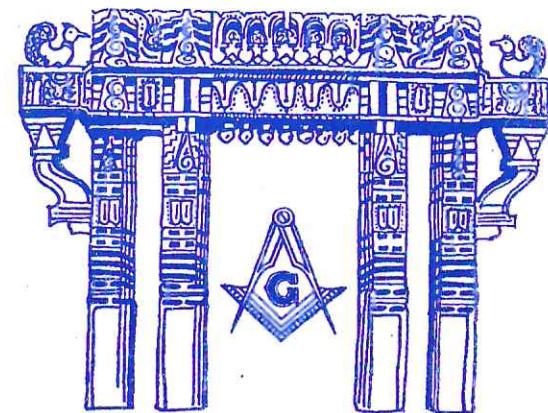


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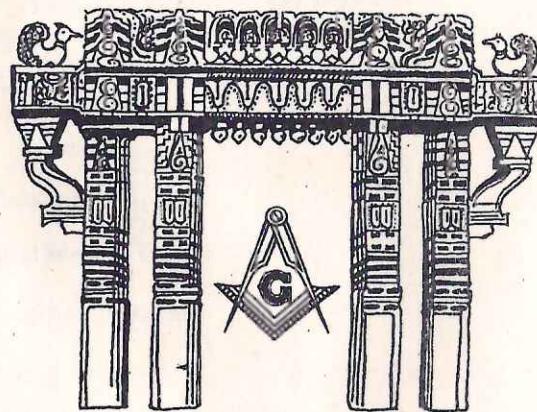


Warranted on 30th October, 1990

Consecrated on 6th February, 1991

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Meets on 4th Sunday of every Month except May
at Municipal Inner Wheel Community Hall,
Vasavi Colony, Warangal.

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PREAMBLE:

Lodge Abhayarudra No. 278 was warranted by the Grand Lodge of India, New Delhi, on 30-10-1990 with 37 petitioners and founders and was duly consecrated at Goshamahal Baradari, Masonic Temple, on 6th day of February 1991. The lodge was sponsored by Lodge Morland No: 25, Hyderabad vide their resolution to do so made in open lodge on 26th July 1990.

I.CONSTITUTION

1. OFFICERS :

The Officers of the Lodge Shall consist of Regular and Additional Officers.

Regular Officers :

Worshipful Master
Immediate past Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Treasurer
Secretary
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Inner Guard
Tyler

Additional Officers :

Chaplain
Director of Ceremonies
Bearers of Volumes of Sacred Laws

Sword Bearer
Assistant Director of Ceremonies

Almoner
Organist

Assistant Secretary
Stewards

No Brother can hold more than one Regular Office. However a Regular Officer may hold another Additional Office.

2. REGULAR MEETING DAY:

The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held at Municipal Inner Wheel Community Hall, Warangal on the Fourth Sunday of every month except in the month of May.

Saturday 21-10-04

3. MEMBERS :

The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Non-Resident and Honorary members.

4. LIMIT OF JURISDICTION :

The Word Station' shall mean the Municipal limits of Warangal

II. CANDIDATES :

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Every candidate for Initiation or Brother for joining or rejoining must be proposed and seconded by members in good standing at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, and must be reported upon by the Standing Committee, before the ballot is proceeded with. All such Candidates must be introduced to the Standing Committee.

6. LIABILITY OF PROPOSER & SECONDER

The proposer and seconder shall both be responsible for all fees and expenses incurred on account of such brother for a period of three months, from the date of initiation, joining or rejoining.

7. REJECTED CANDIDATE

A candidate who has been rejected shall not be again eligible for proposal for twelve calendar months from the date of his last ballot.

III. BALLOT AND VOTING

8. BALLOT AND VOTING:

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 a minimum of two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal, the proposition of such candidature or brother shall not be accepted.

9. SECOND BALLOT:

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

10. VOTING WHEN DEBARRED :

Any member who is in arrears for 3 months or over shall be debarred from balloting or voting on any question before the Lodge and from making any proposition.

11. VOTING BY PROXY

No member shall be permitted to vote by proxy.

IV. RESIDENT AND NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS

12. NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS LIST

No member leaving the station shall be placed on the Non-Resident List, until he signifies the same in writing to the Secretary or announces in open Lodge.

13. No office-bearer shall be allowed to have his name placed on the Non-Resident list.

14. RETURN OF NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS TO STATION

Any member who has been placed on the Non-Resident Member List under Bye-Law No: 12 shall, on his return to the station intimate the same to the Secretary, who will at once place his name on the list of Resident members.

