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# REGIONAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTHERN INDIA

Lodge.....KALINGARAYA..... No. 220..... Place.....ERODE.....

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO / REVISED BY LAWS

(To be Submitted in Triplicate)

| Existing By-Laws            | Amended By-Laws             |
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| By-Law No.....              | By-Law No.....              |
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The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Lodge at a regular Meeting held on.....19 Dec 2003.....Passed at a regular Meeting held on.....16 Jan 2004.....and confirmed at a regular Meeting held on.....20 Feb 2004.....

Place.....ERODE.....

Date.....2-5-04.....

W.Master Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Secretary

### APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

Place.....Chennai.....

Date.....07/07/2004.....

Regional Grand Master

### APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

New Delhi,

Date.....26-07-2004.....

Grand Secretary



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The Existing By-Laws are out dated in many respects including the venue, subscription etc. and hence it required to be totally restructured. Accordingly the By-Laws have been amended and shortened. They are submitted in Triplicate for the approval by The R.W. The Regional Grand Master and M.W. The Grand Master.

| <u>Existing By-Laws</u>   | <u>Amended By-Laws</u>   |
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| <p><b>Preliminary:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. These By-laws are subject to and in addition to the Rules contained in the Book of Constitutions so far as the said Rules relate to the Daughter Lodges.</li> <li>2. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held on the second Saturday of every month.</li> <li>3. The regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at M/s. Nilgiris Dairy form (P) Ltd. Vendipalayam, Erode.</li> <li>4. The hour of commencement of the meetings shall be fixed by the Master from time to time.</li> <li>5. Summons for convening the meetings of the Lodge shall be issued by the Secretary not less than seven clear days prior to the date of each meeting shall specify the place and hour of the meetings.</li> </ol> <p><b>ELECTIONS :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. The Master, the Tyler and the Treasurer shall be elected and chosen respectively at the regular meeting in October and the Master shall installed at the next regular meeting in November.</li> <li>7. At the regular meeting in November, there shall be appointed a Standing Committee consisting of the Master I.P.M. the wardens the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Director of the ceremonies and two other members elected by the Lodge.</li> </ol> | <p><b>Preliminary:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. These By-laws are subject to and in addition to the rules contained in the Book of constitutions so far as the said Rules relate to the Daughter Lodges.</li> </ol> <p><b>Members :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The members of the Lodge shall comprise two classes, viz:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Members</li> <li>(b) honorary Members</li> </ol> <p>Explanation : Honorary Members are those elected as such for services rendered to masonry in general or to this lodge in particular.</p> </li> </ol> <p><b>Meetings.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. The regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Nilgiris Shuttle Court, Muthukumarasamy Nagar, Erode on Friday preceding 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every</li> </ol> |



8. At the regular meeting in November, the Lodge shall also elect an Audit Committee consisting of two Members of the Lodge.

#### **DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS:**

9. The duties of the Standing Committee shall be to examine the Secretary's Books and other records: to check the Treasurer's account: to inspect and check all the properties of the Lodge: to make confidential enquiry regarding Master Masons seeking admission and candidates for initiation and to make recommendation regarding the suitability or otherwise of the master masons or the candidates for admission or initiation as the case may be, and in general to perform such other duties as may be delegated to it from time to time by the Master.

10. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for: or notice of: the meetings of the Lodge or Committees: record the minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of Members and all other registers and records except the accounts. He shall promptly prepare the returns for the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge and forward them through the Master together with all the fees and contributions due thereon.

11. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid, or remitted to him and without undue delay, deposit the same in an account in the name of the Lodge at a Bank to be approved by a Resolution of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall make such payments as are duly authorized or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. All cheques must bear the signature of the Treasurer and unless the Lodge resolves to the contrary, of at least one other Member authorized by the Lodge. The Treasurer shall regularly enter a complete record of all moneys

month at such hour as the Master may, from time directs.

4. Summons for convening the regular meetings of the Lodge, shall be issued by the Secretary at least seven days previous to such meetings. The summons shall specify the place and hour of the meetings.

5. The Master may direct the Secretary for convening emergency meetings of the Lodge as and when necessary. In such cases, the Secretary may issue the summons for convening the meetings of the Lodge with not less than 7 days prior to the date of meeting.

