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1 March 2012

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Dear Sir and R.W.Brother,

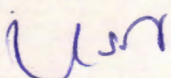
**SUB:AMENDMENT TO BYE-LAWS OF  
BHAGYANAGAR MASTERS LODGE NO.326**

We are forwarding herewith a copy of the amendments to bye-laws of Bhagyanagar Masters Lodge No.326 duly approved by R.W.The Regional Grand Master and M.W.The Grand Master.

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

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
Asst.Regional Grand Secretary.

Encl:Amendment to Bye-laws & Rt.No.3011

# REGIONAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTHERN INDIA

**Lodge: BHAGYANAGAR MASTERS' LODGE No: 326 Place: Hyderabad**  
**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO / REVISED BY LAWS**  
*(To be submitted in Triplicate)*

Existing By Laws	Proposed By Laws
By Law No.:	By Law No.:
<p>1. a. The Lodge shall have 4 meetings in a year and meets on 2nd Friday of March, June, September and December. All the four Meetings will be held at Goshamahal Baradari Masonic Temple, Hyderabad</p> <p>b. An emergency meeting of the Lodge may be held in accordance with the rule 116 of B of C.</p> <p><b>2. Membership</b></p> <p>a. All past Master of any daughter Lodge under the Grand Lodge of India are eligible to become members provided they have confirmed to the Rule 144 (ii) of B of C of G.L.I upon their election.</p> <p>b. The Lodge shall consist of 1) Resident 2) Non-Resident and 3) Honorary Members.</p> <p>Resident members are those who resident in Twin cities. Non Resident members are those who reside of the Twin cities with a Request that they may be put in the non-resident members list.</p> <p>Honorary members are those who are elected as such in accordance with the provisions of Rule 142, B of C.</p> <p><b>3. Admission and Retirement of Members</b></p> <p>a. No brother shall be admitted as a joining member of the Lodge unless if on ballot two thirds of members present &amp; voting in the Lodge approve the proposal. If the Master is of the opinion that a mistake might have occurred in the ballot, he may order a second ballot to be taken forthwith, which shall be final.</p>	<p><b>CONSTITUTION</b></p> <p>1. <b>Officers of the Lodge:</b> The Officers of the Lodge shall consist of Worshipful Master, Immediate Past Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Bearer of Volumes of Sacred Laws, Sword Bearer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Almoner, Organist, Inner Guard, Stewards and Tyler.</p> <p>2. <b>Regular Meeting:</b> The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the second Friday of March, June, September and December. Three Meetings will be held in Goshamahal Baradari Masonic Temple and one meeting at St. John's Masonic Hall at Secunderabad, or at any other place to be decided by the Worshipful Master.</p> <p>3. <b>Members:</b> The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Absentee and Honorary Members.</p> <p>4. <b>Limits of Jurisdiction:</b> The word "Station" shall be held to mean the area under the jurisdiction of Hyderabad Metro Development Authority (HMDA).</p> <p><b>CANDIDATES</b></p> <p>5. Every candidate for Joining or Rejoining must be proposed and seconded by members in good standing at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge.</p>

**APPROVED By MW THE GRAND MASTER**

New Delhi

Date: 20.02.2012

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Grand Secretary



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- b. The Brother rejected for joining shall not again be proposed for a period of one year, he shall be excluded from the membership automatically

### 4. Election

Election of W.M., Treasurer by ballot and choosing the Tyler shall be in the month of December and Installation meeting shall be in the month of March.

### 5. Officers

- a. Regular W.Master, IPM, SW, JW, Treasurer, Secretary, S.D. J.D., I.G., and Tyler.
- b. W.M. can also appoint Chaplain, DOC, Almoner, Bearers of VSL., Organist, Sword Bearer, a DOC and Steward. Non Resident members cannot be of the list of Officers.
- c. Permanent Committee shall comprise WM, IPM, DOC, SW, JW, Secretary, Treasurer, SD, JD, and Two members to be elected at the installation Meeting. Quorum for the meeting shall be 5.
- d. The W.M. shall preside over the meeting of the P.C. or in his absence the IPM, or if both are not present any senior most past master present shall preside.

### 6. Subscription

- a. The annual Subscription shall be for
- 1) Resident Members Rs.500
  - 2) Non-Resident members Rs.300
- In addition to the above all members shall have to pay the GLI and RGL fees
- b. The joining fee shall be Rs.500 exclusive of annual subscription.
- c. Secretary and Tyler may be exempted from the subscription.

