

**BY-LAWS
OF
LODGE MANGALORE
No. 156**



MANGALORE

2002

PREFACE

The rules of the Lodge Mangalore By-laws, were regularly proposed and seconded in the open Lodge at a regular meeting on 28.12.1985, passed at a regular meeting held on 25.01.1986 and confirmed at a regular meeting held on 22.02.1986.

These were approved by the R.W. the Regional Grand Master on 27.06.1986 and approved by the M.W. the Grand Master on 27.07.1986 and the First Edition of the Lodge Mangalore By-laws were printed, published and circulated in August 1986.

Since then, there have been three subsequent amendments of several By-laws i.e., in 1990, 99-2000, and in 2001. Hence, this Second Edition is now printed and circulated as the current By-laws of the Lodge Mangalore, No. 156.

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Convenor

20.02.2002

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BY - LAWS

(Framed under Rule 111 of the Book of Constitution GLI, 1982)

1. The members of the Lodge shall comprise the following 3 (Three) categories.

(a) MEMBERS:

Explanation: Members shall pay the subscription as prescribed in the By - laws.

(b) Honorary members:

Explanation: Honorary members are those who are elected as such for services rendered to the masonry in general or to this Lodge Mangalore in particular.

(c) Life Members:

Explanations:

(i) Life membership of our Lodge shall be open to a Brother who has been continuously a member for 20 (Twenty) years or more and attained the age of 55 (Fifty five) years.

(ii) A lump-sum subscription, equivalent to the 10 (Ten) years subscription, at the current rate shall be payable by a Brother who is under 60 (Sixty) years of age.

(iii) A lump sum subscription equivalent to 5 (Five) years subscription shall be payable, if the Brother is over 60 (Sixty) years of age.

(iv) In the case of a brother with a continuous membership of 20 (Twenty) years in more than one Lodge the lump sum subscription payable shall be 50 percent more than in clause ii & iii as above.

(v) The life member however shall continue to pay the annual G.L.I. and R.G.L. dues as before.

Note to clause (v): However, such a life member, can also pay the G.L.I. and R.G.L., life membership dues as a lump sum subscription as demanded at that time, along with the Lodge Mangalore subscription.

- (vi) The subscription to the Stewardship Fund shall be payable by the Life Members, on the days of their attendance in the Lodge.

2. Days of Meeting:

(i) The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the last Saturday in every month at 6-30 p.m. at the premises of the Lodge at Mangalore, but it may be held on some other day or place under dispensation from the Regional Grand Lodge. The Meeting can be called at an earlier hour, if necessary provided separate circular on the summons is also sent to every member.

(ii) Summons for convening the Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.

3. Subscription and Fees:

(i) a) Every member shall pay Rupees Forty (Rs. 40/-) per month in advance as subscription to the Treasurer on or before the day of the regular meeting. A brother who has not paid his subscription before the regular meeting shall be considered to be in arrears for that month. The money may be paid in cash or crossed D.D. or by crossed cheque with extra Rs. 20/- (Rupees Twenty only) added as Bank charges, for outstation cheques.

b) Apart from the Lodge dues as above as in 3.(i) a. the member also has to pay the other dues as applicable, as mentioned below:-

"Y" - Annual dues to the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India; by all the members: - Rs. 40/- (Forty per quarter) Rs. 160/- per year, (2002).

"Z" - Annual dues to the Grand Lodge of India by all the members - Per Year - Rs. 200/- (Two hundred), (2002).

Note: The above dues of 3. (i) b: "Y", "Z" dues are to be collected by the Lodge and the amount shall be as prescribed from time to time by the R.G.L. and G.L. of India.

(ii) The expense of any Emergency Meeting and the Dispensation fee, if any, due to the Regional Grand Lodge, shall be borne by the Brother or Brethren at whose instance the Meeting is held or dispensation obtained.

(iii) The following fees shall be payable in advance in every case, before balloting for:

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| (a) for Initiation, Passing or Raising | - | Rs. 300/- |
| (Three hundred) | | |
| (b) for Joining from Foreign Constitution | - | Rs. 100/- |
| (One hundred) | | |
| (c) for Joining and Rejoining | - | Rs. 100/- |
| (One hundred) | | |
| (d) Every candidate before balloting shall pay a sum of Rs. 3,000/- (Three Thousand only) for the Lodge Building Improvement and Maintenance Fund. | | |

(iv) Steward's Fund Account:

A sum as determined by the Standing Committee from time to time and not exceeding Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred & Fifty only) per month is to be collected for each member for the cost of the after proceedings. This amount shall be payable by Ordinary Resident Member of D.K. District.

