



Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India

Freemasons' Hall, 14 Ethiraj Salai, Chennai - 600008

L.243/2019

Amendment
to bylaw (1)
file

29 June 2019

To
Bro.Ajith Guna Shenoy
Secy.,Lodge Ernakulam No.243
C/o R.W.Bro.Premjit Nagendran
Sreepatham
Krishnaswamy Road
Kochi-682 035

Dear Sir and Brother,

SUB:AMENDMENT TO BYE-LAWs Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 15, III & VIII OF LODGE ERNAKULAM NO.243

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the amendment to bye-law Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 15, III & VIII of **LODGE ERNAKULAM NO.243, Kochi** duly approved by R.W.The Regional Grand Master on 28th April,2019 and M.W.The Grand Master.(22-06-2019).

The Amendment will be effective from the date of approval by M.W.The Grand Master.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

N. Pandurangan
(N.PANDURANGAN)
Regional Grand Secretary.

Encl:Amendment to Bye-law No. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 15, III & VIII

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Regional Grand Lodge Of Southern India

Lodge ERNAKULAM

No 243 Place

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO/ REVISED BY LAWS

(To be Submitted in Triplicate)

18 MAR 2019

Existing By-Laws	Proposed amendments to By-Laws
By-Laws No	By-Laws No
SEE SEPERATE SHEET ATTACHED	

The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Lodge at a regular Meeting held on 03.11.2018 Passed at a regular Meeting held on 01.12.2018 and confirmed at a regular Meeting held on 05.01.2019

Place COCHIN

Date 25.02.2019

W. Master

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Secretary

APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

Place Chennai

Date 28.04.2019

Regional Grand Master

New Delhi,

Date 22.06.2019

Grand Secretary



APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

ORIGINAL BY LAWS**PROPOSED BYLAWS****EXPLANATORY****NOTE****PREAMBLE**

(new)

We, The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lodge Ernakulam No. 243 are now bringing into force the Bye-Laws of this Lodge, with a view to preserving peace, unity and harmony, therefore, thought it proper to establish and subscribe to the following Rules and Regulations.

Date of warrant

24.11.1980

Date of Consecration

14.03.1981

Regular Meetings first

Saturday of every month

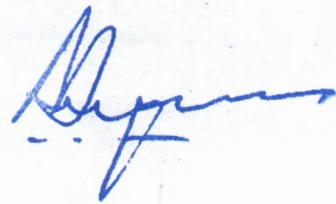
Place of Meeting

Ernakulam Msonic Hall,

Thrikkakara, Kochi –

682 021

The lodge is facing difficulties in operating its bank accounts in the absence of a PAN card. This is on account of the lodge not being able to show an adequate proof of address. The Lodge had many years ago already approved that the Secretariat of the lodge would be at Sreepatham Krishnaswamy Road, Cochin 682 035. It is felt by incorporating this preamble in the bylaws it may facilitate the granting of a PAN Card for the lodge.



1 MEMBERS

- 1) Lodge May have three classes of members namely:
 - i) Resident Members:
 - ii) Life Members: and
 - iii) Honorary Members
- 2) Any member who resides permanently within the District of Ernakulam will be deemed a Resident Member and will pay the monthly Lodge subscription accordingly.
- 3) A member who was a subscribing member for 20 years in the Lodge and had also attained the age of 55 years can, by application in writing and on payment of a lumpsum equal to 5 years subscription could become a Life Member of the Lodge.
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Honorary Members shall pay no admission fees or contribution of any kind, but shall not be eligible to vote or hold any office.
- 4) All members will communicate promptly their change of address to the Secretary.

The class of member as Life Member is sought to be removed as in the event that a member seeks to exercise that option, the lodge would be put to financial difficulty as the lodge would then be liable to pay the dues to the GLI/RGL. It may also be noted that life membership is a facility that can be granted by a lodge at its discretion.
(See Rule 142 A of the B of C)



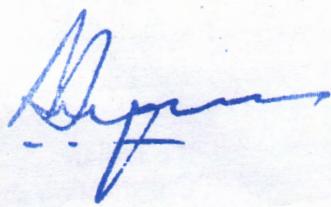
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15) A standing Committee for general purposes shall be constituted at the Installation Meeting, consisting of the Master, Immediate Past Master, the two Wardens, all the Past Masters of and in the Lodge under the Indian Constitution or recognised Constitutions, Treasurer, Secretary and two elected members who do not hold any regular office in the Lodge.

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The standing committee is becoming too unwieldy hence those past masters not of this lodge are sought to be excluded. As per practice the deacons are elected as members of the standing committee but they are officers of the lodge which is in conflict with the bylaws hence the change.



III. DUES AND FEES

1. Fees and subscription payable to the Lodge will be paid in advance as follows:

- a) An annual Subscription of Rs. 2000/- and the dues payable to the Grand Lodge and the Regional Grand Lodge.
- b) Fee for Initiation shall be Rs. 1500/-. This is inclusive of all fees payable by the Lodge to the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge.
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- e) After approval in open lodge, the lodge may levy such other fees at such rate as may be specified by the lodge on all its members. The lodge may also exempt any member or class of members from the levy of such fee.

New bylaw 6 (E) is proposed to be introduced



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Although for many years now the Treasurer has never held an imprest amount. It is felt that the sum of Rs 50 provided earlier was too meager and to avoid any contingency in future the amount needs to be enhanced to Rs 5000.

