



**BYE-LAWS  
OF  
LYONS CENTENARY  
LODGE**

HUBLI No. 274 G. L. I.

1994.

Bye-laws regularly proposed and seconded  
in the open Lodge in Consecration  
Meeting held on 25-8-1988 and confirmed  
at the regular Meeting held on 25-8-88.

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These bye-laws were approved  
by Grand Master  
of India on 29-4-1994

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## LYONS CENTENARY LODGE No. 274 G. L. I.

We the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Founder  
Brethren of Lyons Centenary Lodge No. 274 GLI.

1. W. Bro. Dr. P.S. Huilgol
2. W. Bro. R.M. Naik
3. W. Bro. M.R. Bhave
4. W. Bro. K.A. Desai
5. W. Bro. V.L. Mankani
6. Bro. Dr. N.B. Patil
7. Bro. V.M. Navali
8. Bro. K.S. Dubeer
9. Bro. B. Jagannath
10. Bro. A.J. Karandikar
11. Bro. P.A. Singala
12. Bro. S.S. Dubeer
13. Bro. M.V. Mankani
14. Bro. M.C. Thakkar
15. Bro. B.B. Khimji

Are now bringing into force the Bye-laws for  
this Lodge, with a view to preserving harmony, and

have therefore thought it proper to establish and subscribe to the following Rules and Regulations.

Warrant Granted on : 25th July 1988, 21st day of Asadha 1910, Saka Era.

Date of Consecration : 25th August 1988

Regular Meeting held on : 1st Saturday of every month

Place for holding the Meetings : Free Mason's Hall, Hubli

Installation Meeting : October

## LYONS CENTENARY LODGE No. 274 G. L. I.

### BYE-LAWS

- No. 1. The Lodge shall be known as "Lyons Centenary Lodge" having been assigned No. 274 under the Grand Lodge of India.
- No. 2. The Lodge shall meet at "MASONIC HALL" Gadag Road, Hubli.

### MEMBERS

- No. 3. The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Non-Resident and Honorary Members.
  - a. Resident Member means a member who ordinarily resides within the limits of Hubli, and who pays full subscription even when not residing within the above limits.
  - b. A non-resident member means a mem-

ber not ordinarily residing within the aforesaid limits and pays reduced fees.

c. Honorary Member means a brother of good standing and distinction, so elected for his services to the Craft or to this Lodge in particular.

No. 4. The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the first Saturday of every month. An emergent meeting of the Lodge shall be held, subject to obtaining the dispensation from the R.G.M. for that meeting only.

No. 5. The Master, Treasurer and Tyler shall be elected at the regular meeting in the month of September every year as per provision in Rule No. 87 of the Constitution.

No. 6. The Master elect, shall be installed at the Regular meeting of the Lodge in the

month of October every year.

#### THE PERMENENT COMMITTEE

No. 7. The permanent committee of the Lodge shall consist of the Master, Past Masters of the Lodge, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary and two members elected by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting.

The quorum for the meeting shall be 4, the Permanent Committee shall check the Treasurer's Accounts, Inspect and report on the Lodge properly, consider and report on the proposals for the membership of the Lodge and transact either business specially referred to by the Lodge.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

No. 8. The Audit Committee shall consist of the

two members elected by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting. It shall audit and certify the Accounts of the Lodge for the year and on approval by Permanent Committee shall be have it placed before the Lodge at the meeting in October every year for adoption.

The Audit Committee may get Accounts audited by a Chartered Accountant and fix his remuneration.

#### LODGE FEES

No. 9. The fees shall be as follows :

Initiation	Rs. 500/-
Joining fees from a Lodge under our Constitution	Rs. 125/-
Re-Joining	Rs. 50/-
Joining from the other recognised constitution	Rs. 250/-

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

No. 10. The subscription for resident member Rs. 240/- per year.

Non-Resident Member Rs. 144/- per year, payable in one lump sum or by two half yearly instalments. In addition to this fees the member also pay the fees due to the Grand Lodge of India and Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India as fixed by them. These shall be paid yearly in advance. If any member allows his subscription and other dues to remain unpaid for a period of Six months and above, he shall be deprived, while in arrears, of all rights of voting, proposing or seconding, a candidate or being appointed or elected to office, such defaulting members shall be excluded under Rule 124 and 156 of the book of Constitution.

