



Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India

Freemasons' Hall, 14 Ethiraj Salai, Chennai - 600008

L.34/2019

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Dear Sir and R.W.Brother,

SUB:AMENDMENT TO BYE-LAWS OF LODGE MYSORE NO.34

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the amendment to bye-laws of **LODGE MYSORE NO.34** duly approved by R.W.The Regional Grand Master on 29-6-2019 and M.W.The Grand Master.(31-08-2019).

The Amendment will be effective from the date of approval by M.W.The Grand Master.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

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Regional Grand Secretary.

Encl:Amendment to Bye-laws

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LODGE MYSORE NO. 34

G.L.I., FREEMASONS HALL, OPP. TOWN HALL, ASHOKA ROAD,

MYSORE – 570 001

AMENDMENT OF BYE-LAWS

DATE OF MEETING : 07/04/2018
VENUE : FREEMASONS HALL, MYSORE
TIME : 6.30 PM

28 MAY 2018

RESOLUTION

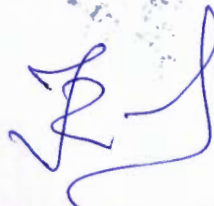
Extract of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on 07/04/2018 at Freemasons Hall at 6.30pm.

Secretary explained the necessity of amending the Bye-Laws as per the new Rules and the existing circumstances. It was discussed and unanimously accepted and resolved to incorporate the Bye-Laws of Lodge Mysore No. 34 as detailed in the Booklet.



Worshipful Master

DR. T. U. RAMESH.



Senior Warden

T. R. MOHAN



Junior Warden

VIVEK SANGLE



Secretary

B. VIJAY SINGH.

SL No.	Existing	Proposed Bye-Laws	Explanation / Reason
	<p><u>Preamble</u></p> <p>Whereas it is expedient to frame By-Laws for the government of Lodge "Mysore" No. 34 G.L.I., established in City of Mysore, under the Warrant of Constitution appended hereto granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, His Highness the Nawab of Rampur the following By-Laws have been accordingly framed:-</p>	No Change	
1.	<p><u>Members</u></p> <p>The Lodge shall consist of Resident and Non-Resident Members. Resident Members are those who reside in the City of Mysore and Non-Resident Members are those reside outside the City of Mysore.</p> <p>The Lodge may, if it sees fit to acknowledge the services rendered by a brother to Freemasonry in general or to Lodge Mysore in particular, elect him as an Honorary Member thereof in accordance with Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions.</p>	No Change	
2.	<p><u>Day of Meeting</u></p> <p>The Regular monthly Meeting shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Curzon Park (Statue Square) Mysore on the First Saturday of every month at such an hour as the Master may direct, except in January for the Installation Meeting, when such Meeting may be held on any day not being more than Seven Days before nor Seven Days after the specified day the Master may direct.</p>	<p><u>Day of Meeting</u></p> <p>The Regular monthly Meeting shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Ashoka Road (Statue Square) Mysore on the First Saturday of every month at such an hour as the Master may direct, except in January for the Installation Meeting, when such Meeting may be held on any day not being <u>more than 14 Days before nor 14 Days</u> after the specified day the Master may direct.</p>	According to Book of Constitution

