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AMENDED BYE-LAWS

1. The Lodge shall meet at Freemasons' Hall, Primrose Road, Bangalore, on the Second Tuesday of every month at such hour as the Master may direct.

2. The Master and Tyler shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Meeting in the month of January of every year.

The Master elected shall be Installed at the Regular Meeting in the month of February following.

MEMBERS

3. The Lodge shall consist of Resident and Non-Resident members.

- (a) Resident members are those residing within a radius of 15 miles from the limits of the Bangalore Corporation.
- (b) Non-Resident members are those residing beyond the area mentioned in (a).

4. Subject to Rule 141 of the Book of Constitutions, the Lodge may elect Honorary members.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

5. The subscription payable by members shall be as follows :—

(i) Resident Member ... Rs. 5.00 per month

Non-Resident ... Rs. 2.50 per month

(ii) Any member whose subscriptions or any portion thereof are in arrears for more than 3 months will not be eligible to vote, propose or second a candidate either for Initiation or Joining or be eligible for being appointed to any office. (Rule 120 B.C.)

6. If any member allows his dues to remain unpaid for 6 months the Secretary shall issue intimation by registered letter to his last known address ; and if the arrears are not cleared within one month from the date of issue of such registered letter, he shall be liable to be excluded under Rule 155 of B.C.

7. The Secretary and Tyler (if a Subscribing member) shall be exempt from payment of subscriptions.

FEES

8. The following fees shall be levied :—

For Initiation ... Rs. 150-00

For Joining from G.L.I. ... Rs. 40-00

For Joining from other constitution ... Rs. 40-00

For re-joining ... Rs. 40-00

FUNDS

9. All moneys shall be deposited in a selected Bank in the name of the Lodge. The Master and Treasurer shall jointly operate on the account.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

10. The Permanent Committee shall meet at a time convenient before the Regular Meeting to transact the following business :—

(i) a) To enquire into and report on the applications from candidates for Initiation and Joining.

- b) To look into the affairs of the Lodge, scrutinise the accounts and to report to the Lodge.
- c) to make recommendations for sanction on all financial matters.
- d) to consider and report upon such matters as the Lodge may refer to it.
- (ii) The Committee will consist of the following members :—
Wor. Master (as President) All Past Masters (of and in the Lodge) Senior and Junior Wardens and the Secretary and Treasurer.
- (iii) Two other members who shall be elected by the Lodge at the meeting held in the month of February.
- (iv) The Secretary and Treasurer shall attend the meeting with necessary books of account and reference to assist in the conduct of business. The proceedings of the Committee shall be submitted to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting.

SECRETARY

- 11. (i) The Secretary shall be in charge of all Lodge records and books other than the account books which are maintained by the Treasurer.
- (ii) He shall be in charge of all correspondence issue summons for meetings, record minutes of the proceedings and maintain all registers and books that are necessary for the Lodge.

The Secretary shall take note of members coming within the provision of Bye-law No. 5 (ii) and No. 6 and Rule 123 and 155 of B. of C. report to the Lodge, and take necessary steps to enforce the above provision.

TREASURER

- 12 (i) The Treasurer shall maintain such books of accounts as are necessary under Rule 128 of B. of C.
- (ii) All payments exceeding Rs. 20/- shall ordinarily be paid by cheques only.

(iii) The Treasurer shall intimate to the Secretary all cases of arrears falling under Bye-laws No. 5 (ii) and 6 and Rule 123 and 155 of the B. of C.

TYLER

13. The Tyler (if a Serving Brother) shall be paid such renumeration as may be fixed by the Lodge from time to time.

DISBURSEMENTS

14. Payment of any sum exceeding Rs. 20/- for other than ordinary purposes, be made only by a resolution of the Lodge except in case of emergency when such payment, may be authorised by the Master, and ratified by the Lodge at its next regular meeting.

INITIATION & JOINING

15. The particulars of the intending candidate shall be submitted to the Secretary on the prescribed form and shall be proposed by a member and seconded by another in the open Lodge at a regular meeting, except in cases prescribed by Rule 134 of the B. of C.

Every application for Initiation or Joining shall be placed by the Secretary before the Permanent Committee for due enquiry and report.

Any information by a Brother regarding the character or qualification of a candidate shall be treated with strict confidence.

BALLOT

16. (i) Voting for Initiation and Joining shall be by ballot. White and Black balls shall be used for balloting; (White balls used in favour and black against the candidate.)
 (ii) Three black balls shall reject a candidate.
 (iii) The candidate rejected shall not be re-proposed until after the expiry of six months from the date of rejection. The same procedure *mutatis mutandis* applies to a Joining member.

BENÉVOLENT FUND

17. (i) The fund shall be devoted solely for purpose of charities.

- (ii) Money collected from the following sources shall form this Fund :—
 - (a) Collection for Benevolent Fund on Regular Meeting.
 - (b) Voluntary contributions expressly made for the purpose.
 - (c) 50 Naya Paise per month from the subscription of each subscribing member.
- (iii) A sum of Rs. 25/- from this fund shall be held at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress and such cases shall be reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting.

SINKING FUND

18. All rents, charges etc., realised from the use of the Freemasons' building shall form the Sinking Fund. The Lodge shall also transfer every month Rs. 40/- from the General Fund. All debts of Debentures, interest thereon repairs to the building and such other expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith shall be paid out of this fund.

BANQUET

- 19. Lodge shall provide refreshment on meeting days. The cost shall be met from the Refreshment Fund for which Re. 1/- for each resident member from out of his subscription shall be credited.

PROPOSITIONS

- 20. (a) No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless in case of emergency or as the Master may direct.
- (b) No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Master or until 3 months shall have elapsed after the last decision.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 21. At the Regular Meeting in January (Election Meeting) the Lodge shall appoint an Audit Committee. Vide Rule 128 of B. of C.

ALTERATION OF BYE-LAWS

22. It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these Bye-Laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one Regular Meeting, after insertion in the summons and read and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge. The Change shall become effective only after it is confirmed in according to Rule 111 of the B. of C.

GENERAL

23. The provisions in the Book of Constitutions shall apply to all matters which are not mentioned in these Bye-Laws.

Passed on 12th March 1963.

Confirmed on 9th April 1963.

D. R. MADHAVA RAO,	Wor. Master.
T. MANICKAM,	Senior Warden.
S. L. SIMHA,	Junior Warden.
B. SRINIVASA RAO,	Secretary.

APPROVED

S. T. SRINIVASA GOPALA CHARI	Regional Grand Master
Madras,	Regional Grand Lodge of
21st May, 1963.	Southern India

Approved by the M. W. the Grand Master

New Delhi,
28th May 1863.

P. M. SUNDARAM,
Grand Secretary.