#### **Subscription and fees:**

6. The Annual subscription of the Master shall be Rs.1,600/- made up of Rs.800/- towards the General fund and Rs.800/- towards the Stewards Fund payable on or before March every year. In addition, each member shall pay RGL & GLI Annual dues, as applicable from time to time.

**The following shall be the fees Payable in Advance:**

7. Initiations : Rs.2,750/-  
Joining : Rs.2,750/-  
Joining from other foreign constitutions : Rs.2,750/-



passing through his hands in the proper books of accounts which shall be the property of the Lodge funds and property in his possession, shall be transferred to his successor upon investiture. He shall prepare a Statement of account as at the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September each year. The statement of accounts shall be verified and audited by the Audit Committee. Copies of the accounts and of the Certificate by the Audit Committee that all balances have been checked and that the Accounts have been duly audited shall be sent to all the members of the Lodge together with the summons convening the meeting to be held in the month of November each year at which the said accounts shall be produced for inspection in open Lodge at such meeting or on other suitable occasion also, if required by a Resolution of the Lodge.

At every regular meeting, the Treasurer shall make a report on the state of the finance of the Lodge.

12. All Communications from the Members shall be addressed to the Secretary.

13. "There shall be three classes of members viz. Regular Members, non-resident members and Honorary members.

a) Brethren residing 50Kms. From Erode shall be eligible to become Non-resident members.

14. All the Founder Members and those Master Masons who are regularly admitted or re-admitted to the Membership of the Lodge and those initiated into the Craft shall be Regular Members.

15. Honorary Members are those Master duly chosen by the Regular members for outstanding services rendered to Masonry in general or, to this Lodge in particular.

Re-joining : Rs.2,000/-  
Inclusive of annual subscription, RGL & GLI dues, Apron, Ritual Book for the first year and as per clause 4 for subsequent years.

#### Admission & Retirement of Members:

8. No candidate shall be initiated or brother admitted as a joining member of Lodge, unless if on ballot, two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature.

9. A candidate rejected for initiation or joining shall not be again proposed in Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of last ballot.

10. Any member whose subscription remains unpaid for one full year, at the expiration of the period, he shall be liable to exclusion or become ceased under provisions of Rule 124 of Book of Constitutions.

11. A member who has resigned or ceased to be a member or has been excluded for non-payment of subscription, shall be permitted to join only on



#### JOINING, RE-JOINING AND INITIATION:

16. Any member desirous of proposing for joining any Master Mason shall communicate to the Secretary his desire in the form of a letter containing such particulars as are necessary to assess the suitability of the master mason proposed. No Member shall seek to propose more than one name at one time.

17. Within Seven days of receipt of the said letter, the Secretary shall forward it to the Standing Committee and the Standing Committee shall within fifteen days after receipt forward to the Secretary its recommendation regarding the suitability or otherwise of the proposed Master Mason for joining.

18. If the recommendation of the Standing Committee is against the Joining, the Secretary shall inform the Member who sent the letter referred to in Clause (16) above, and the said Master Mason shall not be reconsidered for joining for a period of one year from the date of the said letter.

19. If the recommendation of the Standing Committee is for joining, the Secretary shall within seven days after the receipt of the report, inform the Members who sent the letter referred to in Clause (16) above and the said member shall send or cause to be sent a proposal for joining.

20. A proposal for joining of a Master Mason as a Regular Member shall be in the prescribed form, duly filled in and signed by not less than two regular members and sent to the Secretary not less than thirty clear days prior to each Regular Meeting and shall be accompanied with the joining fee.

21. A proposal so made shall be included in the Agenda for the said meeting and, in that meeting, the joining shall be proposed and recorded and in the next regular meeting, the proposal shall be balloted. If the ballot be not taken in the said meeting, the proposal shall be void.

payment of all arrears due, if any, together with his re-joining fees but shall be subjected to a fresh ballot.

#### Elections etc:

12(a). The Master & Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in October and shall be installed and invested at the next regular meeting in November respectively.

(b). The Tyler shall be chosen by show of hands at the regular meeting in October.

(c) At the regular meeting in November, the Lodge shall appoint a standing committee consisting of the Master, immediate Past Master, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer, D of C and two other members elected by the Lodge.

(d). At the regular meeting in November, Lodge shall elect an Audit Committee of two members.

13. The duties of the standing Committee appointed by the Lodge shall be to enquire about and report on candidates for Initiation, Joining and RE-joining to examine the Secretary's book and check the Treasurer's accounts, to

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22. The proposal shall be deemed to have been rejected if in the said balloting two or more blacks balls appear against the proposal. Within ten days after rejection the Secretary shall refund the joining fee to the proposer.

