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**LODGE "HUBLI"**  
No. 44 G. L. I.



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### BYE-LAWS

No. 1. THE Lodge shall be known as "LODGE HUBLI" having been assigned No. 44 under the Grand Lodge of India.

No. 2. THE Lodge shall meet at "Masonic Hall", Hubli.

### MEMBERS

No. 3. THE Lodge shall consist of Resident, Absent and Honorary members.

- a) Resident member means a member who ordinarily resides within the limits of Hubli (as before the Corporation) and others, who pay the full subscription even when not residing within the above limits.
- b) Absent member means a member who is not ordinarily resident within the aforesaid limits and pays a reduced subscription.

A resident member of the Lodge shall give advance intimation of his intention to reside outside the limits of Hubli for a continuous period of not less than three months and apply to be placed on the absent list. He shall resign any office he may be holding in the Lodge at the time.

- c) Honorary member means a brother of good standing and distinction, so elected for his services to the Craft or to this Lodge in particular. (An Honorary member is to be elected as per provision in Rule 142 of the Book of Constitution of G. L. I. 1965 edition).

### MEETINGS

- No. 4. THE regular monthly meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the third Saturday of the month at the hour mentioned in the summons. If it is found not possible to hold the monthly meeting on that day the Wor. Master may change the day and time, subject to a dispensation from the R. G. M. for that meeting only.

No. 5. THE Master of the Lodge and the Tyler shall be elected at the regular meeting in the month of Dec. every year as per provision in Rule No. 87 of the constitution.

No. 6. THE Master elect shall be installed at the regular meeting of the Lodge in the month of January every year.

#### THE STANDING COMMITTEE

No. 7. THE General committee of the Lodge shall consist of the Master, Past Masters of the Lodge, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary and two members elected by the Lodge at the Installation meeting.

The quorum for the meeting shall be 4.

The General committee shall check the Treasurer's accounts, inspect and report on the Lodge property, consider and report on the proposals for the membership of the Lodge and transact any other business specially referred to by the Lodge.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

No. 8. THE audit committee shall consist of the two members elected by the Lodge at the Installation meeting. It shall audit and certify the accounts of the Lodge for the year which shall be placed before the Lodge at the Installation meeting in January every year, for adoption.

#### LODGE FEES

No. 9. THE fees for Initiation shall be  
Rs. 150/-

For Joining from a Lodge under a recognised constitution	Rs. 40/-
For joining	Rs. 30/-
For re-joining	Rs. 30/-

These fees are exclusive of subscription.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

No. 10. THE subscription for resident member shall be Rs. 5/- per month and for absent member Rs. 2/- per month.

If an absent member resides within the limits of the Lodge for more than two months continuously, he shall be charged the resident member's subscription from the second month onwards.

If any member allows his subscription to remain unpaid for one

year or more, he shall be deprived, while so in default of the rights of voting, of proposing or seconding candidates, of being appointed or elected or continuing in any office in the Lodge, and proposing, seconding or speaking on propositions before the Lodge. Such defaulting member shall also be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of B. of C. of G. L. I.

(Cessation and Exclusion from membership will be governed by Rules 124 and 156 of the B. of C. of G. L. I.)

#### LODGE FUNDS

No. 11. OUT of the monthly subscription of Rs. 5/- from each resident member, Rs. 4-50 and the full

amount of Rs. 2/- from the absent members shall be credited to the General Fund.

#### BENEVOLENT FUND

No. 12. THE charity box will be circulated at every regular meeting of the Lodge and the contributions received shall be credited to the Benevolent fund. The Lodge by a special resolution may transfer any reasonable sum out of its general fund to the Benevolent fund.

The Benevolent fund will be used for Masonic and other charities and to aid distressed brother or his family. The merits of each case shall be considered by the General committee of the Lodge. In case of emergency the Wor. Master is

empowered to grant a sum not exceeding Rs. 25/-. The reason for such disbursement should be communicated to the Lodge at the next regular meeting for its approval.

#### BUILDING FUND

No. 13. A Building fund shall be maintained out of special contributions from Brethren or occasional contributions from the General fund and shall be utilised to the maintenance, repairs and extension to the Lodge Buildings as and when necessary.

#### STEWARD'S FUND

No. 14. A Steward's fund will be maintained by contributing 50 paise from the subscription of the Resident members every month and by a

special contribution when required from the members and will be spent for dinners and refreshments before and after the meetings.

#### SECRETARY

No. 15. The Secretary shall be the usual medium of communication between the members and the Wor. Master and shall attend to all correspondence, record the minutes, issue summonses and make due returns to the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge. He shall also be ex-officio Secretary of the General committee.

#### TREASURER

No. 16. THE Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall

deposit them in the name of the Lodge in a bank approved by the Lodge from time to time. The Bank account shall be operated by the Treasurer and any one of the following, namely, (1) The Wor. Master and (2) The Secretary.

The Treasurer shall keep account of all Lodge funds. The Treasurer shall not ordinarily keep more than Rs. 25/- as cash on hand.

#### LODGE PROPERTY

No. 17. EVERY kind of property belonging to the Lodge shall be vested in the Master and Wardens for the time being, subject to the directions and control of the Lodge.

An Inventory of all such property shall be maintained in a separate

Register by the Wor. Master, Warden, Secretary and Treasurer and all additions thereto, deletions therefrom shall be recorded in the Inventory as and when made. All such additions and deletions shall be submitted to the General committee meetings as and when made, and shall be recorded in the minutes.

#### BALLOT

No. 18. a) All candidates for Initiation, joining and re-joining must be proposed at a Regular meeting of the Lodge according to Rule 135 and 138 of B. of C. of G. L. I.

b) No person shall be made a mason or accepted as a member of the Lodge if on ballot two black balls appear against him.

- c) A collective ballot for two or more candidates for Initiation or joining may be taken with the approval of the Lodge. However should there be even one black ball, each candidate shall be ballotted for individually. A collective ballot for an Initiate and a joining member is irregular.
- d) No rejected candidate can be proposed again until a period of six months has elapsed from the date of the ballot (vide Rule 140 of the B. of C. of G. L. I.)
- e) Should there be any objection to the Initiation of a candidate or to a brother for joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or Secretary, who may communicate

the same to the proposer and give him the opportunity for withdrawing his proposal before balloting.

### PROPOSALS

No. 19. a) No motion shall be put to the Lodge assembled unless duly proposed by one member and seconded by another, except when proposed by the Wor. Master.

b) An amendment to any proposition may be made duly proposed and seconded. Amendments shall be put to vote first. If negatived, the original proposition shall then be put to the vote; but if the amendment is carried, the original proposition shall be declared to be lost.

c) No proposition of importance shall be brought forward for consider-

ation 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.

### AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

No. 20 Amendments of these Bye-laws or of any 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 of the Lodge.

b) The motion shall be circulated in the summons for the next regular meeting and shall be voted upon at that meeting.

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 shall not be effective until approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master.

#### VISITORS

No. 21. The General committee may from time to time fix a fee for Dinner to be paid by members for visitors who may be invited by a member to Banquets or other functions connected with the Lodge.

#### COLOUR OF THE REGALIA

No. 22. The Lodge regalia will be dark blue in colour.

#### BYE-LAWS

No. 23. 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 a year as early as possible after the Installation meeting.

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.