



**BYE-LAWS  
OF THE  
REGIONAL GRAND LODGE  
OF  
NORTHERN INDIA  
2023**

## P R E A M B L E

Whereas under the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India the Regional Grand Lodge has the power of framing and revising bye-laws for its own government, and regulations to be observed by the daughter Lodges and brethren in the Region, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the landmarks and Constitutions of the Order, the following bye-laws approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Master and by Most Worshipful the Grand Master, shall be binding on all Lodges and Freemasons under the Grand Lodge of India in the Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India.

Place: New Delhi  
Dated: 27th November 1961

By order  
**(M.P. DUBE)**  
Regional Grand Secretary

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**REGIONAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN INDIA**

**1. Authority:**

The Regional Grand Lodge meets under a Regional Grand Master duly appointed and authorised by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India.

**2. Territorial Jurisdiction:**

At present, and subject to any exercise by the Grand Master of his powers under Rule 53, Book of Constitutions, the territorial jurisdiction of the Regional Grand Lodge extends over:

The States of Rajasthan, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, West U.P., Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand, NCR of Delhi and Chandigarh:

All Daughter Lodges working within this area under and constituted by warrants, authorised by the Grand Master of Grand Lodge of India shall be under the supervision, direction and control of the Regional' Grand Lodge.

Office of the Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India will be located at Freemasons' Hall, Janpath, New Delhi-110001.

**3. Regional Grand Officers and Members:**

The interests of the Fraternity in this Region are managed by a general representation of all daughter Lodges within the Region holding their warrants under the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India.

The collective body is styled the Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India and consists of the Regional Grand Master, the Regional Grand Officers of the Year, the Past Regional Grand Officers who are subscribing members of a daughter

Lodge within the Region, the Master and Wardens of all daughter Lodges in the Region and the Past Master of any Lodge under the Grand Lodge who are subscribing Members of a daughter Lodge within the Region.

**4. Rank and Precedence of Officers**

The Officers of Regional Grand Lodge shall take rank and precedence in the following Order:

1. Regional Grand Master
2. Past Regional Grand Masters
3. Deputy Regional Grand Master
4. Past Deputy Regional Grand Masters
5. Asst. Regional Grand Masters
6. Past Asst. Regional Grand Masters
7. Senior Regional Grand Warden
8. Past Senior Regional Grand Wardens
9. Junior Regional Grand Warden
10. Past Junior Regional Grand Wardens
11. Regional Grand Chaplain
12. Past Regional Grand Chaplains
13. Regional Grand Treasurer
14. Past Regional Grand Treasurers
15. Regional Grand Registrar
16. Past Regional Grand Registrars
17. President, Regional Board of General Purposes
18. Past Presidents, Regional Board of General Purposes
19. Regional Grand Secretary
20. Past Regional Grand Secretaries
21. Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies
22. Past Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies
23. Senior Regional Grand Deacon
24. Past Senior Regional Grand Deacons
25. Junior Regional Grand Deacon
26. Past Junior Regional Grand Deacons
27. Regional Grand Bearers of V.S.L.
28. Past Regional Grand Bearers of V.S.L.
29. Regional Grand Sword Bearer
30. Past Regional Grand Sword Bearers
31. Deputy Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies
32. Past Deputy Regional Grand Directors of Ceremonies

33. Regional Grand Superintendent of Works
34. Past Regional Grand Superintendents of Works
35. Assistant Regional Grand Secretary
36. Past Assistant Regional Grand Secretaries
37. Assistant Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies
38. Past Assistant Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies
39. Regional Grand Standard Bearers
40. Past Regional Grand Standard Bearers
41. Assistant Regional Grand Standard Bearers
42. Past Assistant Regional Grand Standard Bearers
43. Regional Grand Organist
44. Past Regional Grand Organists
45. Regional Grand Marshal
46. Past Regional Grand Marshals
47. Regional Grand Inner Guard
48. Past Regional Grand Inner Guards
49. Assistant Regional Grand Inner Guards
50. Past Assistant Regional Grand Inner Guards
51. President of Regional Grand Stewards
52. Past Presidents of Regional Grand Stewards
53. Vice-Presidents of Regional Grand Stewards
54. Past Vice-Presidents of Regional Grand Stewards
55. Regional Grand Stewards
56. Past Regional Grand Stewards
57. Regional Grand Tyler
58. Past Regional Grand Tylers

**5. Appointment of Regional Grand Officers:**

- (i) The appointment of the Officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge, and such Officers whenever practicable shall be then invested; in all other cases, they may be invested in a daughter Lodge within the Region.

**No Brother to have more than one office:**

- (ii) No Brother shall hold more than one office in the Regional Grand Lodge at one and the same time.

### **Vacancies in Regular Offices:**

- (iii) If any office in the Regional Grand Lodge be rendered vacant at any time, the Regional Grand Master may fill such vacancy by the appointment of some other brother who shall from the date of his appointment take rank in the same manner as if he had been appointed at an annual meeting and the report of such an appointment shall be entered in the minutes of the following Regional Grand Lodge.

### **6. Honours Fees:**

- (i) The following shall be the scale of Honours fees to be paid on first appointment to any of the offices (Present and Past) severally specified below:

	Rs.
Deputy Regional Grand Master	21,000.00
Asstt. Regional Grand Master	18,500.00
Senior Regional Grand Warden	16,500.00
Junior Regional Grand Warden	14,500.00
Regional Grand Chaplain	13,500.00
Regional Grand Treasurer	12,500.00
Regional Grand Registrar	12,500.00
President, Regional Bd. of Gen. Purposes -	11,500.00
Regional Grand Secretary	10,600.00
Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies	10,600.00
Senior Regional Grand Deacon	9,800.00
Junior Regional Grand Deacon	9,000.00
Regional Grand Bearers of V.S.L.	8,000.00
Regional Grand Sword Bearer	7,500.00
Dy. Reg. Grand Director of Ceremonies	7,000.00
Regional Grand Superintendent of Works	6,300.00
Asstt. Regional Grand Secretary	5,800.00
Asstt. Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies	5,100.00
Regional Grand Standard Bearers	4,700.00
Asstt. Regional Grand Standard Bearers	4,200.00
Regional Grand Organist	3,800.00
Regional Grand Marshal	3,400.00

