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**WARRANT
GRAND LODGE OF INDIA**

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT
WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN

WE

MAJOR GENERAL HIS HIGHNESS
DR. SIR SYED RAZE ALI KHAN,

G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., D.L.I.CC., LL.D.,

NAWAB OF RAMPUR

GRAND MASTER

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE
FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF INDIA

SEND GREETING

Know YE that the SALEM LODGE No. 3400 on the roll of United Grand Lodge of England, the Grand Lodge of Ireland / the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, having decided to opt for the Grand Lodge of India, we by the authority and under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of India vested in us for that purpose do

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hereby sanction and confirm that the said Lodge shall be constituted into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or Denomination of SALEM No. 79 on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of India.

By virtue of this warrant the said Lodge shall be deemed to be a foundation Lodge of the Grand Lodge of India. The original Charter / Warrant of the said Lodge issued by the United Grand Lodge of England / the Grand Lodge of Ireland / The Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland was dated 2nd September, 1909.

The said Lodge shall come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of India with effect from the date of issue of this Warrant.

The said Lodge shall return its original Warrant to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge concerned for such action as may be necessary. The said Lodge shall be permitted to count its years of existence under its previous Charter / Warrant when making claims for centenary Warrant etc., under the Grand Lodge of India on penultimate Saturday of every month except in December on the Saturday between 15th and the 21st inclusive.

The said Lodge to meet at Freemason's Hall, Salem empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated to make pass and raise Freemason's according to the Antient customs of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the

known world. And further that the Master, the Senior Warden and the Junior Warden for the time being shall continue to hold the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected, and installed strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as a Warden in a Warranted Lodge shall be Installed in Antient form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his office. And we do require you the said Master and Wardens to take special care that all and every said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that you and they and all the other Members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the Laws, Rules, and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such By Laws for the Government of your Lodge as shall to the Majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a copy where of you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such By - Laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose, and

you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors Grand Masters or to Our Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in every year a list of members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the fees and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this our Warrant of Constitution shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge and you the said Master and Wardens are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us as account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at New Delhi this 24th day of November, 1961 corresponding to 3rd Agrayayana 1883 E.C.

(sd.) P.M. Sundaram (sd.) Syed Raza Ali Khan,
Grand Secretary, Grand Master

The Seal of the Grand Lodge of India.

To The Most Worshipful Master, Wardens,
Other Officers and Members of
The Lodge Salem No. 79 and All Other whom it may concern

We

Capt. Dr. BALARAM BISWAKUMAR

Recipient of the Order of Service to Masonry

Grand Master

of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of India

Send Greetings

Whereas it appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge that on the Second day of September 1909, a Warrant of Constitution was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorizing and empowering them and their regular Successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem which Lodge was named Salem and then numbered Lodge 3400 on the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England AND WHEREAS this Lodge opted to join the Grand Lodge of India on its inauguration on the twenty fourth day of November 1961 and now stands on the Register as No. 79

Under the title or denomination of Lodge Salem No. 79

And Whereas satisfactory Proof has been produced of the uninterrupted existence of the said Lodge for ONE HUNDRED YEARS dating from the Twenty-ninth

January 1910 AND MEMBERS the Brethren composing the said Lodge desire to be permitted to wear commemorative Jewel and have prayed our sanction for that purpose.

NOW KNOW WE that WE having taken the Petition into our consideration have acceded to their request and in virtue of Our prerogative DO HEREBY GIVE AND GRANT to all and each of the subscribing members of the Lodge being Master Masons permission to wear in all our Masonic Meetings suspended to the left breast by a tri-colour Ribbon of the approved colours of the Grand Lodge not exceeding one inch and a half (about 37 mm.) in breadth a JEWEL or ACADEM of the pattern or device that the have already approved as a CENTENARY JEWEL But such Jewel shall be worn only by those Brethren who are bonafide Subscribing Members of the said Lodge and for so long only as they shall pay the stipulated Subscription to the funds thereof and be duly returned as such in the Grand Lodge of India.