3.	<p><u>Election of Master and Tyler and the Installation of Master</u></p> <p>The Master and the Tyler shall be elected on the day of the Regular Meeting in December, and at the Regular Meeting in January the Master – Elect shall be duly installed in the Chair according to ancient usage, after which he shall appoint and invest his Wardens and other Officers.</p>	<p><u>Election of Master, Treasurer & Tyler and the Installation of Master</u></p> <p>The Master, <u>Treasurer</u> and the Tyler shall be elected on the day of the Regular Meeting in December, and at the Regular Meeting in January the Master – Elect shall be duly installed in the Chair according to ancient usage, after which he shall appoint and invest his Wardens and other Officers.</p>	As Treasurer is also elected
4.	<p><u>The Permanent Committee</u></p> <p>There shall be a Permanent Committee consisting of the Master, the two Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary and all the Past Masters of the Lodge, ex-officio, and two Master – Masons, <u>not being office-bearers</u>, elected by the Brethren in open Lodge, at the Installation Meeting. Five shall constitute the quorum for business.</p>	<p><u>The Permanent Committee</u></p> <p>There shall be a Permanent Committee consisting of the Master, the two Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary and all the Past Masters of and in the Lodge, ex-officio, and two Master – Masons, elected by the Brethren in open Lodge, at the Installation Meeting. Five shall constitute the quorum for business.</p>	So that Deacons can be in Permanent Committee
5	The proceedings of the Permanent Committee shall be reported to the Lodge at the Next Regular Meeting.	No Change	
6	The Permanent Committee shall investigate and submit their opinion regarding the desirability of admitting candidates and on application for relief and transact such other business as may be referred to them by the Lodge. The Committee shall also furnish to the Lodge annually, at the Installation Meeting, a report on the general condition of the Lodge, copy of which shall be got printed and circulated to the members for consideration at the next regular meeting in February.	No Change	
7.	<p><u>Audit Committee</u></p> <p>An Audit Committee Consisting of two members (not members of the Permanent Committee or Officers) shall be appointed by the Lodge annually at the election meeting in December of the year to audit the Treasurers accounts for previous twelve months ending 31st December of the year</p>	No change	

	and such Committee shall present a report thereon to the Lodge at the Installation Meeting, copy of which shall be got printed and circulated to the members for consideration at the next regular meeting on February.		
8.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Treasurer</u></p> <p>The Treasurer shall make payments of salaries, fees, taxes, contingencies, etc., He shall not, however, make other payments without a special direction from the Master or under resolutions duly passed by the Brethren. Such latter payments shall be got ratified at the next regular Meeting.</p>	No Change	
9.	The Treasurer's Annual Statement of Receipts and Expenditure shall be furnished to the Lodge at the Installation Meeting, copy of which shall be got printed and circulated to the members for consideration at the next regular meeting in February.	No Change	
10.	Separate accounts may be opened in the Government Savings Bank, the State Bank of Mysore, or any other Bank or Society the Lodge may specially resolve in this behalf to invest the Lodge funds and the moneys may be deposited in any or all of the said Banks or Societies. All Cheques shall be signed by any two of the following, viz., the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary. The Treasurer is however, allowed a cash imprest of Rs. 500/- for meeting recurring or emergent expenditure.	Separate accounts may be opened in the Government Savings Bank, the State Bank of Mysore, or any other Bank or Society the Lodge may specially resolve in this behalf to invest the Lodge funds and the moneys may be deposited in any or all of the said Banks or Societies. <u>All Cheques Must be signed by the Treasurer and either the Master or the Secretary.</u> The Treasurer is however, allowed a cash imprest of <u>Rs. 5000/-</u> for meeting recurring or emergent expenditure.	
11.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Secretary</u></p> <p>The Secretary shall keep a list of members according to the forms laid down by the Regional Grand Lodge. He shall issue summonses for and record the minutes of all meetings and Committees of the Lodge, and receive all petitions and memorials, & C. and lay them before the Master.</p>	No Change	