Regional Grand InnerGuard	2,900.00
Asstt. Regional Grand Inner Guard	2,600,00
President of Regional Grand Stewards	2,200.00
Vice-President of Regional Grand Stewards	2,000.00
Regional Grand Steward	1,500.00
Regional Grand Tyler	1000.00

- (ii) Every brother on his first appointment to any office in Regional Grand Lodge or to Past Rank therein shall pay to the Regional Grand Lodge the Honour Fee indicated in Bye-Law 6 (i) above and one time officer's subscription of Rs. 1000/-
- (iii) A Regional Grand Officer on appointment to a higher office than he has previously held shall pay the difference between the fees chargeable for the two offices.
- (iv) Honours Fees : Any holder of the Active Rank will pay an additional fee in the year in which appointed to the office Rs. 400/-

#### **7. Officers' Subscriptions:**

All Regional Grand Officers (Past & Present) shall pay a yearly subscription of Rs. 100/-

All Past Master (not holding Regional Grand Rank) and all Reigning Masters, Senior Wardens and Junior Wardens of daughter Lodges will pay a yearly subscription of Rs.100/-.

Any Regional Grand Officer (including Past Regional Grand Officers) and all Reigning Masters, Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens shall have the option to pay a sum of Rs. 400/- at any one time and on such payment being made, he shall not be liable henceforth to pay any annual dues in future. If such member dies, his legal representatives shall not be entitled to any refund out of the said sum of Rs.400/-. If such member ceases to hold any Regional Grand Rank, etc. either by reason of the fact that he has ceased to be subscribing member of any Daughter Lodge in the Region or any other reason, he shall not be entitled to any refund out of the said sum of Rs.400/-. On his again becoming a member of the Regional Grand Lodge and receiving a Regional Grand Rank, he shall be liable to pay annual dues

as mentioned in this bye-law and the said sum of Rs.400/- previously paid by him will not apply to such annual dues but he shall have an option to pay another sum of Rs.400/- in commutation of his future dues. The revised lumpsum payment will not be applicable to those who have already opted for the lumpsum payment as per the existing Bye-laws.

**8. Duties of Officers:**

So far as not otherwise herein expressly provided and so far as circumstances will admit, the duties of the Regional Grand Officers shall be identical with those of the corresponding officers in the Grand Lodge.

**9. Regional Grand Treasurer:**

(a) **The Regional Grand Treasurer** shall maintain the accounts of all Funds of the Regional Grand Lodge and shall produce them for audit and examination as prescribed by these Bye-laws or whenever he may be required to do so by an order of the Regional Grand Master or by a resolution of the Regional Board of General Purposes or of the Regional Grand Lodge.

(b) No payment shall be made by the Regional Grand Treasurer except in accordance with these Bye-laws or under a resolution duly passed by the Regional Grand Lodge or by the Regional Board of General Purposes.

**10. Regional Grand Registrar:**

(a) **The Regional Grand Registrar** is the legal adviser of the Regional Grand Lodge.

(b) The Custody of the seals of the Regional Grand Lodge shall be with him or, if so authorised by him with the Regional Grand Secretary.

(c) He shall examine and sign every patent, certificate or



other document requiring the seal of the Regional Grand Lodge and shall himself affix or may authorise the Regional Grand Secretary to affix thereto the seal of the Regional Grand Lodge and sign thereon.

**11. Regional Grand Secretary:**

- (a) **The Regional Grand Secretary** in addition to performing such duties as may be otherwise imposed upon him by these Bye-laws, shall be ex-officio Secretary to every Committee appointed by the Regional Grand Master, the Regional Grand Lodge or the Regional Board of General Purposes and shall receive all communications for the Regional Grand Master, the Regional Grand Lodge, the Regional Board of General Purposes and any such Committee, shall lay them before the authority concerned as required by the Constitutions by these Bye-laws and the usages of the Craft and shall conduct all correspondence arising therefrom.
- (b) He shall hold charge of, and be responsible for, the records of the Regional Grand Lodge.
- (c) He shall receive the fees and contributions payable by daughter Lodges and Brethren to the funds of Regional Grand Lodge and pay them or cause them to be paid to the account of Regional Grand Lodge.
- (d) He shall maintain a Register of all daughter Lodges in the Region registered under the Grand Lodge showing the dates of their respective warrants and their days and places of meeting.
- (e) He shall maintain for each daughter Lodge a Register showing the Masonic advancement of each past Master, and a general index of the members of the Lodges in the Region. These Registers shall be checked by him with the returns received from the Lodges as required by these Bye-Laws.

- (f) He shall lay before the Regional Grand Master of notice of propositions to be brought before Regional Grand Lodge.
- (g) He shall prepare the business and issue summons for all meetings of the Regional Grand Lodge, the Regional Board of General Purposes and of any Committee of the Regional Grand Lodge or of the Board and shall maintain a record of the proceedings thereof.
- (h) He shall be responsible for the promulgation of all circulars, orders, decisions and notifications of the Regional Grand Master and of all resolutions of the Regional Grand Lodge and shall require the compliance therewith of all Lodges in the Region.
- (i) He shall certify the correctness of all claims for payment before submission to the Regional Board of General Purposes.
- (j) He may under the authority of the Regional Grand Registrar, affix the seal of the Regional Grand Lodge and sign to such patents, warrants, Certificate and other documents as shall be specified in any such authority.
- (k) He shall be entitled to such remuneration and/ or allowances and shall employ such establishment with the approval of the Regional Grand Master as may from time to time be sanctioned by the Regional Grand Master on the report of the Regional Board of General Purposes.
- (l) With the approval of the Regional Grand Master in respect of duties affecting the Regional Grand Master and with the approval of the Regional Board of General Purposes in respect of other duties, the Regional Grand Secretary may authorise in writing the Assistant Regional Grand Secretary to discharge on his behalf all or any of his duties under these Bye-laws.

**12. Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies:**

**The Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies** shall have the arrangement and direction of all processions and ceremonies of the Regional Grand Lodge and the care of the regalia , clothing, insignia and jewels belonging to the Regional Grand Lodge.

He shall submit to the Regional Grand Master, or to such officer as may be designated by him, an advance copy of any programme which he may draw up.

**13. Deputy Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies and Asstt, Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies:**

**The Deputy Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Assistant Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies** shall carry out such of the duties of the Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies as may be assigned to them by him.

