

BY-LAWS

of the

**PALGHAT LODGE**

No. 159 G.L.I

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### 1. Members

The members of the lodge shall comprise of three classes, viz. :-

(a) Resident members, (b) Non-Resident members, (c) Honorary members.

*Explanation 1* - Resident members are those who reside within 50 miles of Palghat Fort.

*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 elected, as such for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular.

2. Resident members leaving Palghat 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 Meeting

3. The Regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemason's Hall on the second Saturday of every month at such as the Master may, from time to time, direct.

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

## III. Subscription and Fees

5. Every Resident / Non Resident Member shall pay a subscription of Rs. 2500/- per annum. The subscription shall be paid before the last day of August every year.:-

6. The following shall be the fees payable in advance:-

Initiation fee	-	Rs. 7000.00
GLI & RGL, Reg. fee	-	Rs. 250.00
Ritual Book, Constitutional By-Law and Square & Compass	-	Rs. 200.00
Cost of Apron	-	Rs. 500.00
Cost of Lodge constitution	-	Rs. 50.00
One year subscription in advance	-	Rs. 2500.00
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Joining Fees	-	Rs. 500.00
Re - Joining Fees	-	Rs. 500.00

7. The expenses 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 and Retirement of Members**

8. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated, and no Brethren shall be admitted a joining member of the Lodge, if, on the ballot, two 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 3 months or more remains unpaid shall be liable to exclusion under the provisions of Rule 156 of the B. of 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 re-join only on payment of all former arrears together with his re-joining fee but shall be subjected to a fresh ballot

#### **V. Election Etc**

12. The master shall be elected at a Regular Meeting in September and shall be installed at the next Regular Meeting in October.

13. The Tyler shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in September.

14. No motion shall be made or discusses 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 open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Master or until 3 months shall have elapsed after its last decision.

16. The control of property of the Lodge shall be as provided in Rule 119 of the B. of C.

17. The permanent Committee shall consist of Wor. Master (who will be Ex-officio President), all Past Masters in and of the Lodge, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two members to be appointed by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting.

18. At the Regular Meeting in October 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 Regular meeting, 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* Secretary to all Committee appointed by the Lodge.

21. All letters from 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 issue summons for or notices of all meetings of the Lodge or 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, 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

due thereon, to the authorities concerned.

23. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and the account book of the Lodge. He shall receive direct, all moneys due to or held for the Lodge and deposit the same in the name of the Lodge at a bank approved by a resolution of the Lodge and shall make 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 a resolution of the Lodge. He shall submit his accounts to the Regular Meetings of the Lodge.

24. A sum of Rs. 25/- from the General Funds of the 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 circumstance at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge; otherwise the sum shall, at a close of the year, be carried to the Charity account.

25. All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge.

26. 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, after insertion in the summons, and read and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting.

Approved by the Lodge at the Consecration Meeting on 12 th October 1963.

Sd./-	G. R. Parasuram	W.M.
Sd./-	C. S. V. Ramani	S.W.
Sd./-	P. R. Swamy Iyer	J.W.
Sd./-	S. N. Gopalakrishnan	Secretary

Approved by me.

Sd./- S. T. Srinivasa Gopala Chari  
Regional Grand Master

12 th October 1963

Approved by M. W. Grand Master

Sd./- P. M. Sundaram  
Grand Secretary

7 th November 1963