6. **Unfavourable ballot:** A candidate who has not been balloted clear shall not be eligible for proposal again for twelve months.

### BALLOT AND VOTING

7. **Ballot:** The secrecy of the Ballot shall be held strictly inviolable and whenever Ballot is taken either for Joining or Rejoining of a Brother, unless a minimum of two third of the members present approve the proposal, the proposition of such brother shall not be accepted.
8. **Second Ballot:** The Worshipful Master on a proposition duly seconded may for the purpose of being assured that no mistake has occurred in the use of the Black Balls, cause a Second Ballot to be taken forthwith which shall be final for all purposes.
9. **Voting/Balloting:** Any member whose subscription is in arrears of 6 months shall be debarred from balloting or voting on any subject.
10. **Voting by proxy:** No member shall be permitted to vote by proxy.

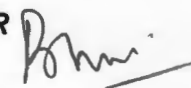
### RESIDENT, ABSENTEE AND HONORARY MEMBERS

11. **Resident Member:** A member is deemed to be a Resident member as long as he is in "Station" as defined by By-Law No.4.
12. **Absentee Member:** A Resident member may be placed in the category of Absentee Member when he leaves the Station. No member leaving the station shall be treated as Absentee Member until he informs the same in writing to the Secretary or announces it in the open Lodge. No office bearer shall be allowed to become an Absentee Member during his term of office.

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### 7. Management

- a. Treasurer: Shall collect all fees and subscriptions, deposit the amount in the Lodge account with a Scheduled Bank. The account shall be operated jointly by the Treasurer countersigned by WM or Secretary.  
  
The Treasurer shall maintain proper accounts and submit the annual accounts to the Audit Committee in the month of December and approval of the same by the Lodge in the month of February.
- b. Audit Committee shall consists of two members who shall be elected at the Installation meeting
- c. The financial year or the Lodge shall be from January to December every year, the first closing being December 31, 2000.

### 8. Funds

The money of the Lodge shall be held under the following Two distinct Heads:

#### a. General Fund b) Charity Fund

Annual subscription paid by members the Lodge are well all other amounts shall be credited to the General Fund.

The Charity fund shall consist of charity collections made at the Lodge Meeting Voluntary contributions, to the fund and such other amounts as may be regularly voted by the Lodge from time to time from the "General Fund" That money shall be devoted solely to charity, but no Expenditure be incurred without the prior sanction of the Lodge.

### 9. Secretary

The secretary shall record the minutes of all the meetings of the Lodge, and its Committee and should be in charge of all the Lodge record and books, other

13. **Return of Absentee Member:** Any member who has been placed as Absentee Member under By-Law No.12 shall on his return to the station inform the same to the Secretary, who shall at once place him as Resident Member.

14. **Honorary Member:** An Honorary Member shall be elected by Ballot as per Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions after notice of such election is placed in the summons. However, consent of the brother on whom Honorary Membership is to be conferred shall be received by the Lodge in writing prior to balloting.

### FEES AND SUBSCRIPTION

15. The following shall be payable to the Lodge by the members. The subscription shall be Payable in advance.

- a. Joining and Rejoining Fees Rs.1,000
- b. Annual subscription for Resident Members Rs.800
- c. Annual subscription for Absent Members Rs.400

In addition to the above all members will have to pay the GLI and RGL fees on actual basis.

16. As part of the subscription, the Lodge shall pay for the Dinner on the day of the Meeting for the members attending, Aprons for use of all the members, Collars of the respective Officers for the members so invested and provide Installed Master's Certificate to all installed masters.

17. Should an Absentee Member attend the Lodge or the Banquet, he shall be charged full Subscription for that

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than the account books, maintained by the Treasurer. He shall be ex-officio Secretary to all the committees appointed by the Lodge.

The Inventory of the Lodge Properties, movable or immovable shall be maintained by the Secretary.

### 10. Amendment of By-Laws

The By-Laws shall be altered or amended only as follows:

1. Notice of the motion of the alteration or amendment be given at the Regular Meeting.
2. The alteration or amendment be proposed and seconded at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge and carried by 2/3 majority of the members present and voting.
3. The approval of the R.W. the RGM of SI and the M.W. the Grand Master be then obtained.

meeting.

