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FOUNDED 13th APRIL 1863

Warrant E. C.
9th December
1864



Warrant G.L.I.
24th November

1861

1961

BYE -- LAWS
OF
LODGE "BANGALORE"
No. 15 G. L. I.

1988

LODGE "BANGALORE" No. 15 G.L.I.
BANGALORE

AMENDED BYE - LAWS

(in incorporating additions and amendments to those existing from 9-4-1963)

1. The Lodge shall meet at Freemasons' Hall, Primrose Road, Bangalore, on the Second Tuesday of every month at such hour as the Master may direct.

2. The Master, Treasurer and Tyler shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Meeting in the month of January of every year.

The Master elected shall be Installed at the Regular Meeting in the month of February following.

MEMBERS

3. The Lodge shall consist of Resident and Non-Resident members.

- (a) Resident members are those residing within a radius of 15 miles from the limits of the Bangalore Corporation.
- (b) Non-Resident members are those residing beyond the area mentioned in (a).

4. Subject to Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions, the Lodge may elect Honorary members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

5. The subscription payable by members shall be as follows :-

- (i) G.L. and RGL dues that are current for the whole year shall be paid by Resident and Non-resident members in the month of January every year.

By-Law No. 19 Banquet :

for Rs. 2.50/-, substitute Rs. 21/- per half year

The above amendments were regularly Proposed & Seconded in open Lodge as the Regular Meeting held on 10-5-1988 & 20-9-1988, Passed at the Regular Meeting held on 14-6-1988 & 11-10-1988 and confirmed at the Regular Meeting held on 12-7-1988 & 13-11-1988.

Place : Bangalore

Date : 13-12-1988

S. Muralidhar
W. Master

H. S. Nagaraja
Senior Warden

D. K. Ravi
Junior Warden

S. Chintopanah
Secretary

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FEES

8. The following fees shall be levied :--

For Initiation	Rs.	300-00
For Joining from G.L.I.	Rs.	75-00
For Joining from other constitution	Rs.	75-00
For re-joining	Rs.	75-00

FUNDS

9. All moneys shall be deposited in a selected Bank in the name of the Lodge. The Master and Treasurer shall jointly operate on the account.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

10. The Permanent Committee shall meet at a time convenient before the Regular Meeting to transact the following business :-

(i) a) To enquire into and report on the applications from candidates for Initiation and Joining.

b) To look into the affairs of the Lodge, scrutinise the accounts and to report to the Lodge.

c) to make recommendations for sanction on all financial matters.

d) to consider and report upon such matters as the Lodge may refer to it.

(ii) The Committee will consist of the following members :-

Wor. Master (as President) All Past Masters (of and in the Lodge) Senior and Junior Wardens and the Secretary and Treasurer.

(iii) Two other members who shall be elected by the Lodge at the meeting held in the month of February.

- (iv) The Secretary and Treasurer shall attend the meeting with necessary books of account and reference to assist in the conduct of business. The proceedings of the Committee shall be submitted to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting.

SECRETARY

11. (i) The Secretary shall be in charge of all Lodge records and books other than the account books which are maintained by the Treasurer.
- (ii) He shall be in charge of all correspondence issue summons for meetings, record minutes of the proceedings and maintain all registers and books that are necessary for the Lodge.

The Secretary shall take note of members coming within the provision of Bye-law No. 5 (iv) and No. 6 and Rule 124 and

156 of B. of C. report to the Lodge, and take necessary steps to enforce the above provision.

TREASURER

- 12 (i) The Treasurer shall maintain such books of accounts as are necessary under Rule 129 of B. of C.
- (ii) All payments exceeding Rs. 20/- shall ordinarily be paid by cheques only.
- (iii) The Treasurer shall intimate to the Secretary all cases of arrears falling under Bye-laws No. 5 (iv) and 6 and Rule 124 and 156 of the B. of C.

TYLER

- 13 The Tyler (if a Serving Brother) shall be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the Lodge from time to time.

DISBURSEMENTS

14. Payment of any sum exceeding Rs. 20/- for other than ordinary purposes, be made only by a resolution of the Lodge except in case of emergency when such payment, may be authorised by the Master, and ratified by the Lodge at its next regular meeting.

INITIATION & JOINING

15. The particulars of the intending candidate shall be submitted to the Secretary on the prescribed form and shall be proposed by a member and seconded by another in the open Lodge at a regular meeting, except in cases prescribed by Rule 135 of the B. of C.

Every application for Initiation or Joining shall be placed by the Secretary before the Permanent Committee for due enquiry and report.

Any information by a Brother regarding the character or qualification of a candidate shall be treated with strict confidence.

BALLOT

16. (i) Voting for Initiation and Joining shall be by ballot. White and Black balls shall be used for balloting ; (White balls used in favour and black against the candidate.)
- (ii) Three black balls shall reject a candidate.
- (iii) The candidate rejected shall not be repropose until after the expiry of six months from the date of rejection. The same procedure mutatis mutandis applies to a Joining member.

