

REGIONAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTHERN INDIA

Lodge.....THIRUNAL.....No.....179.....Place.....Bangalore.....

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO / REVISED BY LAWS

(To be Submitted in Triplicate)

Amendments proposed to the By laws Lodge Thirunal No. 179

Existing	Proposed	Reasons
2. Members There shall be two classes of Members, namely subscribing and Honorary Members.	2 Members. The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Non-Resident and Life Members.	Provision has been made to enrol Non-Resident and Life Members.
a) Members. All members, other than Honorary Members, are subscribing members. They pay the same subscription vide by law 10(a).	Resident members are those residing within a radius of 25 kms. from the limits of the Bangalore City Corporation.	
b) Honorary Members : Any brother of good standing and worthy of such distinction by reason of his services to craft or the particular Lodge who is or within the previous year has been a subscribing member of a regular daughter Lodge elected as such in accordance with Rule 142 of B of C.	b. Non-Resident members are those residing beyond the area mentioned in (a). c. Life members are those members who have attained the age of 55 years and have been continuously subscribing members of the Lodge for 20 years and who have after 1-1-1995 paid a one time lumpsum subscription equivalent to normal subscription of ten years as currently applicable to Resident members.	
	2.2 Subject to Rule 142 of the Book of Constitution the Lodge may elect Honorary members.	
6. Secretary There is no such By-law at present.	6. SECRETARY b. The Secretary shall take note of members coming within the provision of By-law No. 10.3(b) and Rule 124 and 156 of B of C and report to the Lodge and take necessary steps to enforce the above provision.	To clarify the duty of the Secretary and is inserted as By law 6(b)
7. Treasurer a) The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit them in either or both of the Banks namely the State Bank of Mysore, Bangalore and the State Bank of India, Bangalore. There is no change in By laws (b) & (c).	7. TREASURER a. The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit them in any of the Nationalised or Scheduled Bank as approved in Open Lodge under the following Heads. i. General Fund ii. Benevolent Fund iii. Refreshment Fund. d. All payments exceeding Rs. 100/- shall ordinarily be paid by cheques only. e. The Treasurer shall intimate to the Secretary all cases of arrears falling under By Laws No. 10.3(b) and Rule 124 and 156 of B of C. f. The Treasurer is also authorised to correspond with members regarding collection of fees and other dues. 8. All receipts to be given & routed through Treasurer so that they will be appropriately accounted & receipts issued.	Instead of depositing the funds only in SBM and SBI it is proposed to deposit in any Nationalised or Scheduled Bank. The details of separate accounts to be opened have been clarified Treasurers duties have been amplified by inserting new By laws Nos. (d), (e) and (f).

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10. Subscription : No change	10 SUBSCRIPTION b. The annual subscription of Rs. 750/- due to be paid by Resident Members in advance during the month of July every year. c. If a Resident member is initiated or joins during the period Jan. to June the subscription payable will be Rs 375/-. d. The annual subscription to Non-Resident members will be Rs. 350/- The amount will due to be paid by a Non-Resident Member irrespective of the date / month of Initiation / Joining	The present clause has been numbered as (a) Addl. Clauses (b) (c) and (d) have been added This is necessary as it is proposed to enrol Non Resident members.
10. Subscription b) The present limit is upto Rs. 25/-. c) In any member allows his subscription to remain in arrears for four months xxxx.	10.3a. In circumstances of emergency, the Worshipful Master may accord relief upto Rs. 100/- and the matter when reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting, the Worshipful Master shall be reimbursed from the Lodge Benevolent Fund b. If any member allows his subscription to remain in arrears for six months he shall be deprived while so in default, of the rights of voting, of proposing or seconding candidates, of being appointed or elected to offices in the Lodge and of proposing, seconding and speaking on propositions before the Lodge. Such defaulting members shall be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of Book of Constitutions	The limit has been increased to Rs. 100/- This has been increased to six months. The by law has been renumbered as 10 3a and (b)
11. Ballot No such provision exists at present.	11. BALLOT b. Every application for Initiation or Joining shall be placed by the Secretary before the Permanent Committee for due enquiry and report. Any information by a Brother regarding the character or qualification of a candidate shall be treated with strict confidence	A new provision to interview the candidate to be initiated by the PC has been added. The other By laws under Ballot have been renumbered as (c) and (d)

The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Lodge at a regular Meeting held on 17th Feb 2001 Passed at a regular Meeting held on 17th Mar 2001 and confirmed at a regular Meeting held on 21st April 2001

Place Bangalore

Date 18th Aug 2001
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