



***Bye - Laws of***

***Lodge Jayachamaraja***

***No. 308***

***Mysore***

## BYE-LAWS OF LODGE JAYACHAMARAJA

No. 308

### FRAMED UNDER RULE No. 111 OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

#### MEMBERS

1. Mature men of good character and parentage and without known history of violent temper and with a pleasant nature, are eligible for membership.
2. Lewis are eligible for membership.
3. Members shall be of three categories—*a*) Resident members *b*) Non-resident members *c*) Honorary members.
4. The Lodge may acknowledge the services of a Brother to Freemasonry in general and to Lodge Jayachamaraja in particular and elect such a person as an Honorary Member in accordance with the provisions of Rule 142 of the Book of Constitution.

#### MEETINGS

5. The regular meeting of the lodge shall normally be held at Mysore on the First Monday during the months of January, March, May, July, September and November at such an hour as may be fixed by the MASTER.
6. The election of MASTER, TREASURER and TYLER shall take place at the regular meeting in January and the installation of the MASTER Elect during March.
7. Emergency meetings by dispensation shall be regulated by the provisions of Rule 115 of the B of C.
8. Whenever an emergency meeting is held for the express 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, the expenses of such meetings.

### PERMANENT COMMITTEE

9. The Permanent Committee shall comprise of the MASTER, all PAST MASTERS of and in the Lodge, the Wardens, Chaplain, Deacons, Secretary and the Treasurer.

10. The Permanent Committee shall meet on the day of the regular meeting or on such other day of the month when the regular meeting will be held and at such an hour that may be fixed by the MASTER to transact the following business.

- a) To enquire and report on application from candidates for INITIATION and JOINING.
- b) To interview such candidates before the balloting is taken up.
- c) To recommend for sanction on all financial matters.
- d) To consider and report such matters as the Lodge may refer to it.

11. The quorum for a permanent committee meeting shall be five members.

12. The MASTER shall preside over the meeting or in his absence, the immediate Past Master and if both are not present, then any other Past Master or the Senior Warden or the Junior Warden in that order present, shall preside. The proceedings of the permanent committee shall be read at the regular meeting of the Lodge following the permanent committee and shall be put for adoption.

13. The Secretary and Treasurer shall attend the meeting with the necessary books of accounts and reference to assist in the conduct of business.

### FEES

14. The following fee shall be levied :

- a) For initiation : Rs. 2,000-00  
plus the cost of a MM apron
- b) For joining :
  - 1) From GLI Rs. 1,000-00
  - 2) From any other constitution Rs. 1,500-00
- c) For Rejoining : Rs. 1,000-00

From each of the above 50% will be transferred to a Corpus Fund in the Benevolent Fund Account.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

15. The subscription will be due annually and payable in advance during April or before initiation as follows :  
Resident / Non-Resident Members : Rs. 500-00

16. In addition to the above, each members shall pay the GLI and RGL dues as levied and applicable from year to year.

17. Any member whose subscription is in arrears for more than four months will not be eligible to vote, propose, or second a candidate either for initiation or joining or be eligible for being appointed to any office.

18. If any member allows his dues to remain unpaid for six months he shall receive intimation from the Secretary in writing and sent by Registered Post to the last known address and if the arrears are not cleared within one month from the date of issue of such registered letter, he shall be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of the B of C.

19. Should a Brother who has been excluded thus, desire to rejoin, he must clear all the arrears due and pay the Rejoining fees and must again be balloted for.



20. CESSATION: Under Rule 124 of the Book of Constitution the Membership of Lodge Jayachamaraja shall cease if a member fails to pay his Annual subscription and other dues or part thereof for one full year.

### FUNDS

21. All monies shall be deposited in a selected bank in the name of the Lodge in the following fund accounts:

- a) General Fund.
- b) Benevolent Fund.
- c) Refreshment Fund.

22. All Cheques must be signed by any two of the following:

- a) The Master, The Treasurer and The Secretary.

23. The subscription collected shall be apportioned to the respective accounts as below:

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| a) General Fund     | Rs. 250-00 |
| b) Benevolent Fund  | Rs. 100-00 |
| c) Refreshment Fund | Rs. 150-00 |

24. The Benevolent Fund shall be devoted solely for the purpose of benevolence and charity.

Monies collected from the following sources shall form this fund:

- a) Collection towards charity / benevolent fund at the regular meeting.
- b) Voluntary contributions expressly made for the purpose.
- c) Rs. 100-00 from the subscription of each subscribing member.
- d) 50% from the initiation, joining and rejoining fees collected and maintained as a corpus.

25. A sum of Rs. 1,000-00 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.

26. The charity box shall be circulated immediately before closing the Lodge of the regular meeting.

The sum collected shall be declared to the Brethren by the Secretary / Treasurer and the amount credited to the Benevolent Fund.

27. The Refreshment Fund shall be made up by transfer of Rs. 150-00 from the subscription of every member. The Lodge shall provide refreshment at all regular meetings.

28. All monies of the Lodge other than those mentioned in Bye-Laws 24 and 27 shall remain in the general fund.

29. Payment of any sum exceeding Rs. 500-00 for other than ordinary purposes from the General Fund shall 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 AND JOINING

30. Every application for initiation or joining shall be placed by the Secretary for consideration by the Permanent Committee-due enquiry and report.

