



LODGE UNITED SERVICE

No. 2735 E.C. ~~58619~~

BANGALORE.

BY-LAWS

INTRODUCTION

As Society cannot subsist without its essential Laws, Orders and Constitutions, the chief care of every Member should be to promote its harmony and implicit obedience to the same, laying aside all pique and prejudice, and endeavouring by his Orderly Demeanour to gain the esteem of his Brethren, being cautious of offending by any contempt, disrespect, or neglect.

As by the Laws of our Ancient Institution, sordid or lucrative views should ever prevail on us to admit to a knowledge of our mysteries, to the unworthy, profane and contentious, it therefore behoves every member of the order to demonstrate by his behaviour that he comes not under either of these descriptions, but is deserving the honour of being admitted a Member of our Venerable Fraternity.

And in order that the reputation and happiness of the Craft may not suffer by the admission of persons unfit to become Members thereof, whereby many of the more worthy Members might be debarred from associating with their Brethren at their stated Meetings, it is enforced that every Brother who is desirous of proposing an individual for admission, shall be particularly careful in ascertaining that he is in all respects a

person to become a member of so laudable Society, one whose temper and disposition may contribute to cement the harmony of the Lodge and whose conduct and circumstances in life are such as may not tend to diminish its character and respectability.

But it is necessary at all times to remember that laws without observance rather diminish than add to the objects intended. The officers of the Lodge must therefore be treated with that deference and respect which the offices demand—it being through them alone that order and propriety can be maintained. Such honourable situations ought to be filled by those Brethren only who are desirous of promoting the general good.

NOTE:—Should there be any objection to the introduction of a Candidate for Initiation, or a Brother for Joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or Secretary, who may communicate with the proposer and give him the opportunity of withdrawing his Candidate.

REVISED BY-LAWS

OF

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NO. 2735 E.C. 58-6

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I. MEMBERS

1. The Lodge shall comprise the following Members:—

- (a) Resident Members.
- (b) Non-Resident Members.
- (c) Honorary Members.

2. Members residing within 10 miles of Freemasons' Hall, Bangalore, shall be deemed Resident Members.

3. Members residing beyond the 10 miles for a period of not less than 6 months, may, on request, be admitted Non-Resident Members.

II. HONORARY MEMBERS

4. The Lodge may, if it deems fit, acknowledge services of a Brother to Freemasonry in general, or this Lodge in particular, by electing him an Honorary Member in accordance with the provisions of Rule B. of C.,

III. REGULAR MEETINGS

5. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Bangalore, on the ~~3rd~~ ^{4th} ~~Wednesday~~ of each month, at such hour as may be fixed by the Master.

IV. ELECTION & INSTALLATION MEETINGS

6. The Election of the Master, ~~Treasurer~~ and Tyler, shall take place at the Regular Meeting in November, and the Installation of the Master-Elect in December.

V. EMERGENCY MEETINGS

7. The holding of Emergency Meetings (by Dispensation) shall be regulated by Provisions of Rule ~~140~~ B. of C.

Where an Emergency Meeting is held for the sole purpose of conferring a Degree at the request and for the convenience of a candidate or candidates, the Lodge may require from such candidate or candidates a total sum not exceeding Rs. 25/- towards the expenses of the meeting.

VI. FEES

8. The scale of Fees shall be as follows:—

- (a) Initiation ... Rs. 150-0-0
- (b) Joining from E.C. ~~149~~ Rs. 20-0-0
- (c) Joining from other Constitutions* ... Rs. 26-0-0
- (d) Rejoining ... Rs. 10-0-0

*This includes fee for G. L. Certificate

VII. SUBSCRIPTIONS

9. The monthly subscriptions payable in advance are as follows:—

- (a) Resident Members ... Rs. 5-0-0
- (b) Non-Resident Members Rs. 3-0-0
(excluding Dining Fee)

10. The Secretary shall be exempt from payment of subscriptions.

11. Any Member allowing his dues to remain unpaid for 3 months in the case of a Resident Member, and for 6 months in the case of a Non-Resident Member shall receive intimation from the Secretary by Registered Letter to last known address; and if the arrears are not cleared off within one month in the case of Resident Member, or three months in the case of Non-Resident Member from the date of receipt of the intimation or date of receipt of the registered letter shall be liable to be excluded under Rule ~~181~~ B. of C.

12. Should a Brother who has been excluded wish to rejoin, he must again be balloted for and pay full joining fee and all arrears due by him.

VIII. PROPOSING MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES *(B2 to 147)*

13. The Laws in the Book of Constitutions regarding Proposing, Joining, Making, Passing and Raising Members shall be strictly enforced (Rules 161 to 173 B. of C.) and no Candidate for Initiation or Joining shall be balloted for until he has signed the declarations as set forth in 162 and 163 B. of C. respectively, and has been duly proposed and seconded by a member of this Lodge. All such applications shall in the first instance be referred to the Permanent Committee for the purpose of considering and reporting upon them. The Candidate for Initiation shall be required to appear before the Permanent Committee for this purpose.

