



## **THE DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BOMBAY**

The Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Bombay  
under the United Grand Lodge of England

**RW BRO. PERCY JAMSHED DRIVER,**  
*District Grand Master*

**VW BRO. ARUN JAGANNATHRAO DESHMUKH**  
*Deputy District Grand Master*

**W BRO. SURESH RAMKRISHNA DIXIT**  
*Assistant District Grand Master*

**W BRO. ANIL VEDPRAKASH MALHOTRA**  
*District Senior Grand Warden*

**W BRO. NEIL IAN PATEL**  
*District Junior Grand Warden*

FREEMASONS' HALL,  
D. SUKHADWALA MARG,  
MUMBAI 400 001

15 January 2015

Dear Sir and Brother,

### **ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, MARCH 2015**

By command of the RW District Grand Master, you are summoned to attend the 311<sup>th</sup> Communication (Annual) of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay under the United Grand Lodge of England on Saturday 14 March 2015 at Freemasons' Hall, Damodardas Sukhadwala Marg, Fort Mumbai 400 001.

The District Grand Lodge will be opened at 6.30 p.m. sharp, for which purpose you are required to be seated in the Hall by 6.00 p.m.

You are required to confirm your presence/absence well in advance of the day of the meeting.

Yours fraternally,  
**Kersasp R. Dadachanji**  
PGStB, PDistGW,  
District Grand Secretary

- ATTENDANCE** All District Grand Officers Present and Past, all Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of Private Lodges in the District are hereby summoned to attend the Communication.
- It is expected that District Grand Officers for the current year, especially those holding active ranks, will be present in the Masonic attire of their ranks by 5.45 p.m.
- The attendance sheets will be made available for signature from 2.30 p.m. onwards.
- Members not attending the Communication are to advise the District Grand Secretary well in advance of the date of the meeting.
- An apology of absence will be recorded only if it is received by the District Grand Secretary in writing by 10 March 2015.
- DRESS** National dress, or uniform, or dark business suit (plain white shirt) with Craft, Royal Arch, District (new) or plain black tie/bow tie.
- REGALIA** Grand Officers and District Grand Officers Present and Past:  
Full Dress Regalia **White gloves compulsory. No gauntlets.**
- Brethren not holding District Grand ranks:  
Lodge regalia of their respective offices, **including gauntlets** (where applicable).
- Qualified brethren should wear the Royal Arch Breast Jewel.
- Brethren may wear the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Breast Jewel of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay if they so desire.  
**Brethren are requested not to wear more than two jewels.**
- VISITORS** Master Masons who are not members of the District Grand Lodge are invited to be present **but may not vote.**
- SUMMONS** This Summons is to be read in open Lodge in all Lodges in the District, and recorded in the Minutes.

**Accompaniments to the Summons**

- i. Registration form
- ii. Report of the District Board of General Purposes
- iii. Report of the District Board of Benevolence

**Registration fee**

Brethren are requested to notify their attendance on the Registration form enclosed with this summons. The Registration form is common for the Annual Communication as well as Annual Convocation; the common Registration fee is indicated thereon.

Cheques should be drawn in favour of **District Grand Lodge of Bombay**, payable at Mumbai.

## A G E N D A

1. District Grand Master, with Rulers of the District Present and Past, Grand Officers, Holders of Certificate of Service to Freemasonry, and the Officers of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay enter in procession.
  2. To sing the Opening Ode.
  3. To open the District Grand Lodge in due form.
  4. To read the Summons convening the Communication.
  5. To salute according to Antient Custom the District Grand Master and Past District Grand Master, Deputy District Grand Master, Assistant District Grand Master, and Past Assistant District Grand Master.
  6. To receive and salute the Visiting Dignitaries.
  7. To call the Roll of Grand Officers.
  8. To call the Roll of District Grand Officers.
  9. To call the Roll of Lodges in the District.
  10. Obituary.
  11. To confirm the Minutes of the 310<sup>th</sup> Communication (Half-yearly) held at Jabalpur on 6 December 2014.
  12. District Grand Secretary's Report.
  13. To adopt the Report of the President, District Board of General Purposes
  14. To adopt the Report of the President, District Board of Benevolence.
  15. To elect the District Grand Treasurer for the year 2015-16.
  16. To adopt the Notice of Motion (placed at Appendix 1 to this Summons) proposed and seconded at the District Board of General Purposes Meeting held on 6 December 2014 at Jabalpur.
  17. To appoint and install Deputy District Grand Master for the year 2015-16.
  18. To appoint Assistant District Grand Master for the year 2015-16.
  19. To salute the Deputy and Assistant District Grand Masters
  20. To appoint and invest the District Grand Officers for the year 2015-16.
  21. To salute District Grand Officers.
  22. To appoint the Auditor for the year 2015-16.
  23. To appoint Trustees for the Provident Fund of the District Grand Lodge for the year 2015-16.
  24. District Grand Master to announce the names of Brethren elected to various Masonic Boards.
  25. District Grand Master to announce the names of Brethren nominated to various Masonic Boards.
  26. To elect Members to the Board of Management of the Bombay Masonic Association.
  27. RW District Grand Master to address the District Grand Lodge.
  28. Any other business which District Grand Master may permit.
  29. To collect alms.
  30. Greetings from visiting Deputations.
  31. Passing out of Stewards.
  32. To close the District Grand Lodge in due form.
  33. To sing the Closing Ode and National Anthem.
  34. District Grand Master and Visiting deputations retire.
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**APPENDIX 1**

**Notice of Motion for adoption at the Annual Communication, 14 March 2015**

The following Notice of Motion, proposed by W Bro Michael T. Holland, President, District Board of General Purposes, and seconded by W Bro Kersasp R. Dadachanji, District Grand Secretary, at the District Board of General Purposes meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, Jabalpur on 6 December 2014 was recommended to be put for adoption at the Annual Communication to be held on 14 March 2015.

RESOLVED THAT

By-Law No. 5 (Officers' Subscriptions) of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay be amended as shown below, to take effect from January 2016.

The amendments are indicated as underscored italics.

<b>By-Law No. 5. – Officers' Subscriptions</b>					
<b><u>Existing</u></b>			<b><u>Proposed Amendment</u></b>		
All Present and Past District Grand Officers (except the District Grand Treasurer, District Grand Secretary, and District Assistant Grand Secretary) and the brethren appointed to Past Ranks shall each pay fees as prescribed below in advance of the year in which they are appointed.					
	First Appointment	Promotion or re-appointment		First Appointment	Promotion or re-appointment
DGM	6000	--	DGM	<u>7000</u>	--
DDGM	5000	1000	DDGM	<u>6000</u>	<u>2000</u>
ADGM	4000	1000	ADGM	<u>5000</u>	<u>2000</u>
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DSGW	3000	750	DSGW	3000	<u>1000</u>
DJGW	3000	750	DJGW	3000	<u>1000</u>
...			...		
DGStwd	1750	750	DGStwd	1750	<u>1000</u>
DGTyl	1750	--	DGTyl	1750	--