15. FAILURE TO REPORT RETURN

Any member omitting to comply with preceding Bye Law shall be liable to pay the full subscription for the period that he has resided in the station and the evidence either written or verbal, of two Master Masons as to such period of residence shall be final, and shall be sufficient to give effect to this rule unless reasonable excuse be adduced to the contrary.

V. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTION

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The following fees shall be payable **in advance** to the Lodge and such fees shall include Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge dues and shall also include Grand Lodge Certificate fee to every Master Mason.

Initiation Rs. 1,000 = 00

Joining and Re-joining fees:

a) Indian Constitution Rs. 500 = 00

b) Foreign Constitution Rs. 1,000 = 00

Monthly subscription including Dinner for the twelve months (Rs.75 =00 towards Steward Fund and Rs. 75 =00 towards General Fund) Rs. 150 =00

Non-Resident Member Rs. 75 =00

The above fees shall be reviewed, every September in the Standing Committee, for that month, the fee for next year fixed, adopted in October meeting, and become effective from November of every year.

17. Should a Non-Resident Member attend Lodge or the Banquet, he shall be charged full subscription for the month.

18. Should the subscription for a member of the lodge remain unpaid for 6 full months, the Secretary will send a Registered notice to him requesting settlement within 1 month from the date thereof.

If the payment is not received as stipulated, the Secretary would report to the standing committee. The committee in turn may recommend to the Lodge at the next regular meeting to exclude the said member under rule 156 of the Book of constitution.

19. BENEVOLENT FUND

An amount of Rs.100/- to be allocated from out of the fee for initiation and Rs. 50.00 from Joining or Re-joining fees, Charitable collections in the meetings, Voluntary donations and 10% of the general fund as of 31st October of every year transferred, shall form the Benevolent fund which shall be solely devoted for Charitable purposes.

20. CAPITAL FUND

At the earliest possible moment a Capital Fund shall be established from contributions from the General Fund, as the Lodge may determine from time to time.

21. EMERGENT CASES OF DISTRESS :

A sum of Rs. 500.00 from the Benevolent Fund shall be annually held at the disposal of the Worshipful Master to meet emergent cases of distress.

22. EXTRA FEE

It shall be within the discretion of the Lodge to levy a fee not exceeding rupees fifty at any time that circumstances may require it.

23. In the event of any necessity arising for the withdrawal of funds out of the Capital fund of the Lodge, instituted as per Bye-Law No. 20 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 a regular manner.

24. SPECIAL BANQUET FEE

It shall be within the discretion of the Worshipful Master to levy a special fee, on all residents members subject to a confirmation by the Lodge on any occasion on which a special Banquet or other entertainment should in Worshipful Masters opinion be given such as in the case of the Regional Grand Lodge or Grand Lodge or other Masonic function, Any deficit in meeting the expenses shall be met with from the General fund and one half of the amount earned as interest from the Capital fund.

VI. PROPOSITION AND DISCUSSION

25. PROPOSITIONS

No proposition shall be entertained until it has been fully 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 bye-law shall not have reference to by the subject matter pertaining to correspondence brought upto by the Secretary, subject to the discretionary powers of the Worshipful Master.

26. 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 mover shall have the right to reply, after all the members who may wish to do so, shall have addressed the Lodge.

27. 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.

28. DISCUSSIONS

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

29. RESOLUTION

Any Resolution passed in open Lodge shall be binding on all the members of the Lodge.

VII. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

30. ELECTION OF MASTER, TREASURER AND TYLER

The Worshipful Master and Tresurer shall be annually elected by Ballot and the Tyler by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in October.

31. DATE OF INSTALLATION

The Worshipful Master shall be duly installed at the regular meeting in November.

VIII. SECRETARY

32. SECRETARY'S DUTIES

The Secretary shall issue the summons 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

33. FUNDS WITH TREASURER

The Treasurer shall collect all dues and fees and deposit all sums in excess of Rs. 500.00 (Five hundred) in his possession, which he may keep as imprest in a Bank in the name of the Lodge to be operated jointly by Treasurer and either the Worshipful Master or the Secretary with such banker as the Lodge may decide. Any amount exceeding Rs. 5,000/- may be kept in Fixed deposits in a scheduled Bank.

