

# REGIONAL GRAND LODGE OF SOUTHERN INDIA

## AMENDMENT TO BYE LAWS (PROPOSAL FOR APPROVAL)

(submitted in triplicate)

NAME OF RAM LODGE	MADRAS MASTERS LODGE No 103
PLACE	ERODE
Existing preamble (page 1)	Amendment to preamble (proposed) (page 1)
It is an honorable understanding that no candidate shall be proposed as a Joining Member unless he is an Installed Master of a Lodge under the Indian Constitution or under any Constitution recognized by the GLI and a subscribing member of a Lodge under the Indian Constitution or recognized by it.	It is an honourable understanding that no candidate shall be proposed as a Joining Member unless he is <b><u>an Installed Master and is also a subscribing member of a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of India.</u></b>
Existing clause 1	Amendment (proposed) Clause 1
<b>MEETINGS</b> 1. The Lodge shall hold FOUR regular meetings in a year. The FIRST and THIRD regular meetings shall be held on such day as may be convenient either before or after or on the same day as the respective meetings of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India and at the same place. The SECOND and FOURTH regular meetings shall be held on 1st June and 1st December in each year either at Freemasons Hall, Bangalore or Chennai or any other place in the Southern Region.	<b>MEETINGS</b> 1. The Lodge shall hold FOUR regular meetings in a year. The FIRST and THIRD regular meetings shall be held on such day as may be convenient either before or after or on the same day as the respective meetings of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India and at the same place. The SECOND and FOURTH regular meetings shall be held <b><u>in the 1st week of June and the 1st week of December in each year</u></b> at any place in the Southern Region as the Permanent Committee may decide from time to time.
Existing clause 2	Amendment (proposed) Clause 2
<b>EMERGENCY MEETINGS:-</b> 2. The holding of Emergency Meetings shall be regulated by the provisions of Rule 115 of the Book of Constitutions of GLI	<b>EMERGENCY MEETINGS:-</b> 2. The Lodge may, as it deems fit, hold Regular Meetings with dispensation from R.W. the Regional Grand Master as per Rule 115, and Emergency Meetings with specific agenda as per Rule 116 of the Book of Constitutions.
Existing clause 3	Amendment (proposed) Clause 3
<b>ELECTION</b> 3. The election of the Master and Treasurer shall take place by ballot at the Regular Meeting in December. The Tyler shall be chosen at the same meeting and shall be a member of the Lodge.	<b>ELECTION</b> 3. At the regular meeting in December, the Lodge will annually elect the Master, Treasurer and Tyler of the Lodge. The Master-Elect shall be a subscribing member of a Royal Arch Chapter under the Supreme Grand Chapter of India and a subscribing member of a Mark Lodge under the Grand Mark Lodge of India, and shall be elected by ballot with largest number of votes of the members present and voting. The Treasurer shall be elected and the Tyler chosen by show of hands and by simple majority.
Existing clause 4	Amendment (proposed) Clause 4
<b>INSTALLATION</b> 4. The Master-Elect shall be installed at the first Regular Meeting in each calendar year.	<b>INSTALLATION</b> 4. The Master-Elect shall be installed at the first Regular Meeting in each calendar year.