**14. Regional Grand Superintendent of Works:**

(a) The Regional Grand Superintendent of Works shall advise the Board upon all buildings, plans of works projected or undertaken by the Regional Grand Lodge, furnish estimates therefore, and superintend their construction,

(b) He shall report regularly to the Board on the state of repair of the premises of the Regional Grand Lodge and his report shall be incorporated in the report made by the Board to the Regional Grand Lodge. He shall also make such further reports from time to time as may be required by the Board or as he may deem expedient.

**15. Regional Grand Inner Guard and Asstt. Regional Grand Inner Guard:**

**The Regional Grand Inner Guard and the Assistant**

**Regional Inner Guard** shall attend at the entrance of the Regional Grand Lodge, preserve order there and ensure that none be admitted except those who are qualified, have their proper clothing and jewels, have signed their names in the attendance Register and are in all respects entitled to admission. In performing these duties, they shall be guided by the general directions of the Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies.

**16. President of Regional Grand Stewards:**

- (a) The **President of Regional Grand Stewards** shall assist in conducting the arrangements made for the meetings of the Regional Grand Lodge.
- (b) He shall be responsible for the banquets of the Regional Grand Lodge and or refreshments and shall so regulate the expenditure that no charge falls on the Regional Grand Lodge.

For this Purpose, the President and the Vice-President of Regional Grand Stewards and all Regional Grand Stewards shall form themselves into a Committee. The President of Regional Grand Stewards shall be the Chairman of the Committee. The Committee shall elect from among themselves a Secretary.

The Secretary of the Steward's Committee shall maintain an account of all receipts and expenditure by the Committee in connection with the banquets and refreshments of the Regional Grand Lodge.

Any unspent balance of the account at the end of the Steward's year of office shall be forwarded by the Secretary to the Regional Grand Treasurer for credit to the Fund of Benevolence together with the account for audit by an auditor or auditors elected under by-law 27, an abstract of the account after audit, shall be appended to the next report of the Board to the Regional Grand Lodge.

- (c) The Regional Grand Master may nominate such members of the Regional Grand Lodge or Master Masons of Lodges of the Region as he may deem fit to assist the stewards in the performance of their duties on any occasion on which it is unlikely that a sufficient number of stewards will be present.

**17. Regional Grand Tyler:**

The Regional Grand Tyler shall attend all meetings of the Regional Grand lodge and, when summoned to do so, of the Regional Board of General Purpose and of all Committees appointed by the Regional Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements and see that none be admitted but those duly entitled.

**18. REGIONAL GRAND LODGE MEETING**

**Regular Meetings**

- (i) The Annual Meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge shall be held in the first half of the calender year. This Meeting will be held at Delhi or at such other place, as the Regional Grand Master or in his absence Board of General Purposes may decide.
- ii) Half yearly Meetings of Regional Grand Lodge of N.I. shall be held approximately six months after the immediately preceeding Annual Meeting at a place to be decided by R.W. The Regional Grand Master.
- iii) A Special meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge or Area Meetings of Lodges in Delhi, U.P., Punjab, Rajasthan etc..... shall be held at the discretion of R.W.The Regional Grand Master, or, in his absence the Regional Grand Officer In-Charge.

**19. Notice:**

The Regional Grand Secretary shall issue to the members of the Regional Grand Lodge and to the daughter Lodges,

at least one month before each meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge, Regular or Special, a notice of the meeting and of the business to be transacted there at.

**20. Conduct of Meetings:**

- (i) Except as hereinafter provided, the business of the Regional Grand Lodge shall be conducted as far as possible in the same manner as that of the Grand Lodge as laid down in the Book of Constitutions.

**Motions:**

- (ii) All notices of motions shall be given in writing, either at one meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge for consideration at the next meeting, or to the Regional Grand Secretary by the 31st December.
- (iii) No motion or other matter shall be brought into discussion in the Regional Grand Lodge unless it shall have been entered in the agenda, except in special cases with the unanimous consent of the Regional Grand Lodge or except as provided in Sub-Clauses (iv) and (v) below:

**Special Business:**

- (iv) The forgoing provisions shall not apply to any matter contained in or arising out of any report or recommendation from the Regional Board of General Purposes or any Committee appointed by the Regional Grand Master or by the Regional Grand Lodge.
- (v) Except at a special meeting, it shall be competent to the Regional Grand Lodge to Consider any matter brought before it by the Regional Grand Master, whether such matter shall have been entered in the agenda or not.

**21. Adjournment of Discussion**

The Regional Grand Master, or the presiding officer, may, in

his discretion, defer or adjourn the discussion or consideration of any question brought before the Regional Grand Lodge.

**22. Regional Grand Master may reject Notices of Motion:**

No notice of motion shall be entered in the agenda if the Regional Grand Master shall deem the same to be of a nature improper to be discussed in the Regional Grand Lodge, and whenever the Regional Grand Master shall thus disallow the notice of motion, the Regional Grand Secretary shall forthwith inform the brother who shall have given the notice of motion that the same has been disallowed.

**23. Matters already decided:**

No question, once decided, shall be raised again in the Regional Grand Lodge, save at the instance of the Regional Grand Master, until twelve months shall have elapsed thereafter.

**24. Visitors:**

A Master Mason, not a member of the Regional Grand Lodge, cannot attend the Regional Grand Lodge except by permission of the Regional Grand Master, and if admitted, shall not speak on any question without leave of the Regional Grand Master, nor shall he be permitted to vote.

**25. Attendance of Meetings:**

- (a) Every member of Regional Grand Lodge, and every Regional Grand Lodge Officer during the year of office shall unless excused by the Regional Grand Master, attend every meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge. If an officer is unable to attend, he must give timely notice of his absence to the Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies to enable the latter to appoint a substitute.
- (b) No member of the Regional Grand Lodge shall respond at its meeting to the roll call on behalf of a Lodge which

shall be six months in arrears of dues to the Regional Grand Lodge nor shall he be entitled to speak or vote if His membership of the Regional Grand Lodge is dependent on the membership of such Lodge.

- (c) No officer of Regional Grand Lodge who is in arrears of his annual subscription to the Regional Grand Lodge shall respond at its meeting to any roll call nor shall he be entitled to speak or vote at such meeting.