18. Should the subscription of the Lodge remain unpaid for six full months, the Secretary shall send a Registered notice to the brother requesting the settlement within one month from the date thereof.
19. If the payment is not received as stipulated, the Secretary shall report to the Standing Committee. The Committee in turn may recommend to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting to exclude the said member under Rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions.
20. **CORPUS FUND:** A sum of Rs.1,00,000 (Rupees one lakh only) shall be built-up and be maintained as Corpus Fund. This fund shall be invested in Fixed/Term Deposit with the Nationalized Bank/s and the Interest accrued shall be added to the Corpus.
21. The Corpus Fund shall be funded by:
  - a. Transferring a maximum of 50 % of the Interest accrued from General Fund deposits.
  - b. Transferring a maximum of 25 % of the Annual surplus of Income over the Expenditure.
  - c. Voluntary donations.
  - d. Other contributions from the General Fund as the Lodge may determine from time to time.
22. In the event of any necessity arising for the withdrawal of funds out of the Corpus Fund of the Lodge, the notice of the same shall be brought in the Summons. A majority of not less than three-fourths of the brethren present and voting at the

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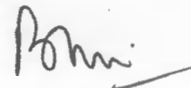
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meeting shall be required to approve the same.

23. **BENEVOLENT FUND:** The Benevolent Fund will be created/funded as under:
- One half of Joining and rejoining fees.
  - Charity collection in the meeting.
  - Voluntary donations.
  - A maximum of 25% of the annual surplus of Income over the Expenditure.
  - Other contribution from the General Fund as the Lodge may determine from time to time.
  - Interest accrued from Benevolent Fund deposits.
24. The Benevolent Fund shall be solely devoted for charitable purposes. A sum of Rs.5,000 from this fund shall be held by the Worshipful Master, which may be utilized for any emergent cases of distress faced by a Brother. Expenditure so incurred shall be ratified at the ensuing Regular Meeting of the Lodge.
25. **GENERAL FUND:** The amounts other than of Benevolent Fund under By-Law No. 23 and Corpus Fund under By-Law No. 20 shall constitute General Fund. Any amount in excess of Rs.15,000 (Rupees fifteen thousand only) of these funds in the Bank accounts shall be placed either in short or long term fixed deposits as decided by Standing Committee. Any Fixed Deposit of the General Fund may be encashed, after the same is approved in the open Lodge by majority of brethren present at the

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meeting. All the deposits made under By-Law No. 25 should be with Nationalized Banks.

26. **SPECIAL BANQUET FEE:** It shall be within the powers of the Lodge to levy a special fee, on all members to meet the expenses to organize a special banquet or other entertainment.

### PROPOSITIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

27. **PROPOSITIONS:** No proposition shall be entertained until it has been duly seconded; and when a motion has been duly made and seconded, the opinion of the Brethren present who may wish to speak thereon shall be taken before it is put to vote but no vote shall be taken on any proposal until due notice has been given in the summons.

28. **DISCUSSIONS:** To preserve the harmony of the Lodge, the Worshipful Master shall have the discretionary power, at any stage of a discussion, to stop its being proceeded with.

29. **RESOLUTION:** Any resolution passed in the open Lodge shall be binding on all the Members of the Lodge.

### ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

30. **ELECTION:** The Worshipful Master and Treasurer shall be annually elected by ballot and Tyler chosen at the Regular Meeting in December.

31. **DATE OF INSTALLATION:** The Worshipful Master shall be duly installed at the Regular Meeting in the month of March.

### SECRETARY

32. **SECRETARY'S DUTIES:** The

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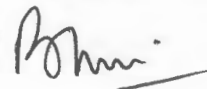
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Secretary shall issue the summonses for and record the Minutes of all Meetings and Committees, keep the Register of Members, and discharge such other duties as laid down in the Book of Constitutions or such duties as may be delegated to him by the Worshipful Master from time to time.

### **TREASURER - HIS DUTIES**

33. The Treasurer shall maintain, or cause to be maintained, all Books of Account such as, Subscription Register, Cash book and Ledger of the Lodge.
34. He shall be responsible for collecting all fees and subscriptions and any other special fees and shall deposit all such sums with him in excess of Rs.1,000 in any Scheduled Bank at Secunderabad/Hyderabad which the Lodge may decide.
35. All the Bank and/or other Accounts shall be operated by the Treasurer and the Worshipful Master or the Secretary.
36. The Treasurer shall make all the regular current and recurring disbursements vouched for by the Secretary, but shall not pay any amount without the sanction of the Lodge as per its By-Laws.
37. The financial year of the Lodge shall be from 1st January to 31st December. The Treasurer will close all the Accounts of the Lodge as on 31st December and shall prepare Statements of Accounts in respect of Receipts and Payments, and list of names of members who are in arrears of subscription for three months and above and shall present the same to the Standing

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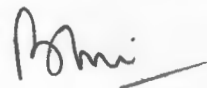
Committee for the purpose of audit.