12	The Summonses shall be issued by the Secretary under the orders of the Master or Officer in charge of the Lodge at least Seven days previous to the regular day of the meeting.	The Summonses shall be issued by the Secretary under the orders of the Master or Officer in charge of the Lodge at least <u>Ten</u> days previous to the regular day of the meeting.	
13	Such summonses shall notify the business to be transacted and the motions or resolutions proposed to be discussed by any of the members.	No Change	
14	When a member's subscription is unpaid for a period of three months, the Secretary shall send him intimation thereof and call upon him to pay up his subscription and state that in the event of failure to pay up the dues, a report will be made at the next regular meeting of the Lodge for further instructions. If the Lodge were to direct the issue of a notice under Rule 156 Book of Constitutions, the Secretary shall thereupon send the said notice by registered post, acknowledge due, at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting at which the proposition for exclusion will be moved.	DELETED	
15	<u>Tyler</u> The Tyler shall be in charge of the Lodge Attendance Book. He shall see that the members present at each meeting as well as visitors to the Lodge, do write their names in the book kept for that purpose. He will keep safely and in good order the Furniture and Regalia of the Lodge.	No Change	
16	<u>Dues and Fees</u> The Resident member shall pay a sum of Rs. 700/- per annum as subscription, plus the G.L.I. & RGL dues as applicable from time to time for both Resident and Non- Resident members irrespective of the date/month of initiation/joining. Fees – Following will be levied: (a) Lodge Sub Rs. 400.00 (b) Benevolent Fund Rs. 100.00 (c) Steward Fund Rs. 200.00	<u>Dues and Fees</u> The Resident member shall pay a sum of Rs. <u>1450/-</u> per annum as subscription, plus the G.L.I. & RGL dues as applicable from time to time for both Resident and Non- Resident members irrespective of the date/month of initiation/joining. Fees – Following will be levied: (d) Lodge Sub Rs. 600.00 (e) Benevolent Fund Rs. 250.00 (f) Steward Fund Rs. 600.00	The existing fee structure was fixed long back. There has been an increase in the cost of operation & hence, the revision in fee structure is sought for

	<div>TotalRs. 700.00</div> <div>GLI & RGL Fees as applicable from time to time will be in addition to the above.</div> <div>The Non- Resident members shall pay a sum of Rs. 420/- per annum as subscription. The annual subscription of Rs. 420/- will be due to be paid by Non-Resident members irrespective of the date/month of initiation/joining. FEES LEVIED</div> <div><div>(a) Lodge SubRs. 120.00</div><div>(b) Steward FundRs. 200.00</div><div>(c) Benevolent FundRs. 100.00</div><div>TotalRs. 420.00</div></div> <div>Plus the GLI & RGL dues as applicable from time to time will be in addition to the above</div>	<div>TotalRs. 1450.00</div> <div>GLI & RGL Fees as applicable from time to time will be in addition to the above.</div> <div>The Non- Resident members shall pay a sum of Rs. 1250/- per annum as subscription. The annual subscription of Rs. 1250/- will be due to be paid by Non-Resident members irrespective of the date/month of initiation/joining. FEES LEVIED</div> <div><div>(a) Lodge SubRs. 400.00</div><div>(b) Steward FundRs. 600.00</div><div>(c) Benevolent FundRs. 250.00</div><div>TotalRs. 1250.00</div></div> <div>Plus the GLI & RGL dues as applicable from time to time will be in addition to the above</div>	
17.	The Fee for Initiation shall be Rs. 1000/-	The Fee for Initiation shall be Rs. 10,000/-	
18	The Fee for Joining shall be Rs. 1000/-	The Fee for Joining shall be Rs. 5,500/-	
19	A Fee of Rs. 1000/- Shall be paid by the Brother or jointly by the Brethren on whose account an Emergency Meeting is called in addition to the fees, if any, payable under By-Law No. 71 of the Regional Grand Lodge.	A Fee of Rs. 2000/- Shall be paid by the Brother or jointly by the Brethren on whose account an Emergency Meeting is called in addition to the fees, if any, payable under By-Law No. 116 of the Regional Grand Lodge.	
20	<div>The following Donations to the Benevolent Fund shall be paid by the Officers of the Lodge noted below on appointment: -</div> <div><div>MasterRs. 200/-</div><div>WardensRs. 100/-</div><div>DeaconsRs. 30 /-</div><div>Inner GuardRs. 30 /-</div></div>	<div>The following Donations to the Benevolent Fund shall be paid by the Officers of the Lodge noted below on appointment: -</div> <div><div>MasterRs. 500/-</div><div>WardensRs. 250/-</div><div>DeaconsRs. 100 /-</div><div>Inner GuardRs. 100 /-</div></div>	
21.	Admission and Retirement of Members.	According to Rule 140 in Book of Constitution	

