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### NAME

1. The Lodge shall be known as "DHARWAI LODGE" having been assigned No. 54 under the Grand Lodge of India.

### MEMBERS

2. The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Non Resident and Honorary members.

#### (a) Resident :

Resident member means a member who ordinarily resides within Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation limits and others who pay the full subscription, even when not residing within the above limits

**(b) Non - Resident :**

Non - Resident members are those who ordinarily reside beyond the Hubli-Dharwar Municipal Corporation limits. Any Resident Member who ceases to reside within the limits of Hubli-Dharwad Municipal Corporation may be placed on the list of Non-resident members on his application to the Secretary from the English Calender month following the month in which the application is received. Non-Resident members residing within Hubli-Dharwad municipal Corporation limits, for not less than two consecutive months, shall be transferred to the month next after the month in which the two months' period is completed.

**(C) Honorary :**

Honorary Members are those elected as such by the Lodge in accordance with Bye-law 142 of the Book of Constitution.

**MEETINGS**

3. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Hall, Dharwad on the 2nd Saturday of every month at such hour as may be mentioned in the summons for the meeting.

4. Emergency meetings may be held for the purpose mentioned in the Book of Constitution and in accordance with the provisions thereof.

5. The Master of the Lodge, Treasurer and the Tyler shall be elected at the regular meeting in the month of December every year as per the provisions in Rule No. 87, 92A, 93 of the Constitution.

6. The Master elect shall be installed at the regular meeting of the Lodge in the Month of January every year.

**7. (a) The Permanent Committee :**

The Lodge shall, at the installation meeting, appoint a Permanent Committee, which shall consist

of the Master, the Immediate Paster Master, the Treasurer, the Secretary and three other members elected by the Lodge.

The Permanent Committee shall meet at least once in every month. Three members of the Committee will form the quorum. The Committe shall check the Treasurer's account, inspect and report on the Lodge property consider and report on the poroposals for the membership of the Lodge and transact any other business referred to it by the Lodge. The Master, in the absence of the Master the Immediate Past Master or in his absence the Senior most Brother present, shall preside.

**(b) Audit Committee :**

At the Regular Meeting in January every year, an Audit Committee consisting of the same members as shown in Bye-law No.7 above, shall be appointed as per Rule 129 of the Book of Constitution, which shall audit and certify the accounts of the Lodge for the year for placing the same before the Lodge at its Installation Meeting in January every year.

## **FUNDS**

**8. (a) Benevolent Fund :**

A contribution of Rs. 100/- shall be paid by every subscribing member once a year, along with subscription fees. A separate Benevolent Fund Account is maintained in the Bank. The fund is exclusive utilized for the benefit of its members in times of distress, Other voluntary contributions that may be made on special occasions, shall also be credited to the Benevolent Fund.

**(b) Building Fund :**

A Building Fund shall be maintained, out of special contributions from Brethren every month, or occasional contributions from the General Fund as shall be utilised for the maintenance, repairs, and extension of the Lodge building, as and when necessary.

## **LODGE FEES**

9. The following fees be payable to the

Lodge and they shall be paid in advance :

Fees for initiations	
Fees for joining from a Lodge under the recognised constitution.	Actuals as prescribed by GLI/RGLI from time to time.
Fees for joining from G.L.I.	
Fees for rejoining.	

These fees are exclusive of subscription.

### **Bye Law No.10 SUBSCRIPTION**

The subscription for Resident Member as well as Non-Resident Member shall be Rs.520/- per year. In addition the actuals payable to GLI and RGL of SI shall be collected along with the subscription fees. If any member allows his subscription to remain unpaid for six months or more, he shall be deprived of, while so in default, of the rights of voting, of being appointed or elected or continuing in any office in the lodge and proposing, seconding or speaking on propositions before the Lodge, such defaulting shall also be liable to be excluded under Rule

156 of B of C of GLI (Cessation and Exclusion from membership will be governed by Rules 124 and 156 of the B of C of GLI)

### **OFFICERS**

11. (a) The regular officers of the Lodge shall be the Master, the Immediate Past Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon. Inner Guard and Tyler (vide Rule No.86 of B of C of G.L.I.)

