

GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

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04th February 2025

The Regional Grand Secretary
Regional Grand Lodge of SI
Chennai.

Dear Sir and RW Brother,

With reference to your letter No.L.9/2025 dated 30th January 2025, I return herewith two copies of amendments to bye-laws of Lodge Victoria No.9 duly approved by MW the Grand Master. Official receipt No.2683 dated 31st January 2025 for Rs.400/- is also enclosed.

With best wishes

Yours fraternally

AJAY BHARGAVA
Grand Secretary

LODGE VICTORIA NO 9

Belagavi

Proposed Amendment to the By-Laws


Sl.No	By Law No	Existing By Law	Proposed Amendment	Reason
1	3(a)	RGM of SI Madras	Change to RGM of SI Chennai	Change in official name of the town
2	3(b)	The Master and Treasurer of the Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot and the Tyler of the Lodge by show of hands, at regular meeting of the Lodge in the month of December (Vide Rules 87A & 93 of B.of C.)	<p>(a) The WM shall be elected by Ballot, from amongst those of its members who are Past Masters within the meaning of Rule 9 of B.of C. or who have served for one year in the office of Senior Warden or Junior Warden in a regular Lodge (Or who shall have been rendered eligible by dispensation under Rule 91 of B.O.C).</p> <p>"Every Master Elect must be a subscribing member of Royal Arch Chapter & Mark Lodge, unless specifically exempted from this qualification by Dispensation from the Grand Master"</p> <p>The treasurer & The Tyler shall be elected by Show of Hands & by simple majority (92A)</p> <p>The election will be held at regular election meeting of the Lodge in the month of December (Vide Rules 87A & 93 of B.of C.)</p>	<p>Rule 87 of B. of C.</p> <p>Rule 92A of B.of C</p>
3	5 B	The Audit Committee shall consist of 2 members who shall be annually elected at the Installation meeting in January. The Account shall be made up to the end of December each year and shall be presented to the Lodge duly audited at the regular installation meeting in January	The Audit Committee shall consist of 2 members who shall be annually elected at the Installation meeting in January. The Account shall be made up for the Financial year April to March, each year and shall be presented to the Lodge duly audited at the regular meeting, not later than the third REGULAR Meeting after the date to which the accounts are made up (Rule 129 of B.of C.)	<p>Change of accounting year - To align with the financial accounting year of India & filing IT returns as per the IT law (which is PAN based)</p>

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4	6 (a)	<p>The last amendment was on 5th March 2011</p> <p>Resident Member: 750/- Non Resident Member – 500/-</p> <p>Rs. 100 to be increased every year till 2015</p> <p>So as of date the yearly subscription was : Rs. 1150/- + 600 towards GLI + Rs. 500/- towards RGLSI : 2250/-</p>	<p>The fee structure w.e.f 1.1.2025 will be as under,</p> <p>1. Initiation Fees: Rs. 5000.00 2. Joining Fees : Rs. 3500.00 3. Yearly Subscription : Resident Members: Rs. 2500.00 Non Resident Members: Rs. 2250.00</p> <p>* Any change in fees of GLI / RGLSI proportionate change will be automatically made effective from time to time</p> <p>* The yearly subscription of the Lodge may be amended, from time to time, by the Lodge members by a simple majority of the members present at a regularly convened meeting of the Lodge, subject to approval by RGLSI & GLI.</p>	<p>Regularised / Amended to meet the increased expenses during the course</p> <p>The Break-up of revised subscription is Rs. 1400 + Rs. 600 towards GLI + Rs. 500 towards RGLSI TOTAL: Rs. 2500/-</p>
5	7	<p>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 & speaking on propositions before the Lodge. Such defaulting members shall also be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of B.of C.</p>	<p>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 & speaking on propositions before the Lodge, of being appointed or elected to offices in the Lodge. (Rule 121 of B. of C.)</p> <p>Should the subscription of a member remain unpaid for one full year at the expiration of the period he shall cease to be a member of all Lodges, provided such a member has been duly served notice & fails to make payment within 30 days of receipt of the notice (Rule 124 of B. of C.) Such defaulting members shall also be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of B.of C.</p>	<p>Changes incorporated according the latest B.of.C</p> <p>For Grand Lodge of India  Grand Secretary</p>

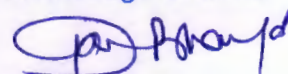
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6	8 B	Benevolent Fund	Heading needs to be " Charity Fund "	As per Rule 129A of B.of C
7	8 B (a)	As may be resolved by the Lodge from time to time, the Lodge may transfer such amounts as the Lodge deems necessary from Genral fund to Benevolent Fund, which shall be kept separate and distinct from the General Fund of the Lodge	As may be resolved by the Lodge from time to time, the Lodge may transfer such amounts as the Lodge deems necessary from General fund to Charity Fund , which shall be kept separate and distinct from the General Fund of the Lodge	As per Rule 129A of B.of C
8	8 B (b)	For the purpose of Charity, a box will be circulated at each regular monthly meeting of the Lodge, and the amount collected shall be credited to the Benevolent Fund, The Benevolent fund shall be used to make contributions to Masonic Charities and to aid a distressed brother or his family. The merits of each case shall be investigated by the General Committee of the Lodge	For the purpose of Charity, a box will be circulated at each regular monthly meeting of the Lodge, and the amount collected shall be credited to the Charity Fund , The Charity fund shall be used to make contributions to Masonic Charities	As per Rule 129A of B.of C
9	10 (b)	The treasurer shall keep the accounts of the General Fund & Benevolent Fund	The treasurer shall keep the accounts of the General Fund & Charity Fund	As per Rule 129A of B.of C
10	10 (d)	The treasurer shall not keep in hand at any time a sum in cash exceeding Rs. 250.00 and shall deposit the excess thereon in the Lodge Bank Accounts	The treasurer shall not keep in hand at any time a sum in cash exceeding Rs. 2500.00 and shall deposit the excess thereon in the Lodge Bank Accounts	Changed according to current need

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11	12 (b)	No person shall be made a mason or accepted as a member of the Lodge if on ballot two Black Balls appear against him	No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of the Lodge, unless if on ballot for initiation, joining/rejoining simple majority of members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidate	As per Rule 140 of latest B.of C
12	12 (c)	A collective ballot for two or more candidates for initiation or joining may be taken with approval of the Lodge. Should there, however, be even one black ball, each candidate should be balloted for individually. A collective ballot for an initiate and a joining member is irregular	If there are two or more candidates for initiation or joining each candidate should be balloted for individually.	Option of Collective ballot deleted

The above amendments to the Bye-Laws were proposed regular meeting of the Lodge held on 12th November 2024, discussed and recommended for approval in P.C.Meeting held on 28th November 2024, passed and approved unanimously in the regular meeting held on 14th December 2024

Place:

Date: 20/01/2025

Secretary

Worshipful Master

APPROVED

Regional Grand Secretary

30.1.2025

Regional Grand Master (RGLSI)

APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

NEW DELHI
3.2.2025

For Grand Lodge of India
Grand Secretary