For Grand Lodge of India  


Grand Secretary

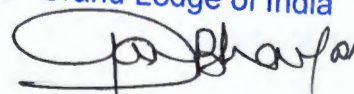


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<b>BALLOT</b> 5. Joining or Rejoining will be done in accordance with the provision of Rule 140 of the Book of Constitution.	<b>BALLOT</b> 5. Joining or Rejoining will be done in accordance with the provision of Rule 140 of the Book of Constitution.
Existing clause 6	Amendment (proposed) Clause 6
<b>FEES</b> 6. Fee for joining or rejoining from a Lodge under GLI or under any other recognized constitution is Rs.500/-	<b>FEES</b> 6. Fee for joining or rejoining is Rs.1000/-
Existing clause 7	Amendment (proposed) Clause 7
<b>SUBSCRIPTION</b> 7. The annual subscription shall be Rs.650/- payable in advance on 1st January of each year, plus amount payable per member to the GLI and RGL of SI annually. From the annual subscription of Rs.650/-, a sum of Rs.400/- shall be transferred towards the Journal Account of the Lodge to support the printing, publishing and other expenses relating to Madras Masters Journal.	<b>SUBSCRIPTION</b> 7. The annual subscription shall be Rs.650/- payable in advance on 1st January of each year, plus amount payable per member to the GLI and RGL of SI annually.
Existing clause 7(a)	Amendment (proposed) Clause 7(a)
<b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP</b> 7(a) A member could become a life member of a Lodge on payment of seven years lumpsum subscription if he is a subscribing member for 20 years in one Lodge or more other Lodges and he has also attained the age of 55 years provided that with a multiple membership of Lodges, he could become a life member in only one of the Lodges of his choice.	<b>DELETED</b>
Existing clause 9	Amendment (proposed) Clause 9
<b>PERMANENT COMMITTEE</b> 9. The Master, IPM, the Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the D of C along with FIVE members elected by the Lodge at the first regular meeting of each year, shall form the committee of management, shall make all arrangements for meetings, shall consider all matters connected with the welfare of the Lodge and all applications for membership. Three shall form a quorum. The committee shall meet at least once a quarter and its proceedings shall be read in open Lodge.	<b>PERMANENT COMMITTEE</b> 9. The Master, IPM, the Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the D of C along with FIVE members elected by the Lodge at the first regular meeting of each year, shall form the committee of management, shall make all arrangements for meetings, shall consider all matters connected with the welfare of the Lodge and all applications for membership. Three shall form a quorum. The committee shall meet at least once a quarter and its proceedings shall be read in open Lodge.

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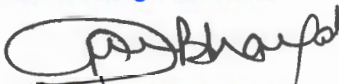


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Existing clause 10	Amendment (proposed) Clause 10
<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b> 10. The Audit committee consisting of THREE members of the Lodge shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting in each calendar year. The accounts shall be made upto 31st December of the year presented, duly audited, at the Regular Meeting next following.	<b>AUDIT COMMITTEE</b> 10. The Audit committee consisting of THREE members of the Lodge shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting in each calendar year. The accounts shall be made upto 31st December of the year presented, duly audited, at the Regular Meeting next following.
Existing clause 10(a)	Amendment (proposed) Clause 10(a)
<b>EDITORIAL COMMITTEE</b> 10(a) The Master, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Advisor, the Editor of the Madras Masters Journal and THREE other members of Madras Masters Lodge to be co-opted by the Editor at the first Regular Meeting each year shall form the Editorial Committee to publish and manage the Madras Masters Journal. The Master shall appoint the Editor of the journal and the Advisor at the first Regular Meeting of each year. The Secretary of the Lodge shall be the publisher and Secretary of the Committee. The Master shall be the Chairman of the Editorial Committee.	<b>EDITORIAL COMMITTEE</b> 10(a)The Editorial Committee of the Madras Masonic Journal shall consist of the Editor to be chosen annually at the Installation Meeting, the Master, the Secretary, the Treasurer and three other members of the Lodge to be co-opted by the Editor.
Existing clause 11	Amendment (proposed) Clause 11
<b>FUNDS</b> 11. (A). The disbursement of any sum exceeding Rs.50/- otherwise than for routine expenses requires the previous sanction of the Lodge. Notice of any resolution for sanctioning such payment shall appear in the summons. (B). No part of the funds of the Lodge shall be expended on refreshments. (C). All bank accounts of the Lodge shall be operated by the Treasurer jointly with the Master or Immediate Past Master or Secretary of the Lodge.	<b>FUNDS</b> 11.(A). The disbursement of any sum exceeding Rs.1000/- otherwise than for routine expenses requires the previous sanction of the Lodge. Notice of any resolution for sanctioning such payment shall appear in the summons (B) No part of the funds of the Lodge shall be expended on refreshments. (C) All bank accounts of the Lodge shall be operated by the Treasurer jointly with the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

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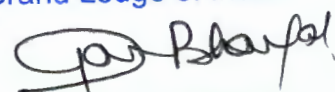
  