GIVEN at Freemasons' Hall, New Delhi, this Fourteenth day of June 2010, corresponding to the Twentyfourth day of jyaistha 1932 Saka Era.

Sd.

(B. Kamakoti)
Grand Secretary

(Capt. Dr. Balaram Biswakumar)
Grand Master

Lodge Salem No. 79

By-Laws

Newly Amended

as on 17-8-2013

Constitution

1. Under authority granted by the Grand Lodge of India and by its Warrant dated 24th day of November 1961 and Centenary Warrant dated the 14th day of June 2010, a Lodge of free and Accepted Masons styled "LODGE SALEM No. 79" shall be held in Salem.

Preliminary

2. These Bylaws are subject and in addition to the Rules contained in the Book of Constitution so far as the said Rules relate to the Daughter Lodges.

Members

3. The members of the Lodge shall be (1) Resident (2) Non-resident or (3) Honorary.

a) All members shall be classified as Resident Members unless they have been placed on the Non-Resident or Honorary list.

b) All members living outside a radius of fifty kilometers of the Lodge premises, who do not hold any office, shall on application be placed on the Non Resident list.

c) Honorary members shall be those who are

Elected as such in accordance with the Provisions of Rules 142 B of C

Time and place of Meeting

4. The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held at Freemasons' Hall, Suramangalam, Salem at such hour as the Master may fix, on the Penultimate Saturday of every month.

Annual Election

5. The Master shall be elected by ballot annually at the regular meeting in December and installed in The Regular Meeting in the following January. The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and The Tyler shall also be elected by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in December and invested with the other officers at the installation meeting in January.

Expenses of Meeting

6. Where an emergency meeting is held for sole purpose of conferring a degree at the request and for the convenience of a candidate or candidates may be required to pay a total Sum not exceeding Rs. 1,500/- towards expenses of the meeting.

Dues and Fees

7. The Annual Subscription per member shall be as follows.

a) Resident Members Rs. 400/- per annum or such other sum as may be fixed by the General Body from time to time, in addition to dues payable

to GLI and RGL, as may be fixed by GLI and RGL from time to time.

b) Non-Resident Members Rs. 200/- per annum or such other sum as may be fixed by the General Body from time to time, in addition to dues payable to GLI and RGL, as may be fixed by GLI and RGL from time to time.

8. The following shall be scale of fees
(a) Initiation Fee Rs. 2,000/-. (b) joining fees Rs. 890/-.

9. The Secretary shall bring to the notice of The Lodge all cases in which brethren are in arrears of subscription for more than three months. It Shall then be competent for the Lodge to take such action as may be deemed necessary.

10. Brethren whose subscription are unpaid for three months shall neither be eligible to vote on any matter raised in the Lodge nor to be elected to nor appointed to any office.

Admission of Members

11. Proposal forms properly filled in for candidates for admission to Free Masonry and for brethren as Joining Members must be in the hands of the Secretary at least fourteen days before the day on which the proposal is to be made in open Lodge.

12. No Candidate for Free masonry shall be initiated nor a brother admitted as a joining member of the Lodge unless if on the ballot two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the Proposal for such candidature. The fees

Previously collected in such cases of Non admission shall be refunded.

13. Candidates and brethren who are not accepted for initiation or membership may be proposed after a lapse of six months from the date of the Ballot at which they were not accepted.

Permanent Committee

14. At the regular meeting of the Lodge in January the Lodge shall constitute a Permanent Committee consisting of Two wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and two other members who shall be elected by the Lodge besides the Master who will be an ex-officio member as per Rule 130 B of C.

15. The decision of the Permanent committee may whenever necessary be obtained by circulation.

16. The committee shall consider applications for admission prior to ballot being taken and report thereon to the Lodge. It may also examine the Secretary's books, registers and records and also examine the Treasurer's account books and voucher particulars every month before they are read at the regular meeting and submit to the Lodge for consideration any matter which it may deem fit to be for the benefit of the Lodge.

