

28 MAY 2018

BYE-LAWS
OF

**LODGE BANKERS No. 458
HYDERABAD**

Meets on Fourth Saturday of every month except in the months of March, May and September.

at Goshamahal Baradari Masonic Building
Goshamahal, Hyderabad 500 012.

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LODGE BANKERS No. 458, GLI**

I. CONSTITUTION

1. OFFICERS: The office bearers of the Lodge shall consist of Worshipful Master, Immediate Past Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Bearers of Volumes of Sacred Laws, Sword Bearer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Almoner, Organist, Inner Guard, Stewards and Tyler.

2. REGULAR MEETING DAY: The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the fourth Saturday of every month except in the months of March, May and September.

3. MEMBERS: The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Absent, Honorary Members.

4. LIMITS OF JURISDICTION: The word 'Station' shall be held to mean the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Limits.

II. CANDIDATES

5. CANDIDATES: Every candidate for initiation or Brother for joining or rejoining must be proposed and seconded by members at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge.

6. Every candidate proposed for Initiation or any brother for Joining or Re-Joining, must have worked or have been working in a Commercial Bank/Private Bank/Foreign Bank/Co-operative Bank in India for a minimum period of 1 year or must have been in the profession of consultancy for borrowers from the banks.

A blemishless service record in any of the above banks is a pre-requisite to be a member of this lodge. Should there be an event of blemished service or any contravening eligibility criteria reported at any stage of his membership, it shall be brought to the notice of the Permanent committee which shall, after due examination of relevant records, recommend for exclusion of such membership. *following procedure in Book of Constitutions.*

7. After being regularly proposed and seconded as in By-Law No.5, all candidates for initiation or Brother for joining or rejoining shall meet with the Screening Committee, which after due examination, shall submit its recommendations to the Permanent Committee. All candidates recommended by the Screening Committee must be introduced to the Permanent Committee.

8. All such candidates as recommended by the Screening Committee and introduced to the Permanent Committee, must be reported upon by the Permanent Committee, before the ballot is proceeded with.

9. LIABILITY OF PROPOSER & SECONDER: The proposer and seconder shall be both responsible for all fees and expenses incurred on account of such brother for a period of 12 months from initiation under rule 146 of Book of Constitution.

10. REJECTED CANDIDATES: A candidate who has been rejected by ballot, shall not be again eligible for proposal for next twelve months.

III. BALLOT AND VOTING

11. BALLOT: The secrecy of the Ballot shall be held strictly inviolate, and when a Ballot taken either for initiation of a candidate or joining or rejoining of a Brother, unless if a simple majority of members present and voting in the lodge approve the proposal for such candidate or brother shall not be accepted.

12. SECOND BALLOT: The Worshipful Master, on a proposition duly seconded, may for the purpose of being assured that no mistake has occurred in the use of the black balls, cause a Second Ballot to be forthwith taken, which shall be final for all purposes.

13. VOTING WHEN DEBARRED: Any member whose subscription is in arrears for 6 months shall be debarred from

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balloting or voting on any question.

14. VOTING BY PROXY: No member shall be permitted to vote by proxy.

IV. RESIDENT, ABSENTEE AND HONORARY MEMBERS

15. RESIDENT MEMBERS : All those members who are regular are the Resident Members of the Lodge.

16. ABSENTEE MEMBER: A resident member may be placed as Absent Member when he leaves the station. No member leaving the station shall be treated as Absent Member until he informs the same in writing to the Secretary or announces it in the open Lodge. No office bearer shall be allowed to become an Absent Member during his term of office.

17. RETURN OF ABSENTEE MEMBERS: Any member who has been placed as Absent Member under By-Law No. 16 shall on his return to the station inform the same to the Secretary, who shall at once place him as Resident Member.

18. HONORARY MEMBER: An Honorary Member shall be elected by Ballot as per Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions after notice of such election is placed in summons. However, consent of the brother on whom the Honorary Membership is to be conferred shall be received by the Lodge prior to balloting.

V. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

19. The following shall be payable to the Lodge by the members. The subscription shall be payable in advance.

- a. Initiation/Joining/Re-joining fee ... Rs 1000
- b. Charity fee ... Rs 500
- c. Annual Subscription for Regular Members ... Rs 3150 (@ Rs 350 per meeting for 9 meetings)
- d. Annual Subscription for Absentee Members... Rs 1575 (50% of the regular fee)
- e. RGL and GLI Annual dues at actual ... Presently Rs 950 per annum and per the revised fee thereafter.

20. As part of the monthly subscription, the Lodge shall pay for and provide Grand Lodge Certificate to every Master Mason, Installed Master's Certificate to all the Installed Masters, aprons for the use of all members, dues to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge.

21. Should an Absent Member attend the Lodge or the Banquet, he shall be charged full subscription for the month.

22. Should the subscription of a member of the Lodge remain unpaid for one year, the Secretary will send a registered notice to him requesting for settlement within one month from the date thereof.

23. If the payment is not received as stipulated, the Secretary would report to the Permanent Committee. The Committee in turn may recommend to the Lodge at the next regular meeting for cessation of the said member under Rule 124 of the Book of Constitutions.

24. **CAPITAL FUND:** A sum of Rs. 2,00,000 (Rupees two lakhs only) shall be built up and be maintained as capital fund. These funds shall be invested in Fixed/Term Deposits with the Bank/s and the interest accrued shall be added to the corpus.

25. In the event of any necessity arising for the withdrawal of funds out of the Capital Fund of the Lodge, instituted as per By-Law No. 24, the notice of the same shall be brought in the summons. A majority of not less than three-fourths of the brethren in good standing present at the meeting shall be required to sanction the same in regular manner.

26. **BENEVOLENT FUND:** The benevolent fund will consist of the following:

- a. Half of initiation, joining and rejoining fees collected.
- b. Charitable collection in the meeting

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- c. Voluntary donations.
- d. Interest accrued from General Fund deposits.
- e. A maximum of 50% of the annual surplus of income over the expenditure.
- f. Other contributions from General Fund as the Lodge may determine from time to time.

27. The Benevolent Fund shall be solely devoted for charitable purposes. A sum of Rs. 5,000 from this fund shall be held by the Worshipful Master, which may be utilized for any emergent cases of distress. The utilization of such funds by the Master shall be informed in the next regular meeting of the Lodge by the Worshipful Master.

28. GENERAL FUND: The amounts other than of Benevolent Fund under By-Law No. 26 and Capital Fund under By-Law No. 24 shall constitute General Fund. Any amount in excess of Rs.25,000 (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) of these funds in the Bank accounts shall be placed, either in short or long term fixed deposits as decided by the Permanent Committee. Any fixed deposit of the General Fund may be encashed, after the same is approved in the open Lodge by the majority of brethren in good standing present at the meeting. All deposits made should be with Nationalised Bank/s.

29. SPECIAL BANQUET FEE: It shall be within the powers of the Lodge to levy a special fee, on all members on any occasion on which a special banquet or other entertainment should be given, such as in the case of the reception of Regional Grand Lodge or Grand Lodge or other Masonic functions.

VI. PROPOSITIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

30. PROPOSITIONS: No proposition shall be entertained until it has been duly seconded; and when a motion has been duly made and seconded, the opinion of the Brethren present who may wish to speak thereon shall be taken before it is put to vote; but no vote shall be taken on any proposal until due notice has been given in the summons. This By-Law shall not have reference to the subject matter pertaining to correspondence brought up by the Secretary, subject to the discretionary powers of the Worshipful Master.

31. MEMBERS RIGHT TO SPEAK: No member shall be entitled to speak more than once upon any question before the Lodge, except strictly in explanation; but the member shall have the right of reply, after all the members, who may wish to do so, shall have addressed the Lodge.

32. ADDRESSING LODGE: Whenever a Brother may have occasion to speak in Lodge, he shall do so standing, in order, and shall address his remarks to the Worshipful Master in calm and decorous language.

33. DISCUSSIONS: To preserve the harmony of the Lodge, the Master shall have the discretionary power, at any stage of a discussion, to stop its being proceeded with.

