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**BYE-LAWS  
OF  
LODGE BANGALORE NO.15 - G.L.I.  
2011**

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BANGALORE

As amended and approved by  
R.W. The Regional Grand Master on 15-8-2009 and  
M.W. The Grand Master on 25-8-2009

(incorporating additions and amendments  
to those existing from 9-4-1963)

1. The Lodge shall meet at Freemasons' Hall, Primrose Road, Bangalore, on the Second Tuesday of every month at such hours as the Master may direct.
2. The Master, Treasurer 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, Non-Resident, Life Members and Members not liable to pay subscription.
  - (a) Resident Members are those residing within 25 kms from the limits of the Bangalore Corporation.
  - (b) Non-Resident Members are those residing beyond the area mentioned in (a).
  - (c) Life members are those Members who have attained the age 55 years and have been continuously subscribing members of the Lodge for 20 years and who have after 01-01-1995 paid a one time lumpsum subscription equivalent to normal subscription of ten years as currently applicable to Resident Members.
  - (d) Members not liable to pay subscription are those members who have been continuously subscribing members of the Lodge for 40 years.
4. Subject to Rule 142 of the Book of Constitution, the Lodge may elect Honorary members.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

5. The subscription payable by members shall be as follows:
  - (I) GL and RGL dues that are current for the whole year shall be paid in the month of January every year by resident members, non-resident members, life members not liable to pay subscription.
  - (II) In addition to (I) above:
    - a. The resident members shall pay a sum of Rs. 1,500/- P.A. as subscription. The annual subscription of Rs. 1,500/- will be due to be paid by a resident member irrespective of the date/month of Initiation/Joining. The annual subscription shall become payable in advance during January each year.
- A Resident member shall however have an option of paying the annual subscription of Rs. 1500/- in two equal instalments in the month of January and July each year.

b. The Non-Resident Members shall pay a sum of Rs.300/- per annum as subscription. The annual subscription of Rs.300/- will be due to be paid by a Non-resident Member irrespective of the date/month of initiation/joining.

The annual subscription shall become payable in advance during January each year.

c. Those entitled to be life members shall pay one time lumpsum subscription equivalent to normal subscription of ten years as currently applicable to Resident Members.

d. Members not liable to pay subscription will not be required to pay any subscription other than Regional Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge dues.

(iii) Any member whose subscriptions or any portion thereof are in arrears for more than three 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 121 B.C.)

6. If any member allows his dues to remain unpaid for 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 156 of B.C.

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.3000/-
For Joining from GLI	Rs.1000/-
For Joining from other Constitutions	Rs.2500/-
For re-joining	Rs.500/-

In the case of initiation the annual subscription and the RGL, GLI dues for the year during which he is initiated are included in the initiation fees. Joining and rejoining members shall be liable to pay the RGL/GLI dues as per Bye law No.5.

## FUNDS

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

## PERMANENT COMMITTEE

10. The Permanent Committee shall meet at a convenient time 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, scrutinize 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.

Worshipful 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.

(iii) The Secretary shall take note of members coming within the provision of Bye-law No.5 (iv) and No.6 and Rule 124 AND 156 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 129 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 (iv) and 6 and Rule 124 and 156 of the B.of C.

#### **TYLER**

13. The Tyler (if a Serving Brother) shall be paid such remuneration 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 135 of the B.of C.

Every application for Initiation or Joining shall be placed before 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 favor 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.

### **BENEVOLENT FUND**

17. (i) The fund shall be devoted solely for the purposes 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) Rs.100/- per annum from the annual subscription of each subscribing members.

(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. a. The Lodge shall undertake to provide to its members annual subscription to Madras Masters Journal and Square and Compass, publications of the Madras Masters Lodge and the Grand Lodge of India respectively from out of the annual subscription paid by the members to the Lodge.

b. The Lodge shall undertake to provide all new initiates the following from out of the initiation fees:

i. Master Mason's Apron

ii. Lodge Lapel Pin

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## BANQUET

19. Lodge shall provide refreshments/dinner on regular meeting days. The cost shall be met from the refreshment fund for which Rs.720/- P.A. for each subscribing 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 three months shall have elapsed after the last decision.

21. (i) Among the stewards appointed and invested by the W.Master, the senior most in order of initiation shall be designated "Steward in charge of Bar & Refreshments". He shall assist the Junior warden in ensuring proper discharge of his duties in arranging for adequate supply and distribution of food and drink and assist the Junior Warden in maintaining full and proper account, separately on his behalf.

(ii) The next two stewards in seniority shall be designated "Stewards in charge of the property of the Lodge". They shall assist the care taker in arranging the Lodge on all the dates of meeting and ensure that the collars, gauntlets, etc., are made available. They shall generally look after the proper arrangement of the Temple and also be responsible for the safe keeping of the property of the Lodge.

(iii) The Steward next in seniority shall be designated "Steward in charge of the library" and it shall be his duty and responsibility to maintain Jervis Memorial Library, issue books to members and proper return, etc., in consultation with the library committee. These duties of the Stewards will however be in addition to their usual other duties as stewards.

22. (i) In view of the fact that the Lodge has formed a Trust in respect of the Freemasons' Hall and as per the Trust Deed and Rules framed thereunder the Ruling Master and Wardens of the Lodge Bangalore are ex-officio members of The Trust, the Secretary shall, immediately after the installation, communicate to the Trust/Committee the names and addresses of the Master and Wardens so that they could be included in the Board of Trustees.

(ii) Since, according to the Trust Deed, two Trustees are to retire every third year and Lodge Bangalore has to elect Trustees in place of the retiring Trustees in the month of February, 2009, and in the month of February each succeeding third year thereafter and also if and when any request is received from the Trust committee therefore, a proposition to that effect shall be brought on the Agenda and the Lodge shall elect from amongst the members of Lodge Bangalore, the requisite number of members to serve on the Trust Committee. The names of the persons so elected shall be communicated by the Secretary to the Trust Committee so that they could be included in the Board of Trustees.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

23. At the Regular Meeting in January (Election Meeting) the Lodge shall appoint an Audit Committee Vide Rule 130 of B. of C.

#### ALTERATION OF BYE LAWS

24. It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these Bye-Laws unless 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 accordance to Rule 111 of the B. of C.

#### GENERAL

25. 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