**26. Special Dispensation:**

No daughter Lodge, other than a Lodge under the banner of which the Regional Grand Lodge may meet, shall hold a meeting on the same date as that on which a meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge is held, nor on the day immediately succeeding the date of the Regional Grand Lodge Meeting. No fee shall be levied for any dispensation which may be issued to regularise the holding of such a meeting on another date.

Provided that the restriction regarding holding of the meeting on the day preceding and the day succeeding shall not apply to the Lodges meeting at the station where the Regional Grand Lodge meeting is held.

Note: The provisions of this Bye-Law shall also apply when a convocation of the Grand Lodge is held any where in the Region.

**27. Statutory Business at Each meeting**

**At the Regular Meeting:**

- (a) The Regional Grand Secretary shall report such daughter Lodges as are in arrears with their fees to Grand Lodge and to the Regional Grand Lodge, or have not made their annual and half-yearly returns in due form.
- (b) The President of the Regional Board of General Purposes shall present his report on the proceedings of the Board and its Committees.



- (c) The Regional Grand Treasurer shall present the accounts of the Regional Grand Lodge Funds, duly audited, for the previous year.
- (d) The Regional Grand Officers for the ensuring year shall be invested.
- (e) The Regional Grand Master shall appoint eight members of the Regional Board of General Purposes, and eight other members shall be elected, as prescribed in Bye-Law 31.
- (f) Every year an auditor or auditors, who must be a Master Mason or Master Masons, shall be elected to audit the accounts of Regional Grand Lodge Funds.

**28. Minutes:**

The Minutes of the Proceedings of every meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge shall be circulated to each subscribing member of Regional Grand Lodge and to the Secretary of each daughter Lodge. Copies will also be sent to those other members and Master Masons who apply for these on payment of the prescribed fee.

**29. REGIONAL BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES**

**Constitution:**

The Regional Board of General Purposes shall consist of the following:

- (i) The President appointed annually by the Regional Grand Master
- (ii) Ex-officio members, namely—
  - The Regional Grand Master
  - All Past Regional Grand Masters
  - The Deputy Regional Grand Master
  - The Asstt. Regional Grand Masters
  - The Regional Grand Treasurer
  - The Regional Grand Registrar

The Regional Grand Secretary  
The Regional Grand Superintendent of Works, and

(iii) Sixteen additional members.

**30. Appointment of Members by Regional Grand Master**

Eight of these additional members shall be appointed by the Regional Grand Master at the annual meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge. Any vacancy occurring in their number shall be filled by the Regional Grand Master. The other eight members shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

**31. Election of Additional Members-Procedure for Eligibility of Members for Election:**

- (i) Only Masters and Past Masters who are members of a Lodge in this Region and who hold Rank not lower than that of a Past R.G.D.O.C. shall be eligible for election as Members of the Board.
- (ii) Eight such eligible brethren shall be elected each year by ballot in the manner hereinafter provided to serve on the Board for the year following the annual general meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge. Each Lodge in open Lodge assembled shall be entitled on or before the 30th September to nominate one duly qualified Brother for election. The notice for this shall be issued by the Regional Grand Secretary two months in advance. Such nomination containing the name of the Brother together with the number of his Lodge and his Masonic rank, shall, within seven days for such nomination, be forwarded to the Regional Grand Secretary, who shall prepare a list of the candidates, and send a copy thereof on or before the 31st October in the same year to the Secretary of each Lodge in the form of a voting paper containing the names of the several Brethren, the number of their Lodges, their Masonic ranks and the names of the Lodges by which each nomination has been made. The members of each Lodge shall in open Lodge assembled at their

next meeting vote for not more than eight candidate (though they may vote for less) but they may not give more than one vote for any one candidate. The voting papers shall be filled in with the result of such voting and be signed by the Master and Secretary and returned before the following 31 st December to the Regional Grand Secretary. The votes shall be counted by the Regional Grand Secretary and another officer of the Regional Grand Lodge appointed for the purpose by the Regional Grand Master and the names of the eight candidates who have received the highest number of votes shall be announced to the Regional Grand Lodge at the annual meeting as having been elected. In the event of the election being indeterminate owing to any equalities of votes, the result shall be decided by the casting vote of the Regional Grand Master or the officer presiding over the annual meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge.

**32. Election of Vice-President:**

The Board shall elect annually one of its members to be the Vice-President.

**33. Chairman**

Should the President and the Vice-President be absent, the Brother highest in rank in the Regional Grand Lodge shall preside.

**34. Vacancies in Office:**

If the President, Vice-President, or any other member of the Board die or vacate his seat, the vacancy shall be filled up; if appointed by the Regional Grand Master, then by the Regional Grand Master and if elected by the Regional Grand Lodge, then by the Board of General Purposes at its next meeting.

**35. Meetings:**

The Board shall meet at least two times every year, once in conjunction with the meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge, and the other at such date, time and place as may be

determined by the President when necessary or under the orders of the Regional Grand Master.

**36. Notice:**

Notice and agenda of each meeting shall be sent to every member at least a fortnight before the meeting, but in special cases meetings may be convened at shorter notice.

**37. Quorum:**

Five members shall constitute a quorum for all meetings of the Board. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, the presiding Brother in case of equality having a second or casting vote.

**38. Recommendation, etc.**

The Board may recommend or report to the Regional Grand Lodge whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the welfare and good governance of the Craft, and may originate plans for the better regulation of the Regional Grand Lodge and the arrangement of its general transaction. Every recommendation of the Board, or of any Committee appointed by the Board, shall, when adopted by the Regional Grand Lodge, be treated as an edict of the Regional Grand Lodge.

**39. Care of Property:**

The furniture regalia and other property of the Regional Grand Lodge shall be under the direction and control of the Regional Board of General Purposes, and a correct list thereof shall be maintained by the Regional Grand Secretary.

**40. Power to Adjudicate:**

When any complaint or appeal is made against any daughter Lodge or brother, or when any Lodge or brother offends against Masonic law or usage, the Regional Grand Master may refer the same to the Board of General Purposes for investigation and report.

**Procedure:**

While investigating any Masonic complaint or irregularity, at least seven members must be present: and they shall wear Masonic clothing.

When it appears to the Board that a **prime facie** case has been made out which should be dealt with under Masonic law, it shall cause a 'statement of the facts to be drawn up and supplied to the accused daughter Lodge of brother and to the Regional Grand Registrar. The accused shall be given all opportunities of being heard before the Board records any finding and he shall be permitted to be present throughout the evidence. The Regional Grand Registrar shall state the case against the accused and tender advice as to the masonic law applicable and the recommendation of the Board shall be laid before the Regional Grand Master for such action as he may deem proper.

