



# **LODGE KASARAGOD NO. 257**

## **GRAND LODGE OF INDIA**

### **BYE-LAWS**

#### **I. MEMBERSHIP**

1. The members of the Lodge shall comprise three classes. Viz.
  - (a) Resident Members.
  - (b) Non-Resident Members.
  - (c) Honorary Members.

**Explanation:** 1. Resident members are those who reside within 50 miles from KASARAGOD.

**Explanation:** 2. Non-Resident members are those who reside beyond the said limit and apply to be brought on the Non-Resident list.

**Explanation :** 3. Honorary Members are those who are selected as such, for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this lodge in particular.

2. Resident Members leaving the afore-mentioned limit shall be placed on the Non-Resident list from the month following that in which the application to be brought on that list is made.

## **II. DAYS OF MEETINGS**

3. The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held at Freemasons Hall, Vidyanagar, Kasaragod, on the first Thursday of every month at such hour as the Master may, from time to time, direct.

4. Summons for convening the regular meeting of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.

## **III. SUBSCRIPTION & FEES**

5. The Annual subscription of a Resident Member shall be Rs. 3000/-plus RGL fee plus GLI fee and that of nonresident member shall be Rs.1500/-plus RGL fee plus GLI fee payable on 1st January of every year in advance.

6. The following shall be Fees payable in advance:-

Initiation-	Rs. 5000/-
Joining-	Rs. 4000/-
Joining- from a Foreign Constitution-	Rs. 6000/-
Rejoining-	Rs. 6000/-

7. The expense of any Emergency meeting and dispensation fee, if any, due to the Regional Grand Lodge, shall be defrayed by the Brother or Brethren at whose instance the Meeting is held or Dispensation obtained.

#### **IV. ADMISSION & RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS**

8. No candidate for freemasonry shall be initiated and no Brother shall be admitted a joining member of the Lodge, if on the ballot, three black balls appear against him.
9. A candidate rejected for initiation or joining shall not be again proposed in Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of the last ballot.
10. Any member whose subscription for a period of one year or more remains unpaid shall be liable to exclusion under provision of Rule 156 of the B. of C, after approval by the P.C.
11. A member who has resigned or has ceased to be a member or has been excluded for non payment of dues, shall be permitted to rejoin only on payment of all former arrears together with the

rejoining fee but shall be subjected to a fresh ballot.

## V. ELECTION, ETC

12. The Master shall be Elected at the Regular meeting in December and shall be installed at the next regular meeting in January.
13. The Tyler shall be elected at regular meeting in December.
14. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless, in case of emergency the Master directs otherwise.
15. No question once decided in a second time without the permission of the Master or until 3 months shall have elapsed after its last decision
16. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided in Rule 119 of B. of C.
17. At the Regular Investiture meeting in January the

Lodge shall appoint a Standing Committee Consisting of Worshipful Master, Immediate Past Master, All Past Masters who occupied the Eastern Chair of Lodge Kasaragod for 12 complete months, having 50% or more attendance in the previous year in Lodge Kasaragod, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer will be the members and two other members to be Elected in Investiture meeting in the month of January

18. At the Regular Meeting in January the Lodge shall appoint the Committee referred to in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions..
19. The duties of the Standing Committee appointed by the Lodge shall be to enquire about and report on Candidates for initiation and joining, to examine the Secretary's books and check the Treasurer's accounts, to inspect and check all the property of the Lodge at least once a year and to submit at the regular meeting in December before the Installation of the Master-Elect, an Annual report of the Financial condition of and upon general questions affecting the Lodge during the period under review.

20. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be Ex-officio to all Committees appointed by the Lodge.
21. All letters from the members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.
22. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge.  
He shall use issue summons for or notices of all meetings of the Lodge committees, record minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of members and all other registers and records except the accounts kept by the treasurer. He shall carefully preserve all books and keep a register of all moneys passing through his hands. He shall, immediately they are due, prepare the Returns for the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges and forward them, through the Master together with all fees and contributions thereon, to the authorities concerned.
23. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and account books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct all moneys due to or held for the Lodge at a bank approved by a

resolution of the Lodge, and shall take payments for current ordinary expenses on the authority of the Master or other Officer-in-charge of the Lodge. No other payment shall be made without resolution of the Lodge. He shall submit his accounts to the Regular Meeting of the Lodge.

24. A sum of Rs.100/- from the general fund of Lodge shall be annually placed at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress. In case the Master exercises this privilege he shall report the circumstances at the next Regular Meetings of the Lodge, otherwise the sum shall, at the close of the year be carried to the charity account.
25. All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge. The charity box shall be circulated at all the meetings of the Lodge.
26. The Stewards fund shall consist of collections from members towards Dinner and refreshment and shall be explained for this purpose.
27. It shall not be competent for the Brethren to

abrogate, amend or alter these bye-laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one Regular Meeting after insertion in the summons and read and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting.

Approved by the Lodge, at the Consecration meeting held on the 15th February 1985 at Cannanore.

Sd/-  
Senior Warden

Sd/-  
W.Master

Sd/-  
Junior Warden

