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PREAMBLE

As it is necessary for the good Government and well being of every institution and lawfully organised Society that Rules and Regulations shall be framed for the guidance of its members the Master, Wardens and the Members of Lodge "Star of the South" No. 101 G.L.I. do for the purpose of preserving that harmony which should always distinguish Freemasons, establish and hereby agree to the following By-laws *which contain nothing inconsistent with the Laws contained in the Book of Constitutions* of Grand Lodge of India (1971).

Lodge "Star of the South" was founded in Bangalore under a provisional Warrant from the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, Bombay, on the 15th December 1921, as Lodge "Star of the South" 1290 Scottish Constitution. The Charter was granted by the

Grand Lodge of Scotland, Edinburgh on 4th May, 1922.

This Lodge "Star of the South" opted to join the Grand Lodge of India. The Charter of this Lodge was granted by the Grand Lodge of India, New Delhi, dated 24th November, 1961, the day of inauguration of Grand Lodge of India, at New Delhi, and is assigned the No. 101, on the roll of the Lodges in the Grand Lodge of India.

1. BYE-LAWS

1. The Meetings of the Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, No. 1, Primrose Road Bangalore-25.

2. MEMBERS

1. There shall be three classes of Members :-

(a) **Resident Members :** Member Residing within the limits of 10 miles of the Bangalore Corporation Boundary.

(b) Non-Resident Members :

(i) Members residing beyond 10 Miles of the Bangalore Corporation Boundary.

(ii) If a non-resident member is appointed or elected to a regular office in the Lodge he shall be deemed to have become a Resident Member.

(c) **Honorary Members :** Any brother of good standing and worthy of such distinction by reason of his service to the craft or to the particular Lodge who is or within the previous year has been a subscribing Member of a regular daughter Lodge (Vide Rule 141 of B of C, G.L.I.)

2. Those brethren on whom the honour of distinguished Service Membership has been conferred by the Lodge, when under the Scottish constitution previous to the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of India, will continue to enjoy the same privileges as before. (Vide Grand

Lodge of India Notification/Circular/Para
7 (i) dated 5th October, 1961.)

3. MEETINGS

- (a) The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the First Saturday in each month at such hour as the Worshipful Master may fix.
- (b) i. The Master of the Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot at the Regular Meeting in December. [Vide rule 87 of B of C].
ii. The Tyler shall be elected annually at the Regular Election Meeting in December. [Vide rule 93 of the B of C]. The Tyler if a serving brother, shall be chosen at the Regular Meeting in December.
- (c) The Installation of the Master shall take place at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in January, succeeding the Election Meeting in December.

4. OFFICERS

- (a) The Regular Officers of the Lodge shall be the Master. The immediate

Past Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Inner Guard, Tyler [Vide Rule 86 of B of C.]

- (b) The Master may appoint as additional officers a Chaplain, A Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Almoner, Bearers of V of S.L., a Sword Bearer, an Organist, an Asst. Secretary and Stewards and no others [Vide Rule 86 of B of C].
- (c) The Master may appoint a Brother who is holding a Regular Office to one additional office also [Vide Rule 86 of B of C].

5. PERMANENT COMMITTEE

- (a) The Permanent Committee shall consist of Wor. Master [who will be Ex. Officio President], all past Masters in and of the Lodge, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurers and Secretary and two members to be appointed by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting [The Tyler will be in attendance].

- (b) i. The Permanent Committee shall meet at No. 1, Primrose Road, Bangalore-25, at 6-30 p.m. on the Third Friday of every month or on any day and time the Worshipful Master may order.
- ii. The quorum for the Permanent Committee shall be four.
- (c) The Permanent Committee shall check the Treasurer's Accounts, inspect and report on the Lodge property, consider and report on the proposals for membership of the Lodge and to transact any other business brought forward. [Vide Rule 129 of B of C].

6. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall conduct the General Correspondence, Record the Minutes, issue Summons and make due returns to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge. He shall also be the Ex-Officio Secretary of the Permanent Committee. The Secretary shall be exempt from paying the Lodge subscription. [Vide Rule 86 of B of C].

7. TREASURER

- (a) The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit them in either or both of the banks, namely the State Bank of Mysore, Bangalore and the State Bank of India, Bangalore.
- (b) The Treasurer shall keep accounts of the General Fund, the Benevolent Fund and the Refreshment Fund of the Lodge. He shall allocate unit of monthly subscription of Resident Members Rs. 30/- Rs. 22/- to General Fund, Rs. 7/- to the Refreshment Fund and Re. 1/- to Benevolent Fund. Out of the monthly subscription of Non-Resident Members of Rs. 23/-, Rs. 22/- shall be towards General Fund and Re. 1/- towards Benevolent Fund.
- (c) The Lodge by resolution may also invest its funds in Government and other recognised securities. The Lodge by resolution, may sell or borrow against such securities.

