

BY-LAWS
OF
LODGE MANGALORE
NO. 156



MANGALORE

2016

PREFACE

*The First Edition of the rules of the Lodge Mangalore
By-laws were printed, published and circulated in August 1986.*

The Second Edition was printed, published and circulated in February 2002.

The Present Amendments to the By-laws were regularly proposed in the open lodge at the regular meeting held on 30th April 2016, passed at the regular meeting held on 26th June 2016 and confirmed at the regular meeting held on 30th July 2016. These were duly approved by the R.W. The Regional Grand Master on 20th August 2016 and the M.W. The Grand Master on 9th December 2016.

Thus, this Third Edition of the Lodge Mangalore By-laws is now printed, published and circulated as the current By-laws of the Lodge Mangalore No. 156, to be effective from 9th December 2016.

28-12-2016

R.W. Bro. Dr. Shedde Prabhakar Rao
Convenor

28.12.2016

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W.Bro. Gopalkrishna
Secretary
2015-16

Sd/-

Worshipful Master 2015-16

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2. Installed Master's: No..... Date.....

BY - LAWS

(Framed under Rule 111 of the Book of Constitution, GLI.)

1. Members :

The members of the Lodge shall comprise of following 3 (Three) categories:

(a) **MEMBERS:**

Explanation : Members shall pay the subscription as prescribed in the By-laws.

(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.

(c) **Life Members**

Explanations:

(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.

(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

(iii) A lump-sum subscription equivalent to 5 (Five) years subscription shall be payable, if the Brother is over 60 (Sixty) years of age.

(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

(v) The life member however shall continue to pay the annual G.L.I and R.G.L dues as before.

(vi) The subscription to the Stewardship Fund shall be payable by the Life members, on the days of their attendance in the Lodge.

2. Days of Meeting and Venue:

- (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.
- (ii) Summons for convening the Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be issued atleast seven days previous to such meetings.
- (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 members which should be ratified in the next meeting.

3. Subscription and Fees:

(i) Every member shall pay to the Treasurer the following dues of the lodge, as mentioned in schedule 3(ii) d, e, f, g actuals of which may be changed and presented from time to time and approved in the open lodge. The dues may be paid in cash or crossed cheque drawn in favour of "Lodge Mangalore No. 156" to the Treasurer who shall issue a receipt forthwith. In addition to this, a member shall pay Rs.10,000/- towards Lodge building and Maintenance fund while joining the lodge as one time contribution.

A member in arrears of subscription for a period of one year will be under automatic cessation as per Rule No. 124 of the Book of Constitution. He also ceases to be a member of other lodges under G.L.I.

(ii) The dues payable to the Lodge towards subscription, Steward Fund and towards Building Fund may be changed after discussion in the Standing Committee, proposed in the open lodge and passed by a 2/3rd majority of the members present and voting during a regular meeting of the lodge or during an Emergency meeting of the lodge when called for the

purpose. The new approved dues to come into effect for the following year starting 1st September after being approved by RGLSI/GLI

(iii) The following fees shall be payable in advance in every case, before balloting for:

(a) for Initiation	Rs. 1,500/- (One Thousand Five Hundred)
(b) for joining from Foreign Constitution	Rs. 2,000/- (Two Thousand)
Note : For (a) & (b), fee includes to provide for Book of Constitutions, Lodge By-Laws & M.M's Apron.	
(c) for joining & rejoining	Rs. 500/- (Five Hundred)
(d) Stewards Fund Account for the year:	Rs. 1,100/- A sum as determined by the Standing Committee from time to time and not exceeding Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred & Fifty only) per month is to be collected for each member for the cost of the after proceedings. This amount shall be payable by Ordinary Resident Member of D.K. District.
(e) Subscription for the year	Rs. 1,200/-
(f) Square & Compasses Journal of G.L.I: Annual Subscription	to be collected along with annual dues. Amount as actuals.
(g) Actuals of GLI and RGL dues for the year.	
(h) Donation for Lodge building and	Rs.10,000/- Maintenance fund to be paid by a crossed cheque in favour of "Mangalore Masonic Charitable Trust" as one time contribution
(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.

