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BYE - LAWS

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FREEMASONS' HALL,

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PREAMBLE

As it is necessary for the good government and well being of every institution & lawfully organised society that Rules and Regulations shall be framed for the guidance of its members, the Master, Wardens and the Members of **LODGE GIBBS No. 86, G.L.I.**, do for the purpose of preserving that harmony which should always distinguish Freemasons, do establish and hereby agree to the following Bye-Laws which contain nothing inconsistent with the Laws contained

in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India (1962).

Lodge **Gibbs** was founded in Bangalore under a Provisional Warrant from the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India on Third of June, 1911 and was consecrated on the Sixth of April, 1912 under Charter from Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh dated Third of August, 1911.

This Lodge **Gibbs** opted to join the Grand Lodge of India. The New Charter of this Lodge dated 24th November 1961, was granted by the Grand Lodge of India, New Delhi on the day of inauguration of Grand Lodge of India, at New Delhi and the Lodge has been assigned number "86" on the Roll of Lodges in the Grand Lodge of India.

BYE - LAWS

1. VENUE

The Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemasons' Hall, No.19, Primrose Road, Bengaluru - 560 025.

2. MEMBERS

There shall be three classes of Members

(a) **Resident Members** : Members residing within 50 Kms radius of Bengaluru.

(b) **Non-Resident Members** : Members residing beyond 50 Kms radius of Bengaluru.

(c) **Honorary Members** : Any Brother of good standing worthy of such distinction by reason of his services to the Craft or to the particular Lodge who is or within the previous year has been a Subscribing Member of a Regular Daughter Lodge (Vide Rule 142 of the B. of C., G.L.I.).

Note:

(I) If a Non-Resident Member is appointed or elected to a Regular Office in the Lodge, he shall be deemed to have become a Resident Member.

(II) Those Brethren on whom the honour of Distinguished Service Membership had been conferred by the Lodge when under the Scottish Constitution previous to the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of India, will continue to enjoy the same privileges as before (vide Grand Lodge of India Notification, Para (7) (i) dated 5th October 1961). They shall, however, be liable to pay dues to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge as prescribed in the Book of Constitutions and Regional Grand Bye-Laws respectively.

(III) Those who had become Life Members of the Lodge previous to the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of India, shall continue as such (vide Grand Lodge of India Notification, Para (7) (ii) dated 5th October 1961).

3. MEETINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the Third Thursday in each month at such hour as the Worshipful Master may fix.

4. ELECTION

(a) The Master of the Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot at the Regular Election Meeting in the month of June (vide Rule 87 of the B. of C.).

(b) The Treasurer shall be elected annually by ballot at the Regular Election Meeting in the month of June (vide Rule 92 A of the B of C.).

(c) The Tyler, shall be elected annually at the Regular Election Meeting in the month of June (vide rule 93 of the B. of C.).

5. INSTALLATION

The Installation of the Master shall take place

at the Regular Installation Meeting of the Lodge in the month of **July**.

6. OFFICERS

(a) The Regular Officers of the Lodge shall be the Master, the Immediate Past Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Inner Guard and Tyler (vide Rule 86 of the B. of C.).

(b) The Master may appoint additional officers : a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Almoner, Bearers of V. of S. L., a Sword Bearer, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary and Stewards but no others (vide Rule 86 of the B. of C.).

(c) The Master may appoint a Brother who is holding a Regular Office to one additional office also (vide Rule 86 of B of C.).

7. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence, record the minutes, issue summons and make due returns to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge. He shall also be the Ex-Officio Secretary of the Permanent Committee. The Secretary shall be exempted paying the Lodge subscription (vide Rule 86 of the B. of C.).

8. TREASURER

(a) The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit the funds in the name of the Lodge in either or both the Banks, namely the State Bank of India, Bangalore and the State Bank of Mysore, Bangalore.

(b) The Treasurer shall keep separate accounts of the General Fund, the Benevolent Fund and the Refreshment Fund of the Lodge. The allocation will be decided by 2/3rd

majority of the members present in the Lodge with due notice in the summons to allocate the amount to General Fund, Benevolent Fund and Refreshment Fund depending upon the finances of the Lodge.

(c) All financial transactions of the Lodge shall be carried out by the Treasurer, Worshipful Master and the Secretary. The Treasurer and any one of the other two Officers, namely the Worshipful Master or the Secretary are authorised to sign cheques and operate the Bank Account.

