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I. Members.

1. The Lodge shall comprise the following members:—

- (a) Resident Members.
- (b) Non-Resident Members.
- (c) Honorary Members.

2. Members residing within 20 Kilometres of Freemasons' Hall, Oorgaum, K. G. F., shall be deemed Resident Members.

3. Members residing beyond 20 Kilometres limit for a period of not less than six months, may, on request be admitted Non-Resident Members.

II. Honorary Members.

4. The Lodge, may, if it deems fit, acknowledge the service of a Brother to Freemasonry in general, or to this Lodge in particular, by electing him an Honorary Member in accordance with the provisions of Rule 141, Book of Constitution.

III. Regular Meetings.

5. The Lodge shall meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Oorgaum, on the THIRD Mondays of each month, at such hour as the Master may direct.

IV. Election and Installation Meeting.

6. The Master shall be elected by ballot, and the Tyler by show of hands, at the regular meeting in January. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in February.

V. Emergency Meetings.

7. The holding of Emergency Meetings by Dispensation shall be regulated by Provisions of Rule 115 B. of C. Where an Emergency Meeting is held for the sole purpose of conferring a Degree at the request and for the convenience of a

candidate or candidates the Lodge may be required from such candidate or candidates a total sum of not exceeding Rs. 25/- towards the expenses of the meeting.

VI. Fees and Subscriptions.

8. The initiation fee shall be Rs. 150/-, the joining fee Rs. 25/-, the re-joining fee Rs. 25/- and joining fee from other constitutions Rs. 40/-, such fees to be exclusive of Subscription. The annual subscription for Resident Member shall be Rs. 36/- and for Non-Resident Member Rs. 24/- payable in advance on 1st January. The Secretary's services shall be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription. Any member whose subscription is unpaid for one year shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, after due notice, in accordance with Rule 155, Book of Constitutions.

9. Should a Brother who has been excluded wish to re-join, he must again be ballotted for and pay full re-joining fee and all arrears due by him.

VIII. Proposing Members and Candidates.

10. The laws in the B. of C. regarding Proposing, Joining, Making, Passing and Raising

Members shall be strictly enforced (Rules 132 to 147, B. of C.) and no candidate for initiation or joining shall be balloted for until he has signed the declaration as set forth in 136 and 137 of B. of C. respectively, and has been duly proposed and seconded by a member of this Lodge. All such applications shall in the first instance be referred to the Permanent Committee for the purpose of considering and reporting upon them. The Candidate for initiation shall be required to appear before the Permanent Committee for this purpose.

IX. Balloting.

11. No candidate shall be made a Mason in, and no Brother shall be admitted a Member of this Lodge, if on ballot being taken, two black balls appear against him. If the Master is of the opinion that a mistake may have occurred in the ballot he may order a second ballot to be taken forthwith which shall be final.

12. Candidates and Brethren rejected from Membership may not be proposed again until after the lapse of three months from the date of their first ballot.

13. A Member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary, or orally in open Lodge, in accordance with Rule 157, Book of Constitutions, and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in Rule 149, Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge.

14. Payment of any sum exceeding Rs. 50/- if for other than ordinary purposes, may be made only by resolution of the Lodge, of which notice has been given in the summons, except in a case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master, and confirmed by the Lodge at the next regular meeting.

X. Secretary.

15. The Secretary shall be in charge of all Lodge Records and Books other than the account books maintained by the Treasurer.

X(a). Treasurer.

16(a). The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct, all

the summons convening the meeting, emergencies excepted.

23. In the event of there being an equality of votes on any question to be decided by a majority, the Master shall give a casting vote. No question once decided shall be raised a second time, until six months have elapsed after its first discussion or the Lodge by a two third majority otherwise directs.

XIV. Charity.

24. Immediately before closing the Lodge, the Charity Box shall be circulated. The sum contributed shall be declared to the Brethren by the Secretary and shall be credited to the Charity Fund.

XV. Constitutions.

25. In all respects Members of the Lodge shall abide by and strictly conform to the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of India as embodied in the Book of Constitutions.

XVI. Bye-Laws.

26. Amendments of these Bye-Laws or of any of them may be made only in the

following manner:—

- (a) Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment or amendments proposed shall be given in open Lodge at a regular meeting.
- (b) The Motion shall be set out in the summons for the next regular meeting or for an Emergency meeting summoned for the purpose, and shall at such meeting be put to the Lodge.
- (c) A resolution for amendment, of which notice shall have been given as aforesaid, shall be carried if a majority of the members present vote in favour of it; but it shall not be effective until approved by the Regional Grand Master and by the Grand Master.

Note:—If an amendment involves a change in the place of meeting, the additional requirements of Rule 116 of the Book of Constitutions must also be complied with.

Should there be any objection to the introduction of a candidate for initiation, or a Brother for Joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or Secretary, who may communicate with the proposer and give him the opportunity of withdrawing his Candidate.

27. Every member of the Lodge on joining is presented with a copy of these Bye-Laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the Rules contained therein.

BYE-LAWS OF THE LODGE SOUTHERN CROSS, 24 G. L. I.
UNDER THE B. OF C., G. L. I.

Approved at the Regular Meeting held on the 26th July 1962 and confirmed at the Regular Meeting held on the 30th August 1962.

<i>Worshipful Master</i>	SD/- R. SRINI (VASAN).
<i>Senior Warden</i>	SD/- M. H. R. RAO.
<i>Junior Warden</i>	SD/- D. H. VICTOR.
<i>Secretary</i>	SD/- K. PARTHASARATHY.

Approved :

SD/- S. T. SRINIVASA GOPALACHARI,
Regional Grand Master,
Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India,
Madras 8.

Dated 27-12-1962.

Approved by the M. W. The Grand Master :

SD/- P. M. SUNDARAM,

Grand Secretary.

NEW DELHI,
7th January, 1963.