

CONSTITUTION OF SINGAPORE BUDDHIST LODGE, THE

1. TITLE

- 1.1 This Lodge shall be known as the "SINGAPORE BUDDHIST LODGE, THE", hereinafter referred to as the "Lodge".

2. PLACE OF BUSINESS

- 2.1 Its place of business shall be at "17-19 Kim Yam Road, Singapore 239329" or such other address as may subsequently be decided upon by the Board of Directors and approved by the Registrar of Societies. The Lodge shall carry out its activities only in places and premises which have the prior written approval from the relevant authorities, where necessary.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 In this Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires, references to one gender include all genders,

"the Lodge"	means Singapore Buddhist Lodge, The.
"the Clauses"	means the Clauses of this Constitution currently in force or as altered from time to time.
"Chairman"	means the President of the Lodge presiding as Chairman of a Meeting.
"Constitution"	means this Constitution as amended from time to time.
"Board of Directors"	means the Board of Directors of the Lodge.
"Directors"	means the Directors of the Lodge in office for time being.
"Office-Bearers"	includes the President, Vice Presidents, the Honorary Secretary, Assistant Honorary Secretaries, the Honorary Treasurer, Assistant Honorary Treasurers, members of the Board

	Committees and any other person empowered under this Constitution.
"Vice-President"	means a Vice-President of the Lodge.
"Honorary Secretary"	means the Honorary Secretary of the Lodge.
"Assistant Honorary Secretaries"	means the Assistant Honorary Secretaries of the Lodge.
"Honorary Treasurer"	means the Honorary Treasurer of the Lodge.
"Assistant Honorary Treasurers"	means the Assistant Honorary Treasurers of the Lodge.
"Members"	means the members of the Lodge registered as such in the Register of Members.
"Notice Board"	means the notice board kept at the Lodge's place of business by the Board of Directors.
"Subscription Fees"	means the entrance fee and annual subscription fee.

4. OBJECTS

- 4.1 The objects of the Lodge are:-
- (a) to propagate Dharma; and
 - (b) to perform charitable undertakings.
- 4.2 In the furtherance of the above objects, the Lodge may do all such things which are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects provided that nothing is done for profit or for commercial reasons.

5. GENERAL AFFAIRS

- 5.1 In accordance with the Precepts and Rules of Buddhism, the General Affairs and business of the Lodge shall be the following:-
- (a) to study and to practice the teachings of Buddha;

- (b) to advise and teach Members to observe the Precepts and Rules of Buddhism and to promote and encourage Buddhist culture and education;
 - (c) to worship Lord Buddha and chant prayers, to cultivate the mind and tame the temper and to nourish one's health or build up the body;
 - (d) to promote social and charitable activities;
 - (e) to circulate the distribution of Buddhist scriptures and to publish Buddhist magazines;
 - (f) to love and be kind to animals; and
 - (g) to promote activities pertaining to the interest and welfare of Buddhism.
- 5.2 The Lodge shall not engage in any activities that may undermine the racial or religious harmony in Singapore.

6. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION AND RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

- 6.1 Membership is open to Buddhist lay person of over twenty-one (21) years of age who shall be eligible to join the Lodge as may be recommended and proposed by a Member and to be confirmed and approved by the Board of Directors. A Certificate of Membership/Membership Card shall be issued to every approved Member upon payment of the Subscription Fees.
- 6.2 Every Member shall abide by the Constitution of the Lodge for the time being in force and assist the Lodge in carrying out its activities and objectives.
- 6.3 Each Member must support the Lodge in raising funds for the expenses of the Lodge.
- 6.4 Every Member shall have the following rights:-
- (a) to attend and vote at General Meetings;
 - (b) to bring forth any matter for the improvement or to recommend any change for the betterment of the Lodge; and

- (c) to be nominated or elected as a director and/or trustee.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 7.1 Subscription Fees shall be determined by the General Meeting on recommendation from the Board of Directors from time to time.
- 7.2 The income and property of the Lodge whensoever derived shall be applied towards the promotion of the objects of the Lodge as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend or bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Lodge or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them.

