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LODGE SOUTHERN CROSS
No. 568 S. C.

BYE - LAWS.

1. **Members**.—The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Non-Resident and Honorary Members. Resident Members are those Brethren who reside within 20 miles of the Lodge and pay full dues: Non-Resident Members are those who reside more than 20 miles from the Lodge and pay half dues.

2. **Meetings**.—The Regular Meetings

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Delete "third Friday" and is'
substitute "fourth Thursday".

(a) The Annual Election Meeting shall be the Regular Meeting held in January of each year, and the Installation shall take place on Anniversary Day, the 11th February, unless it is deemed advisable to hold it on some other day, under Dispensation from the Grand Master,
A. S. F. I.

3. The R. W. Master and the Treasurer shall be elected by Ballot. The remaining Office-Bearers may be elected either by Ballot or by Show of Hands as the Lodge may determine.

4. **Dues.**—Dues shall be on an Annual Basis and shall be paid in advance, i. e., on the 1st, January for the ensuing financial year and shall be on the following scale:—

	First 12 months Thereafter.	
Resident	Rs. 36/-	Rs. 24/-
Non-Resident	... „	12/-

5. **Fees.**—The Fees payable in advance shall be on the following scale:—

Proposition	Rs. 45/-
* Initiation; Passing	
• and Raising	, 105/-
Passing	, 45/-
Raising	, 45/-
Affiliation	, 35/-
Joining or Re-Joining	, 15/-

* This amount must be paid in full prior to Initiation.

(a) For the purposes of these Bye-Laws the term "Joining" is used in respect of Brethren under the Scottish Constitution, and the term "Affiliation" in respect of Brethren of any other recognised Constitution.

(b) Prior to the Candidate being admitted for the benefit of any particular ceremony, the Secretary shall report whether the appropriate fees have been correctly collected.

6. **Funds.**—The Treasurer shall receive all fees and dues and keep the accounts of the following funds of the Lodge :—

General Fund.
Benevolent Fund.
Building Fund.

(a) He shall deposit all monies received in a Bank in the name of the Lodge; the account to be operated upon by the R. W. Master and Treasurer for the time being: he shall not retain in his hands

AMENDMENTS TO BYE LAWS.

Add Law 5 (c) In accordance with the provisions of Law 187 of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a qualified member who has paid his annual contributions as a Resident member for not less than twentyone consecutive years will be exempt from further dues on his becoming a Non-resident member.

Add Law 5 (d) In accordance with the provisions of Law 188 and Item 5 of Part III of the First Schedule of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, a qualified member may commute his annual contributions by a single payment of Rupees Two hundred and fifty (Rs. 250/-); and that 10% thereof be withdrawn annually and dealt with as laid down in Law 188.

Delete Law 7 (a).

any sum exceeding Rs. 50/- for incidental expenses. He shall not make any payments, except Grand Lodge Dues, without the written permission of the R. W. Master.

- (b) The R. W. Master, or Brother empowered to act in his absence, shall authorise the disbursement of all the current expenses of the Lodge as well as all contingent expenses not exceeding Rs. 20/. All sums above that amount must be passed by the Brethren in open Lodge.
- (c) The Benevolent Fund of the Lodge shall be maintained by a contribution of 10% of the gross income of the Lodge, and by voluntary indivi-

dual subscriptions or donations.

(d) The funds of the Lodge cannot be utilised to aid a relative of a deceased Brother unless he had been a subscribing Member of a Lodge for at least three consecutive years prior to his death, unless exceptional circumstances can be adduced. In such cases the circumstances will be investigated by the General Committee who will report them to the Lodge for decision.

COMMITTEES.

7. **General.**—The General Committee shall consist of the R. W. Master, an Past Masters of the Lodge, the Senior

and Junior Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer, and two members who shall be elected Annually at the Annual Election Meeting.

(a) **Enquiry.**—The functions of the Committee of Enquiry shall be exercised by the General Committee.

(b) **Financial.**—Three members consisting of one Past Master and two Brethren shall be elected annually at the Annual Election Meeting to audit all Lodge accounts and advise the General Committee on Financial matters when necessary.

8. **Caretaker.**—The Caretaker shall be the Custodian of all Lodge property. He shall see that the Lodge is at all

times properly clean and prepared for Meetings and Committees: he is to be present at the same and make sure that every attending Brother has signed the Register.

9. Lodge Property.—The Property and Regalia of the Lodge shall be considered as vested in the R. W. Master and Wardens for the time being in trust for the Lodge.

10. Non-Attendance.—A Brother who has received a summons to attend Lodge and is unable to do so, should, in accordance with Antient Custom, notify the R. W. Master or Secretary, thereby expressing his regret at his inability to attend. No Brother may convey such a message unless expressly requested by the absent Brother so to do.

11. Bye-Laws.—The Bye-Laws shall be read in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting at least once a year and within three months of the Installation. They shall be printed at the expense of the Lodge, each member being furnished with a copy. Additional copies to be charged for at a rate which shall be determined from time to time.