IX. BALLOTING

14. No Candidate shall be made a Mason in, and no Brother shall be admitted a Member of this Lodge, if on the ballot being taken, two black balls appear against him. If the Master is of opinion that a mistake may have occurred in the ballot he may order a second ballot to be taken forthwith, which shall be final.

15. Candidates and Brethren rejected from Membership may not be proposed again until after the lapse of three months from the date of their first ballot.

X. SECRETARY

16. The Secretary shall be in charge of all Lodge records, and Books other than the account Books maintained by the Treasurer.

XI. TYLER *93*

17. The Tyler, if elected under Rule 113 B. of C. shall be paid such fees as the Lodge may from time to time decide.

XII. PERMANANT COMMITTEE

18. The Permanent Committee shall comprise the Master, all P.M.s. of and in the Lodge, the Wardens and two other Members elected at the Annual Installation Meeting in December. (The Treasurer, Secretary and the senior of any Stewards who may be appointed are ex-officio members). Three shall form a quorum. The Master shall preside, in the absence of the Master, the I.P.M. or the next senior in rank will preside. A record of all the proceedings will be signed by the Chairman who shall have a casting vote in case of an equal division of opinion.

19. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be checked by the Committee monthly and the report of the Committee shall be read in open Lodge at the next Regular Meeting and submitted to the Lodge for consideration.

20. The Permanent Committee shall meet once monthly on the first Monday at such hour as may be fixed by the Master. *2nd Wednesday*

XIII. AUDIT COMMITTEE *128*

21. The Annual Audit Committee (Rule 153 B. of C.) shall be appointed by the Lodge at the Regular Meeting in November each year.

XIV. PROPOSITIONS AND VOTING

22. No propositions shall be put to the Lodge when assembled unless it is proposed by one member and seconded by another.

23. An amendment, however, duly proposed and seconded, may be made to any proposition. In this case the amendment shall be put first; if negatived, unless other amendments be proposed, the original proposition shall be put to the vote; but if the amendment be carried, the original proposition shall be considered lost.

24. No motion shall be brought forward for consideration of which notice was not given in the summons convening the meeting, emergencies excepted.

25. In the event of there being an equality of votes on any question to be decided by a majority, the Master shall give a casting vote. No question once decided shall be raised a second time, until six months have elapsed after its first discussion or the Lodge by a two third majority otherwise directs.

A XV. RELIEF

26. The sum of Rs. 50/- from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge shall be held at the disposal of the Master to meet all emergent cases of distress or urgent need. In case the Master shall think fit to take advantage of this By-Law he shall report the circumstances at the next regular meeting of the Lodge. Should further temporary relief be considered necessary in the interest of the same individual, an additional sum not exceeding Rs. 50/- may, (with the concurrence of two members of the Permanent Committee) be allotted to the Master from the Benevolent Fund.

27. Immediately before closing the Lodge the Charity Box shall be circulated. The sum contributed shall be declared to the Brethren by the Secretary and shall be credited to the Benevolent Fund.

28. Whenever the Master takes advantage of By-Law 26, he shall report the fact and circumstances attending the case at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge, and shall cause the Secretary to record his action in the Minutes of such Meeting.

XVI. CONSTITUTIONS

29. In all respects Members of the Lodge shall abide by and strictly conform to the Laws and Regulations of the ~~United~~ Grand Lodge of ~~England~~ *India* embodied in the Book of Constitutions.

XVII. BY-LAWS

30. No alterations or additons to these By - Laws shall be made but by a majority of votes taken on a motion submitted in writing, and included in the summons of the Meeting.

31. These By - Laws shall not be abrogated, amended or altered unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been read and approved by one Regular Meeting and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting. The change shall not become effective until subsequently approved by the ~~District~~ Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Master.

32. In the event of any abrogation, amendment or revision of any By-Laws or By-Law, the Secretary shall provide each member with a copy thereof after approval by the Rt. Wor. the ~~District~~ Grand Master of Madras and by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master.

33. Every Member of the Lodge on joining is presented with a copy of these By-Laws and his adherence thereto shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the Rules contained therein.

Revised By - Laws of Lodge United Service
No. 2735 E.C. 58 G.L.I under S.Y.C., G.L.I.

Read and approved at the Regular Meeting held on 19th May 1952 and confirmed at the Regular Meeting held on the 16th June 1952.

H. V. QUIGLEY, M.B.E., P.M., P.D.G.S.W. (Bom)
For Wor. Master (Away from Station)

JOHN H. JARRETT, Senior Warden.

W. G. GRIBBLE, Junior Warden.

W. H. HODGINS, Secretary.

Approved at the Regular Meeting held on 19th May 1952.

Confirmed at the Regular Meeting held on 16th June 1952.

APPROVED

Bangalore,
5th August 1952.

(Sd.) T. V. MUTHUKRISHNAN
District Grand Master, Madras

Approved by the Most Worshipful The Grand Master.

13/8/1952.

(Sd.) SYDNEY A. WHITE,
Grand Secretary