



Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India

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*Amendment
to bylaws (✓)
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L.287/2018

14 May 2018

To
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Dear Sir and W.Brother,

SUB:AMENDMENT TO BYE-LAWS OF LODGE MERIDIAN NO.287

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the amendments to bye-law No. 5, 10, 11,12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, & 50 of **LODGE MERIDIAN NO.287** duly approved by R.W.The Regional Grand Master on (26-4-2018) and M.W.The Grand Master.(9-05-2018).

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

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

N. Pandurangan
(N.PANDURANGAN)
Regional Grand Secretary.

Encl:Amendment to Bye-law No. as mentioned above

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Regional Grand Lodge Of Southern India

Lodge

MERIDIAN

No 287

Place Coimbatore.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO/ REVISED BY LAWS

(To be Submitted in Triplicate)

Existing By-Laws By-Laws No	Proposed amendments to By-Laws By-Laws No
Attached Separately	Attached Separately

The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Lodge at a regular Meeting held on 18/11/17 Passed at a regular Meeting held on 20/01/18 and confirmed at a regular Meeting held on 17/02/18

Place

Coimbatore.

Date

18/02/18

A. Shanmugam

W. Master

V. Manohar

Senior Warden

P. S. Rao

Junior warden

G. S. S.

Secretary

APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

Place

Date

Regional Grand Master

APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

New Delhi,

Date 09.05.2018

V. K. S. S.

Grand Secretary



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EXISTING

5. There will be 10 Regular meetings every year commencing from July, being the installation meeting and ending in June, being the election meeting. The regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month except in the month of May and December.
10. Any member desirous of proposing for joining for any Master Mason shall communicate to the Secretary his desire in the form of a letter containing the Biodata and such particulars as are necessary to assess the suitability of the Master Mason proposed.
11. Within seven days of the receipt of the said letter, the Secretary shall forward it to the Standing Committee and the Standing Committee shall within fifteen days after its receipt, forward to the Secretary its recommendation regarding the suitability or otherwise of the proposed Master Mason for joining or the candidate for Initiation.
12. If the recommendation of the Standing Committee is against the joining or the Initiation the Secretary shall inform the member who sent the letter referred into Clause 10 above and the said Master Mason shall not be reconsidered for joining or for Initiation for a period of 12 months from the date of the said letter.
13. If the recommendation of the Standing Committee is in favour of the joining or initiation, the Secretary shall within seven days after the receipt of the report, inform the member who sent the letter referred to in Clause 10 above and the said member shall send or cause to be sent a proposal for joining.
14. A proposal for joining or initiation shall be sent in the prescribed form, duly filled in and signed by not less than two regular members and sent to the Secretary

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PROPOSED

- P5 There will be 11 Regular meetings every year commencing from January, being the installation meeting and ending in December, being the election meeting. The regular meetings will be held on the 3rd Saturday of every month except in the month of May.
- P10. Any member who wants to propose for joining any Master Mason, or to initiate any new candidate shall propose in the open Lodge during the Third Rising and which will be seconded by another member.
- P11. By-Law to be deleted.
- P12. By-law to be deleted.
- P13. By-Law to be deleted.
- P14. A proposal for joining or initiation shall be made in the prescribed form and duly filled and signed by the proposer and the seconder within 15 days of the said

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within 30 clear days prior to each regular meeting and shall be accompanied with the joining fee.

15. A proposal so made shall be included in the agenda for the said meeting and in that meeting, the joining shall be proposed and recorded and in the next regular meeting, the proposal shall be balloted. If the ballot be not taken in the said meeting, the proposal shall be void.

16. The proposal shall be deemed to have been rejected if in the said balloting, two or more black balls appear against the proposal and within ten days after rejection, the Secretary shall refund the joining fee to the proposed.

17. Any Master Mason whose joining has been rejected under Clause 16 above shall not be again proposed for joining until at least six regular meetings after the meeting in which the ballot was taken.

