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GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

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No.530(424)

26th June 2025

The Regional Grand Secretary
Regional Grand Lodge of SI
Chennai.

Dear Sir and RW Brother,

With reference to your letter No.L.424/2025 dated 29th May 2025, I return two copies of bye-laws of Lodge Gen K S Thimayya No.424 duly approved by MW the Grand Master.

With best wishes

Yours fraternally

AJAY BHARGAVA
Grand Secretary

BYE- LAWS

1. PLACE OF MEETING

The meetings of the Lodge will be held at:
Kaveri Mahila Samaj Hall, Gonikoppal, South Coorg- 571213.

2. MEMBERS

There shall be three classes of Members:

a) Resident Members:

Members residing within the limits of 30 Kms. of the Gonikoppal municipal Boundary.

b) Non- resident members:

- i) members residing beyond 30Kms.
- ii) 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.

c) Honorary members:

Any brother of good standing and worthy of such distinction by the reason of his service 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. (Video Rule 141 of B of C, G.L.I.)

3. MEETINGS

- a) The regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on 3rd Sunday of odd months (January, March, May, July, September & November) at 10.30.a.m or such hour as the Worshipful Master may fix.
- b) The Master of the Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot at the regular Election meeting in January.(Vide rule 87 of B of C).
- c) The Treasurer for the Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot at the regular Election meeting in January.(Vide rule 92- A of B of C).
- d) The Tyler shall be elected annually at the regular Election meeting in January (Vide rule 93 of B of C).
- e) The Installation of the Master shall take place at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in March, succeeding the Election meeting in January.

4. 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 & 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 and no other (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).

5. PERMANENT COMMITTEE

- a) The Permanent Committee shall consist of Worshipful Master (who will be ex-Officio president), all past masters of and in the Lodge, senior & junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two members to be appointed by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting (The Tyler will be in attendance).
- b) The permanent Committee shall meet at 30 minutes before every regular meeting or on any day and time the Master may order.
- c) The quorum for the Permanent Committee shall be four.
- d) The Permanent Committee shall check the Treasurer's statement of Accounts, inspect and report on the Lodge property, consider and report on the proposals for membership of the Lodge and to transact any other business brought forward. (Vide rule 129 of B of C).

6. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence, Record the Minutes, issue Summons and make do 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).

7. TREASURER

- a) The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit them in the Bank, namely The Bank of Baroda, Gonikoppal branch, Gonikoppal.
- b) The Treasurer shall keep accounts of the General Fund, the Benevolent Fund and Stewards Fund of the Lodge. He shall allocate unit of annual subscription of Resident and non-resident members of ₹ 1500.00:
 - i) ₹ 1,000.00 to General Fund.
 - ii) ₹ 350.00 to the Stewards Fund.
 - iii) ₹ 150.00 to Benevolent Fund.
- c) All financial transactions of the Lodge shall be carried out by the Treasurer, Master and Secretary. All cheques must be signed by any two of the following, viz., the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

8. TYLER

The Tyler shall be exempt from Lodge subscription. (Vide rule 86 of B of C).

9. FEES

- a) Fee for Initiation, Passing and Raising, payable with Application: ₹ 10,000.00
- b) Fee for joining from another constitution, payable within Application: ₹ 10,000.00



- c) Fee for joining from Indian constitution, payable with Application: ₹ 5,000.00
- d) Fee for Re-joining payable with Application: ₹ 5,000.00

10. SUBSCRIPTION

- a) Resident Members: ₹ 1,500.00 per annum.
- b) Non- resident Members: ₹ 1,500.00 per annum.
- c) In addition, as subscription every member (resident and non-resident) shall also pay such half yearly/annual fees, as are payable by the Lodge for each of their subscribing member to R.G.L and G.L.I. (presently ₹ 600.00 to R.G.L. & ₹ 500.00 to G.L.I.).
- d) 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 under Rule 156 of Book of Constitution.

LODGE BENEVOLENT FUND:

- a) The Lodge shall take collection for the Benevolent fund at every meeting.
- b) The Benevolent Fund should be utilised to make contributions to Masonic Charities and to aid a distressed brother or the dependents of a deceased brother. The Permanent Committee shall investigate the merits of each case.
- c) In circumstances of emergency, the Worshipful Master may afford relief up to ₹ 1,000.00 and the matter when reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting, the Worshipful Master shall be reimbursed from the benevolent fund.

11. BALLOT

- a) All candidates for Initiation, joining or Re-joining must be proposed and seconded at a Regular Meeting according to Rule 134 and 137 of B of C.
- b) A collective Ballot for two or more candidates for Initiation or Joining may be taken with approval of the Lodge. A Collective ballot for an Initiate and a joining member is irregular.
- c) No rejected candidate can be proposed again until a period of six months has elapsed from the date of the Ballot. (Vide 139 of B of C).

12. LODGE COLOURS

The colour of the Regalia shall be Light Blue and Silver.

13. PROPOSALS

- a) No motion shall be put to the Lodge assembled unless duly proposed by one member and seconded by another.



- b) An amendment to any proposition may be made duly proposed and seconded. Amendments shall be put to vote first, if negatived the original vote, but if the amendment is carried, the original proposition shall be decided to be lost.
- c) No proposition of importance shall be brought forward for consideration, unless notice thereof, has been given, at the previous Regular Meeting or in writing to the Secretary, well in advance and in time to be circulated with the summons of the meeting. In this regard guidelines issued by GRAND LODGE OF INDIA from time to time will be strictly enforced.

14. BYE-LAWS

- a) These Bye- laws shall be printed at the expense of the Lodge and a copy presented to every brother. Every member on his Initiation or Joining shall receive a copy of the Bye-laws. His acceptance shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.
- b) These Bye- laws shall be read in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting at least once in a year.
- c) In any case, ' for which the foregoing Bye- laws do not provide' the Laws and Regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India shall be binding on all concerned.

Adopted unanimously at the consecration and constitution of the Lodge on 3rd June 2016 at the Freemasons Hall, Mysore.



LODGE GENERAL K S THIMAYYA N. 424

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SENIOR WARDEN JUNIOR WARDEN

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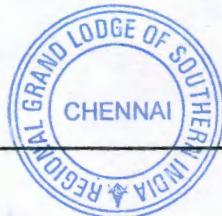
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SECRETARY

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T. N. Manoharan
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REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

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17.5.2025



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M W BRO G K SELVARAJAN
M W, THE GRAND MASTER

Ajay Bhargava
R W BRO AJAY BHARGHAVA
GRAND SECRETARY

NEW DELHI
26.06.2025

