M. W. the Grand Master

New Delhi
24th Feb. 1971

(Sd) P. M. Sundearam
Grand Secretary