4. Admission of Members:

- (i) Every proposition for initiation or joining or rejoining shall be made in the open lodge.
- (ii) The proposition together with the declaration shall be referred to the standing committee for consideration and report to the lodge.
- (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.
- (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.
- (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.

5. Resigning and Defaulting Members:

- (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.
- (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.
- (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.

- (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 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

7. Installation Meeting:

- I. The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in September every year.
- 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.

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.

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 for the time being in Trust for the members of the Lodge and 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 the open lodge.

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.2500/- (Two Thousand Five Hundred) previous to reporting to the Lodge. The Lodge shall ratify such payment.

11 Committees of the Lodge

- (i) At the regular meeting in September, the Lodge shall appoint the committee referred to in Rule 130 of the Book of Constitution G.L.I 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.
- (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.
- (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.

12 Matters Relating to Administration

- (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.
- (ii) Correspondence: All letters from members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.
- (iii) Duties of the Treasurer: The Treasurer's duties shall be as laid down in Rule 129 of Book of Constitution G.L.I. but subject also to the following provisions.
 - (a) He shall keep THREE separate Bank Accounts as follows.
 - A. General fund Account
 - B. Steward fund Account
 - C. Charity fund Account
 - 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 receipts 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.

- (b) Investments for and fixed deposits for and belonging to the Lodge shall be kept in the name of the Lodge and the relative documents shall be in the custody of a Bank.
- (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.
- (d) The Official year for purposes of accounting shall be from **1st September to 31st August** of the succeeding year.

13. By-laws:

- (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.
- (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.
- (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.

LODGE MANGALORE - NO. 156

CONSECRATED ON 29TH JUNE 1963, IN BANGALORE

FOUNDER MEMBERS

Reg. No.	<u>Officers</u>
1. W. Bro. R. Srinivasan	... Worshipful Master
2. Bro. A. Bhasker Rao	... Senior Warden
3. Bro. A. A. Bailur	... Junior Warden
4. W. Bro. R. Bhasker Rao	... Secretary
5. W. Bro. R. Ganesh	
6. W. Bro. S.S. Godbole	... Tyler
7. W. Bro. K. Govinda Rao	... Treasurer
8. Bro. V. Visveswariah	... Senior Deacon
9. W. Bro. S. P. Bhacca	
10. W. Bro. B. Bhavanishanker Rao	... Chaplain
11. W. Bro. S.S. Bhacca	... I.P.M.
12. Bro. C.V. Narayana Rao	... Inner Guard
13. W. Bro. M.M.A. Navas	
14. W. Bro. S.R. Narayana Raja	
15. Bro. V.C. Ramachandran	
16. W. Bro. K.V. Ranganatha Rao	
17. Bro. S.L. Simha	
18. W. Bro. A.T. Kathiresan	
19. W. Bro. G.T. Kamat	
20. W. Bro. E.P.B. Manian	

21. W. Bro. C.V. Krishnamurthi
22. W. Bro. R. Ganapathi ... Junior Deacon
23. Bro. P.T. Srinivasan ... Steward
24. Bro. B. Madhava Shenoi
25. W. Bro. B.R. Dayanidhi ... Director of Ceremonies
26. Bro. K.M. Mohammad Kutty
27. Bro. K.V. Kunhamed
28. Bro. Ramniklal Jamnadas
29. Bro. J.S. Kamath
30. W. Bro. M.V. Narasimha Iyengar
31. Bro. L. Hariachar
32. W. Bro. A. Prabhakar Rao
33. Bro. C.R. Narasimha Murthi
34. Bro. K.V. Bhagath, E.A.

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TYLER'S TOAST :

"All poor and distressed Masons, wherever dispersed over the face of the Earth and Water, wishing them a speedy relief from all their sufferings and a safe return to their native country, if they so desire it."

APPROVED BY R.W.THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

PLACE:

DATE: 20.8.2016

ACMR

Regional Grand Master

APPROVED BY M.W.THE GRAND MASTER

PLACE: NEW DELHI

DATE: 09.12.2016

V.K. Gupta

Grand Secretary

FOR YOUR NOTES