8. REMOVAL OF MEMBERS

- 8.1 A Member may be removed after investigations have been made with evidence against the Member and the approval of the Board of Directors, including without limitation to situations where a Member is:-
 - (a) convicted of any criminal offence other than an offence which in the reasonable opinion of the Board of the Directors does not affect his position as a Member of the Lodge;
 - (b) violates the Constitution of the Lodge or the Precepts and Rules of Buddhism;
 - (c) guilty of conduct derogatory to the dignity or injurious to the reputation or interest of the Lodge;
 - (d) guilty of bad conduct and made no attempt for repentance despite repeated persuasion and advice given by the Lodge;
 - (e) failure to pay the yearly subscription without any reasonable cause and made no attempt to settle the arrears of subscriptions despite several reminders given; or
 - (f) deemed unsuitable or undesirable to continue to be a Member of the Lodge by the Board of Directors.
- 8.2 A Member shall return Certificate of Membership/Membership Card to the Lodge upon his termination or removal as a Member of the Lodge.

- 8.3 A member removed under Clause 8.1 may within one month of the notification of his expulsion, appeal to the General Meeting of members against the decision of the Board of Directors. The decision of the General Meeting shall be final.

9. MEMBERS' AUTHORITY AND GENERAL MEETINGS

- 9.1 The supreme authority of the Lodge is vested in a General Meeting of the members.
- 9.2 The Members of the Lodge shall have the following powers:-
- (a) to elect Directors;
 - (b) to elect Trustees;
 - (c) to accept and approve the previous financial year's accounts and annual report of the Lodge;
 - (d) to accept and approve reports and proposals submitted by the Board of Directors; and
 - (e) to amend the Constitution.
- 9.3 An Annual General Meeting shall be held once every calendar year in June at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 9.4 All General Meetings other than Annual General Meetings shall be called Extraordinary General Meetings.
- 9.5 A General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Board of Directors or upon receiving a written requisition signed by at least one hundred (100) voting Members. The notice in writing shall be given to the Lodge setting forth the business that is to be transacted. Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution and subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors, the General Meeting shall be convened within two (2) months from receiving this request to convene the General Meeting.
- 9.6 If the Board of Directors does not within two (2) months after the date of the receipt of the written request proceed to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, the members who requested for the Extraordinary General Meeting shall convene the Extraordinary General Meeting by giving ten (10) days' notice to voting members setting forth the business to

be transacted and simultaneously posting the agenda on the Lodge's Notice Board.

- 9.7 At least one (1) weeks' notice shall be given of a General Meeting. Notice of meeting stating the date, time and place of meeting shall be given to each Member at his/her last known address in Singapore provided by the Member to the Lodge. All notice of meetings sent to the Members in such manner shall be deemed duly served.
- 9.8 The following points will be considered at the Annual General Meeting:-
- (a) to receive the previous financial year's accounts, annual report and minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of the Lodge; and
 - (b) where applicable, the election of office-bearers and appointment of auditors for the following term.
- 9.9 Any Member who wishes to place an item on the agenda of a General Meeting may do so provided he gives notice in writing to the Lodge three (3) days before the meeting is due to be held. The Directors shall have the power to reject any such notice if it is not given to the Lodge within the prescribed time.
- 9.10 At least one hundred (100) voting Members of the Lodge entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at a General Meeting.
- 9.11 In the event of there being no quorum at the commencement of a General Meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned for fifteen minutes and should the number then present be insufficient to form a quorum, those present shall be considered a quorum, but they shall have no power to amend any provision of this Constitution.
- 9.12 The President of the Lodge shall preside as Chairman at every General Meeting, In his absence, one of the Vice Presidents or failing which, the Honorary Secretary or failing which, one of the Assistant Honorary Secretaries shall preside as Chairman at the General Meeting. If at any General Meeting, the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Honorary Secretary and the Assistant Honorary Secretaries are not present within fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for holding the same, the Directors shall choose one of their number to be Chairman of the meeting.
- 9.13 Unless this Constitution otherwise provides, every question arising at any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Members present and voting. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

- 9.14 The non-receipt by any Member of notice of a General Meeting shall not of itself invalidate the General Meeting or any resolution passed or proceedings at such meeting.

