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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO / REVISED BYE-LAWS.

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Bye-Laws

I. MEMBERS

1. The Lodge may have three classes of members, namely :-

- (i) Resident Members;
- (ii) Non-Resident Members; and
- (iii) Honorary Members.

2. Any member who resides permanently within the State of Goa will be deemed a Resident Member & will pay the monthly Lodge subscription

3. Any member who resides permanently outside the State of Goa can by application in writing or in open Lodge put himself on Non Resident list and will be called upon to pay Lodge Subscription accordingly.

4. However if while on Non-Resident list a member attends a Lodge meeting or remains for one month or more within the State of Goa, he shall in either case pay the monthly subscription for a Resident Member.

5. Honorary Members are those elected, as such, for services rendered to Freemasonry in general or to the Lodge in particular as provided in Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions. Honorary Members shall not pay any admission fees or contributions of any

kind, and shall not be eligible to vote or hold office.

6. All members will communicate their change of address, e-mail i.d. and telephone/mobile number to the Secretary.

II. DUES AND FEES

7. Fees and subscriptions payable to the Lodge shall be paid in advance in January of each year and as follows:

(a) Subscription for Resident Members shall be Rs. 200/- per month. Past Masters, including the Ruling Master shall pay additional Rs. 50/- per annum as P.M.'s Fee.

(b) Subscription for Non-Resident Members shall be Rs. 100/- per month.

c) Fee for initiation shall be Rs. 1000/-
This is inclusive of all fees payable by the Lodge to the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge.

(d) Fee for joining or re-joining from the Indian Constitution shall be Re. 1000/-

(e) Free for joining from a recognized Constitution shall be Rs. 1000/-

(f) In addition to foregoing, each Member shall pay to the Lodge the following:

(i) Such amount per member payable to the Grand Lodge of India from as may be determined by the Grand Lodge of India from time to time. This sum shall be payable in full during the month of January each year.

(ii) Such amount per member payable to the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India as may be determined by the Regional grand Lodge of Southern India from time to time. This sum shall be payable in full during the month of January each year.

(iii) Such amount per member as may be determined by the Lodge from time to time towards stewardship charges.

III. DONATION TO CHARITY FUND

8. (a) The master shall pay on Installation a Donation to the Charity Fund of Rs. 200/-

(b) Each warden on the first investment shall pay a Donation to the Charity Fund of Rs. 100/-

IV. MEETINGS

9. Regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Jay Kieran Hall, Ramnathi, Ponda, Goa on the third Saturday of every month, at such hour as the Master decides.

10. Emergency meetings may be convened at any time as per Rule 116 to the Book of Constitutions.

11. All summonses will be circulated by the Secretary at least seven days previous to the day of regular meeting and as soon as possible in case of emergency.

V. ELECTIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

12. The master, Treasurer and Tyler shall

be elected at the regular meeting in January, the Master and Treasurer by ballot, and the Tyler by show of hands.

13. The Master-Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in February.

14. No member whose dues are unpaid for Six months shall be eligible to be appointed or elected to any office in the Lodge.

VI. PERMANENT COMMITTEE

15. A Permanent Committee for general purposes shall be constituted at the installation Meeting, consisting of the Master, the immediate Past Master, the two Wardens, all Past Masters of and in the Lodge under the Indian Constitution or Recognised Constitutions, the

Treasurer, The Secretary and two other members elected by the Lodge.

16. The duties of the Committee shall be :

(a) To scrutinise the monthly financial statements prepared by the Treasurer.

(b) To enquire into the eligibility of every candidate proposed for admission;

c) To take and inventory of the Lodge property and report its condition;

(d) To consider and suggest any matter tending to promote the welfare of the Lodge.

(e) To inspect and take an inventory of the property of the Lodge, to examine the Secretary's books and draw up a report of the result of their examinations

and of the working of the Lodge during the past year, making suggestions, if any, to promote the welfare of the Lodge.

VII. AUDIT COMMITTEE

17. A committee of two, who are not members of the Permanent Committee, shall be elected by the Lodge at the regular meeting in February to audit the Treasurer's annual accounts.

