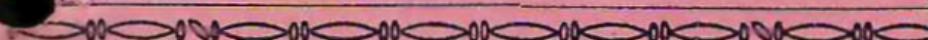


BYE - LAWS  
OF THE  
LODGE SOUTHERN CROSS NO. 24

OORGAUM, K.G.F.



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### I. Members:-

1. The Lodge shall comprise the following members:-
  - (a) Resident Members.
  - (b) Non - Resident Members.
  - (c) Honorary Members.
  - (d) Life Members.
2. Members residing within 10 Kilometres of Freemasons' Hall, Oorgaum, K.G.F. shall be deemed Resident Members.
3. Members residing beyond 10 Kilometres limit for a period of not less than six months, may, on request be admitted Non-Resident Members.

### II. Honorary Members:

4. The Lodge, may, if it deems fit, acknowledge the service of a Brother to Freemasonry in general, or to this Lodge in particular, by electing him an Honorary Member in accordance with the provisions of Rule 142, Book of Constitution.

### III. Regular Meetings:

6. The Lodge shall meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Oorgaum, on the THIRD Monday of each month, at such hour as the Master may direct.

the regular meeting in January every year. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in February.

Rule 138 of B. of C.

#### V. Emergency Meetings:

8. The holding of Emergency Meetings by dispensation shall be regulated by provisions of Rule 116 of 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 collect from such candidate or candidates a total sum not exceeding Rs.25/- towards the expenses of the meeting.

#### VI. Fees and Subscriptions.

9. The Initiation fee shall be Rs.150/- the joining fee Rs.25/- the re-joining fee Rs.25/- and joining fee from other constitutions Rs 40/- such fees to be exclusive of Subscription. The annual subscription for a Resident Member shall be Rs.48/- and for a Non-Resident Member Rs.36/- Payable in advance on 1st January. The Secretary's services shall be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription. Any member whose subscription is unpaid for two years shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, after due notice, in accordance with Rule 124 of Book of Constitutions.

#### VII. Proposing Members and Candidates.

11. The laws in the B. of C. regarding Proposing, Joining, Initiation, Passing and Raising members shall be strictly enforced (Rule 132 to 148, B. of C.) and no candidate for initiation or joining shall be balloted for until he has signed the declaration as set forth in 137 and 138 of 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 the purpose.

#### VIII. Balloting.

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

the date of their first ballot.

14. A Member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary, or orally in open Lodge, in accordance with Rule 158 of Book of Constitution, and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in Rule 150 book of Constitution, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge.
15. Payment of any sum exceeding Rs. 50/- may be made only by resolution of the Lodge, of which notice has been given in the summons, except in a case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master, and confirmed by the Lodge at the next regular meeting.

#### **IX. Secretary**

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

#### **(X). Treasurer**

- 16 (a) The Treasurer 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

authorised or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. He shall generally conform with the requirements of Rule 129 of Book of Constitution. He will be entitled for half the annual subscription for his services

#### **XI. Permanent Committee.**

- 16 (b). The Permanent Committee shall comprise of the Master, all Past Masters, the Wardens, and two other Members elected at the Regular Meeting in January. The Treasurer and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of the Permanent Committee. 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 proceeding will be signed by the Chairman who shall have a casting vote in case of equal division of opinion.
17. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be checked by the Committee half-yearly and the report of the Committee shall be read in open Lodge at the next Regular Meeting and submitted to the Lodge for consideration.
18. The Permanent Committee shall meet once monthly on the day of the Regular Meeting or such other day as may be fixed by the Master.

members of the Lodge who shall be elected annually at the Regular Meeting in January. The accounts shall be made up to 31st December in each year and shall be presented to the Lodge, duly audited, at the Regular Meeting in January.

### XIII. Propositions and Voting.

20. No propositions shall be put to the Lodge when assembled unless it is proposed by one member and seconded by another.
21. An amendment, however, duly proposed seconded, may be made to any proposition. In this case the amendment shall be put first; if negative, unless other amendments be proposed, the original proposition shall be put to vote, but if the amendment be carried, the original proposition shall be considered lost.
22. No motion shall be brought forward for consideration of which notice was not given in the summons convening the meeting, emergencies excepted.
23. In the event of there being an equality 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.

Charity Box shall be circulated. The sum contributed shall be declared to the Brethren by the Secretary and shall be credited to the Charity Fund.

### XV. Constitutions:

25. In all respects Members of the Lodge shall abide by and strictly conform to the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of India as embodied in the Book of constitutions.

### XVI. Bye-Laws:

26. Amendments of these Bye-Laws or of any of them may be made only in the following manner:
  - (a) Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment or amendments proposed shall be given in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting.
  - (b) The motion shall be set out in the summons for the next Regular Meeting or for an Emergency Meeting summoned for the purpose, and shall at such meeting be put to the Lodge.
  - (c) A resolution for amendment, of which notice shall have been given as aforesaid, shall be carried if a majority of

Note: If an amendment involves a change in the place of meeting, the additional requirements of Rule 112 of the Book of Constitutions must also be complied with. 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.

27. Every member of the Lodge on joining is presented with a copy of these Bye-Laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the Rules contained therein.

BYE—LAWS OF THE LODGE  
SOUTHERN CROSS, 24  
UNDER THE B. OF C., G.L.I.

Approved at the Regular Meeting held on the 22nd August 1983.

Worshipful Master	Sd/-	<b>E.M.P. Chetty</b>
Senior Warden	Sd/-	<b>Dr.R.G. Lavi</b>
Junior Warden	Sd/-	<b>G.H. Sowcar</b>
Secretary	Sd/-	<b>R.R.T. Lavi</b>