10. DIRECTORS

- 10.1 The management and administration of the Lodge shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following:-

- (a) the President;
- (b) two (2) Vice Presidents;
- (c) the Honorary Secretary;
- (d) two (2) Assistant Honorary Secretaries;
- (e) the Honorary Treasurer;
- (f) two (2) Assistant Honorary Treasurers;
- (g) two (2) members for each the following Board Committees:-
 - (i) Audit Committee;
 - (ii) Program Committee; and
 - (iii) Human Resource Committee;
- (h) six (6) members of the Management Committee; or
- (i) such other number of Directors as may be determined by the Members of the Lodge in a General Meeting.

All Directors shall be elected from amongst the Members.

Unless with the prior approval in writing of the Registrar or an Assistant Registrar of Societies, majority of the Board of Directors shall be Singapore Citizens. In addition, the President, Secretary, Treasurer and their deputies shall be Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents. Foreign Diplomats shall not serve as Board of Directors.

- 10.2 Every Director shall retire at least once every two (2) years and submit himself for re-nomination and re-election. Re-appointment to the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer position can be considered after a lapse of at

least one year; and the appointment is subject to a maximum limit of four consecutive years.

- 10.3 Every Director shall disclose his interest in transactions or proposed transactions with the Lodge or of any office or property held by a Director which might create duties or interests in conflict with his duties or interests as a Director. Upon such disclosure, a Director shall not be entitled to vote in respect of any transaction or arrangement in which he is interested and he shall retire from the meeting during the discussion of the said business or matter but he shall be taken into account in ascertaining whether a quorum is present.
- 10.4 The office of a Director shall be vacated in any one of the following events:-
- (a) he ceases to be a Member; or
 - (b) he becomes bankrupt or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally; or
 - (c) if he is found lunatic or becomes of unsound mind;
 - (d) if he is found guilty of misconduct of such a kind as to render it undesirable that he continues as a Director of the Lodge; and
 - (e) if he submits his notice of resignation as a Director of the Lodge.
- 10.5 Any changes in the Board of Directors shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies within two (2) weeks of the change.

11. PROCEEDINGS OF DIRECTORS

- 11.1 At least one-third of the Directors then in office or three (3) Directors (whichever is higher) shall constitute a quorum.
- 11.2 Save as otherwise provided in this Constitution, questions arising at any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes.
- 11.3 The Board of Directors shall meet at least four (4) times every calendar year.
- 11.4 The Directors may participate in a meeting of the Directors by means of a conference telephone or a video conference telephone or similar communications equipment by which all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear and be heard by all other participants without the need for a Director to be in the physical presence of another Director(s) and participation in the meeting in this manner shall be deemed to

constitute presence in person at such meeting. The Directors participating in any such meeting shall be counted in the quorum for such meeting and subject to there being a requisite quorum under this Constitution, all resolutions agreed by the Directors in such meeting shall be deemed to be as effective as a resolution passed at a meeting in person of the Directors duly convened and held. A meeting conducted by means of a conference telephone or a video conference telephone or similar communications equipment as aforesaid is deemed to be held at the place agreed upon by the Directors attending the meeting, provided that at least one of the Directors present at the meeting was at that place for the duration of the meeting.

- 11.5 A resolution in writing signed by all the Board of Directors for the time being shall be valid and effectual as a resolution duly passed at a meeting of the Board of Directors duly convened and held, notwithstanding that such signing may take place at different times or places. Any such resolution may consist of several documents in like form, each signed by one or more of the Directors.

12. POWERS AND DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

- 12.1 The Board of Directors may recommend the making, revocation or alteration of bye-laws for carrying on or administering the business and affairs of the Lodge, which the bye-laws shall be binding on all Members of the Lodge upon the approval of a majority of the Members in a General Meeting.

Provided Always that the bye-laws from time to time in force shall not be repugnant to this Constitution and that in the event of an inconsistency, the provisions of this Constitution shall prevail.