34. The Treasurer shall prepare Statement of Accounts for the preceeding year ended 31st October, duly audited by the Audit committee elected as per Bye-Law No. 38 herein and provide such audited statements of accounts to the Secretary of the lodge for circulation along with the summons for the Installation Meeting to be held in November every year. Such Annual Statements regularly circulated shall be adopted in open Lodge at the Installation Meeting.

35. PAYMENTS BY TREASURER

The Treasurer shall not pay any moneys of the Lodge, except its current expenses and as otherwise provided for, without the direction of the Master and Brethren in Lodge assembled.

X. TYLER

36. TYLER DUTIES AND FEES

The Tyler in the event of his being serving brother, shall be paid an honorarium of amount as may be resolved by the Lodge. A subscribing member serving as Tyler shall be exempt from payment of monthly subscription. He shall be responsible for the cleanliness of the Lodge and the correct deposition of its furniture at the time of meeting.

XI. BUILDING COMMITTEE

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There shall be a Committee known as the Building Committee of the Lodge and shall consist of the Worshipful Master, Secretary, Treasurer and the three members elected at the installation meeting every year.

XII. AUDIT COMMITTEE

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An Audit Committee shall be elected by the Lodge as soon after the Installation as possible, which shall consist of any three senior members with some knowledge of accounts and preferably qualified accountants. The Committee's report upon audit shall be placed before the next meeting of the Lodge.

XIII. STANDING COMMITTEE

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There shall be a committee styled as the Standing Committee of the Lodge, which should consist of the Worshipful Master, all Past Masters, Past Wardens, the Director of Ceremonies, the Senior & Junior Wardens, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and three members elected at the installation meeting and any five of the said Standing Committee shall form the quorum. The Worshipful Master in his discretion may invite any member to attend the standing committee but the invitee member shall have no right to vote.

40. PRESIDENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Worshipful Master shall be the president, and the Immediate Past Master the Vice-president, of the Standing Committee, and in their absence the Senior Brother present shall preside.

41. STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Standing Committee, every Third Saturday of the month, or when requested to do so by the Master.

42. REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE

The Worshipful Master is hereby authorised and empowered to refer to the Standing 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 Lodge shall immediately cease.

43. NOTICE TO PROPOSER AND SECONDER

When the Worshipful Master shall refer any motion to the Standing Committee, the proposer and seconder shall be present for the consideration for that particular question, and the secretary shall send them notice of the time appointed for the meeting.

44. RULES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE

Rules for Lodge discussion shall also apply to discussions before the Standing Committee, the Presiding Officer whereof, for the time being, shall be entitled to the same respect as the Worshipful Master in Lodge.

45. STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

At the Regular meeting of the Lodge following that which any reference has been made, the Standing Committee shall present their report and the Worshipful Master shall cause the same to be read in open Lodge, after which its adoption or rejection shall be decided upon in the usual way on a motion duly made and seconded.

46. STANDING COMMITTEE'S POWER

The Standing Committee is hereby authorised and empowered to summon any member to give information on any matters referred to it by the Lodge.

XIV. GENERAL

47. VISITOR

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

XV. LODGE PROPERTY

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

49. INVENTORY

An inventory of the whole of the Lodge property shall be entered in a Book, which shall be verified by the Worshipful Master on his installation and shall be countersigned by himself and his Wardens, and outgoing Master & his Wardens.

50. JEWELS ETC

The Warrant, Jewel and Working Tools belonging to the Lodge, shall be in-charge of the Worshipful Master or of such other officers as he may appoint.

XVI. BYE-LAWS

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These Bye Laws shall be read in 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.

52. ALTERATION OF BYE-LAWS

The Bye-Laws, or any portion of them shall not be altered without the sanction of any 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.

ROLL OF PAST MASTERS

1991	-	W.Bro. Ch. Raja Visweswara Rao
1991-1992	-	W.Bro. Dr. I. Venkat Rao
1992-1993	-	W.Bro. Narayan Manian
1993-1994	-	W.Bro. G.B. Thomas (Late)
1994-1995	-	W.Bro. Dr. N. Narasimha Rao
1995-1996	-	W.Bro. Dr. S.S.B. Sharma
1996-1997	-	W.Bro. Dr. M. Veerabhadram
1997-1998	-	W.Bro. Ch. Madan Mohan Rao
1998-1999	-	W.Bro. K. Ravichandra
1999-2000	-	W.Bro. Dr. K. Sudhakar Reddy
2000-2001	-	W.Bro. G. Murali Mohan
2001-2002	-	W.Bro. Dr. V. Sreekanth