23. Any Master Mason whose joining has been rejected under Clause (22) above, shall not be again proposed for joining until after at least six regular meetings after the meeting in which the ballot was taken.

24. The Membership shall cease :

a) By resignation

b) By death, or

c) By non-payment of subscription consecutively for two years.

25. The procedure for re-joining of a Member who has ceased to be a Member under sub-clause (a) and (b) of Clause (24) above shall be as laid down in Clauses (20) to (22) above.

26. Any member desirous of proposing for initiation any candidate shall communicate to the Secretary his desire in the form of a letter containing such particulars of the said candidate as are necessary to assess the candidate's suitability. No, Member shall seek to propose more than one name at one time.

27. Within seven days of the receipt of the said letter, the Secretary shall forward it to the Standing committee and the Standing Committee shall within fifteen days after receipt of the same, forward to the Secretary its recommendation regarding the suitability or otherwise of the candidate for initiation.

28. If the Standing Committee's report is against the initiation, the Secretary shall inform the Member who sent the letter referred to in Clause(26) above and the same candidate shall not be considered for initiation for a period of one year from the date of the said letter.

property of the Lodge during the period under review.

12. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all committees appointed by the Lodge.

15. All letters from the members shall be addressed to the Secretary.

16. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summonses for or notices of meetings of the Lodge or committees, records Minutes of their proceedings and kept the register of the members and all the 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 moneys passing through his hands. He shall, immediately if they are due, prepare the return for the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges and forward them through the Master, together with all the fees and contributions due thereon to the authorities concerned.

17. The Treasure shall discharge all the duties and responsibilities laid on him



29. If the Committee's report is for initiation, the Secretary shall within seven days of receipt of the Standing Committee's recommendation, inform the Member who sent the letter referred to in Clause (26) and the said Member shall send or cause to be sent for a proposal.

30. A proposal for initiation shall be in writing and signed by not less than two regular members and shall contain the particulars required of the candidate as well as of his proposer and seconder in the prescribed form of application. The proposal shall be accompanied with the initiation fee.

31. A regularly made proposal for initiation shall be included in the Agenda for the said meeting and in that meeting, the proposal shall be made and recorded and in the next regular meeting the proposal shall be balloted. If the ballot be not taken in the said meeting, the proposal shall be void.

32. The proposal for initiation shall be deemed to have been rejected if, in the said ballot, two or more black balls appear against the proposal. Within ten days after the rejection, the secretary shall refund the initiation fee to the proposer.

33. Any candidate whose initiation has been rejected under clause (32) above shall not again be proposed for initiation until after at least six regular meetings after the meeting in which the ballot was taken.

34. When a candidate is not initiated on the date of his election, the date of such election shall be stated on the summons for the meeting at which the initiation is to take place. If the candidate is not initiated within one year after his election, the election shall be void.

#### OFFICIAL YEAR :

35. October to September shall be the official year of the Lodge.

by rule 129 of Book of Constitutions. He shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and the account books of the lodge. He shall receive, direct all monies due to or held for the Lodge and deposit the same in the name of the Lodge in a Bank approved by a resolution of the Lodge. He shall make payments for all current and ordinary expenses on the authorities of the Master or other Officers in charge of the Lodge. No other payments shall be made without a resolution of the Lodge. All cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz., the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary. He shall submit his accounts in every month at the Regular meetings of the Lodge. The audited accounts will be presented at the Annual investiture meeting in November for approval.

18. The Charity Box shall be circulated at all meetings of the Lodge.

19. The Charity funds of the Lodge shall be kept separate from the General funds of the Lodge and all



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#### SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES :

36. A regular member shall pay a sum of Rs.60/- per half year or part thereof, of which, Rs.30/- will be towards subscription and a sum of Rs.30/- towards

stewards charges. This sum of Rs.60/- is payable before the end of each half year viz., 31<sup>st</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> September.

a) A non-resident member shall pay a sum of Rs.20/- per half year or part thereof, of which Rs.10/- will be towards subscription and a sum of Rs.10/- stewards charges. This sum of Rs.20/- is payable before the end of each half year viz., 31<sup>st</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> September.

b) The non-resident members now or rolls need not pay subscription for 3 years from 1<sup>st</sup> October 1978.