18. The Annual Report of Permanent and Audit Committees shall be submitted to the Lodge at the next Installation meeting in February each year before the Installation of the Master, which after being read, shall be entered in the Minutes Book and printed and circulated to all members. One copy of the Report and of the audited accounts

IX. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

20. (i) The Secretary shall be in charge of the Lodge Seal and all records and books other than the account books maintained by the Treasurer. He shall conduct all general business and correspondence of the Lodge under the orders of the Master.

(ii) All letters from Members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

(iii) The Secretary shall issue summonses for all meeting, take proper minutes of all the proceedings of the Lodge, receive all petitions, memorials, etc. and lay them before the Master.

(iv) The Secretary shall keep an

impresst cash of Rs. 1000/- in order to meet expenses such as postage etc. and render account of the same at every Permanent Committee/Audit Committee meeting.

X. ADMISSION, RIGHTS AND RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS AND CEASATION OF MEMBERSHIP

21. (a) Before a candidate is proposed for initiation, joining or rejoining, his proposal form, duly filled in, proposed and seconded, shall be furnished to the Secretary.

(b) A ballot shall be taken at the regular meeting following that at which the proposal is made in open Lodge. If the ballot is not so taken, the proposal shall lapse.

c) No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of the Lodge, unless if on ballot, two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature. Anyone so rejected shall not be proposed again until 6 months after the date of his rejection.

(d) If the ballot for a candidate proves favourable, he will be informed of the result. In every case the candidate or Brother desiring to join as a member will be informed the result of the ballot as soon as possible.

(e) The collective ballot is regular, provided that candidates for initiation or joining and rejoining are taken up separately and provided that, if there will be a sufficient number of black balls

to exclude a candidate, each candidate shall be balloted for separately.

(f) If a candidate is not initiated within one year after his election, that election shall lapse and he will have to be proposed and balloted afresh according to the procedure provided above.

EXPLANATION

For the purpose of this clause "a year" shall mean the period from the meeting at which the candidate was elected, upto and including the corresponding meeting of the Lodge in the next year. Should the election be at an emergency meeting the year shall commence to run from the succeeding regular meeting.

22. Any member wishing to resign from the Lodge shall notify the same either verbally in open Lodge or by letter to the Secretary.

23. Any member of the Lodge who allows his arrears of dues, i.e. of subscription, stewards a/c and other dues to remain unpaid for six months, shall be debarred from exercising the right of voting, proposing or seconding candidates and from being appointed or elected to any office.

24. A member in debt to the Lodge to the extent of one full year's subscription and other dues is liable for cessation after due notice in accordance with Rule 124 read with Rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions.

XI. VISITORS

25. (a) No visitor shall be admitted into the Lodge unless properly proved or vouched for as provided in Rule 104 of the Book of Constitutions.

(b) With the permission of the Master, a member of the Lodge may invite to Lodge meetings, visitors who are Freemasons and who satisfy the provisions in Rule 104 of the Book of Constitutions.

(c) A visitor shall not be entitled to speak nor vote on any motion under any circumstances, but he may address the Lodge upon any point connected with the Craft in general, with the sanction first obtained of the Master or Officer in charge of the Lodge.

XII. PROPOSITION

26. No motion shall be the Lodge when assembled, unless it be proposed by one member and seconded by another.

27. Any number of amendments duly proposed and seconded may be made to any proposition, but in such cases, each amendment shall be voted upon before another is entertained, and if all be negatived then the original proposition shall be put to the vote; but if an amendment be carried, the original proposition shall be considered lost.

28. No member shall be allowed to speak twice on any motion except to correct a mistake of fact, or to explain his meaning if misunderstood. The original proposer shall always be entitled to the

general reply.

29. A motion may be proposed and put to the vote at any meeting of the Lodge provided notice of the motion has been given to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the meeting and has been embodied by him in the notice calling the meeting. The Master shall have power to direct that the discussion of, or the voting upon, such motion shall be postponed to the next meeting and that notice of the motion shall be included in the notice convening the meeting.

30. No question once decided shall be raised a second time without the permission of the Master and until six months shall have elapsed after its last discussion.

XIII. MISCELLANEOUS

31. The Lodge building with its furniture, ornaments, jewels, clothing and inshort all the property of the Lodge shall be considered in the immediate charge and management of the Master and wardens, who are to see that everything is taken care of.