34. RESOLUTION: Any resolution passed in the open Lodge shall be binding on all the members of the Lodge.

VII. ELECTION & INSTALLATION

35. ELECTION OF MASTER, TREASURER AND TYLER: The Worshipful Master shall be elected by ballot and the Treasurer and Tyler shall be elected by show of hands, at the Regular Meeting in February.

36. DATE OF INSTALLATION: The Worshipful Master shall be duly installed at the Regular Meeting in April.

VIII. SECRETARY

37. SECRETARY'S DUTIES: The Secretary shall issue the summonses for, and record the Minutes of all Meetings and Committees, keep the Register of Members, and discharge such other duties as may be delegated to him by the Worshipful Master.

IX. TREASURER

38. FUNDS WITH TREASURER: The Treasurer shall collect all dues and fees and deposit all sums in excess of Rs.1,000 (Rupees One Thousand only) in his possession for over a week, in the Bank in the name of the Lodge with such Banks as

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may be decided by the Lodge. Funds in excess of Rs.25,000 shall be kept in Fixed/Term Deposits. All cheques must be signed by any two of the following, the treasurer and either the Worshipful Master or the Secretary.

39. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER: The Treasurer shall not pay any moneys of the Lodge, except the Statutory dues/levies and as otherwise provided for, without the direction of the Master and the brethren in the Lodge assembled.

X. TYLER

40. TYLER'S DUTIES AND FEES: The Tyler shall be paid an honorarium per meeting as decided by the Lodge from time to time. A subscribing member serving as Tyler shall be exempt from payment of monthly subscription and all other Lodge dues. He shall be responsible for the cleanliness of the Lodge and correct disposition of the Lodge furniture during the meeting.

XI. AUDIT COMMITTEE

41. AUDIT COMMITTEE: An Audit Committee shall be elected by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting, which shall consist of any three members with knowledge of accounts. The audit committee shall certify as per Rule No. 129 of the Book of Constitutions after due examination of the accounts of the lodge.

XII. PERMANENT COMMITTEE

42. PERMANENT COMMITTEE: There shall be a committee styled the "Permanent Committee" of the Lodge, which shall consist of the Worshipful Master, the IPM, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Director of Ceremonies, the Senior and Junior Deacons, the Asst. Secretary, the Asst. Director of Ceremonies, the Inner Guard, the Almoner, Tyler (if he is a subscribing member of the lodge) and any TWO Past Masters or Past Wardens duly elected by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting and any FIVE of the said Permanent Committee shall form a quorum.

43. PRESIDENT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE: The Worshipful Master shall be the President, and the Immediate Past Master the Vice-President, of the Permanent Committee, and in their absence the Senior Brother present shall preside.

44. PERMANENT COMMITTEE MEETING: The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Permanent Committee, when requested to do so by the Master.

45. REFERENCE TO THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE: The Worshipful Master is hereby authorized and empowered to refer to the Permanent Committee, for consideration and report at any stage, any matter or proposition that may be brought before the Lodge, previous to putting the same to vote and on the Worshipful Master so referring the same, all discussions thereon in the Lodge shall immediately cease.

46. NOTICE TO PROPOSER AND SECONDER: When the Worshipful Master shall refer any motion to the Permanent Committee, the Proposer and Secunder shall be invited to be present for the consideration of that particular question, and the Secretary shall send them notice of the time appointed for the Meeting.

47. RULES FOR THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE: The Rules for Lodge discussion shall also apply to discussions before the Permanent Committee, the Presiding Officer whereof, for the time being, shall be entitled to the same respect as the Worshipful Master in the Lodge.

48. PERMANENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT/ MINUTES: At the regular meeting of the Lodge following that at which any reference has been made, the Permanent Committee shall present its report/minutes and the Worshipful Master shall cause the same to be read in the open Lodge, after which its adoption or rejection shall be decided upon in the usual way on a motion duly made and seconded.

49. PERMANENT COMMITTEE'S POWER: The Permanent Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to summon any member to give information on any matters referred to it by the Lodge.