**41. Minutes:**

All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in minute book to be maintained by the Regional Grand Secretary.

**42. Report to Regional Grand Lodge:**

The Board shall present to the Regional Grand Lodge at its annual meeting a general report upon its proceedings during the previous year ending the 31st December.

**43. Committees:**

At its first regular meeting every year the Board shall appoint (i) a Finance Committee, (ii) a Benevolence Committee, (iii) Procedure Committee and (iv) Premises Committee, whose composition and functions shall be as hereinafter described:—

The Board may also appoint Committees for specific purposes, which shall report in like manner.

Each Committee shall have power to invite to any of its meetings, for purposes of consultation, brethren (whether members of Board or not) possessed of special knowledge of the subjects with which such committee has to deal. It may also co-opt as members for specific purposes representatives of other Constitutions duly nominated for such purposes by the authorities of the Constitution concerned. No such representatives shall take part in any subject other than the specific purpose for which they are co-opted. The co-opted members shall have no right to vote.

The President and Vice-President shall be ex-officio members of all such Committees.

Each Committee shall report its proceedings to the Board at its next meeting.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### **44. Constitution:**

- (i) The Finance Committee shall consist of nine members, four of whom shall be ex-officio; namely, the President and Vice-President of the Regional Board of General Purposes, the Regional Grand Treasurer and the Regional Grand Secretary. Chairman and the members of the Committee shall be nominated by Regional Grand Master. Regional Grand Secretary shall be the secretary of the Committee. Four shall form quorum.

### **Duties:**

- (ii) It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee:
  - (a) to examine the accounts of the Regional Grand Lodge before they are presented to the Regional Board of General Purposes
  - (b) to examine and report on all proposals for expenditure, other than ordinary recurring expenditure, prior to consideration of such proposals by the Regional Board of General Purposes:

- (c) to report on the position of the Regional Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence before any Grant or application for a new petition is considered by the Regional Board of General purposes; and
- (d) to frame the Budget of the Regional Grand Lodge for the ensuing year and to place the same before the Regional Board of General Purposes. .

### **BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE**

#### **45. Constitution:**

The Benevolence Committee shall consist of nine members, four of whom shall be **Ex-officio**, namely the President and Vice-President of the Regional Board of General Purposes. The Regional Grand Treasurer who shall be the Treasurer of the Fund, and the Regional Grand Secretary.Chairman and the members of the Committee shall be nominated by Regional Grand Master. Regional Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Committee. Four shall form quorum.

#### **46. Funds to be devoted to Charity:**

The Fund appropriated to the object of Benevolence shall be devoted solely to Charities as hereinafter provided.

- 47. In the management of the Fund, the Committee shall be guided by the following rules or by any directions they may receive from the Regional Grand Lodge for the grant of benefit to masons or nonmasons.

#### **Explanation:**

The Regional Grand Lodge may issue such general or special directions from time to time as it may deem fit to prescribe the extent of and the manner in which such benefits may be granted.

#### **Rule of Procedure:**

- (i) Excepts as provided in the bye-laws no brother shall receive

the benefit of the Fund of benevolence unless he has been a subscribing member of a Lodge or Lodges under the Regional Grand Lodge for at least two years and his dues in respect of that period have been paid to the Fund. Any brother who has ceased subscribing for the immediate past 15 years shall not be eligible of relief, unless he had previously Subscribed to such a Lodge or Lodges for ten years or upwards.

- (ii) The Committee may recommend relief to the indigent widow or indigent unmarried daughter or other indigent child or children under the age of 21 years or indigent parent, over the age 60 years, of a deceased brother (a) .who would at the time of his death himself . have been qualified to receive relief under clause (i), or (b) who having been initiated in a Lodge under the Grand Lodge, and having<sup>1</sup> continued a subscribing member of. such a Lodge from his initiation, to the time of his death, shall have died within five years of such initiation.

**Note:** For the purpose of sub clauses (i) and (ii) above, membership of a Lodge or Lodges in India under the masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland prior to the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of India shall be duly taken into account.

- (iii) The Committee at its discretion shall have power to recommend:, for relief, a case where by reason of some incapacity, fully proved, the qualifying period of years could not be completed.
- (iv) In cases of extreme emergency or distress, the President may sanction temporary relief not exceeding Rs. 100 at his discretion. Such grants shall be reported to the Committee as soon as possible after such sanction.

Provided that the Worshipful Master in Chair in consultation with his Wardens and Secretary may, by way of interim relief, pay a sum upto Rs. 400 from Lodge Charity Fund plus a sum of Rs. 100/- from the Regional Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence.



If the Lodge Charity Fund falls short of the amount, he may pay such amount as can be paid from the fund and apply to the Regional Grand Secretary for payment of the balance, if any, plus the sum of Rs. 100/- advanced from Regional Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence. The Regional Grand Secretary will remit such amount to the Lodge and apprise the President, Regional Board of General Purposes and members of Benevolence Committee with the recommendation of the Worshipful Master concerned.

- (v) No allowance approved by the Committee shall continue beyond a month after the expiry of the Calendar year in which it was sanctioned, and before its continuance the procedure prescribed above for granting of a fresh allowance shall be followed.
- (vi) Applications for relief must be by petition on forms obtainable from the Regional Grand Secretary. No application, not on the prescribed form, or omitting to give full particulars under each column therein, shall be considered by the Committee.
- (vii) Every petition must be signed by the applicant and submitted through a daughter Lodge to which the applicant belongs or belonged or to which the late husband or father or son of the applicant, as the case may be, belonged and no Lodge receiving such a petition shall refuse to consider and report upon it.
- (viii) Immediately on receipt of every petition, the Master of the Lodge shall, if the applicant be resident within the masonic jurisdiction of the Lodge, himself visit or cause the applicant to be visited by a member of the Lodge deputed by him in his behalf, and shall ascertain, by interviewing the applicant and making other independent investigation, correct information on the general point mentioned in the form prescribed for the purpose and attached to the petition. In case the applicant resides outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge or the Region, the Master shall depute a member of the Lodge residing at a convenient distance to investigate. The investigating brother shall record the result of his

investigation in the appropriate column of the said form and submit the report duly signed by him for the consideration of the Lodge.