4. Admission of Members:

(i) Every proposition for Initiation or Joining or Rejoining shall be made in the open Lodge.

(ii) The proposition together with the declaration shall be referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report to the Lodge.

(iii) Subject to the provisions of Rule 135 of the Book of Constitutions G.L.I., no candidate shall be initiated in, or admitted or readmitted into the Lodge until he shall have been regularly proposed and seconded at a Regular Meeting and balloted for at the next Regular Meeting.

(iv) When the ballot takes place for the election of a candidate for initiation, or joining of a Brother that no person shall be made a mason in or admitted as 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 a candidate. A rejected candidate shall not be proposed until one year, after such rejection.

(v) If a candidate for Initiation, Joining or Rejoining is rejected by the ballot, he shall not again be proposed until Twelve months has elapsed after the date of the unfavourable ballot.

5. Resigning and Defaulting Members:

(i) Any member desirous of resigning from the Lodge shall signify the same in writing to the Secretary before the Regular Meeting in a month, or announce it in the open Lodge.

(ii) A brother resigning his membership, relinquishes his rights in the Lodge, and shall be readmitted only on payment of arrears, if any and the re-joining fees subject to passing the ballot.

(iii) When the subscription of any Member falls into arrears to the extent of 6 months (Six), he shall be liable for exclusion in accordance with **Rule 156** - Book of constitution, G.L.I. (2001)

(iv) Rule 124, Book of Constitution G.L.I. - 2001, states that should the subscription of a member to any Lodge remains unpaid for ONE full year, at the expiration of the period he shall cease to be a member of all Lodges. The defaulting member shall cease to be a member of not only Lodge Mangalore No. 156, on **31st August** of the year, but also of all Lodges of which he happens to be a member.

6. Election of Master, Treasurer and Tyler:

The Master, Treasurer and the Tyler shall be elected at the regular meeting in August every year.

7. Installation Meeting:

(i) The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in September.

(ii) The Installation Meeting shall be managed by a Committee appointed for the purpose at the Election Meeting. The Committee shall consist of the Master, the Master Elect, the Secretary, the Treasurer and two or more other Members to be nominated by the Master.

8. Duties of Tyler:

He shall be in charge of all paraphernalia belonging to the Lodge and be responsible for the proper preservation thereof and shall keep an inventory of it, countersigned by the Master once a year after his Installation. When the Services of a Serving Brother cannot be procured, the duty shall be performed in rotation by the members of the Lodge who are not holding a Regular Office.

9. Property and Funds of the Lodge:

Property of every kind belonging to the Lodge (including the Warrant, Jewels, Regalia and Archives) shall be considered as vested in the Master and the Wardens for the time being in Trust for the members of the Lodge, and a regular inventory of the whole shall be entered in a separate book and examined by each Master after his Installation. No property of the Lodge shall be sold or otherwise disposed of, except by resolution of the Brethren in the open Lodge.

10. Charity Fund:

(i) The charity fund of the Lodge shall be maintained by the monthly charity box collection made in the Lodge. Voluntary contributions may also be made by members of the Lodge Mangalore and other brethren.

(ii) The charity fund is intended for the purpose of giving relief to members of this Lodge and their families and for such relief purposes as the Lodge may from time to time decide upon by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present. Relief may also be given to Brethren who were or have been subscribing members of the Lodge Mangalore for a period of not less than five consecutive years, or their afflicted widows, mothers and children.

(iii) Every application for such relief must, in the first instance, be referred by the Lodge to the Standing Committee for consideration and report to the Lodge.

(iv) In cases of emergency, it shall be competent for the master to straight-away sanction payment of a sum of not more than Rs. 250/- (Two Hundred & Fifty) previous to reporting to the Lodge. The Lodge shall ratify such payment.

11. Committees of the Lodge:

(i) At the regular meeting in September, the Lodge shall appoint the committee referred to in Rule 130 of the Book of Constitution G.L.I. (2001) called as "Standing Committee" for the purpose of considering and reporting upon proposals for membership of the Lodge and also other matters referred to in clause iii below.