37. A member, whose subscription is unpaid for three months after the end of each half year, shall not be eligible for election or appointment to any of the offices or for voting or for proposing any candidate for initiation or joining a Master Mason or rejoining or a member.

38. The initiation fee shall be Rs.300/- and the joining fee shall be Rs.200/- and shall be payable in advance.

39. The re-joining fee shall be Rs.10/- instead of Rs.50/- and shall be payable in advance.

40. Expense of any emergency meeting and dispensation fee, if any, due to the G.L. and R.G.L. shall be defrayed by the brother or brethren at whose instance the meeting is held or dispensation obtained.

41. The charity box shall be circulated at all regular meetings of the Lodge.

42. The charity funds of the Lodge shall be kept separate from the general funds of the Lodge and

the expenditure of charity shall be defrayed from this fund as decided by the Members in the open Lodge.

The Lodge, may by resolution, authorize transfer of such sums as may be deemed necessary from the General fund to the charity fund but not vice-versa.

20. The Stewards fund shall consist of collections from member towards

Dinner and refreshments and shall be maintained separately. No part of the general or charity funds of the Lodge shall be

expended for this purpose.

21. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge, which is not mentioned in the summons, unless, in case of Emergency, the Master directs otherwise.

22. No questions once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Master until three months shall have elapsed after its last decisions.

23. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided for in Rule 119, Book of Constitutions.



all the expenditure of charity shall be defrayed from this fund.

43. The Lodge may, by resolution, authorize transfer of such sums as may be deemed necessary from the general fund to the charity fund but not vice versa.

44. A sum of Rs.150/- from the general fund of the Lodge shall be annually placed at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases for distress.

45. In case the Master exercises this privilege, he shall report the circumstance at the next regular meeting of the Lodge. Otherwise the sum shall, at the close of the year, be carried to the charity fund.

46. All ordinary cases for distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge.

47. A sum of Rs.50/- from the general fund of the lodge shall be paid to the Secretary as imprest cash to meet petty expenses and shall be reimbursed by the Treasurer on the Secretary rendering to him the accounts of such expenses.

48. The Stewards funds consisting of the Stewards charges collected from the regular Members shall be maintained separately. No part of the general or charity funds of the Lodge shall be diverted towards these funds.

49. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as laid down in Rule 119 of the Book of Constitution (1971)

**GENERAL :**

50. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless the Master directs otherwise.

51. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again without the permission of the Master until after two regular Meetings.

24. It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these by-laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alterations shall have been duly proposed and passed at one Regular meeting, after due notice has been given to all the members through insertions in the summons and read and confirmed at the next Regular meeting and approved by the R.W.R.G.M and the M.W.G.M.



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**AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS :**

52. a) These By-laws shall not be amended otherwise than as laid down hereunder.
- b) A proposal to amend shall be in writing and signed by not less than three regular Members and sent to the Secretary not less than thirty clear days prior to each regular meeting.
- c) The said proposal, if regularly made, shall be included in the Agenda for the said meeting and in that meeting, the proposal shall be read and recorded.
- d) In the next regular meeting, the proposal shall again be included in the Agenda and shall be discussed and balloted.
- e) The proposal shall be deemed to have been passed by a majority if the members present at the meeting casting their ballot in favour of the proposal.
- f) The proposal so passed shall not be deemed to have been brought into effect unless approved by the Rt. Wor. Regional Grand Master and M. Wor. Grand Master.

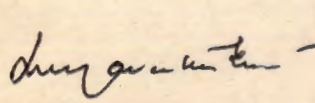
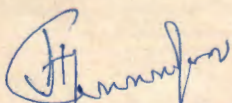
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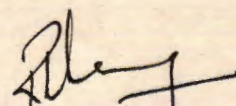
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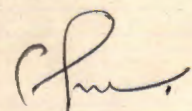
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Place : Erode.

Date : 02.05.2004.

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W. Master      Senior Warden

  
Junior Warden

  
Secretary

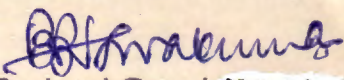
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APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

Place : Chennai.

Date : 07/07/2004

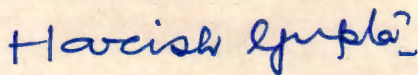
  
Regional Grand Master.

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APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

Place : New Delhi,

Date : 26.07.2004

  
Grand Secretary.