### LODGE FUNDS

No. 11. The Lodge money will be kept in the following accounts

1. General Fund
2. Benevolent Fund
3. Building Fund
4. Steward Fund

### BENEVOLENT FUND

No. 12. The Charity box will be circulated at every regular meeting of the Lodge and the contributions received shall be credited to the Benevolent Fund. The Lodge by a special resolution may transfer a reasonable sum out of its General Fund, to the Benevolent Fund. The Benevolent Fund will be used for Masonic and other charities and to aid a distressed brother or his family. The merits of each case shall be considered by the General Com

mittee of the Lodge. Incase of emergency the W. Master is empowered to grant a sum not exceeding Rs. 100/. The reason for such disbursement should be communicated to the Lodge at the next regular meeting for its approval.

### BUILDING FUND

No. 13. A building fund shall be maintained out of special contributions from Brethren or occasional contribution from the General Fund and shall be utilised towards the maintenance repairs and additions or alterations to the Lodge building as the when necessary.

### STEWARD'S FUND

No. 14. A Steward's Fund will be maintained out of special contributions from brethren or occasional contribution from the General Fund and shall be utilised towards

dinner and refreshments at the meetings.

SECRETARY

No. 15. The secretary shall be the usual medium of Communication between the members and the W. Master and shall attend to all correspondence, records, make due returns to the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge. He shall also be Ex-Officio Secretary of the Permanent committee. He shall maintain the following books and files.

1. Attendance Register
2. Members Register
3. Minutes Book
4. Minutes of Permanent Committee
5. Property Register

He shall also maintain the following files

1. Proposal Forms

2. Summons
3. Dispensation
4. Registration
5. Exclusion & Cessation
6. Regional Grand Circular
7. Grand Lodge Circular
8. Grand Lodge Communication
9. Regional Grand Lodge Communication
10. Annual Returns to Grand Lodge
11. Half Yearly returns of Regional Grand Lodge
12. Alteration of Membership
13. Installation Returns
14. Attendance of Past Master
15. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
16. Correspondence
17. Application for the Grand Lodge Certificate
18. Building File
19. Transfer of Charges

## TREASURER

No. 16. The Treasurer shall collect all the fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit them in the name of the Lodge in a Bank approved by the Lodge from time to time. The Bank Account shall be operated by the Treasurer and any one of the following, namely 1) The W. Master & or 2) The Secretary.

The Treasurer shall keep a account of Lodge fund. The treasurer shall not ordinarily keep more that Rs. 100/- as cash on hand.

## LODGE PROPERTY

No. 17. Every kind of property belonging to the Lodge shall west in the Master and wardens for the time being subject to the directions and control of the Lodge.

An Inventory of all such property shall

be maintained in separate register by the W. Master, warden, Secretary and Treasurer and all additions there to, deletions, there from shall be recorded in the Inventory as and when made. All such additions and deletions shall be submitted to the Permanent Committee meeting as and when made and shall be recorded in the minutes.

## BALLOT

No. 18. All candidates for initiation joining & rejoining must be proposed at a Regular meeting of the Lodge according to Rule 135 & 138 of Book of Constitution of G. L. I.

b. No person shall be made a Mason or accepted as a member of the Lodge if on ballot three Black balls appear against him.

## PROPOSALS

No. 19. No motion shall be put to the Lodge

assembled unless duly proposed by one member and seconded by another, except when proposed by the W. Master.

- b. An amendment to any proposition may be made duly proposed and seconded. Amendments shall be put to vote first. If negatived, the original proposition shall then be put to vote but if the amendment is carried out the original proposition shall be declared to be lost.
- c. No proposition of importance shall be brought forward for consideration unless notice there-of has been given at the previous regular meeting, or in writing to the Secretary, well in advance, and in time, to be circulated before the meeting.

#### AMENDMENT OF BYE-LAWS

No. 20 Amendments to these Bye-laws or any of them may be made only in the

following manner.

- a. Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendments proposed, shall be given in open Lodge at a regular meeting of the Lodge.
- b. The Motion shall be circulated in the summons for the next regular meeting and shall be voted upon at that meeting.
- c. A resolution for amendment of which notice shall have been given as aforesaid, shall be carried if a majority of the members present vote in favour of it, but shall not be effective until approved by the Grand Master.

#### VISITORS

No. 21. The General Committee may from time to time fix a fee for dinner to be paid by members for visitors who may be invited for a Banquet or other functions connected with the Lodge.

## COLOUR OF THE REGALIA

No. 22. The Lodge regalia will be Maroon.

## BY LAWS

No. 23. These Bye-laws shall be printed at the expense of the Lodge and a copy presented to every brother. Every member on his initiation or joining shall receive a copy of the Bye-law. His acceptance shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.

b. These Bye-laws shall be read in open Lodge at a Regular meeting atleast once a year as early as possible after the installation meeting.

c. In any case, for which the forgoing Bye-laws do not provide the laws at regulations contained in the book of constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India shall be bindings.