(ii) The Standing Committee shall consist of the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and Three others to be elected at the Installation Meeting.

(iii) The Standing Committee shall also examine the Secretary's books and check the Treasurer's account, inspect the check all the property of the Lodge atleast once a year and submit at the Regular Meeting in September, before the Installation of the Master elect, an Annual Report of the financial condition of and upon general questions affecting the Lodge during the period under review.

12. Matters relating to Administration:

(i) Duties of Secretary: The Secretary shall transact all the general business and conduct all the correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for or notices of all meetings of the Lodge or Committees, record minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of members and all other registers and records except the accounts kept by the Treasurer. He shall carefully preserve all books and records, and keep a register of all money passing through his hands. He shall promptly prepare the Returns of the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges and forward them in proper time, through

the Master, together with all fees and contributions due thereon, to the authorities concerned. The Secretary shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all Committees appointed by the Lodge.

(ii) Correspondence: All letters from members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

(iii) Duties of the Treasurer: The Treasurer's duties shall be as laid down in rule 129 of Book of Constitution G.L.I. (2001) but subject also to the following provisions.

- (a) He shall keep THREE separate Bank Accounts,
 - A. for the General Fund to include general administration and building improvement and maintenance.
- He shall keep separate accounts of the money under the following two headings in the A. General Fund Bank Account, i.e. :-
 - (i) General Fund Account - Administration.
 - (ii) Lodge Building Improvement and Maintenance Fund Account.
- B. to include Stewards Fund Account.
- C. to include Charity Fund Account.

These three separate bank accounts shall be operated in a Bank or Banks approved by the Lodge, in the name of "Lodge Mangalore", to be operated jointly, and all cheques must be signed by any two of the following, i.e., the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary. Deposit receipts shall be endorsed in favour of any of the two, i.e, Master or Secretary and Treasurer.

- (b) Investments for and belonging to the Lodge shall be kept in the name of the Lodge and the relative documents shall be in the custody of a Bank.
- (c) The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited annually in September before the Annual Installation meeting by an Auditor elected by the Lodge, every year. The Treasurer

shall place such an audited statement of accounts with the Balance Sheet before the Standing Committee for approval and the same shall be circulated to the members at the Annual Installation Meeting.

- (d) The Official year for purposes of accounting shall be from **1st September to 31st August** of the succeeding year.

13. By-laws:

(i) As required by the Rule 113 of the Book of Constitution G.L.I. (2001), every brother shall be presented by the Master with a printed copy of the By-laws of the Lodge Mangalore, free of charge, when he becomes a member and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.

(ii) The By-laws shall be read in the open Lodge, once every year at such time as the Master may decide. This item shall appear in the Agenda in the Summons.

(iii) 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, and subsequently approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master. The By-laws must then be printed and a copy sent to the Grand Secretary and the Regional Grand Secretary, and to all the Brethren of Lodge Mangalore.

LODGE MANGALORE - No. 156

CONSECRATED ON 29TH JUNE 1963, IN BANGALORE

FOUNDER MEMBERS

Reg. No.		<u>Officers</u>
1.	W. Bro. R. Srinivasan	... Worshipful Master
2.	Bro. A. Bhasker Rao	... Senior Warden
3.	Bro. A.A. Bailur	... Junior Warden
4.	W. Bro. R. Bhasker Rao	... Secretary
5.	W. Bro. R. Ganesh	
6.	W. Bro. S.S. Godbole	... Tyler
7.	W. Bro K. Govinda Rao	... Treasurer
8.	Bro. V. Visveswariah	... Senior Deacon
9.	W. Bro. S.P. Bhacca	
10.	W. Bro. B. Bhavanishanker Rao	... Chaplain
11.	W. Bro. S.S. Bhacca	... I.P.M.
12.	Bro. C.V. Narayana Rao	... Inner Guard
13.	W. Bro. M.M.A. Navas	
14.	W. Bro. S.R. Narayana Raja	
15.	Bro. V.C. Ramachandran	
16.	W. Bro. K.V. Ranganatha Rao	
17.	Bro. S.L. Simha	
18.	W. Bro. A.T. Kathiresan	
19.	W. Bro. G.T. Kamat	