18. The membership shall cease:

- A. By resignation or
- B. By death or
- C. By non-payment of subscription before the end of fiscal year, i.e., 30th June.

19. The procedure for rejoining of a member who has ceased to be a member under subclauses (A) and (C) of Clause 18 above, shall be laid down in Clauses 10-17 above provided that the member seeking such rejoining has paid all arrears, not less than 15 days prior to the regular meeting in which the proposal is to be made and recorded.

20. No member shall seek to propose more than one name for joining, rejoining or initiation at one time.

21. Any member desirous of proposing for initiation any candidate shall communicate to the Secretary his desire in the form of a letter containing such particulars of the

proposal to the Secretary, along with the joining or initiation fees.

P15. A proposal so made shall be included in the agenda for the next regular meeting and in that meeting, the proposal shall be balloted. If the ballot is not taken in the said meeting, the proposal shall be void.

P16 The proposal shall be deemed to have been rejected if, in the said balloting, a simple majority black balls appear against the proposal and within ten days after rejection, the Secretary shall refund the joining/initiation fee to the proposed.

P17. If the proposal is rejected, it will not be reconsidered for another period of 12 months.

18. The membership shall cease:

- A. By resignation or
- B. By death or
- C. By non-payment of subscription before the end of fiscal year, i.e., 30th December.

P19. The procedure for rejoining of a member is the same as that of joining but the said member should pay all the arrears to the Lodge along with the proposal form

P20 By-Law to be deleted

P 21 By-Law to be deleted

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said candidate as are necessary to assess the candidate's suitability.

22. Within 7 days of the receipt of the said letter, the Secretary shall forward to the Standing Committee and the Standing Committee shall within 15 days after receipt of the same, forward to the Secretary its recommendation regarding the suitability or otherwise of the candidate for initiation.

P22 By-Law to be deleted

23. If the Standing Committee's report is against the initiation the Secretary shall inform the member who sent the letter referred to in Clause 21 above and the same candidate shall not be considered for initiation for a period of 12 months from the date of the said letter.

P23 By-Law to be deleted

24. If the committee's report is in favour for initiation, the Secretary shall within seven days of receipt of the Standing Committee's recommendation, inform the member shall send or cause to be sent for a proposal

P24 By-Law to be deleted

25. A proposal for initiation shall be in writing and signed by not less than two regular members and shall contain the particulars required of the candidate as well as the proposer and seconder in the prescribed form of an application. The proposal shall be sent to the Secretary not less than 30 clear days prior to each regular meeting and shall be accompanied with the initiation fee.

P25 By-Law to be deleted

26. A regularly made proposal for initiation shall be included in the agenda for the said meeting and in that meeting, the proposal shall be made and recorded and in the next regular meeting, the proposal shall be balloted. If the ballot is not taken in the said meeting the proposal shall be void.

P26 By-Law to be deleted

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27. The proposal for initiation shall be deemed to have been rejected, if, in the said ballot, two or more black balls appear against the proposal, within ten days after the rejection, the Secretary shall refund the initiation fee to the proposer.

P27 By-Law to be deleted

28. Any candidate whose initiation has been rejected under Clause 27 above shall not again be proposed for initiation until after at least 6 regular meetings, after the meeting in which the ballot was taken.

P28 By-Law to be deleted

30. A member shall pay an annual subscription of Rs. 250 and an amount of Rs. 440 per annum towards Steward's Charges, both payable before 30th November every year; otherwise the amount payable will be treated as arrears. If such arrears are not cleared before 30th June every year, the membership will cease under Rule 124 of B of C. The initiation fee shall be Rs. 1000, The joining fee shall be Rs. 500, The rejoining fee shall be Rs. 500.

P30. A member shall pay an annual subscription of Rs. 450 and an amount of Rs. 750 per annum towards Steward's Fund, both payable before 30th June every year, along with actual RGL and GLI dues; otherwise the amount payable will be treated as arrears. If such arrears are not cleared before 30th December every year the membership will cease under Rule 124 of B of C. The initiation/joining/rejoining fee shall be Rs. 2000 to be paid along with the subscription, steward charges and RGL and GLI dues.