- (ix) Not later than the second regular meeting after the receipt of a petition, the Lodge must consider the petition and the report of the investigating brother and pass a resolution either to support the petition or not and forthwith forward its recommendation to the Regional Grand Secretary, duly signed by the brethren occupying the chairs of the Master and Wardens, at the meeting.
- (x) A Lodge submitting a recommendation shall specify what relief, if any, the Lodge itself is prepared to give to the applicant out of its own funds.
- (xi) If a Lodge cannot report accurately on any necessary fact relating to the petition, it shall give such explanation or information as may be possible.
- (xii) Relief shall not be given unless satisfactory proofs be afforded of worth and merit, and parties enjoying the benefits of the Fund shall be liable to forfeit the same for misconduct.

#### **PROCEDURE COMMITTEE**

**48. Constitution:**

The Procedure Committee shall consist of seven members, four of whom shall be **ex-officio**, namely, the President and Vice-President of the Regional Board of General Purposes. The Regional Grand Registrar and the Regional Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary, Chairman and the members of the Committee shall be nominated by Regional Grand Master. Regional Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Committee. Four shall form quorum.

**49. Functions:**

The functions of the Committee shall be: (a) To lay down

procedure for holding enquiries into complaints and (b) To advice on any matter referred to it by the Board.

### **PREMISES COMMITTEE**

#### **50. Constitution:**

- (a) The Premises Committee shall consist of seven members, four of whom shall be **ex-officio**, namely, the President and Vice-President of the Regional Board of General Purposes. The Regional Grand Superintendent of Works and the Regional Grand Secretary. Chairman and the members of the Committee shall be nominated by Regional Grand Master. Regional Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Committee. Four shall form quorum.
- (b) The Committee shall have power to invite for purposes of consultation, when necessary, any brother who is possessed of special knowledge of the matter under consideration.
- (c) Any vacancy in the Committee shall be filled by the Regional Board of General Purposes.
- (d) The Committee shall meet as often as may be necessary.

#### **51. Duties:**

The duties of the Premises Committee shall be:

- (i) to manage all immovable properties of the Regional Grand Lodge and the appurtenances thereto.
- (ii) to control all new works of construction undertaken by the Regional Grand Lodge; and
- (iii) to formulate schemes for the construction and the maintenance of new works.

## REGIONAL GRAND LODGE-FUNDS

### 52. Funds:

The Regional Grand Lodge shall levy fees as herein detailed and shall maintain the following funds:—

- (a) The General Purposes Fund;
  - (b) The Fund of Benevolence;
  - (c) The Premises Fund;
- and such other Funds as may be duly authorised.

### 53. General Purposes Fund:

**The General Purposes Fund** shall be the accumulated balances of the Regional Grand Lodge Revenue account; grants may be voted from time to time by the Regional Grand Lodge to the other funds of the Regional Grand Lodge or the Reserve Fund of the Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India.

**The Regional Grand Lodge Revenue Account** shall be maintained by the levy of fees of honour, dispensation fees, registration fees and quarterages from daughter Lodges and by all other revenues of the Regional Grand Lodge not appertaining to any other Fund; and from this account shall be provided the expenses of the Regional Grand Lodge not chargeable to any other account.

### 54. Fund of Benevolence:

**The Fund of Benevolence** shall be the accumulated balances of the Regional Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence **Revenue account** and any further sums voted by the Regional Grand Lodge from the General Purposes Funds; grants for charitable purposes may be made from the Fund by resolution of the Regional Grand Lodge. The Fund of Benevolence revenue account shall be maintained by the levy of quarterages from daughter Lodges, by donations and voluntary subscriptions from Lodges and brethren, by the unexpended balance of the Stewards' account and by interest on the investments of the Regional Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence. From this account shall be provided all relief

and the expenses of administering the Regional Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence.

**55. Premises Fund:**

- (a) **The Premises Fund** is the capital account of the immovable property, furniture and equipment of the Regional Grand Lodge, and it includes the accumulated balance of the Regional Grand Lodge Premises account, monies raised by the issue of debentures secured on Regional Grand Lodge properties donations and subscriptions for building purposes and grants from the Regional Grand Lodge General Purposes Fund; grants may be voted from time to time for the purposes of the purchase of premises, the erection of buildings and the provision of furniture and equipment.
- (b) The Regional Grand Lodge Premises Revenue account shall be maintained by the levy of quarterages from daughter Lodges and for the use of Freemasons' Hall and charges for electric current, as may be determined by the Regional Board of General Purposes on the recommendation of the Premises Committee from time to time. From this account shall be provided all expenses in connection with the maintenance in good order and repair of the properties of the Regional Grand Lodge, the maintenance, repair and replacement of electric fittings, furniture, regalia, etc., belonging to the Regional Grand Lodge and the expenses of administering the\* Regional Grand Lodge Premises Fund.

**56. Bank Account:**

All monies belonging to the Regional Grand Lodge shall be deposited in such banks as the Regional Board of General Purposes may determine, subject to the confirmation of the Regional Grand Lodge. The Regional Grand Treasurer and President of the Board of General Purposes or the Regional Grand Secretary shall jointly operate on the account. Should the Regional Grand Treasurer for any reason be unable to

attend to his duty, the Regional Grand Master may appoint another member of the Regional Grand Lodge to attend to it.

57. No payment exceeding Rs. 500/-, other than recurring sanctioned expenditure, shall be made without sanction of the Board of General Purposes.

**58. Control of Funds:**

The control of all the Funds of the Regional Grand Lodge shall vest in the Board of General Purposes.

**59. Accounts:**

- (i) The accounts of all the Regional Grand Lodge Funds shall be kept by the Regional Grand Treasurer and shall be placed before the Regional Board of General Purposes, or its Committees, as the case may be, at the meetings of these bodies.
- (ii) The Regional Grand Treasurer shall close the accounts at the end of each year and shall, when presenting them to the Board, or the Committees as the case may be submit a statement showing the balances at the end of the year under each account and how those balances are held.
- (iii) The Regional Board of General Purposes shall present to the Regional Grand Lodge at the regular meeting a report on, and a statement of account of, each of the several Funds under its control for the previous Financial year.
- (iv) The Regional Grand Secretary shall place before the Board at each meeting a statement of the outstanding due to, and from the several Funds.