- 12.2 The duty of the Board of Directors is to supervise the activities of the Lodge. The Board of Directors may not act contrary to the expressed wishes of the General Meeting without prior reference to it and shall always remain subordinate to the General Meetings.

- 12.3 The Board of Directors has powers:-

- (a) to decide and to act on all matters relating to the activities of the Lodge as it may deem necessary or expedient;
- (b) to carry out any resolution approved by the General Meeting of Members and to exercise general control over the affairs of the Lodge internally;

- (c) to authorise the expenditure of any sums from the Lodge's funds and to approve budgets for the Lodge's purposes; and
 - (d) to manage all the properties of the Lodge except for the properties under Clause 14.1.
- 12.4 The Board of Directors may delegate any of its powers to board committees (the "Board Committees") consisting of such persons (who may not be a Director) as it thinks fit, including and without limitation, an Audit Committee, a Election Committee, a Program Committee and a Human Resource Committee. Such Board Committees may further sub-delegate any of their powers to such persons as they think fit. The chairperson of any such Board Committee shall be a Director. If at any meeting the chairperson is not present, the Members present may choose one of their number to chair the meeting. Any Board Committee so formed shall in the exercise of the power so delegated conform to any regulations that may from time to time be imposed upon them by the Board of Directors.
- 12.5 At least one month before the expiry of their office, the Board shall elect from among themselves 5 persons to form an Election Committee to organize the next Board election. The Election Committee shall adopt the "Nomination and Followed by Balloting" method to elect 21 Board members.
- (a) Each member registered in the Register of Members at the time when a nomination is received will be entitled to nominate a candidate for election to the office of Director. Nomination shall be made on a form prescribed by the Election Committee and signed by each member nominating the candidate and endorse by a second member. Nomination forms must be received by the Lodge during the nomination period.
 - (b) If exactly 21 qualified candidates are nominated for election, the Election Committee shall declare them elected to the Board without conducting a ballot.
 - (c) If more than 21 qualified candidates are nominated, a ballot shall be conducted and the 21 candidates who secured the highest number of votes shall be elected. The 3 unsuccessful candidates who secured the next highest number of votes shall be designated as First Reserve, Second Reserve and Third Reserve accordingly, to fill the casual vacancies of Directors and shall not be subject to election by the members of the Lodge.

- (d) A formal written ballot will be sent to each member eligible to vote. Each ballot must be signed and returned to the Lodge for counting before the end of the balloting period. Signed ballots will be counted at the end of the balloting period and the ballot count will be reported by the Election Committee as the affirmative votes to the candidates.
 - (e) Should the number of candidates fall below 21, all nominated candidates are deemed to be elected and the remaining seats shall be filled by the newly elected Board.
- 12.6 Within seven (7) days from the appointment of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall hold a meeting to elect and/or assign the respective positions in the Lodge amongst the Directors.
- 12.7 The meetings and proceedings of any such Board Committee consisting of two or more Members shall be governed by the provisions of this Constitution regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board of Directors, so far as the same are applicable and are not superseded by any regulations made by the Board of Directors under the last preceding Clause.
- 12.8 All cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange and other negotiable or transferable instruments in which the Lodge is in any way concerned or interested and all receipts for moneys paid to the Lodge shall be signed, drawn, accepted, endorsed or otherwise executed as the case may be in such manner as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine.
- 12.9 The duties and functions of the Program Committee are as follows:-
- i. To determine and recommend programs and activities related to the propagation on the teachings of Buddha;
 - ii. To oversee existing or new programs and activities of the Lodge ensuring that they are in line with the Lodge's vision, mission and objectives;
 - iii. To develop programs and activities of the Lodge and define the outcome of each program and activity for the upcoming year;
 - iv. To ensure each program and activity are appraised according to the defined outcome and to report on the program and activity's progress to the Board regularly; and
 - v. To evaluate the service delivery mechanisms and the sustainability of new and existing programs and activities of the Lodge.
- 12.10 The duties and functions of the HR Committee are as follows:-

- i. to review and determine human resources policies and to recommend to the Board any necessary changes;
 - ii. to review and assess qualifications of candidates;
 - iii. to review annually the salaries, salary adjustments and benefit packages for employees;
 - iv. to determine and recommend a suitable salary structure for employees to the Board; and
 - v. to implement and administer a system to address grievances and resolve conflicts among employees and volunteers.
- 12.11 The Audit Committee provides a basis for achieving and maintaining appropriate balance and independence in the relationship between the Management and the internal and external auditors in carrying out their work.
- 12.12 The members of the Management Committee shall assist the Board in directing the activities of the Lodge, ensuring it is well managed and delivering the objectives of the Lodge.

