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PREAMBLE

As it is necessary for the good government and well being of every institution and lawfully organised society that Rules and Regulations shall be framed for the guidance of its members, the Master, Wardens and the Members of Lodge "GIBBS" No.86 G.L.I. do for the purpose of preserving that harmony which should always distinguish Freemasons' establish and hereby agree to the following Bye-Laws which contain nothing inconsistent with the Laws contained in the Book of Constitutions of Grand Lodge of India (1962).

Lodge "GIBBS" was founded in Bangalore under a Provisional Warrant from the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India on Third of June, 1911 and was consecrated on the Sixth of April 1912 under Charter from Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh dated Third of August One Thousand nine hundred and eleven.

This Lodge "GIBBS" opted to join the Grand Lodge of India. The new Charter of this Lodge dated 24th November 1961, was granted by the Grand Lodge of

India, New Delhi, on the day of Inauguration of Grand Lodge of India, at New Delhi and the Lodge has been assigned number "86" on the Roll of Lodges in the Grand Lodge of India.

1. BYE-LAWS

1. The Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemasons' Hall, No.2, primrose Road, Bangalore-560 025

2. MEMBERS

There shall be three classes of Members:-

- (a) **Resident Members:** Members residing within the limits of 25 Kms of the Bangalore City Corporation Boundary.
- (b) **Non-Resident Members:** Members residing beyond 25 Kms of the Bangalore City Corporation Boundary.
- (c) **Honorary Members:** Any Brother of good standing and worthy of such distinction by reason of his services to the craft or to the particular Lodge who is or within the previous year has been a Subscribing Member of a Regular Daughter Lodge. (Vide Rule 142 of B. of C., G.L.I.).

Note: If a Non Resident Member is appointed or elected to a Regular Office in the Lodge he shall be deemed to have become a Resident Member.

3. (a) Those Brethren on whom the honour of Distinguished Service Membership had been conferred by the Lodge when under the Scottish Constitution previous to the Inauguration of the Grand Lodge of India, will continue to enjoy the same privileges as before. (Vide Grand Lodge of India Notification, Para (7) (i) dated 5th October 1961). They shall, however, be liable to pay dues to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge as prescribed in the Book of Constitutions and Regional Grand Bye-Laws respectively.

(b) Those who had become Life Members of the Lodge previous to the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of India shall continue as such (Vide Grand Lodge of India Notification, Para (7) (ii) dated 5th October 1961).

4. MEETINGS

The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the Third Thursday in Each Month at such hour as the Worshipful Master may fix.

5. ELECTION

- (a) The Master of the Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot at the Regular Meeting in "June" (Vide Rule 87 of B. of C.)
- (b) The Tyler, if a Serving Brother, shall be elected annually at the Regular Meeting in "June" (Vide Rule 93 of the B. of C.)

(N.B.: Amendment to Bye-Law No.5 & 6 Approved by G.L.I. on 5th July 64).

6. INSTALLATION

The Installation of the Master shall take place at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in "July".

7. OFFICERS

- (a) The Regular Officers of the Lodge shall be the Master, the Immediate Past Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior, Deacon, Junior Deacon, Inner Guard and Tyler (Vide Rule 86 of B. of C.)
- (b) The Master may appoint as additional Officers a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant

Director of Ceremonies, an Almoner, Bearers of V. of S. L., a Sword Bearer, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary and Stewards but no others (Vide Rule 86 of B. of C.)

- (c) The Master may appoint a Brother who is holding a Regular Office to one additional Office also. (Vide Rule 86 of B. of C.)

8. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall conduct the General correspondence, Record the Minutes, Issue Summons and make due Returns to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge. He shall also be the Ex-Officio Secretary of the Permanent Committee. The Secretary shall be exempt from paying the Lodge Subscription (Vide Rule 86 of B. of C.)

9. TREASURER

- (a) The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit the funds in the name of the Lodge in either or both the Banks, namely the State Bank of India, Bangalore and the State Bank of Mysore, Bangalore.