XIV. AMENDMENT OF BYE-LAWS

32. No alteration or addition to these Bye-Laws shall be made except by motion carried at a regular meeting after due notice and confirmed at the next regular meeting and approved by R. Wor. The Regional Grand Master and M. Wor. The Grand Master.



(Sd.)
N. T. Kapadia
Wor Master

(Sd.)
D. V. Kerkar
Secretary

**Approved by R. W. The Regional
Grand Master**

MADURAI
23RD NOV. 1982

**Approved by M. W. The Grand
Master**

NEW DELHI
3rd February 1983



(Sd.)
D. N. Hemmady
Senior Warden

(Sd.)
D. R. Sawardekar
Junior Warden

(Sd.)
A. S. RAJASABAI
Regional Grand Master

(Sd.)
(H. J. RUSHI)
Grand Secretary



AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS (1989)

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Margao,
21st August, 1989.

(Sd.)
A. G. Saraf
Wor, Master

(Sd.)
G. M. Daivajnya
Senior Warden

(Sd.)
D. R. Sawardeker
Secretary

(Sd.)
Dr. N. K. Naik
Junior Warden

**Approved by R. W. The Regional
Grand Master**

(Sd.)
MADURAI (V. RAJENDRAN)
4th Sept. 1989. Regional Grand Master

**Approved by M. W. The Grand
Master**

(Sd.)
NEW DELHI (H. P. GUPTA)
4th October, 1989 Grand Secretary

AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS (2015)

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Ponda, Goa
20th December 2014

(Sd.)
G. R. Gould
Wor. Master

(Sd.)
Manoj Timble
Senior Warden

(Sd.)
Ravi P. Shirsat
Junior Warden

(Sd.)
Devidas V. Borkar
Secretary

**Approved by R. W. The Regional
Grand Master**

Chennai
23rd Feb. 2015

(Sd.)
A. P. Chitra
Regional Grand Master

**Approved by M. W. The Grand
Master**

New Delhi
22nd Mar. 2015

(Sd.)
V. K. Gupta
Grand Secretary

ROLL OF WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

1. 1982-83 W. Bro. N. T. Kapadia
2. 1983-84 W. Bro. D. N. Hemmady
3. 1984-85 W. Bro. D. N. Hemmady
4. 1985-86 W. Bro. D. R. Sawardekar
5. 1986-87 W. Bro. Dr. D. V. Kerkar
6. 1987-88 W. Bro. R. V. Navrekar
7. 1988-89 W. Bro. K. R. Karpe
8. 1989-90 W. Bro. A. G. Saraf
9. 1990-91 W. Bro. K. S. Bhakta
10. 1991-92 W. Bro. S. R. Borkar
11. 1992-93 W. Bro. Dr. N. K. Naik
12. 1993-94 W. Bro. Dr. S. T. Shirsat
13. 1994-95 W. Bro. S. R. Borkar
14. 1995-96 W. Bro. Shivkumar Patil
15. 1996-97 W. Bro. P. T. Gaunekar
16. 1997-98 W. Bro. G. M. Daivajna
17. 1998-99 W. Bro. Y. E. Shroff
18. 1999-2000 W. Bro. S. D. Patil
19. 2000-01 W. Bro. M. G. Nagarsenkar
20. 2001-02 W. Bro. D. V. Valavalkar
21. 2002-03 W. Bro. R. S. Kamat
22. 2003-04 W. Bro. C. K. Jathan
23. 2004-05 W. Bro. C. K. Jathan
24. 2005-06 W. Bro. Dr. P. R. Karpe
25. 2006-07 W. Bro. Ravi P. Shirsat
26. 2007-08 W. Bro. Sagar Dalvi
27. 2008-09 W. Bro. Subhash S. P. Malkarneker
28. 2009-10 W. Bro. Dr. P. R. Karpe
29. 2010-11 W. Bro. Pankaj V. Saraf
30. 2011-12 W. Bro. Devidas V. Borkar
31. 2012-13 W. Bro. Anastasio Colaco
32. 2013-14 W. Bro. Mohit V. Saraf
33. 2014-15 W. Bro. G. Richard Gould
34. 2015-16 W. Bro. John S. Silveira