**60. Audit:**

- (i) The accounts shall be audited once in each year by an Auditor or Auditors, who must be a Master Mason or Masons, elected annually in the Regional Grand Lodge.

**Substitute for Auditors:**

- (ii) If for any reason, the Auditor or Auditors is/ are unable to conduct the audit, the Regional Grand Master shall appoint a substitute.

**DAUGHTER LODGES**

- 61. Without prejudice to the constitutional right of every daughter Lodge to regulate its own proceedings, the following regulations shall be observed by daughter Lodges:— ‘ ‘
- 61A. There shall be a Council of Past Preceptors of which Regional Grand Master will be the Chairman and Deputy Regional Grand Master will be the Vice Chairman and all the Past Preceptors shall be its members. The Secretary shall elected every year by the Council. The Council will have the powers to regulate all the Lodges of Instructions within the Region including Roving Lodges of Instructions and also nominate Preceptors of these Lodges.

**SUMMONS:**

- (a) One copy each of every summon convening a meeting of a Lodge, showing the business to be transacted thereat, shall at the time of issue, be sent by the Secretary to the Regional Grand Master to the Deputy Regional Grand Master, to the P Dy. RGM / ARGM /PARGM incharge of the lodge and to the President of the Regional Board of General Purposes; two copies thereof shall also be sent to the Regional Grand Secretary and the Grand Secretary.
- (b) Each Lodge shall maintain a register of members which shall contain information of each member in the prescribed form. As soon as a brother is initiated in or joins a Lodge, his name shall be entered in this register and all the column shall be filled in as far as practicable. Subsequent events in his masonic career shall be entered as they occur. The numbers allotted to members shall be consecutive and entered at the top of the form, and this number shall be the brother's registered number in all returns to the Regional

Grand Lodge. It shall never be altered and shall not under any circumstances, be allotted to any other Brother in the same Lodge. A brother rejoining shall be assigned a new number in the order of rejoining.

**62. RETURNS:**

Every Lodge in the Region shall submit to the Regional Grand Lodge the following returns in the forms issued from time to time:

- (a) Immediately the name of a brother is entered in the register prescribed by bye-law 61 the Secretary shall transmit to the Regional Grand Secretary a duplicate of the form used for the register, duly filled in together with the application and proposal forms in duplicate. Should the Regional Grand Secretary be in possession of particulars regarding the brother concerned which are wanting in the form so submitted, he shall communicate the same to the Secretary who shall cause it to be noted in the register of the Lodge.
- (b) A list of subscribing members required by the rule 125 of the Book of Constitutions together with changes shall be submitted half yearly to the Regional Grand Secretary to each Lodge in the prescribed form together with all sums due to the Regional Grand Lodge, so as to reach him not later than the 31st January and 31st July each year.
- (c) Every Lodge shall, immediately after the annual installation and the appointment of officers, submit to the Regional Grand Secretary a return in the prescribed form showing the names of the Master, Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge, as well as the names of the Past Masters of the Lodge and of Wardens and Past Masters of other Lodges under the Grand Lodge, specifying in the later case the names and numbers of the Lodge of which they are Masters, Wardens and Past Masters, and the year in which they held such



offices. The address of the Master, Treasurer and Secretary shall at the same time be furnished.

Changes which may occur during the year among the regular officers of any Lodges shall be immediately reported to the Regional Grand Secretary.

- (d) In every Lodge within fourteen days of the installation of its Master, the newly installed Master and the outgoing Master or the officer in charge of the Lodge shall jointly submit to the Regional Grand Secretary a certificate in the prescribed form, in token of the fact that all registers and other records of the Lodge have been handed over by the retiring Master or the officer last in charge of the Lodge and received by the newly installed Master and that they are all in order and in good preservation.
- (e) On the exclusion of a brother, a report shall be made on a prescribed form by the Secretary of the Lodge to the Regional Grand Secretary. All exclusion shall be announced in the Regional Grand Lodge and notified to Lodges in the Region.

#### **REPORTS:**

- (f) A return of past masters in the Lodge in the form prescribed by the Regional Grand Lodge once a year.
- (g) A copy of the report of the Audit Committee and of the annual accounts of every Lodge shall be presented at the regular meeting of the Lodge within three months from the close of financial year of the Lodge in the prescribed form for adoption and there after the copy shall be forwarded to the Regional Grand Secretary immediately after the meeting at which they are adopted. A list of arrears of dues from members should also accompany the statement of accounts.

Every Lodge must maintain a separate Charity Fund Account and collections credited to it should be used only for charitable purposes.

63. The Master of the Lodge or the Officer in charge shall be responsible to ensure that the various returns, etc. mentioned in these Bye-laws are submitted by the Secretary of the Lodge in due time as specified.

**64. VISITING DEPUTATIONS:**

- (a) When the Regional Grand Master appoints an officer to inspect and report upon any Lodge in the Region, the Regional Grand Secretary shall communicate the appointment to the Master of such Lodge.
- (b) The Master of the Lodge shall comply with the requirements of the visiting officer in regard to the following matters:—
  - (i) Inspection of the books and accounts of the Lodge;
  - (ii) convening of a meeting of the Lodge for the reception of the visiting officer; and
  - (iii) supply of information as to the management and condition of the Lodge.
- (c) The visiting officer shall examine and report upon the following matters, namely:—
  - (i) the condition of the books, accounts, building, furniture and appointments of the Lodge;
  - (ii) the manner in which the minutes are recorded and the business of the Lodge is conducted;
  - (iii) the financial condition of the Lodge; and
  - (iv) the arrears of dues outstanding against the members.

This report shall be placed before the Regional Board of General Purposes.

**65. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER ETC:**

- (i) No communication on any Masonic matter shall be made to the Regional Grand Master, except through the Regional Grand Secretary.

## **CORRESPONDENCE ETC:**

- (ii) All communications from Masters or Lodges intended for submission to the Regional Grand Lodge, the Regional Board of General Purposes, or any Committee appointed by the Regional Grand Master or Regional Grand Lodge shall be in writing, shall be signed by the master of the Lodge or officer in charge and shall be addressed to the Regional Grand Secretary.