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Existing clause 12	Amendment (proposed) Clause 12
<p><b>ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTION</b></p> <p>12. Any member whose subscription is unpaid for SIX months from the due date shall be liable to be excluded in accordance with the provisions of Rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions. A member whose subscription is in arrears to this extent shall not be allowed to vote or to propose or second candidates and shall not be qualified for election or appointment of any office.</p>	<p><b>ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTION</b></p> <p>12. Any member whose subscription is unpaid for ONE YEAR from the due date shall cease to be a member of the Lodge under Rule 124 of the Book of Constitutions.</p>
Existing clause 13	Amendment (proposed) Clause 13
<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE CIRCLE</b></p> <p>13. A Correspondence Circle shall be attached to the Lodge membership of which shall be open to all the brethren including Master Masons who are in good standing with their respective Lodges. Lodges, Chapters and other corporate Masonic bodies are also eligible for membership and such bodies shall participate in the activities of Masters Lodge through their presiding officers. The annual subscription shall be Rs.150/- or Rs.1000/- lifetime payment in advance. There is no entrance fee and admissions are made by written application to the Master.</p> <p>The members of the Correspondence circle shall be entitled to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) to receive summons for every meeting of the Lodges.</li><li>b) to receive free of cost a copy of the journal as and when published</li><li>c) to attend the meetings of the Lodge, take part in discussions relating to any kind of papers which may be read or any subject of general Masonic interest which may be introduced and</li><li>d) to read papers and introduce discussions on Masonic subjects. They will not however be entitled to vote, hold office, propose and second candidates for admission to the Masters Lodge and take part in the management of the Lodge.</li></ul>	<p>DELETED</p>

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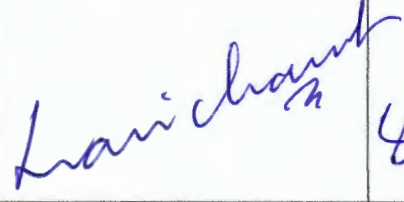

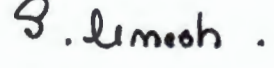
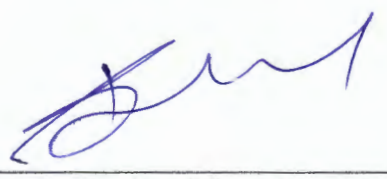
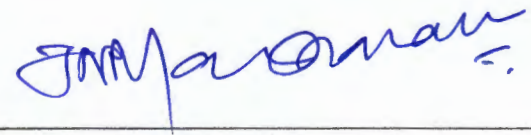

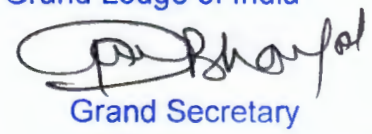
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Existing clause 14	Amendment (proposed) Clause 14
<b>ALTERATION OF BYELAWS</b> 14. No alteration in, or addition to, these Bye Laws shall be made except by motion carried at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge after due notice given to the Secretary and inserted in the summons for the next meeting at which it is intended to be made and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting and approved by the RW Regional Grand Master and MW Grand Master.	<b>ALTERATION OF BYELAWS</b> 14. No alteration in, or addition to, these Bye Laws shall be made except by motion carried at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge after due notice given to the Secretary and inserted in the summons for the next meeting at which it is intended to be made and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting and approved by the RW Regional Grand Master and MW Grand Master.

The above amendment was originally deliberated at the Standing Committee meeting held on **23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024** It was listed in the Summons of the Regular Meeting held on **2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024** as item No 9 and duly approved. The amendments shall be **effective from the date of their approval by the Grand Lodge.**

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2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

			
R W Bro Rajan Sekri Worshipful Master	R W Bro L Ravichandran Senior Warden	V W Bro R Sivasankaran Junior Warden	R W Bro S Umesh Secretary
Approved by the Regional Grand Mark Lodge			
Place : Chennai Date : 19/6/24			
			
R.W. The Regional Grand Secretary		R.W. The Regional Grand Master	
Approved by <del>the Grand Mark Lodge</del> <b>M.W. The Grand Master</b>			
Place : New Delhi Date : 25.06.2024			
			
R.W. The Grand Secretary		M.W. The Grand Master	