

**Lodge Morland No. 25.**  
**Proposed changes to Bye-Laws**

**Existing**

13. **LIFE MEMBER:** A member of the Lodge, who has been a subscribing member of this Lodge continuously for 20 years and has also attained the age of 55 years may become a Life Member of the Lodge on payment of 5 years' lumpsum subscription, at the rates indicated for a regular subscribing member as per By-Law No. 17.

Moreover, the Life Membership subscription so paid will be exclusive of the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge dues which shall be payable in addition, at the rates as applicable from time to time.

15. **RETURN OF ABSENT MEMBERS:** Any member who has been placed as Absent Member under By-Law No. 14 shall on his return to the station inform the same to the Secretary, who shall at once place him as Resident Member.

18. Should an Absent Member attend the Lodge or the Banquet, he shall be charged full subscription for the month.

20. **CORPUS FUND:**

- i. A minimum sum of Rs. 6,00,000 (Rupees Six lakhs only) shall always be maintained as capital fund. These funds shall be invested in Fixed/Term Deposits with the Scheduled Banks and the interest accrued shall be added to the Corpus Fund.
- ii. A sum equivalent to 10% of total subscription collected to be transferred annually to Corpus Fund.

**As proposed**

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18. Should an Absent Member attend three Lodge meetings or more in a year, he shall be charged full subscription for the year.

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A minimum sum of Rs. 6,00,000 (Rupees Six lakhs only) shall always be maintained as capital fund. These funds shall be invested in Fixed/Term Deposits with the Nationalised Banks.

For Grand Lodge of India



Grand Secretary

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**22. BENEVOLENT FUND:**

The benevolent fund will consist of the following:

- a. One half of initiations joining and rejoining fees.
- b. Charitable collection in the meeting
- c. Voluntary donations.
- d. Interest accrued from General Fund deposits.
- e. A maximum of 50% of the annual surplus of income over the expenditure.
- f. Other contributions from General Fund as the Lodge may determine from time to time.

The Benevolent Fund shall be solely devoted for charitable purposes. A sum of Rs. 1,000 from this fund shall be held annually at the discretion of the Worshipful Master to meet the emergent cases of distress. The utilization of such funds by the Master shall be informed in the next regular meeting of the Lodge by the Worshipful Master.

**23. GENERAL FUND:**

The amounts other than of Benevolent Fund under By-Law No. 22 and Corpus Fund under By-Law No. 20 shall constitute General Fund. Any amount in excess of Rs.75,000 (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand only) of these funds in the Bank accounts shall be placed, either in short or long term fixed deposits as decided by the Standing Committee. Any fixed deposit of the General Fund may be encashed after the same is approved in the open Lodge by the majority of brethren in good standing present at the meeting. All deposits of the Lodge should be in Scheduled Banks.

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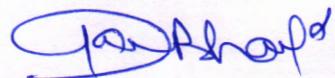
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- b. Charitable collections at the meetings.
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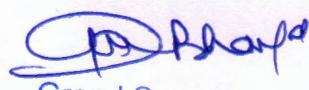
**IX. TREASURER**

**33. FUNDS WITH TREASURER.** The Treasurer shall collect all dues and fees. He shall deposit all sums in excess of Rs 5,000 (Rupees Five Thousand only) in his possession for over a week, in the Scheduled Bank in the name of the Lodge. Provided that not more than a sum of Rs.75,000 (Rupees Seventy Five Thousand only) may be kept in a Bank. Funds in excess of Rs.75,000 shall be kept in Fixed/Term deposits. All Bank and/or other accounts shall be operated by the Treasurer jointly either with the Worshipful Master OR the Secretary.

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**41. REFERENCE TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE:** The Worshipful Master is hereby authorised and empowered to refer to the Standing Committee, for consideration and report at any stage, any matter or proposition that may be brought before the Lodge, previous to putting the same to vote and on the Worshipful Master so referring the same, all discussions thereon in the Lodge shall immediately cease.

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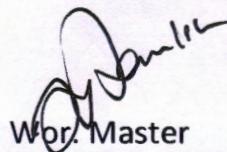
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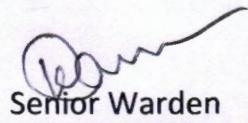
The above amendments were regularly proposed and seconded in open Lodge at the Regular Meeting held on 22.June.2023, approved at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on 27.July.2023 and confirmed at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on 24.Aug.2023.

Place: **Hyderabad**

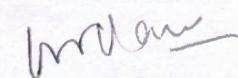
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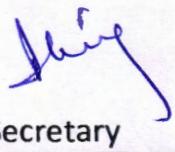
Wor. Master



Senior Warden



Junior Warden

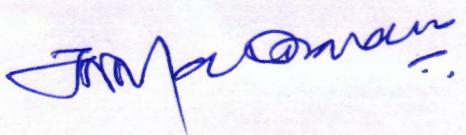
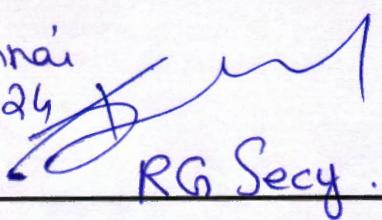


Secretary

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

Place: **Chennai**

Date: **12.12.2024**



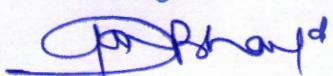
Approved by M.W. the Grand Master

Place: **NEW DELHI**

Date: **18.01.2024**

For Grand Lodge of India

Grand Secretary



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