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# GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

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Grand Secretary



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No.530(25)

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025

The Regional Grand Secretary  
Regional Grand Lodge of SI  
Chennai.

Dear Sir and RW Brother,

With reference to your letter No.L.25/2025 dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, I return herewith two copies of amendments to bye-laws of Lodge Morland No.25 duly approved by MW the Grand Master.

With best wishes

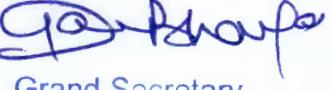
Yours fraternally

AJAY BHARGAVA  
Grand Secretary

**LODGE MORLAND NO. 25**  
**Proposed Bye Law Changes – July 2024**

<u>Existing</u>	<u>As proposed</u>
<p>2. OFFICERS: The office bearers of the Lodge shall consist of Worshipful Master, Immediate Past Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Bible bearer, Gita bearer, Koran bearer, ZA bearer, Granth Saheb bearer, Sword Bearer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Almoner, Organist, Inner Guard, Stewards and Tyler.</p>	<p>2. OFFICERS: The office bearers of the Lodge shall consist of Worshipful Master, Immediate Past Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, The Bible bearer, Shrimad Bhagavat Gita bearer, Holy Quran bearer, Zend Avastha bearer, Guru Granth Saheb bearer, Sword Bearer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Almoner, Organist, Inner Guard, Stewards and Tyler.</p>
<p>6. CANDIDATES: Every candidate for Initiation or Brother for Joining or Rejoining must be proposed and seconded by members in good standing at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge (in accordance to Rules135-139 of the Book of Constitutions), and must be reported upon by the Standing Committee, before the ballot is proceeded with. All such candidates must be screened by the Screening Committee first before submitting its report to the Standing Committee, and subsequently introduced to the Standing Committee.</p>	<p>6. CANDIDATES: Every candidate for Initiation or Brother for Joining or Rejoining must be proposed and seconded by members whose subscription is not in arrears for 3 months, at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge (in accordance to Rules135-139 of the Book of Constitutions), and must be reported upon by the Standing Committee, before the ballot is proceeded with. All such candidates must be screened by the Screening Committee first before submitting its report to the Standing Committee, and subsequently introduced to the Standing Committee.</p>

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**13. LIFE MEMBER:** A member of the Lodge, who has been a subscribing member of this Lodge continuously for 20 years and has also attained the age of 55 years may become a Life Member of the Lodge on payment of 5 years' lumpsum subscription, at the rates indicated for a regular subscribing member as per By-Law No. 17.

The Life Membership subscription so paid will be exclusive of the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge dues which shall be payable in addition, at the rates as applicable from time to time.

**14. ABSENT MEMBER:** A resident member may be placed as Absent Member when he leaves the station. No member leaving the station shall be treated as Absent Member until he informs the same in writing to the Secretary or announces it in the open Lodge. No office bearer shall be allowed to become an Absent Member during his term of office.

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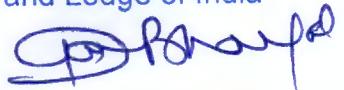


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<b>15. RETURN OF ABSENT MEMBERS:</b> Any member who has been placed as Absent Member under By-Law No. 14 shall on his return to the station inform the same to the Secretary, who shall at once place him as Resident Member and shall be liable to pay the Lodge subscription as applicable to resident members.	<b>14a. RETURN OF ABSENT MEMBERS:</b> Any member who has been placed as Absent Member under By-Law No. 14 shall on his return to the station inform the same to the Secretary, who shall at once place him as Resident Member and shall be liable to pay the Lodge subscription as applicable to resident members.
	<b>15. RESIDENT MEMBERS:</b> A member of the lodge who is not a life member or an absent member as per bye law no. 13 and 14 is a Resident Member.
<b>17. The following shall be payable by the Lodge members.</b>  Initiation Rs.5,000 Joining & Rejoining Fee Rs. 5,000  Subscription to be paid in advance every half year on or before 31st January and 31st July every year  Subscription per half year: Members Rs. 2,100 Absentee Members Rs. 1,050	<b>17. The following shall be payable by the Lodge members.</b>  Initiation Fee Rs.5,000 Joining & Rejoining Fee Rs.5,000  Subscription to be paid in advance every half year on or before 31st January and 31st July every year  Subscription per half year: Resident Members (@ Rs.350 pm) Rs.2,100 Absentee Members (@ Rs.175 pm) Rs.1,050

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In addition, the members will pay the Grand Lodge of India and Regional Grand Lodge dues on actual basis in advance every half year along with the subscription. The subscription will include providing Grand Lodge Certificate to every Master Mason initiated in the Lodge, Installed Master's Certificate to all Installed Masters of the Lodge and aprons for the use of all members

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18. Should an Absent Member attend three Lodge meetings or more in a year, he shall be charged full subscription for the year.

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19. Should the subscription of a member of the Lodge remain unpaid for 6 full months, the Secretary will send a Registered notice to him requesting settlement within 1 month from the date thereof. If the payment is not received as stipulated, the Secretary would report to the standing Committee. The Committee in turn may recommend to the Lodge at the next regular meeting to exclude the said member under rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions.

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A minimum sum of Rs 6,00,000 (Rupees Six lakhs only) shall always be maintained as capital fund. These funds shall be invested in Fixed/Term Deposits with Nationalised Banks

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<p>45. STANDING COMMITTEE'S POWER: The Standing Committee is authorised and empowered to summon any member to give information on any matters referred to it by the Lodge.</p>	<p><b>45. STANDING COMMITTEE'S POWER:</b> The Standing Committee is authorised and empowered to summon any member to give information on any matters referred to it by the Lodge.</p> <p>Standing Committee shall have the power to nominate any Sub Committee with any number of members to consider any matter as it may deem necessary for the welfare of the Lodge.</p>

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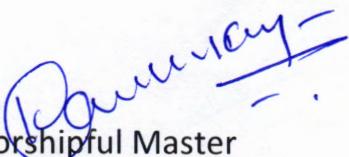


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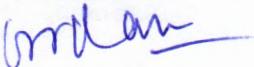
The above amendments were regularly proposed and seconded in the open lodge in the regular meeting held on 25 July 2024, approved in the regular meeting of the lodge held on 22 August 2024, and confirmed in the regular meeting of the lodge held on 26 September 2024.

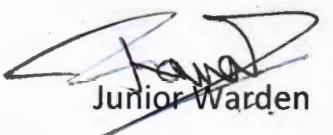
Place: Hyderabad

Date: 26 September 2024

  
Worshipful Master

  
Secretary

  
Senior Warden

  
Junior Warden

Approved By R W the Regional Grand Master of Southern India

Place: Chennai

Date: 21.01.2025

  
Regional Grand Secretary

  
RWRGM

Approved by M W The Grand Master

Place: New Delhi

Date: 23. 01. 2025

  
Grand Secretary