

BY-LAWS
OF
LODGE MANGALORE

No. 156 G. L. I.



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Grand Lodge Certificate No.
and Date :

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(Framed under Rule 111 of the Book of Constitution GLI, 1982)

1. Members:

The members of the Lodge shall comprise of the two categories.

(a) Members.

(b) Honorary members.

Explanation I. Members shall pay the subscription as prescribed in the bylaws.

Explanation II. Honorary members are those who are elected as such for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Lodge Mangalore in particular.

2. Days of Meeting:

(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 premises of the Lodge at Mangalore, but it may be held on 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 Meetings of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.

3. Subscription and Fees:

(I) Every member shall pay Rupees Twenty (Rs. 20/-) per month in advance as subscription to the Treasurer on or before the day of the regular meeting. A brother who has not paid his subscription before the regular meeting shall be considered to be in arrears for that month. The money may be paid in cash or crossed cheque, drawn in favour of "Lodge Mangalore".

(II) The expense 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.

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

- (a) for Initiation, Passing or Raising — Rs. 300/-
(Three hundred)
- (b) for Joining from Foreign Constitution — Rs. 100/-
(One hundred)
- (c) for Joining and Rejoining — Rs. 100/-
(One hundred)
- (d) Every candidate before balloting shall pay a sum of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One thousand) for the Lodge Building Improvement & Maintenance Fund.

(IV) Stewards fund account

A sum of Rs. 120/- (one hundred and twenty) per year is to be collected from each member for the cost of the after-proceedings.

4. Admission of Members:

(I) Every proposition for Initiation or Joining or Rejoining shall be made in 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 readmitted 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, if two or more black balls appear, the proposition shall be rejected,

but if there is only one or none at all appearing against him, the candidate shall be declared duly elected.

(V) If a candidate for Initiation, Joining, or Rejoining is rejected by the ballot, he shall not again be proposed until six months has 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.

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Amendment to Lodge By-Laws; No. 3. Clause. 4.

"A sum as determined by the Standing Committee from time to time and not exceeding Rs. 50/- (Rupees fifty only) per month is to be collected from each member for the cost of the after proceedings. This amount shall be payable by ordinary resident members of Dakshina Kannada."

Regularly proposed and seconded in the open Lodge on 31-3-1990, passed on 28-4-1990, and confirmed on 26-5-1990. Approved by the R.W. the Regional Grand Master on 17-7-1990, and approved by the M.W. the Grand Master on 17-8-1990.

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 members of the Lodge 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 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 straightway sanction payment of a sum of not more than Rs. 50/- 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. (1982) 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 and 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 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 promptly prepare the Returns for 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. (1982) but subject also to the following provisions.

(a) He shall keep separate Bank accounts, one for the general funds and another for the Charity fund in a Bank or Banks approved by the Lodge, in the name of "Lodge Mangalore" to be operated jointly by the Master or Secretary and Treasurer for the time being of the Lodge. Deposit receipts shall be endorsed in favour of the Master or Secretary and Treasurer. He shall keep separate accounts of the money under the following three headings in the General Fund Bank Account i. e.

- i) General Fund Account — Administration
- ii) Lodge Building Improvement and Maintenance fund Account.
- iii) Stewards Fund Account.

(b) The Secretary shall not retain in his hands at any time a sum more than Rs. 20/- for current expenses.

(c) Investments 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

(d) The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited annually in September before the Annual Installation meeting by an Auditor elected by the Lodge every year. 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.

(e) 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. (1982), 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 Bye-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, 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.

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The above By-laws were read and the amendments were regularly proposed and seconded in the open Lodge at a regular meeting held on 28-12-1985, passed at a regular meeting held on 25-1-1986, and confirmed at a regular meeting held on 22-2-1986.

(Sd.) **Shedde Prabhakar Rao** – Worshipful Master  
(Sd.) **K. Paramananda Rao** – Senior Warden  
(Sd.) **A. Vishwanath Shetty** – Junior Warden  
(Sd.) **Anand V. Shetty** – Secretary

Place: MANGALORE

Date: 21-6-1986

Approved by R. W. The Regional Grand Master

(Sd.) **G. K. Devarajulu**  
Regional Grand Master

Place COIMBATORE

Date: 27-6-1986

Approved by M. W. The Grand Master

(Sd.) **H. P. Gupta**  
Grand Secretary

NEW DELHI

27-7-1986