38. The Treasurer shall, at conclusion of his year of office prepare a Balance Sheet of all accounts (General Fund, Benevolent Fund and Steward Fund), as of 31st December, which shall be included in the Agenda and Minutes of the Regular Meeting in March, so that an account of the year of the Worshipful Master's office shall be on record.

### TYLER

39. **TYLER'S DUTIES AND FEES:** The Tyler shall be paid an honorarium per meeting as decided by the Lodge from time to time. A subscribing member serving as Tyler shall be exempt from payment of subscription and all other Lodge dues. He shall be responsible for the cleanliness of the Lodge and correct disposition of the Lodge furniture during the meeting.
40. **AUDIT COMMITTEE:** An Audit Committee shall be elected by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting, which shall consist of any two members with sound knowledge of accounting procedures. The Audit Committee shall certify as per Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions after due examination of the accounts of the Lodge.
41. **STANDING COMMITTEE:** There shall be a committee styled the "Standing Committee" of the Lodge which shall consist of the Worshipful Master, Immediate Past Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Inner Guard and three members to be elected at the Installation

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Meeting. Any five of the said members of Standing Committee shall form a quorum.

42. **PRESIDENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE:** The Worshipful Master shall be the President and Immediate Past Master the Vice-President of the Standing Committee and in their absence the Senior Brother present shall preside.

43. **STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING :** The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Standing Committee, when requested to do so by the Worshipful Master.

44. **REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE:** The Worshipful Master is hereby authorized 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.

45. **NOTICE TO PROPOSER AND SECONDER:** When the Worshipful Master shall refer any motion to the Standing Committee, the Proposer and Seconder shall be invited to be present for the consideration of that particular question and the Secretary shall send them notice of the time appointed for the Meeting.

46. **STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT/MINUTES:** At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge following that at which any reference has been made, the Standing Committee shall present its report/minutes and the Worshipful Master shall cause the same to be read in the open Lodge, after which its adoption

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	<p>or rejection shall be decided upon in the usual way on a motion duly made and seconded.</p> <p>47. <b>STANDING COMMITTEE'S POWER:</b> The Standing Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to summon any member to give information on any matters referred to it by the Lodge.</p> <p>48. <b>VISITORS:</b> Every Visitor must be well vouched for or required to produce his Grand Lodge Certificate and undergo an examination.</p> <p>49. <b>LODGE PROPERTY:</b> Property of every description belonging to the Lodge shall be vested with the Worshipful Master and the Wardens.</p> <p>50. <b>INVENTORY:</b> An inventory of the whole of the Lodge property shall be entered into a book, which shall be verified by the Worshipful Master on his installation and shall be countersigned by himself and his Wardens. Such verification shall be reported in the immediate Regular Meeting after installation.</p> <p>51. <b>BML LECTURE COMMITTEE:</b> A Committee styled "BML Lecture Committee" will be constituted by the Lodge to organize "The BML Lecture" annually by eminent Masonic scholars. The Committee would consist of 5 Members of the Lodge to be elected at the Installation Meeting of the Lodge for a period of one year. The Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer will be co-opted as Members of this Committee. The Committee members would elect among themselves a Convenor, who will coordinate the event.</p> <p>52. <b>BY-LAWS:</b> These By-Laws shall be read in the open Lodge at such time</p>
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as the Worshipful Master may deem proper or at least once a year, and each joining or rejoining brother shall be furnished with a copy.

53. **AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS:**  
The By-Laws or any portion of them shall not be amended or altered without the sanction of a majority of the members present at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge, notice of the proposed amendments being given at the previous Regular Meeting and circulated with the Summons of the Regular Meeting at which it is to be considered and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting and approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Master and M.W. the Grand Master.

The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting held on.....19/09/2010..... Passed at a Regular Meeting held on 22/12/2010..... and confirmed at a Regular Meeting held on...09/09/2011.....

Place: HYDERABAD  
Date: 22/12/2011

Worshipful Master

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Secretary

(W Bro VL Narayanaiah)

(W Bro SK Kapur)

(W Bro Suresh Kumar)

(RWB Bro PS Moorthy)

APPROVED By R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

Place: Chennai

Date: 11th Feb 2012

Regional Grand Master

APPROVED By MW THE GRAND MASTER

New Delhi

Date: 20.02.2012

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