- (b) The Treasurer shall keep separate accounts of the General Fund, the Benevolent Fund and the Refreshment Fund of the Lodge. He shall allocate out of the monthly subscription, of Rs. ~~25/-~~ ^{58/-} Rs. ~~15/-~~ ^{15/-} to the General Fund, Rs. ~~10/-~~ ^{10/-} to the Refreshment Fund and Rs. ~~8/-~~ ^{8/-} to the Benevolent Fund. Out of the Subscription of the non-resident Members of Rs. ~~10/-~~ ^{25/-} Rs. ~~10/-~~ ^{3/-} shall be allocated to General Fund and Rs. ~~8/-~~ ^{3/-} to the Benevolent Fund.

- (b) All financial transactions of the Lodge shall be carried out by the Treasurer, Worshipful Master and the Secretary. The Treasurer and any one of the other two Officers, namely the Wor. Master or the Secretary are authorised to sign cheques and operate the Bank Account.

10. TYLER

- (a) The Tyler shall be exempt from paying the Lodge Subscription. (Vide Rule 86 of B. of C.)
- (b) When the Tyler is a Serving Brother, he shall be paid an honorarium of Rs. 25.00 per meeting (Regular or Emergent).

11. FEES

- (a) Fee for Initiation, Passing and Raising (Vide Rule 144 B. of C). Payable with Application 500.00
Rs. ~~200.00~~
- (b) Fee for joining from another Constitution Payable with Application. 250.00
Rs. ~~100.00~~
- (c) Fee for joining from our own Constitution — Payable with Application 250.00
Rs. ~~100.00~~
- (d) Fee for Re-joining—Payable with Application 250.00
Rs. ~~100.00~~

12. SUBSCRIPTION

- (a) Resident Members 50/-
Rs. ~~25/-~~
per month
- (b) Non-Resident Members 25/-
Rs. ~~12/-~~
per month
- (c) If any Member allows his subscription to remain in arrears for six months, he shall be deprived, while so in default, of the rights of voting, of proposing or seconding candidates, of being appointed or

elected to offices in the Lodge and of proposing, seconding and speaking on propositions before the Lodge. Such defaulting Members shall also be liable to be excluded if the subscription remain unpaid for 12 months under Rule 156 of B. of C.

13. BENEVOLENT FUND

- (a) The Lodge shall take a collection for the Benevolent Fund at every Meeting.
- (b) The Benevolent Fund shall be utilised to make contributions to Masonic Charities and to a distressed Brother or the dependants of a distressed Brother or the dependants of a deceased Brother. The merits of each case shall be investigated by the Permanent Committee.
- (c) In circumstances of emergency, the Wor. Master may afford relief upto Rs. 200/- and the matter when reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting, the Wor. Master shall be reimbursed from the Lodge Benevolent Fund.

14. PERMANENT COMMITTEE

The Permanent Committee shall consist of Wor. Master (who will be Ex-Officio President), all Past

Masters in and of the Lodge, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary and two Members to be appointed by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting. (The Tyler will be in attendance).

15. BALLOT

- (a) All Candidates for Initiation, Joining or Re-Joining must be proposed at a Regular Meeting according to Rule 134 and 137 of the B. of C.
- (b) No person shall be made a Mason or accepted as a Member of the Lodge if on ballot two Black Balls appear against him.
- (c) A collective Ballot for two or more candidates for Initiation or Joining may be taken with approval of the Lodge. Should there however be even one black ball, each candidate should be balloted for individually. A collective ballot for an initiate and a joining Member is irregular.
- (d) No rejected candidate can be proposed again until a period of six months has elapsed from the date of the ballot. (Vide Rule 140 of B. of C.)

Approved by R. W. The Regional Grand Master

Place: Madras
Date: 30-05-1989

V. Rajendran
Regional Grand Master

Approved by M. W. The Grand Master

Place: New Delhi
Date: 14-02-1989

H. P. Gupta
Grand Secretary