A candidate for initiation shall be required to appear before the Permanent Committee for this purpose.

31. The particulars of the proposed candidate shall be submitted to the Secretary in the prescribed form and shall be proposed by a Brother and seconded by another in the open Lodge at a regular meeting.



32. Every candidate for initiation or joining shall sign the declaration as set out in Rule 137 and 138 of B of C.

### BALLOT

33. No candidate for initiation or joining shall be balloted for until he has signed the declaration as set out in Rule 137 and 138 of B of C.

34. Voting of initiation, joining and rejoining shall be by ballot. White and Black balls shall be used for balloting white in favour of and black against the candidate.

35. No PERSON SHALL BE made a MASON in or admitted a MEMBER of a daughter lodge, unless if on BALLOT, Two thirds of the members present and VOTING in the lodge. Approve the proposal for such CANDIDATURE. CERTIFICATE OF THE MASTER ON THE PROPOSAL form is a MUST for the PAPERS TO BE COMPLETE and the BALLOT to be proceeded with.

(Rule 140 of the BOOK OF CONSTITUTION AMENDED at the GRAND FESTIVAL on 18th December 1999 at CALCUTTA).

36. The candidate or Brother rejected shall NOT be RE-PROPOSED until after six months from the date of rejection.

### PROPOSITION

37. No motions shall be moved or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless in case of emergency or as the MASTER may direct.

38. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again without the permission of the MASTER or until six months have elapsed after the last decision.

39. In the event of there being an equality of votes, any question to be decided by a majority, the MASTER shall have a casting vote.

40. No proposition shall be put to the Lodge when assembled unless it is proposed by one member and seconded by another. An amendment however, duly proposed and seconded may be made to any proposition and in this case the amendment shall be put to vote first; if negatived, unless other amendments be proposed, the original proposition shall be out to vote, but if the amendment be carried the original proposition shall be considered lost.

### SECRETARY

41. The Secretary shall be in charge of all Lodge records and books other than the account books which are maintained by the Treasurer.

42. The Secretary shall be in charge of all correspondence, issue of summons for meetings, record minutes of the meetings and maintain all registers and books that are necessary for the Lodge.

43. The Secretary shall take note of members coming within the Provisions of bye-laws Nos. 17 & 18 and Rule 124 and 156 of B of C and report to the Lodge and take necessary steps to enforce the above provision.

### TREASURER

44. The Treasurer shall maintain such books of accounts as are necessary under Rule 125 of B of C.

45. All payments exceeding Rs. 500-00 shall normally be paid by cheques only.

46. The Treasurer shall intimate the Secretary in all cases of arrears falling under bye-law Nos. 17 & 18 and Rules 124 and 156 of B of C.

### TYLER

47. The Tyler shall be elected in the election meeting and installed during the installation of the MASTER.



## VISITORS

48. No visitor shall be admitted into the Lodge unless properly proven and vouched for as provided in Rule 104 of B of C. Visitors shall not be entitled to speak or vote on any motion under any circumstances but may address the Lodge upon any point connected to the craft in general with the prior sanction / permission from the MASTER or officer incharge of the Lodge.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

49. At the regular election meeting in January, the Lodge shall appoint an Audit Committee (Rule 129 of B of C).

## ACCOUNTS

50. The financial year of the Lodge shall be from March to February next year. The accounts of the Lodge shall be closed on the last day of February every year and the first closing being on 28th February 1998.

51. The Treasurer shall have the annual accounts prepared for the year and presented to the Audit Committee for comments and report thereon.

52. The annual accounts together with the Audit Committee Report shall be placed in the open Lodge on the installation meeting for consideration and adoption.

## ALTERATION OF BYE-LAWS

53. No Alterations or additions to the bye-laws shall be effected except by a majority of votes taken on a motion submitted in writing and included in the summons of the meeting.

54. These bye-laws shall not be abrogated, amended or altered unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration, shall have been read and approved in one regular meeting and confirmed at the subsequent regular meeting. The change shall not become effective until subsequently

approved by R. W. The Regional Grand Master of Southern India and M. W. The Grand Master.

55. In the event of any abrogation amendment or revision of any bye-law or bye-laws, the Secretary shall provide each member with a copy thereof after approval by R.W. The Regional Grand Master of Southern India and the M. W. The Grand Master.

## GENERAL

56. The provisions in the B of C shall apply to all matters which are not mentioned in these bye-laws.

57. Every member of the Lodge on initiation or joining shall be presented with a copy of these bye-laws and the acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the bye-laws contained therein.

## LODGE JAYACHAMARAJA No. 308

## OFFICERS

W. Bro. P. R. Sitaram

*Founder W. Master*

Bro. R. Maheshkumar

*Founder Jr. Warden*

Bro. Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wodeyar

*Founder Sr. Warden*

W. Bro. K. S. Chandrashekhar

*Organising & Founder Secretary*

W. Bro. P. R. Hariharan

*Founder Treasurer*

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Approved by R. W. The Regional Grand Master

Chennai

10th October 1997

Sd. K. R. Rajasekharan Nayar

*Regional Grand Master*

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Approved by M. W. The Grand Master

New Delhi

24th October 2000

H. P. Mathur, O.S.M.

*Grand Master*

Sd. J. N. Jolly

*Officer on Special Duty*