13. DUTIES OF OFFICE-BEARERS

- 13.1 The President shall represent the Lodge externally and shall sign all correspondence and documents. He shall conduct the affairs of the Lodge internally and shall direct the different sections in the performance of their duties. For all meetings, he shall act as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Vice-President shall assist the President in managing the affairs of the Lodge and shall, in the absence of the President, act in all matters on his behalf.
- 13.2 The Honorary Secretary shall keep all records, except financial records, ensure effective management of the records of the Lodge and manage all resolutions and proceedings at all General Meetings and at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Board Committees.
- 13.3 The Honorary Secretary shall in conjunction with all the sections of the Lodge assist the President to manage the affairs of the Lodge and shall sign all notices for the various meetings. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, he shall act in all matters on their behalf. The Assistant Honorary Secretaries shall assist the Honorary Secretary in the performance of his duties, and shall, in the absence of the Honorary Secretary, act in all matters on his behalf.
- 13.4 The Honorary Secretary and the Honorary Treasurer must prepare and submit estimates for ordinary or establishment expenses of the Lodge to the Board of Directors for approval in respect of such payments.

- 13.5 The Honorary Treasurer shall keep all funds and collect and disburse all moneys on behalf of the Lodge. He is authorised to expend such amounts as may be required for petty expenses on behalf of the Lodge.
- 13.6 The Honorary Treasurer shall cause proper books of accounts and other records to be kept as are necessary to comply with the provisions of the Societies Act and shall cause those records to be kept in such manner as to enable them to be conveniently and properly audited, and in particular (but without limitation), with respect to:-
- (a) all sums of money received and expended on behalf of the Lodge and the matters in respect of which the receipt and expenditure takes place;
 - (b) all sales and purchases of goods on behalf of the Lodge; and
 - (c) the assets and liabilities on the Lodge's behalf.
- 13.7 The Honorary Treasurer shall render statement of all receipts and payments and accounts of the Lodge at the meeting of the Directors and duly audited accounts and balance sheet for the financial year to the Members at each Annual General Meeting.
- 13.8 The expenses of the Lodge shall be met by funds consisted of the Subscription Fees, donations, property income, interests, any other form of fees from Members and any other source of income which the Lodge may generate from time to time. All funds should not be spent for any political activity.
- 13.9 All monies received and paid by the Lodge must be supported by official receipts, where applicable and payment vouchers duly signed and approved by the President, a Vice-President, the Honorary Secretary or the Assistant Honorary Secretaries.
- 13.10 The Board of Directors shall cause the Notice Board to be maintained at the Lodge's place of business at all times.
- 13.11 The Assistant Honorary Treasurers shall assist the Honorary Treasurer in the performance of his duties and in his absences, to act in all matters on his behalf.

14. PROPERTY AND TRUSTEE

- 14.1 If the Lodge at any time acquires any immoveable property, such property shall be vested in and managed by a trustee or trustees (the 'Trustee') subject to the execution of a Trust Deed. A Trustee must be a Director and shall be appointed by the Members at General Meeting.
- 14.2 The number of Trustees shall not be more than five (5) and the minimum number shall be not less than two (2). The Board of Directors shall have power to recommend a Director or Directors for appointment as Trustee or Trustees to the General Meeting.
- 14.3 The Trustee shall not effect any sale or mortgage of immoveable property without the prior approval of the General Meeting of Members.
- 14.4 The Trustee shall hold in custody all the properties of the Lodge. Every Trustee shall have his or her name registered as Trustee for the Lodge with the relevant authorities. No immoveable properties belonging to the Lodge shall be disposed off, transferred or mortgaged by the Trustees without the prior approval of the General Meeting of Members.
- 14.5 The address of each immoveable property, name of each trustee and any subsequent change shall be notified to the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities.
- 14.6 The office of the Trustee shall be vacated:-
- (a) if the Trustee dies or becomes a lunatic or of unsound mind;
 - (b) if he is not residing in Singapore;
 - (c) if he is guilty of misconduct of such a kind as to render it undesirable that he continues as a Trustee;
 - (d) if he submits notice of resignation from his trusteeship; or
 - (e) if he becomes prohibited by law from acting as a trustee.
- 14.6 Notice of any proposal to remove a Trustee from his trusteeship or to appoint a new Trustee to fill a vacancy must be given by posting it on the notice board in the Lodge's premises at least two (2) weeks before the General Meeting at which the proposal is to be discussed. The result of such General Meeting shall then be notified to the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities.

