

BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
PALGHAT LODGE  
No. 159 G. L. I.



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**I. Members**

The members of the Lodge shall comprise of three classes, viz :-

(a) Resident members, (b) Non-Resident members, (c) Honorary members.

*Explanation 1.*—Resident members are those who reside within 50 miles of Palghat Fort.

*Explanation 2* — Non-Resident. Members are these who reside beyond *the said limit* and apply to be brought on the Non-Resident list.

*Explanation 3.*—Honorary members are those who are elected, as such for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular.

2. Resident members leaving Palghat shall be *placed on the Non-resident list* from the month following that in which the application to be brought on *that* list is made.

## II. Days of Meetings

3. The Regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemason's Hall on the second Saturday of every month at such hour as the Master may, from time to time, direct.

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

## III. Subscription and Fees

5. Every Resident Member shall pay a subscription of Rs. 350/- per annum and a non-resident member Rs. 150/- per annum. The subscription shall be paid before the last day of March every year.

6. The following shall be the fees payable in advance :--

Initiation Fees	Rs. 300-00
GLI & RGL Reg. Fees	Rs. 200-00
Ritual Book,	
Constitution & By-Laws	Rs. 50-00
Cost of apron	Rs. 300-00
One year subscription	Rs. 350-00
in advance	
Total Initiation	<u>Rs. 1,200-00</u>
Joining Fees	Rs. 100-00
Re-Joining Fees	Rs. 100-00

7. The expenses of any Emergency Meeting and dispensation fee, if any, due to the Regional Grand Lodge, shall be defrayed by the Brother or Brethren at whose instance the meeting is held or dispensation obtained.

## IV Admission and Retirement of Members

8. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated, and no Brother shall be admitted a joining member of the Lodge if, on the ballot, two black balls appear against him.



inspect and check all the property of the Lodge at least once a year and to submit at the Regular meeting, before the Installation of the Master-elect, an Annual Report of the financial condition of and upon general questions affeting the Lodge during the period under review.

20. The Secretary to the Lodge shall be *ex-officio* Secretary to all Committee appointed by the Lodge.

21. All letters from members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

22. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and 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 moneys passing through his hands. He shall, immediately they are due, prepare the Returns

for the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges and forward them, through the Master, together with all fees and contributions due thereon, to the authorities concerned.

23. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct, all moneys due to or held for the Lodge and deposit the same in the name of the Lodge at a Bank approved by a resolution of the Lodge and shall make payments for current ordinary expenses on the authority of the Master or other Officer-in-charge of the Lodge. No other payment shall be made without a resolution of the Lodge. He shall submit his accounts to the Regular Meetings of the Lodge.

24. A sum of Rs. 25/- from the General Funds of the Lodge, shall be annually placed at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress. In case the Master exercises this privilege, he shall report the circumstance at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge; otherwise the sum shall, at the close of the year, be carried to the Charity account.

25. All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge.

26. It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these By-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.

Approved by the Lodge at the Consecration Meeting on 12th October 1963.

Sd. G. R. PARASURAM, *W. M.*

Sd. C. S. V RAMANI, *S. W.*

Sd. P. R. SWAMY IYER, *J. W.*

Sd. S. N. GOPALAKRISHNAN, *Secretary.*

Approved by me.

Sd. S. T. SRINIVASA GOPALA CHARI,  
*Regional Grand Master.*

12th October 1963.

Approved by M. W. Grand Master.

Sd. P. M. SUNDARAM,  
*Grand Secretary.*

7th November 1963