## **66. DISPUTES**

- (i) Should two or more Lodges in the Region fail to adjust any matter of dispute that may arise between them either amicably or by arbitration, the decision shall rest with the Regional Grand Master who may refer the matter to the Regional Board of General Purposes or a Special Committee for Consideration and report.
- (ii) Disputes in a Lodge which cannot be adjusted shall be referred to the Regional Grand Master for adjudication, who may refer the matter to the Regional Board of General Purposes or a special committee for consideration and report.
- (iii) Any member of a Lodge feeling aggrieved by any decision or action of his Lodge or Master may appeal against the decision or action to the Regional Grand Master. The appeal must be made in writing specifying the particular grievance complained of and the transmitted together with all relevant documents to the Regional Grand Secretary within three months from the date of decision or act appealed against. The appellant shall at the same time submit a certificate and proof that duplicates of the appeal and documentary evidence, if any, have been sent to the Master of the lodge.

**67. FEES AND DUES**

The Fees and Dues payable by Daughter Lodges to the Funds of Regional Grand Lodge shall be as follows:—

<b>(a) Dues and Quarterage:</b>	<b>Rs.</b>
(i) Initiation (including Passing and Raising)	200.00
(ii) Joining from a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of India	200.00
(iii) Joining from a Constitution other than Indian	300.00
(iv) For each subscribing member during any part of a half-year, half yearly.	375.00
‘This shall be allocated as follows:-	
(a) General Purposes Fund	220.00
(b) Fund of Benevolence	35.00
(c) Premises Fund	80.00
(d) Host Lodge Charges	40.00
<b>(b) Registration Fees:</b>	
(i) Registering a New Lodge	2000.00
(i) (a) Founder's fee per member	200.00
(ii) Registering by-laws	300.00
(iii) Registering amendment to bye-laws	200.00
<b>(c) Dispensation Fees:</b>	
(i) To pass or raise within four weeks of previous degree	500.00
(ii) For a Brother to be Master of more than one Lodge in the Region at the same time	3000.00
(iii) To continue as Master of a Lodge for more than two years in succession and W.M. 2 Lodges	3000.00
(iv) To initiate, pass or raise more than two persons in the same degree in one day, for each additional person	200.00

(v)	To hold the regular meeting of a Lodge within fourteen days before or after the date specified in the Lodge bye-laws	500.00
(vi)	For an emergency meeting	500.00
(vii)	To initiate a candidate (other than a lewis) under 21 years of age.	500.00
(viii)	The hold a Lodge meeting at a place other than that specified in Lodge bye-laws:	
	(a) if in the same town	300.00
	(b) if outside the town	400.00
(ix)	(a) To continue as Secretary of a Lodge for one more year after completion of three years continous term	2000.00
	(b) To continue as Treasurer of a Lodge for one more year after completion of three years continous term	2000.00
(x)	For any dispensation not specified herein	400.00

**Notes:**

- (i) Dispensation may be granted at the discretion of the Regional Grand Master. Except in an urgent or unforeseen case, applications for them stating the grounds on which they are based shall be made so as to reach the Regional Grand Secretary's office ten (10) days before the date on which they are required.
- (ii) These fee in special cases may be modified at the discretion of the Regional Grand Master.
- (iii) When a dispensation has been issued and is later not required, any fee which has been accepted therefore shall not be refunded.
- (d) **Printed Proceedings:**  
Subscription for printed proceedings, circulars and notices of Regional Grand Lodge, per annum. 15.00

**Note:**

This charge shall be made to Regional Grand officers. Any other brother borne on the books of a Lodge of the Region will be charged if he requires copies of the proceedings. Two copies of all proceedings will be supplied free to each daughter Lodge.

**68. BYE-LAWS**

No new Bye-Law, or alteration or abrogation of an existing Bye-Laws, shall become valid unless notice of motion is given and the motion passed at a meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge and then approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master as provided in the Constitutions.

**69. GENERAL:**

In any case for which the forgoing bye-laws do not provide, the laws and regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge shall be binding.

70. (a) These bye-laws shall be read in conjunction with the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India. Any amendments made in the Book of Constitutions which are applicable to Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India, will automatically form part of these bye-laws in so far they concern the Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India.
- (b) Apart from the dispensation specified in bye-law 67, the Regional Grand Master will have the power to grant such dispensations as may be necessary in a given set circumstances, provided the grant of such dispensations is in conformity with the rules and regulations framed by the Grand Lodge of India and in furtherance of good Governance of the Craft and furthering the aims and objects of our ancient institution.

71. A copy each of these bye-laws shall be supplied to each Lodge in the Regional and to each Regional Grand Officer on his first appointment to a Regional Grand Office on such payment as may be fixed from time to time by the R.W. the Regional Grand Master. Copies shall also be supplied to other members of Regional Grand Lodge in the Region on payment.

Approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Master.

New Delhi  
27-11-1961

**M.P.Dube**  
Regional Grand Secretary

Approved by M.W. the Grand Master.

New Delhi  
28-11-1961

**P. M. Sundaram**  
Grand Secretary

Bye-laws amended on 26-2-1977 and approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Master on 21-5-1977, and M.W. the Grand Master on 11-6-1977

**H.P.Gupta**  
Regional Grand Secretary

Bye-laws amended upto 31st July, 1984, approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Master and M.W. the Grand Master.

**Uma S. Mehrotra**  
Regional Grand Secretary

Bye-laws amended upto 31st March, 1990, approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Master and M.W. the Grand Master.

**J.N. Jolly**  
Officer on Special Duty (Hony.)

Bye-laws amended upto 31st March, 1999 approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Master and M.W. The Grand Master.

**V.K.Gupta**

Regional Grand Secretary, (Hony.)

Bye-Laws amended upto 31st March, 2009 approved by R.W.  
The Regional Grand Master and M.W. The Grand Master.

**V.K.Gupta**

Regional Grand Secretary, (Hony.)

***Bye-Laws amended upto 31st.March,2015 approved by  
R.W.The Regional Grand Master and  
M.W.The Grand Master***

**V.K.Gupta**

Regional Grand Secretary

***Bye Laws amended upto 29th.February 2020.  
Approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Master and  
M.W. The Grand Master***

**Ashok Sharma**

**Regional Grand Secretary**

***Bye-Laws amended upto 22nd.February,2023 approved by  
R.W.The Regional Grand Master and  
M.W.The Grand Master***

**Subhash Mahajan**

**Regional Grand Secretary**