17. At every installation meeting the Permanent Committee shall lay before the Lodge a report of the working of the Lodge.

Audit Committee

18. An audit committee comprising two members other than the members of the Permanent Committee Shall be elected by the Lodge in the Regular Meeting in December of each year to audit the accounts of that year and submit the audited statement of accounts at the regular meeting in the following January.

Secretary

19. The secretary shall conduct the general correspondence, issue summonses for all meetings, record minutes of Proceedings and keep the register of members and other Registers. He shall further maintain all records other than the account books maintained by the Treasurer.

a) No Brother shall hold the office of Secretary for more than Three Years and can only be appointed as secretary after a lapse of three years by Rule 95A of B of C.

20. The Secretary shall have power to incur expenditure on behalf of the Lodge to the extent of Rs. 1,500/- in a month, subject to the formal sanction of the Lodge at the next meeting.

Treasurer

21. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds of the Lodge, receive all moneys paid to the Lodge make all necessary disbursements.

22. The Treasurer shall make no payments other than routine expenses except such as are duly

authorized or have been sanctioned by the Lodge.

23. The Treasurer shall have charge of the furniture, belongings of the Lodge of which an accurate Inventory which shall be checked at the end of December of each year by the Permanent Committee.

24. The Treasurer shall sign jointly either with Master or Secretary all cheques while operating on the accounts of the Lodge.

Tyler

25. The Tyler (if a serving brother) may be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the Lodge from time to time.

Propositions

26. Ordinary proposition involving expenditure of money shall be considered by the Lodge only if the same is brought on the agenda of the Summons, provided that the Master shall always have the Privilege of allowing a proposition of an urgent nature being considered by the Lodge without notice on the summons.

Special Committee

27. The general body, on the recommendation of permanent committee may form such special committees for specific purposes to look after the management and execution of projects both movable and immovable properties of the Lodge and take care of financial matters and investments and other matters etc. and fixing their term and period,

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duties etc. of such committee and they shall submit periodical reports to the General body. The Master, Secretary and Treasurer of the Lodge shall be exofficio members. The period of such committees may be extended by the General Body. Such committee is answerable to General body Direct.

Charity Fund

28. Before the closing of the Lodge, the Almoner if any or in his absence the Deacons shall take round the Charity box in which the brethren may deposit their freewill offerings. The sums thus collected shall be carried to a separate account and appropriated to such charitable purpose as the brethren in the open Lodge may direct.

29. The Master may from time to time from the Charity fund, meet emergent cases of distress up to a sum of Rs. 500/- and shall report the fact at the next regular meeting.

Amendment of By-Laws

30. It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend, or add to these bylaws unless the abrogation, amendment or addition shall have been duly proposed and passed at one Regular Meeting and confirmed at the next regular meeting nor shall such alterations be of effect until they have received the approval of R W Regional Grand Master and of the M W Grand Master.

Reference to the rules of the Book of constitution quoted in the bylaws relates the 2008

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edition as reprinted in 2012 as may be amended from time to time in future by GLI and read with Guidelines to be followed by daughter Lodges as directed by GLI from time to time.

The above amendments were regularly proposed and seconded in open Lodge at a regular meeting held on 18-5-2013. Passed at a Regular Meeting held on 22-6-2013 and confirmed at a Regular Meeting held on 20-7-2013.

Place : Salem

Date : 29-7-2013

W.Bro. S. Ravindran **W.Bro. G. Selvarajan**
W.Master Secretary

Bro. S. Balasubramaniam, **Bro. A.S. Jeyachandran,**
Senior Warden Junior Wardwn

Approved by RW, The Regional Grand Master

Place : Chennai (sd) **R.W.Bro. Ratnaraj Susilraj,**
Date : 7-8-2013 P.Dy. G.M.
Regional Grand Master

Approved by MW, The Grand Master

Place : New Delhi (sd) **R.W.Bro. B. Kamakoti, OSM**
Date : 17-8-2013 Grand Secretary