BENEVOLENT FUND

17. (i) The fund shall be devoted solely for purpose of charities.

(ii) Money collected from the following sources shall form this Fund :-

- (a) Collection for Benevolent Fund on Regular Meeting.
- (b) Voluntary contributions expressly made for the purpose.
- (c) 50 Naya Paise per month from the subscription of each subscribing member.

(iii) A sum of Rs. 25/- from this fund shall be held at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress and such cases shall be reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting.

SINKING FUND

18. All rents, charges etc., realised from the use of the Freemasons' building shall form the

Sinking Fund. The Lodge shall also transfer every month Rs. 40/- from the General Fund. All debts of Debentures interest thereon repairs to the building and such other expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith shall be paid out of this fund.

(In view of the Trust having been formed, this clause may be kept in abeyance)

BANQUET

19. Lodge shall provide refreshments only, on meeting days. The cost shall be met from the Refreshment Fund for which Rs. 2.50 for each resident member from out of his subscription shall be credited. Contributory dinner meetings to be held every quarter. Those not participating in it shall intimate the Secretary in writing 10 days before the meeting as otherwise the contributory amount will be debited to his account.

PROPOSITIONS

20. (a) No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless in case of emergency or as the Master may direct.
- (b) No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Master or until 3 months shall have elapsed after the last decision.
21. (i) Among the stewards appointed and invested by the W. Master the seniormost in order of initiation shall be designated "Steward in charge of Bar and Refreshments". He shall assist the Junior Warden in ensuing proper discharge of his duties in arranging for adequate supply and distribution of food and drink and assist the Junior Warden in maintain-

ing full and proper account, separately in this behalf.

- (ii) The next two stewards in seniority shall be designated "Stewards in charge of the property of the Lodge". They shall assist the care taker in arranging the Lodge on all the dates of meeting and ensure that the collars, gauntlets etc., are made available. They shall generally look after the proper arrangement of the Temple and also be responsible for the safe keeping of the property of the Lodge.
- (iii) The Steward next in seniority shall be designated "Steward in charge of the library" and it shall be his duty and responsibility to maintain Jervis Memorial Library, issue books to members and proper return etc, in consultation with the library committee. These duties of

the stewards will however be in addition to their usual other duties as stewards.

- 22 (i) In view of the fact that the Lodge has formed a Trust in respect of the Freemasons' Hall and as per the Trust Deed and Rules framed there under the Ruling Master and Wardens of Lodge 'Bangalore' are ex-officio members of The Trust, the Secretary shall immediately after the installation, communicate to the Trust/Committee giving the names and addresses of the Master and Wardens so that they could be included in the Board of Trustees.
- (ii) Since according to the Trust Deed, two Trustees are to retire every third year and Lodge Bangalore has to elect Trustees in place of the retiring Trustees in the month of February, 1984 and in the month of February each succeeding third

year there after and also if and when any request is received from the Trust committee therefore, a proposition to that effect shall be brought on the Agenda and the Lodge shall elect from amongst the members of Lodge 'Bangalore, the requisite number of members to serve on the Trust committee. The names of the persons so elected shall be communicated by the secretary to the Trust committee so that they could be included in the Board of Trustees.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

23. At the Regular Meeting in January (Election Meeting) the Lodge shall appoint an Audit Committee. Vide Rule 130 of B.of C.

ALTERATION OF BYE-LAWS

- 24 It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these Bye-Laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one Regular Meeting, after insertion in the summons and read and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge. The Change shall become effective only after it is confirmed in according to Rule 111 of the B. of C.

GENERAL

25. The provisions in the Book of Constitutions shall apply to all matters which are not mentioned in these Bye-Laws.

Passed on 12th March 1963.

Confirmed on 9th April 1963.

D. R. MADHAVA RAO,	Wor. Master.
T. MANICKAM,	Senior Warden.
S. L. SIMHA,	Junior Warden.
B. SRINIVASA RAO,	Secretary.

Further Additions and amendments to those existing in 1963.

I) Clauses 21, 22.

- i) Given Notice of in open Lodge on 13-5-1980
passed in open Lodge on 10-6-1980.

Confirmed in open Lodge on 8-7-1980.

Arun Chintopanth	W. Master
V. A. Srinivasa	S. W.
K. Ranga Swamy	J. W.
S. Chintopanth	Secretary

ii) Clauses : 2

Given Notice of in open Lodge on 12-8-1980.

Passed in open Lodge on 9-9-1980.

Confirmed in open Lodge on 14-10-1980.

Arun Chintopanth	W. Master
V. V. Srinivasa	S. W.
K. Ranga Swamy	J. W.
S. Chintopanth	Secretary

iii) Clauses 5, 6, 8, 18 and 19.

Given Notice of in open Lodge on 14-9-1982.

Passed in open Lodge on 12-10-1982.

Confirmed in open Lodge on 11-11-1982.

K. Ranga Swamy	W. Master
P. S. Luthra	S. W.
K. G. Gopal	J. W.
S. Chintopanth	Secretary.