	No person shall be made or accepted as a member of the Lodge unless if on ballot, 2/3 rd of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal of such candidate.	No person shall be made a mason in or admitted a member of a daughter Lodge unless if on ballot for Initiation/Joining or ReJoining simple majority of members present and voting in the Lodge approve the Proposal for such candidate	
22	Candidates or Brethren once rejected for initiation or joining shall not be proposed again until after the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection.	Candidates or Brethren once rejected for initiation or joining shall not be proposed again until after the expiration of ONE YEAR from the date of such rejection.	
23	No candidate can be balloted for unless the provisions of Rules 135 and 138 of the Book of Constitutions are complied with.	No change	
24.	Any member whose dues to the Lodge shall remain unpaid or three months from the due date, shall after due notice given him in accordance with Rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions, be liable to be excluded from the Lodge. If he should wish to rejoin, he must again be balloted for and pay the joining fee and all arrears.	DELETED	
25	Any member wishing to resign from the Lodge shall intimate the same in open Lodge or in writing to the Secretary	No change	
26.	Balloting and Voting No Ballot for initiation or joining shall take place until all fees shall have been deposited with the Treasurer, who shall intimate the fact to the Lodge previous to the ballot.	No change	
27	Members who are in default in the payment of their subscriptions for six months, are deprived while so in default, of the rights of voting, proposing or seconding candidates and being elected or appointed to any office.	No change	
28	All matters relating to the affairs of the Lodge shall be decided by majority of votes, each member having one. Whenever it may happen that the number of votes for and against are equal, the Master in the Chair shall give a second or casting vote.	No change	

	N.B. :- By the Constitution certain matters require a two – thirds majority.	No change	
29	Any question once decided shall not be raised a second time until the expiration of three months from the date of disposal, provided that the Master may, in his discretion, bring up the subject again before the expiry of that period.	No change	
30	No motion or resolution touching the finances or the property of the Lodge shall be brought into discussion at the meeting unless it shall have been entered in the summons except those of a routine and formal character.	No change	
31	Debates No Motion or resolution by any member or members shall be discussed, debated and disposed of unless duly proposed and seconded and notice in writing shall have been given to the Secretary not less than fifteen days before the date of the meeting.	No change	
32	A motion may be opposed either by dissenting from it or proposing an amendment; which being put to vote; if it be lost other amendments may follow, but should no other be made, the original motion is to be voted upon.	No change	
33	No visitor shall ordinarily be allowed to remain in the Lodge while the matter concerning any member or members of the Lodge is being disposed of, but it shall be left to the discretion of the Master whether to ask the visitor to remain in or retire from the Lodge during such discussion.	No change	
34	<u>Refreshments</u> The Lodge funds other than the Stewards Fund shall not be appropriated for any entertainments or refreshments.	No change	

35	It shall be the duty of the Stewards to provide for and look after the refreshments.	No change	
36	By-Laws Every proposition for amendment of any By-Law or for a new one shall be in writing and signed by the proposer and seconder thereof. It shall be then read in open Lodge and the Secretary directed to give notice to the members in the summons for the next regular meeting that the motion will be brought forward for discussion and voting at that meeting.	No change	
	The above By-Laws except By-Law Nos. 10 and 20 were adopted at the regular meeting held on 1 st June 1963 and subsequently confirmed at the regular meeting held on 6 th July 1963 and By-Laws Nos. 10 and 20 were considered afresh and passed on 2.11.1963 and subsequently confirmed on 7.12.1963.		

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Approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Master.

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29-06-2019

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(ABRAHAM MARKOS)
Regional Grand Master