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No.530(15)

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The Regional Grand Secretary
Regional Grand Lodge of SI
Chennai.

Dear Sir and RW Brother,

With reference to your letter No.L.15/2025 dated 22nd January 2025, I return herewith two copies of amendments to bye-laws of Lodge Bangalore No.15 duly approved by MW the Grand Master.

With best wishes

Yours fraternally

AJAY BHARGAVA
Grand Secretary

**Proposed Amendments to/ revised by laws
of Lodge Bangalore No.15**

		Existing By-laws	Proposed amendments to By-laws
1.	3(a)	<p>The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Non Resident, Life Members and Members not liable to pay subscription.</p> <p>a. Resident Members are those residing within 25 kms from the limits of the Bangalore Corporation.</p>	<p>The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Non-Resident, Life Members and Members not liable to pay subscription.</p> <p>a. Resident Members are those residing within 35 kms from the limits of the Bangalore Corporation.</p>
2.	5(i)	<p>The subscription payable by members shall be as follows :-</p> <p>i. GL and RGL dues that are current for the whole year shall be paid in the month of January every year by resident members, non-resident members, life members, not liable to pay subscription.</p>	<p>The subscription payable by members shall be as follows :-</p> <p>i. GL and RGL dues that are current for the whole year shall be paid in the month of January every year by resident members, non-resident members, life members, members not liable to pay subscription.</p>
3.	5(a)	<p>The resident members shall pay a sum of Rs.1,500/- P.A. as subscription. The annual subscription of Rs.1,500/- will be due to be paid by a resident member irrespective of the date/month of initiation/joining.</p> <p>The annual subscription shall become payable in advance during January each year.</p> <p>A Resident member shall however have an option of paying the annual subscription of Rs.1,500/- in two equal instalments in the month of January and July each year.</p>	<p>The resident members shall pay a sum of Rs.2,000/- P.A. as Lodge subscription. The annual subscription of Rs.2,000/- will be due to be paid by a resident member irrespective of the date/month of initiation/joining/re-joining.</p> <p>The annual subscription shall become payable in advance during January each year.</p> <p>A Resident member shall however have an option of paying the annual subscription of Rs.2,000/- in two equal instalments in the month of January and July each year.</p>
4.	5(ii)b	<p>The Non Resident Members shall pay a sum of Rs.300/- per annum as subscription. The annual subscription of Rs.300/- will be due to be paid by a Non-resident Member irrespective of the date/ month of initiation/joining.</p> <p>The annual subscription shall become payable in advance during January each year.</p>	<p>Non-Resident Members shall pay a sum of Rs.1,000/- per annum as subscription along with GLI and RGL dues. The annual subscription of Rs.1,000/- will be due to be paid by a Non-resident Member irrespective of the date/ month of initiation/joining/rejoining.</p> <p>The annual subscription as also GLI/ RGL dues shall become payable in advance during January each year.</p>

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5.	5 (iii)	Any member whose subscriptions or any portion thereof are in arrears for more than three 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. (Rule 121B.C.)	Any member whose subscriptions or any portion thereof are in arrears for more than three months will not be eligible to vote, propose or second a candidate either for initiation or Joining/ rejoining or be eligible for being appointed to any office (Rule 121 B of C.) or vote at the Annual General Meeting of Lodge Bangalore Freemasons' Hall Trust.
6.	6.	If any member allows his dues to remain unpaid for 3 months, the Secretary shall issue intimation by registered letter to his 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 B.C.	If any member allows his dues to remain unpaid for 3 months, the Secretary shall issue intimation by Registered post speed post/ email to his last known address; and if the arrears are not cleared within one month from the date of service of such Registered post/ speed post / email, he shall be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of B of C.
7.	7.	The Secretary and Tyler (If a subscribing member) shall be exempt from payment of subscriptions.	The Secretary and Tyler (If subscribing members) may be exempted from payment of subscriptions, if they so desire.
8.	8.	<p>The following fees shall be levied:</p> <p>For initiation Rs.3,000/-</p> <p>For Joining from GLI Rs.1,000/-</p> <p>For Joining from other constitutions Rs.2,500/-</p> <p>For re-joining Rs.500/-</p> <p>In the case of initiation, the annual subscription and the RGL, GLI dues for the year during which he is initiated are included in the initiation fees. Joining and rejoining members shall be liable to pay the RGL/GLI dues as per bye law no 5.</p>	<p>The following fees shall be levied:</p> <p>For initiation Rs.4,000/-</p> <p>For Joining from GLI Rs.2,000/-</p> <p>For Joining from other constitutions Rs.3,500/-</p> <p>For re-joining Rs.1,000/-</p> <p>In the case of initiation, the Lodge shall provide the candidate a Master Mason's apron on being raised to the degree of a Master Mason. Initiates, joining and rejoining members shall be liable to pay the applicable RGL/GLI dues as per bye law no 5. Rejoining members shall be liable to pay arrears of GLI/ RGL dues if any.</p>
9.	10(i)(a)	<p>The Permanent Committee shall meet at a convenient time before the Regular Meeting to transact the following business :-</p> <p>(i)(a) To enquire into, and report, on the applications from candidates for Initiation and Joining.</p>	<p>The Permanent Committee shall meet at a convenient time before the Regular Meeting to transact the following business :-</p> <p>(i)(a) To enquire into and report on the applications from candidates for Initiation, Joining and re-joining.</p>