15. AUDIT

- 15.1 A firm of Certified Public Accountants shall be appointed as Auditors at each Annual General Meeting for a term of one year and shall be eligible for reappointment.
- 15.2 They:-
- (a) will be required to audit each year's accounts and present a report on them to the Annual General Meeting; or
 - (b) may be required by the President to audit the Lodge's accounts for any period within their tenure of office at any date and make a report to the Board of Directors.
- 15.3 The financial year of the Lodge shall be from 1st January to 31st December in each year.

16. PROHIBITIONS

- 16.1 Gambling of any kind is forbidden on the Lodge's premises. The introduction of materials for gambling or drug taking and person of bad characters into the premises is prohibited.
- 16.2 The funds of the Lodge shall not be used to pay the fines of Members or persons who have been convicted in a court of law.
- 16.3 The Lodge shall not indulge in any political activity or allow its funds and/or premises to be used for any political purposes.
- 16.4 Where the Lodge is required at law to obtain any licences or approvals, the Lodge shall not carry out any object within this Constitution without first obtaining such licence or approval.
- 16.5 No non-vegetarian food or liquor shall be brought into or consumed in the premises of the Lodge.
- 16.6 Notwithstanding any thing in this Constitution, the Lodge shall not misrepresent itself to the public.
- 16.7 The Lodge shall not raise funds from the public for whatever purposes without the prior approval in writing of the Assistant Director Operations, Licensing Division, Singapore Police Force and other relevant authorities.

- 16.8 The Lodge shall not engage in any trade union activity as defined in any written law relating to trade unions for the time being in force in Singapore.

17. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

- 17.1 The Lodge shall not amend its Constitution without the prior approval in writing of the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities. No alteration or addition/deletion to this Constitution shall be made except unless approved at a General Meeting by not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Members present and voting.

18. INTERPRETATION

- 18.1 In the event of any question or matter pertaining to day-to-day administration which is not expressly provided for in this Constitution, the Board of Directors shall have the power to use its own discretion. The decision of the Directors shall be final unless it is reversed at a General Meeting of Members.

19. DISPUTES

- 19.1 In the event of any dispute arising amongst Members, they shall attempt to resolve the matter at an Extraordinary General Meeting in accordance with this Constitution. Should the Members fail to resolve the matter, they may bring the matter to a court of law for settlement.

20. CESSATION OF CHARITY STATUS

- 20.1 In the event that the Lodge ceases to be a registered charity under the Charities Act, all debts, liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Mission shall be fully discharged, and the remaining funds will be contributed to charitable organisations with similar objectives in Singapore which are registered under the Charities Act as the Voting Members of the Lodge may determine at the General Meeting, unless otherwise allowed by the Commissioner of Charities.

21. DISSOLUTION

- 21.1 The Lodge shall not be dissolved, except with the consent of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the Members of the Lodge present at a General Meeting convened for this purpose and entitled to vote thereat.

- 21.2 In the event of the Lodge's dissolution as provided above, all debts and liabilities legally incurred on behalf of the Lodge shall be fully discharged, and the remaining funds will be donated to an approved charity or charities registered under the Charities Act Cap 37.
- 21.3 A Certificate of Dissolution shall be given within seven (7) days of the dissolution to the Registrar of Societies and the Commissioner of Charities.