(b) The Master may appoint as additional officers a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Almonar, Bearer of the Volume of the Sacred law, a Sword Bearer, an Assistant Secretary and Stewards and others.

### **SECRETARY**

12. The Secretary shall be the usual medium of communication between the members and the Worshipful Master and shall attend to all correspondence, record the minutes, issue summonses and make due returns to the Grand Lodge and the Regional Grand

Lodge and the Regional Grand Lodge. He shall also be ex-officio Secretary of all the Committees appointed by the Lodge.

## TREASURER

13. The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit them in the name of the Lodge in a Bank or Banks approved by the Lodge from time to time. The Bank account shall be operated by the Treasurer and any one of the following *viz.*

- 1) The Wor, Master and
- 2) The Secretary.

The Treasurer shall keep account of all Lodge funds. The Treasurer shall not ordinarily keep more than Rs. 500=00, as cash on hand.

## LODGE PROPERTY

14. Every kind of property belonging to the Lodge shall be vested 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 a separate Register by the Wor. Master, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer and all additions or to, deletions there from shall be recorded in the inventory as and when made. All such additions deletions shall be submitted to the General Committee meetings as and when made and shall be recorded in minutes.

## BALLOT

15. (a) All Candidates for Initiation, Joining or Rejoining must be proposed at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge according to Rule 135 and 138 of B of C of GLI.

(b) No person shall be made a Mason or admitted a member of daughter Lodge, unless if on ballot, two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature.

(c) A collective ballot for two or more candidates for Initiation or Joining may be taken with the approval of the Lodge, and balloting to be done as above. In the event of unsuccessful ballot, each candidate shall be balloted for individually.

d) No rejected candidate can be proposed until a period of six months has expired from the date of the ballot (vide rule 140 of B of C of GLI)

## PROPOSALS

16. (a) No motion shall be put to the Lodge assembled unless duly proposed by one member and seconded by another, except when proposed by the Wor. Master.

b) An amendment to any proposition may be made duly proposed and seconded. Amendments shall be out to vote first. If negatived, the original proposition shall then be put to vote. If the amendment is carried the original proposition shall be declared to be lost.

c) No proposition of importance shall be brought forward for consideration unless notice thereof has been given at the previous regular meeting or in writing to the Secretary, well in advance and in time, to be circulated with summons of the meeting.

## AMENDMENTS OF BYE-LAWS

17. Amendments of these Bye-laws or of any of them may be made only in the following manner:

(a) Notice of motion in writing stating precise Amendment or 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 no 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 it is confirmed and approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master.

## VISITORS

18. General Committee may from time to time fix a fee for Dinner to be paid by members for visitors who may be invited by a member to Banquets or other functions connected with the Lodge.

## COLOUR OF THE REGALIA

19. The Lodge regalia will be pale blue in colour.

## BYE - LAWS

20.(a) 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 Laws. 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 at least once a year, as early possible, after the Installation meeting.

Proposed on : 10-02-1970

Accepted on : 12-12-1970

Confirmed on : 09-01-1971

(Sd) M. A. Kamat.

Worshipful Master

(Sd) A. N. Nayak

Senior Warden

(Sd) R. S. Nawari

Secretary

(Sd) N. M. Rego

Junior Warden

Approved by the R. W. Regional Grand Master  
of Southern India.

Madras

18th Feb. 1971

(Sd) K., Veeraswam

Regional Grand Master

Approved by the M. W. the Grand Master

New Delhi

24th Feb. 1971

(Sd) P. M. Sundearan

Grand Secretar

As amended upto & on 13.09.2003 duly approved by  
R. W. Regional Grand Master of S I and by the  
M. W. the Grand Master.