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10	10.(ii)	The committee consists of the following members :- Worshipful Master (as president) All Past Masters (of and in the lodge) Senior and Junior wardens and the Secretary and Treasurer	The committee consists of the following members :- Worshipful Master (as president) all Past Masters of Lodge Bangalore no. 15, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer
11.	12(ii)	All payments exceeding Rs.20/- shall ordinarily be paid by cheques only.	All payments exceeding Rs.500/- shall be paid by cheques only.
12.	14.	Payment of any sum exceeding Rs.20/- for other than ordinary purposes, be made only by a resolution of the Lodge except in case of emergency when such payments may be authorised by the Master, and ratified by the Lodge at its next regular meeting.	Payment of any sum exceeding Rs.2,000/- for other than ordinary purposes, be made only by a resolution of the Lodge except in case of emergency when such payments may be authorised by the Master, and ratified by the Lodge at its next regular meeting.
13.	15.	The particulars of the intending candidate shall be submitted to the Secretary on the prescribed form and shall be proposed by a member and seconded by another in the open Lodge at a regular meeting except in cases prescribed by Rule 135 of the B. of C. Every application for Initiation or Joining shall be placed by the secretary before the permanent Committee for due enquiry and report. Any information by a Brother regarding the character or qualification of a candidate shall be treated with strict confidence.	The particulars of a potential candidate shall be submitted to the Secretary on the prescribed form. The Secretary shall cause the PC to examine and recommend the candidate. Thereafter the candidate shall be proposed by a member and seconded by another in the open Lodge at a regular meeting except in cases prescribed by Rule 135 of the B. of C. Any information by a Brother regarding the character or qualification of a candidate shall be treated with strict confidence.
14.	16.	i. Voting for Initiation and Joining shall be by ballot. White and Black balls shall be used for balloting; (White balls used in favour and Black against the candidate). ii. Three black balls shall reject a candidate. iii. The candidate rejected shall not be re-proposed until after the expiry of six months from the date of rejection. The same procedure mutatis mutandis applies to a joining member.	i. Voting for Initiation and Joining/ rejoining shall be by ballot. White and Black balls shall be used for balloting; (White balls used in favour and Black against the candidate). ii. No person shall be made a mason in, or admitted a member of a daughter lodge, unless if on ballot for initiation, joining/ rejoining simple majority of members present and voting in the lodge approve the proposal for such candidate. iii. The candidate rejected shall not be re-proposed until after the expiry of six months from the date of rejection. The same procedure mutatis mutandis applies to a joining member/ rejoining member.

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15.	17(ii)(a)	(ii) Money collected from the following sources shall form this Fund. (a) Collection for Benevolent Fund on Regular Meeting.	(ii) Money collected from the following sources shall form this Fund. (a) Collection for Benevolent Fund at Regular Meetings and Emergent Meetings.
16.	17(ii)(c)	Rs.100/- per annum from the annual subscription of each subscribing members.	Rs.300/- per annum from the annual subscription of each subscribing member.
17.	17(iii)	A sum of Rs.25/- 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.	To be deleted.
18.	18. iii	<p>a. The Lodge shall undertake to provide to its members annual subscription to Madras Master's journal and Square and Compass, publication of the Madras Masters Lodge and grand lodge of India respectively from the annual subscription paid by the members to the lodge.</p> <p>b. The lodge shall undertake to provide all new initiates the following from out of the initiation fee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Master masons apron ii. Lodge Lapel pin iii. Subscription to Madras Masters Journal and square and Compass for one year 	To be deleted
19.	19	Lodge shall provide refreshments/dinner on regular meeting days. The cost shall be met from the refreshment fund for which Rs.720/- P.A. for each subscribing resident member from out of his subscription shall be credited.	Lodge shall provide refreshments/dinner on regular meeting days. The cost shall be met from the refreshment fund for which Rs.1,000/- P.A. for each subscribing resident member (excluding life member and members not liable to pay subscription) from out of his subscription shall be credited and paid to the officer incurring such expenditure.

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Approved by R.W.Regional Grand Master

Place: Chennai

Date: 26.10.2024



Regional Grand Secretary



Regional Grand Master

Approved by M.W.Grand Master

Place: NEW DELHI


Date: 3/2/2025

Grand Secretary