XIII. SCREENING COMMITTEE

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50. SCREENING COMMITTEE: A Screening Committee shall be elected by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting, which shall consist of any three senior brethren of the Lodge in good ~~standing~~ *standing*.

51. The Screening Committee shall meet every candidate proposed for initiation or every brother proposed for joining or rejoining, to ascertain the suitability of the Candidate/brother. The Screening Committee may visit the candidate's/brother's home and/or his place of work, meet with his family and may make any such due enquiry to its satisfaction.

52. The Screening Committee shall submit its report with its recommendations to the Permanent Committee at its next meeting.

XIV. GENERAL

53. VISITOR: Every Visitor must be well vouched for or required to produce his Grand Lodge Certificate and undergo an examination.

XV. LODGE PROPERTY

54. LODGE PROPERTY: Property of every description belonging to the Lodge shall be vested in the worshipful Master and the Wardens for the time being, in trust for the Lodge, except as may be otherwise provided for.

55. INVENTORY: An inventory of the whole of the Lodge property shall be entered into a book, which shall be verified by the Worshipful Master on his installation and shall be countersigned by himself and his Wardens. Such verification shall be reported in the immediate regular meeting after installation.

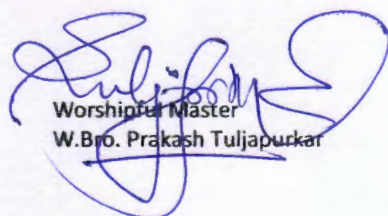
56. JEWELS, & C: The Warrant, Jewels and Working Tools belonging to the Lodge, shall be in charge of the Worshipful Master, or of such other Officers as he may appoint.

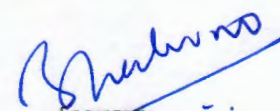
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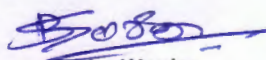
57. BY-LAWS: These By-Laws shall be read in the open Lodge at such time as the Worshipful Master may think proper or at least once a year, and each newly initiated or joining or re-joining brother shall be furnished with a copy.

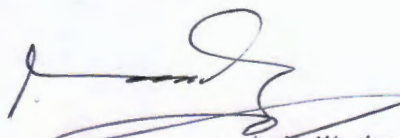
58. ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS: The By-Laws or any portion of them shall not be altered without the sanction of a majority of the members present at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge, notice of the proposed alteration being given at the previous Regular Meeting and circulated with the Summons of the Regular Meeting at which it is to be considered and confirmed at the next Regular meeting and approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Master and M.W. the Grand Master.

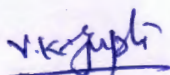
These By-Laws were adopted in the Consecration meeting of Lodge Bankers No.458 held on 06..04.2018 at Goshamahal Baradari Masonic Building, Hyderabad - 12.


Worshipful Master
W. Bro. Prakash Tuljapurkar


Secretary
W. Bro. Suresh Bhalerao


Senior Warden
W. Bro. Suresh Bukkapatnam


Junior Warden
W. Bro. G Panduranga Rao


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Approved by

Regional Grand Master

Place: Chennai

Dated: ~~xxxxxx R.W. Bro. xxxxxxxxx~~
07-07-2018

Approved by

M.W. the Grand Master

M.W. Bro. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ H.S. Ravanta

Grand Secretary

R.W. Bro. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ V.K. Gupta

Place: New Delhi

Dated: 02/08/2018

FOUNDER MEMBERS

01. W. Bro Prakash Tuljapurkar
02. W. Bro Suresh Bukkapatnam
03. W. Bro Gantaji Panduranga Rao
04. Bro Muhammed Haider
05. W. Bro Suresh Bhalerao
06. W. Bro Burra Venkata Narayana Rao
07. W. Bro Tulsidas Mahendrakar
08. Bro Suresh Lolakapuri
09. R. W. Bro Abu Akram
10. R. W. Bro Syed Ali Abbas
11. Bro Shankar Vaddadi
12. Bro Pradeep Kulkarni
13. Bro Vasudevan G
14. Bro P Ramakrishna
15. Bro P Raghavender Rao
16. Bro Srinivas Medisetty