- (d) All financial transactions of Lodge shall be carried out by the Treasurer, Worshipful Master and Secretary. The Treasurer and any one of the other two officers, namely the Wor. Master and the Secretary shall sign at a time.

8. TYLER

- (a) The Tyler shall be exempt from Lodge subscription. [Vide Rule 86 of B of C].
- (b) When the Tyler is a serving brother he shall be paid an honorarium of Rs. 10/- per meeting.

9. FEES

- (a) Fee for initiation, Passing and Raising. Payable with Application Rs. 1,200-00
- (b) i. Fees for joining from another constitution, payable with Application Rs. 1,200-00

- ii. Fees for joining from our own constitution, payable with Application Rs. 950-00

- (c) Fee for Re-joining payable with Application Rs. 100-00

10. SUBSCRIPTION

- (a) Resident Members Rs. 30/- p.m.
- (b) Non-Resident Members Rs. 23/- p.m.

In addition, as subscription every member (Resident and Non-Resident) also shall pay such half yearly/annual fees as are payable by the Lodge for each of their subscribing member to R.G.L. and G.L.

- (c) The Lodge shall take collection for the Benevolent Fund at every meeting.
- (d) The Benevolent Fund should be utilised to make contributions to Masonic Charities and to aid a distressed brother or the dependants of a deceased brother. The merits of each case shall be investigated by the Permanent Committee.

- (e) In circumstances of emergency, the Wor. Master may afford relief up to 25/- and the matter when reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting, the Wor. Master shall be reimbursed from the benevolent fund.
- (f) If any member allows his subscription to remain in arrears for six months, he shall be deprived, while so in default of the rights of voting, of proposing or seconding candidates, of being appointed or elected to offices in the Lodge and of proposing, seconding and speaking on propositions before the Lodge. Such defaulting Members shall also be liable to be excluded under Rule 155 of Book of Constitution.

11. BALLOT

- (a) All Candidates for Initiation, Joining or Re-joining must be proposed at a Regular Meeting according to Rule 134 and 137 of the B of C.

- (b) No person shall be made a Mason or accepted as Member of the Lodge if on ballot two Black Balls appear against him.
- (c) A collective Ballot for two or more candidate for Initiation or joining may be taken with approval of the Lodge. Should there however be even one Black Ball, each candidate should be Ballotted for individually. A Collective Ballot for an Initiate and a joining Member is irregular.
- (d) No rejected candidate can be proposed again until a period of six months has elapsed from the date of the Ballot. [Vide Rule 139 of the B of C].

12. LODGE COLOURS

The Colour of the Regalia shall be Royal Blue and Gold.

13. PROPOSALS

- (a) No motion shall be put to the Lodge assembled unless duly Proposed by

one Member and Seconded another.

- (b) An amendment to any proposition may be made duly proposed and Seconded. Amendments shall be put to vote first, if negatived the original proposition shall then be put to the vote, but if the amendment is carried, the original proposition shall be decided to be lost.
- (c) No proposition of importance shall be brought forward for consideration, unless notice thereof, has been given, at the previous Regular Meeting or in writing to the Secretary, well in advance and in time to be circulated with the summonses of the Meeting.

14. BYE-LAWS

- (a) These Bye-Laws shall be printed at the expense of the Lodge and a copy presented to every brother. Every Member on his Initiation or Joining shall receive a copy of the Bye-Laws. His acceptance shall be deemed to be

a declaration of his submission to them.

- (b) These Bye-Laws shall be read in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting at least once a year and within three months of the Installation of the Wor. Master.
- (c) In any case, for which the foregoing Bye-Laws do not provide, the Laws and Regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India shall be binding on all concerned.



Amended Bye-Laws adopted at the Regular Meeting held on 13th October, 1977 and confirmed at the Regular Meeting held on 7th July, 1978.

K. D. Rai	Worshipful Master
A. P. Naidu	Senior Warden
V. G. Nelivigi	Junior Warden
P. S. Raja Rao	Treasurer
G. PRG. Swd. Br.	
L. N. Pissay	Secretary
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APPROVED

(Sd.) A. S. Rajasabai,
Rt. Wor. Regional Grand Master of
Madras Regional Grand Lodge of
6th February, 1978 Southern India.

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Approved by Most Worshipful the
Grand Master
New Delhi, (Sd) C. D. Natarajan, M.P.
9th March, 1978 *Grand Secretary*

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Approved by Most Worshipful the
Grand Master
New Delhi, (Sd) N. L. Duggal
9th March 1996 *Grand Secretary*