

BY-LAWS OF
LODGE MANGALORE NO.156 AMENDMENT

1-8 AUG 2016

SLNo.	EXISTING BY-LAWS	PROPOSED BY-LAWS
1.	<p>Members :</p> <p>The members of the Lodge shall comprise of following 3 (Three) categories:</p> <p>(a) MEMBERS: Explanation: Members shall pay the subscription as prescribed in the By-laws.</p> <p>(b) Honorary Members Explanation: Honorary Members are those who are elected as such for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Lodge Mangalore in particular.</p> <p>(c) Life Members Explanation:</p> <p>(i) Life membership of our Lodge shall be open to a Brother who has been continuously a member for 20 (Twenty) years or more and attained the age of 55 (Fifty five) years.</p> <p>(ii) A lump-sum subscription, equivalent to the 10 (ten) years subscription, at the current rate shall be payable by a Brother who is under 60 (Sixty) years of age</p> <p>(iii) A lump subscription equivalent to 5 (Five) years subscription shall be payable, if the Brother is over 60 (Sixty) years of age.</p> <p>(iv) In the case of a brother with a continuous membership of 20 (Twenty) years in more than one Lodge the lump sum subscription payable shall be 50 percent more than in clause (ii) & (iii) as above</p> <p>(v) The life member however shall continue to pay the annual G.L.I and R.G.L dues as before.</p> <p>Note to clause (v): However, such a life member, can also pay the G.L.I & R.G.L life membership dues as a lump sum subscription as demanded at that time, along with the Lodge Mangalore subscription.</p> <p>(vi) The subscription to the Stewardship Fund shall be payable by the Life members, on the days of their attendance in the Lodge.</p>	<p>Members :</p> <p>No Change</p> <p>(i) No Change</p> <p>(ii) No Change</p> <p>(iii) No Change</p> <p>(iv) No Change</p> <p>v) The life member however shall continue to pay the annual G.L.I and R.G.L dues as before.</p> <p>(vi) No Change</p>
2.	<p>Days of Meeting:</p> <p>(i) The Regular Monthly meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the last Saturday in every month at 6-30 P.M. at the premises if the Lodge at Mangalore, but it may be held at some other day or place under dispensation from the Regional Grand Lodge. The Meeting can be called at an earlier hour, if necessary provided separate circular on the summons is also sent to every member.</p> <p>(ii) Summons for convening the Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.</p>	<p>Days of Meeting and Venue:</p> <p>(i) The Regular Monthly meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the last Saturday in every month at 6-30 P.M. at the Freemason's Hall, Masonic Valley, Bolpugudde, Kavoor, Mangalore - 575 015, but it may be held at some other day or place under dispensation from the Regional Grand Lodge. The Meeting can be called at an earlier hour, if necessary provided separate circular on the summons is also sent to every member.</p> <p>(ii) No Change</p> <p>(iii) Dispensation for change of date & time of regular monthly meeting to be obtained at the request of the Master only for valid reasons to be brought to the Standing committee to be approved, In case of emergency, the Master can take dispensation to change the date & time by informing the Standing committee</p>

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		<p>by a crossed cheque in favour of "Mangalore Masonic Charitable Trust" as one time contribution</p> <p>(iv) The expenses of any emergency meeting and the dispensation fee, if any, due to the Regional Grand Lodge shall be borne by the brother or brethren at whose instance the meeting is held or dispensation obtained or otherwise as decided by the standing committee.</p>
4	<p>Admission of Members:</p> <p>(i) Every proposition for initiation or joining or rejoining shall be made in open lodge.</p> <p>(ii) The proposition together with the declaration shall be referred to the standing committee for consideration and report to the lodge.</p> <p>(iii) Subject to the provisions of Rule 135 of the Book of Constitutions G.L.I., no candidate shall be initiated in or admitted or re-admitted into the lodge until he shall have been regularly proposed and seconded at a regular meeting and balloted for at the next Regular Meeting.</p> <p>(iv) When the ballot takes place for the election of a candidate for initiation or joining or rejoining of a Brother that no person shall be made a mason in or admitted as a member of the Lodge, unless if on the ballot two thirds of the members present and voting in the lodge approve the proposal for such a candidate. A rejected candidate shall not be proposed until; one year, after such rejection.</p> <p>(v) If a candidate for Initiation, Joining or Rejoining is rejected by the ballot; he shall not again be proposed until Twelve months have elapsed after the date of the unfavourable ballot.</p>	No Change
5.	<p>Resigning and Defaulting Members:</p> <p>(i) Any member desirous of resigning from the Lodge shall signify the same in writing to the Secretary before the regular meeting in a month, or announce it in the open lodge.</p> <p>(ii) A brother resigning his membership relinquishes his rights in the Lodge, and shall be re-admitted only on payment of arrears if any along with re-joining fees subject to passing the ballot.</p> <p>(iii) When the subscription of any member falls into arrears to the extent up to six months, he shall be liable for exclusion in accordance with Rule 156 - Book of constitution G.L.I.</p> <p>(iv) Rule 124 of the Book of Constitution G.L.I, states that should the subscription of a member to any Lodge remains unpaid for ONE full year; at the expiration of the period he shall cease to be a member of all Lodges. The defaulting member shall cease to be a member of</p>	<p>(i) No Change</p> <p>(ii) No Change.</p> <p>(iii) When the subscription of any member falls into arrears to the extent up to six months, he shall be liable for exclusion in accordance with Rule 156 - Book of constitution G.L.I. He shall be put on exclusion list & deprived of certain privileges & be penalised by charging Rs.100 extra (Rule 121 Book of constitution G.L.I) while collecting his dues to exit from exclusion list (Rule 67 Book of constitution G.L.I), A Member who is in arrears shall be announced in the next summons & informed individually by email and/or by Registered Post with Acknowledgement. Due Note: Penalty includes Rs.50/- as fine and Rs.50/- to cover postage.</p> <p>(iv) No Change</p>