31. A minimum sum of Rs. 500 shall be paid towards Past Master's Relief Fund by every Brother who passes through the Eastern Chair.

P31 By-Law to be deleted

32. Expenses of any Emergency Meeting and dispensation fee, if any due to the G.L. R.G.L shall be defrayed by the Brother or Brethren at whose instance the Meeting is held or Dispensation obtained.

P32 By-Law to be deleted

33. A sum of Rs. 200 from the General Fund of the Lodge shall be annually placed at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress.

P33 By-Law to be deleted.

34. In case the Master exercises this privilege he shall report the circumstances at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge. Otherwise, the sum shall, at the close of the year, be carried to the Charity Fund.

P 34 By-Law to be deleted.

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35. All-ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion in open Lodge.

36. A sum of Rs. 200 from General Fund of the Lodge shall be paid to the Secretary as imprest cash to meet petty expenses and shall be reimbursed by the Treasurer on the Secretary rendering to him the accounts of such expenses.

37. The Steward Fund consisting of the steward charges collected from the regular members shall be maintained separately. No part of general or charity funds of the Lodge shall be diverted towards these funds.

38. The Financial Year will be from 1st July to 31st June

39. The Master and Treasurer shall be elected and the Tyler chosen at the Regular Meeting in June and the Master installed in the next Regular Meeting in July.

40. At the Installation Meeting in July the Standing Committee consisting of Master, IPM, Warden, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Ceremonies and two other elected members shall be formed.

41. At the Installation Meeting in July, the Lodge will also elect an Audit Committee consisting of two members of the Lodge.

45. The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid or remitted to him and without undue delay, deposit the same in an account in the name of the Lodge at a Nationalised Bank to be approved by a resolution of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall make such payments as are duly

P35 By-Law to be deleted

P36 By-Law to be deleted

37. The Steward Fund consisting of the steward charges collected from the regular members shall be maintained separately. No part of general or charity funds of the Lodge shall be diverted towards this fund. At the end of the year, the leftover steward funds shall be transferred to the general fund.

P38. The Financial Year will be from 1st January to 31st December

P39 The Master and Treasurer shall be elected and the Tyler shall be chosen at the Regular Meeting in December and the Master installed in the next Regular Meeting in January.

P 40 At the Installation Meeting in January the Standing Committee consisting of Master, IPM, Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer and Director of Ceremonies and two other elected members shall be formed.

P41 At the Installation Meeting in January, the Lodge will also elect an Audit Committee consisting of two members of the Lodge who are not members of the standing committee.

P45 The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid or remitted to him and without undue delay deposit the same in an account in the name of the Lodge at a Nationalised Bank that has been approved by a resolution of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall make such payments as are

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authorized or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. All cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz., the Master, The Treasurer and the Secretary. The Treasurer shall regularly enter a complete record of all monies passing through his hands in the proper books of accounts which shall be the property in his possession, shall be transferred to his successor upon investiture. He shall prepare a Statement of Account as at the 30th day of June every year, the Statement of Accounts shall be verified and audited by the Audit Committee. Copies of the accounts and of the certificate by the Audit Committee that all balances have been checked and the accounts have been duly audited, shall be circulated to all members of the Lodge together with the summons convening to be held in the month of June each year at which the said accounts shall be considered. The books of accounts shall be produced for inspection in open Lodge at such meeting or on other suitable occasion also if requested by a resolution of the Lodge.

50. ii. A proposal to amend shall be in writing and signed by not less than three regular members and sent to the Secretary not less than 30 clear days prior to each regular meeting.

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P50 ii. A proposal to amend shall be discussed in the Standing Committee and will be reported to the Lodge in the open meeting.

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APPROVED BY RW THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

Approved by M.W.
The Grand Master.

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26.04.2018

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Grand Secretary

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