9. TYLER

(a) The Tyler shall be exempted from paying the Lodge Subscription (vide rule 86 of the B. of C.).

(b) When the Tyler is a Serving Brother, he shall be paid an honorarium of Rs. 30/- per meeting (Regular or Emergent).

10. FEES

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| (a) Fees for Initiation, Passing and Raising (vide Rule 144 of the B. of C.) payable with application | Rs. 1000.00 |
| (b) Fee for Joining from another Constitution payable with application | Rs. 1,000.00 |
| (c) Fee for Joining from our own Constitution payable with application | Rs. 1,000.00 |
| (d) Fee for Re-joining payable with application | Rs. 1,000.00 |

11. SUBSCRIPTION

(a) The monthly subscription for Resident and Non-Resident Members will be decided by 2/3rd majority of the members present in the

Lodge with due notice in the Summons.

(b) If any member allows his subscription to remain in arrears for three months in the case of Resident member, for six months in the case of Non-Resident member, he shall receive intimation from the Treasurer/ Secretary by registered letter to the last known address and if arrears are not cleared off within one month in the case of Resident Member and three months in the case of Non-Resident member, from the date of receipt of the registered letter, he shall be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of the Book of Constitution.

(c) Any member can become a Life Member of the Lodge provided he has been a regular subscribing member for 20 years continuously, and has attained the age of 55 years, by paying lumpsum subscription of 5 years.

(d) Any brother who has been subscribing member for 30 years continuously and has

attained the age of 60 years will become a Life Member, and no subscription is due from him to the Lodge. This is being done to honour the senior brethren of the Lodge.

12. BENEVOLENT FUND

(a) The Lodge shall take a collection for the Benevolent Fund at every Meeting.

(b) The Benevolent Fund shall be utilised to make contributions to Masonic Charities and to a distressed Brother or the dependents of a deceased Brother. The merits of each case shall be investigated by the Permanent Committee.

(c) In circumstances of emergency, the Worshipful Master may afford relief upto Rs.200/- and the matter when reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting, the Worshipful Master shall be reimbursed from the Lodge Benevolent Fund.

13. PERMANENT COMMITTEE

The Permanent Committee shall consist of the Worshipful Master (who will be Ex-Officio President), all Past Masters of and in the Lodge, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary and two members to be appointed by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting. The Tyler will be in attendance.

14. BALLOT

(a) All candidates for Initiation, Joining or Rejoining must be proposed at a Regular Meeting according to Rule 134 and 137 of the B. of C..

(b) No person shall be made a Mason or accepted as a member of the Lodge unless if on ballot 2/3rd of the Members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature (as per Rule 140 of the B. of C.).

(c) No rejected candidate can be proposed again until a period of six months has elapsed from the date of the ballot (vide Rule 140 of the B.of C.)

15. LODGE COLOURS

The colour of the Regalia worn shall be Red.

16. PROPOSALS

(a) No motion shall be put to the Lodge assembled unless duly proposed by one member and seconded by another.

(b) An amendment or amendments to any proposition may be made duly proposed and seconded. Amendments shall be put to vote first, if negatived, the original proposition shall then be put to vote, but if the amendment is carried, the original proposition shall be deemed to be lost.

(c) No proposition of importance shall be brought forward for consideration unless

notice thereof has been given, at the previous regular meeting or in writing to the Secretary, well in advance and in time to be circulated with the summons of the meeting.

17. BYE-LAWS

(a) These bye-laws shall be printed at the expense of the Lodge and a copy presented to every member. Every member on his Initiation or Joining shall receive a copy of the Bye-Laws. His acceptance shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.

(b) These bye-laws shall be read in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting at least once a year and within three months of the Installation of the Worshipful Master.

(c) In any case, for which the foregoing Bye-Laws do not provide, the Laws and Regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India shall be binding on all concerned.

Sd./-

W. Bro. Dr. R. Krishnaswamy
Secretary

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W. Bro. Mukunda Das
Worshipful Master

*Amendment to Bye-Laws approved by the
R.W. The Regional Grand Master,
R. W. Bro. A. P. Chitra
on 12th January 2015.*

*Amendment to Bye-Laws approved by the
M.W. The Grand Master,
M. W. Bro. Vasudev J. Masurekar
on 25th January 2015.*