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	not only Lodge Mangalore No.156, on 31st August of the year, but also of all Lodges of which he happens to be a member.	
6.	Election of Master, Tyler and Treasurer: The Master, Tyler and the Treasurer shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in the month of August every year	No Change
7.	Installation Meeting: (i) The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in September (ii) The Installation Meeting shall be managed by a Committee appointed for the purpose at the Election Meeting. The Committee shall consist of the Master, the Master Elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two or more other Members to be nominated by the Master.	Installation Meeting: (i) The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in September every year. (ii) No Change
8.	Duties of Tyler: He shall be in charge of all paraphernalia belonging to the lodge and be responsible for the proper preservation thereof and shall keep an inventory of it, countersigned by the Master once a year after his Installation. When the Services of a Serving Brother cannot be procured, the duty shall be performed in rotation by the member/members of the Lodge, nominated by the Worshipful Master, who are not holding a Regular Office.	No Change
9.	Property and Funds of the Lodge Property of every kind belonging to the Lodge (including the Warrant, Jewels, Regalia and Archives) shall be considered as vested in the Master, and the Wardens. The responsibility will handed over to their successors at the installation meeting. A regular inventory of the whole shall be entered in a separate book and examined by each Master after his installation. No property of the lodge shall be sold or otherwise disposed of, except by resolution of the Brethren in open lodge	No Change
10.	Charity Fund: (i) The charity fund of the Lodge shall be maintained by the monthly charity box collection made in the Lodge. Voluntary contributions may also be made by members of the Lodge Mangalore and other brethren. (ii) The charity fund is intended for the purpose of giving relief to members of this Lodge and their families and for such relief purposes as the Lodge may from time to time decide upon by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present. Relief may also be given to brethren who were or have been subscribing members of the Lodge Mangalore for a period of not less than five consecutive years, or their afflicted widows, mothers and children. (iii) Every application for such relief must, in the first instance, be referred by the Lodge to the Standing committee for consideration and report to the Lodge. (iv) In cases of emergency, it shall be competent for the master to straight-away sanction payment of a sum of not more than Rs.250/- (Two Hundred & Fifty) previous to reporting to the Lodge. The Lodge shall ratify such payment.	Charity Fund: (i) No Change (ii) No Change (iii) No change (iv) In cases of emergency, it shall be competent for the master to straight-away sanction payment of a sum of not more than Rs.2500/- (Two Thousand) previous to reporting to the Lodge. The Lodge shall ratify such payment.
11.	Committee of the Lodge (i) At the regular meeting in September, the Lodge shall appoint the committee referred to in Rule 130 of the	No Change

