

**LODGE STAR OF THE SOUTH,
No. 101. G.L.I.**

BYE-LAWS

(Effective from 16-09-2013)

PREAMBLE:

As it is necessary for the good Governance 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. for the purpose of preserving that harmony which shall always distinguish Freemasons, establish and do hereby agree to the following Bye-laws which contain nothing inconsistent with the Laws contained in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India (2012).

This 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" No. 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. VENUE:

The Meetings of the Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, No.19, Primrose Road, Bengaluru - 560 025.

2. MEMBERS:

There shall be THREE classes of Members:-

a) Resident Members: Members residing within the limits of Bengaluru Metropolitan Region.

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b) Non-Resident Members:

- i. Members residing beyond the Bengaluru Metropolitan Region.
- 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:

- i. 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.)
- ii. 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

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as before (vide G.L. of I. Notification / Circular /Para 7 (i) dated 5th October, 1961). (Vide rule 142 of B of C, G.L.I.)

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 the B of C).
(ii) The Tyler shall be elected by the members on the regular day of election of the Master. Every Tyler must be a Master Mason and registered as such in the books of the Grand Lodge. The Tyler need not be a subscribing member of the Lodge.
(iii) The Treasurer shall be elected by the Members by ballot on the regular day of the election of the Master. (vide Rule 92A of B of C)

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- (c) The Installation of the Master shall take place at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in January, succeeding the Election Meeting in December.

3.1. SUMMONS:

- (i) The Summons for the meetings shall be dispatched atleast 10 days prior to the date of the Meeting.
- (ii) For the convenience and the conservation of resources, the Summons shall be sent by e-mail to all members who are on e-mail. For those members who do not have e-mail, the printed copy shall be sent by post. Also printed copies shall be sent to those RGL of SI and GLI officers as indicated in Bye-Law 56a of RGL of SI. However printed copies shall be made available at the meeting for those desirous of having a copy.

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4. OFFICERS:

- (a) The Regular Officers of the Lodge shall be the Master, the Immediate Past Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, a Treasurer, a Secretary, the Senior Deacon, the Junior Deacon, an Inner Guard and a Tyler (vide rule 86 of Bof C.).
- (b) The Master shall appoint as additional officers: a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Almoner, Bearers of Volume of the Sacred Laws, a Sword Bearer, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary and Stewards but no others (vide rule 86 of B.of C.).
- (c) No Brother can hold more than one regular office in the Lodge at one and the same time, but the Master may appoint a Brother who is holding a regular Office to one additional office also (vide rule 86 of B.of C.).

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5. PERMANENT COMMITTEE:

- (a) The Permanent Committee shall consist of Worshipful Master (who will be Ex. Officio President), all Past Masters in and of the Lodge, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary and two members to be appointed by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting.
- (b) The Permanent Committee shall meet at No.19, Primrose Road, Bengaluru - 560 025 at 5.30 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month, i.e. the regular meeting day, or on any day and time the Worshipful Master may order.
- (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)

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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 Lodge subscription (vide rule 86 of B.o.C.).

7. TREASURER:

- (a) Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit them in any of the branches of any of the Public Sector Banks in Bengaluru.
- (b) The Treasurer shall maintain separate bank accounts of the General Fund, Benevolent Fund, and the Refreshment Fund of the Lodge. He shall from the annual subscription of every member, allocate Rs.400 each towards the Benevolent Fund and Refreshment Fund and the balance to the

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General Fund from which the RGL & GLI dues will be paid. In case of Non-resident Member, no allocation towards Refreshment Fund.

- (c) The Lodge, by resolution, may also invest its funds in Government and other recognized securities, may sell or borrow against such securities.
- (d) All financial transactions including the Bank Accounts of Lodge shall be operated by the Treasurer jointly with either the Worshipful Master or the Secretary.

8. TYLER:

The Tyler may be exempt from Lodge subscription (vide rule 86 of B of C).

9. FEES:

The Permanent Committee shall have the authority to amend fees structure including Subscription fee, if need arises provided if the

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same has been approved in open Lodge by majority of Brethren present.

- (a) Fee for Initiation, Passing and Raising payable with the application form: Rs. 2,500-00.
- (b) (i) Fee for joining from another constitution payable with the application form: Rs. 2,500-00.
(ii) Fee for joining from our own constitution payable with the application form: Rs. 1500-00.
- (c) Fee for re-joining payable with the application form: Rs. 1,000-00 plus arrears due if any as on date of cessation of membership:

10. SUBSCRIPTION:

- (a) Resident Members: Rs. 2500.00 p.a.
- (b) Non-Resident Members: Rs. 2100.00 p.a.

The subscription amount payable by every member (Resident or Non-Resident) is

inclusive of half yearly / annual fees of RGL and GLI.

- (c) The Lodge shall take collection for the Benevolent Fund at every meeting.
- (d) The Benevolent Fund should be utilized to make contributions to Masonic Charities and to aid a distressed brother or the dependents of a deceased brother. The merits of each case shall be investigated by the Permanent Committee.
- (e) In circumstances of emergency, the Worshipful Master may afford relief up to Rs.500/- and the matter when reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting, the Worshipful Master shall be reimbursed from the benevolent fund.
- (f) If the subscription of a member remain unpaid for one full year, at the expiration of the period, he shall cease to be a member of all Lodges, provided such a member has been duly served with a notice by

Registered post with acknowledgement due of being in arrears of the subscription amount and the member fails to make payment within 30 days of receipt of the notice. A copy of such notice shall also be sent to the Regional Grand Secretary. Refer the Rule No. 124 of B of C for other details.

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 in or admitted a Member of the Lodge, unless if on ballot, two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature. However if the voting is not favorable, then the rejected candidate can be proposed again in the open Lodge not earlier than six months from the date of the Ballot.

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(c) A collective Ballot for two or more candidates for Initiation or Joining may be taken with approval of the Lodge. Should there however be even one Black Ball, each candidate should be balloted for individually. A Collective Ballot for an Initiate and a Joining Member is irregular.

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 by another.
- (b) Any amendment to any proposition maybe made duly Proposed and Seconded. Amendments shall be put to vote first, if negative, the original proposition shall then be put to the vote, but if the amendment is carried, the original proposition shall be declared to be lost.

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(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 Summons 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 Worshipful Master.

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(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.

(d) Every daughter Lodge has the power of framing proper bye-laws for its governance, but neither bye-law nor any alteration thereof shall come into operation until approved by the RGM of SI and for subsequent transmission to the Grand Secretary. When finally approved by the Grand Master, the bye-laws must be printed, a copy sent to the Grand Secretary and the Regional Grand Secretary.

(Vide Rule No. 111 of B of C)

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The Amendments were regularly proposed and seconded in open Lodge at a Regular meeting held on 1st June 2013, Passed at a Regular meeting held on 6th July 2013 and Confirmed at a Regular meeting held on 3rd August 2013.

Sd/-
(W.Bro.DPK.Muthukumaraswamy) Sd/-
(Bro.Nuriddin Khetty)

Worshipful Master Senior warden

Sd/-

(Bro. Manoj Thezhepurayil) (W.Bro. D.P.Kathiresan)

Sd/-

Date: 7th August 2013. **(W.Bro.V.G.T.Arasu)**

Place: Bengaluru. Secretary

Approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Master

Sd/-

Date: 21.8.2013 (R.W.Bro.Retnaraj Sushil Raj)

Approved by M.W. The Grand Master

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Date: 16.9.2013 (R.W. Bro. B.Kamakoti)

Date: 10.9.2013
Place: New Delhi Grand Secretary.