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	<p>Book of Constitution G.L.I (2001) called as "Standing Committee" for the purpose of considering and reporting upon proposals for membership of the Lodge and also other matters referred to in clause (iii) below.</p> <p>(ii) The Standing Committee shall consist of the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer and Three others to be elected at the Installation Meeting.</p> <p>(iii) The Standing committee shall also examine the Secretary's books and check the Treasurer's account, inspect & check all the property of the Lodge atleast once a year and submit at the Regular Meeting in September, 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.</p>	
12.	<p>Matters Relating to Administration</p> <p>(i) Duties of Secretary: The Secretary shall transact all the general business and conduct all the correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for or notices of all meetings of the Lodge and 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 records, and keep a register of all money passing through his hands. He shall promptly prepare the Returns of the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges and forward them in proper time, through the Master, together with all fees and contributions due thereon, to the authorities concerned. The Secretary shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all Committees appointed by the Lodge.</p> <p>(ii) Correspondence: All letters from members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.</p> <p>(iii) Duties of the Treasurer: The Treasurer's duties shall be as laid down in Rule 129 of Book Constitution G.L.I. (2001) but subject also to the following provisions.</p> <p>(a) He shall keep THREE separate Bank Accounts.</p> <p>A. for the General Fund to include general administration and building improvement and maintenance.</p> <p>He shall keep separate accounts of the money under the following two heading in the A. General Fund Bank Account, i.e. :-</p> <p>(i) General Fund Account - Administration.</p> <p>(ii) Lodge Building Improvement and Maintenance Fund Account.</p> <p>B. to include Stewards Fund Account.</p> <p>C. to include Charity Fund Account.</p> <p>These three separate bank accounts shall be operated in a Bank or Banks approved by the Lodge, in the name of "Lodge Mangalore", to be operated jointly, and all cheques must be signed by any two of the following, i.e., the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary. Deposit receipt shall be endorsed in favour of any of the two, i.e. Master or Secretary and Treasurer.</p> <p>b) Investments for and belonging to the Lodge shall be kept in the name of the Lodge and the relative</p>	<p>Matters Relating to Administration</p> <p>(i) No Change</p> <p>(ii) No Change</p> <p>(iii) Duties of the Treasurer: The Treasurer's duties shall be as laid down in Rule 129 of Book Constitution G.L.I. but subject also to the following provisions.</p> <p>(a) He shall keep THREE separate Bank Accounts as follows.</p> <p>A. General fund Account</p> <p>B. Steward fund Account</p> <p>C. Charity fund Account</p> <p>These three separate accounts shall be operated in a Bank or Banks approved by the Lodge, in the name of "Lodge MANGALORE NO.156", to be operated jointly and all cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz. the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary, the Treasurer being common signatory. Deposit receipt shall be endorsed in favour of any of the two of the following i.e. the Master or Secretary and Treasurer. General Fund Account is for general administration and for Lodge Building Improvement and Maintenance. A sum of Rs. 5,000/- per meeting (or as stipulated by the Trust) to be paid to Mangalore Masonic Charitable Trust as Meeting & maintenance expenditure, as and when the meeting is held.</p> <p>b) No Change</p>

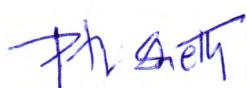
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	<p>documents shall be in the custody of a Bank</p> <p>(c) The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited annually in September before the Annual Installation meeting by an Auditor elected by the Lodge every year. The Treasurer shall place such audited statement of accounts with the Balance sheet before the Standing Committee for approval and the same shall be circulated to the members at the Annual Installation meeting.</p> <p>(d) The Official year for purposes of accounting shall be from 1st September to 31st August of the succeeding year.</p>	<p>c) The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited annually in September before the Annual Installation meeting by an Audit committee of THREE Lodge members or a Professional Auditor, elected by brethren of the Lodge in previous year in the August Election Meeting. The Treasurer shall place such audited statement of accounts with the Balance sheet before the Standing Committee for approval and the same shall be circulated to the members at the Annual Installation meeting.</p> <p>d) No Change</p>
13.	<p>By-laws:</p> <p>(i) As required by the Rule 113 of the Book of Constitution G.L.I., every brother shall be presented by the Master with a printed copy of the By-laws of the "Lodge Mangalore" free of charge, when he becomes a member and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.</p> <p>(ii) The By-laws shall be read in open Lodge once every year at such time as the Master may decide. This item shall appear in the Agenda in the Summons.</p> <p>(iii) It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these By-laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one Regular meeting, inserted in the summons of next regular meeting and read and confirmed in the open lodge and subsequently approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master. The By-laws must then be printed and a copy sent to the Grand Secretary and the Regional Grand Secretary and to all the Brethren of Lodge Mangalore.</p>	No Change

Proposed in open Lodge at the Regular Meeting held on 30-04-2016, Passed unanimously at the Regular Meeting 26-06-2016 and confirmed at the Regular Meeting held on 30-07-2016.

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W.Bro.Vasudev Kamath Panchmal
Worshipful Master



Bro.Dr.Prathvi Shetty
Senior Warden



Bro.Avinash Shenoy
Junior Warden


W.Bro.Gopalkrishna Shenoy
Secretary



Place: Mangalore
Date : 03.08.2016

APPROVED BY R.W.THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

PLACE: Chennai
DATE: 20.8.2016


Regional Grand Master

APPROVED BY M.W.THE GRAND MASTER

PLACE: NEW DELHI
DATE: 09.12.2016


Grand Secretary