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No. 181 G.L.I.

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GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

To All and Every Our Right Worshipful,
Worshipful and Loving Brethren

We

Bhogilal Chimanlal Shah, J. P.,
Grand Master

of the Most Antient and Honourable Fraternity
of Free and Accepted Masons of India,

Send Greeting Know Ye That We by the
authority and under the sanction of the
Grand Lodge of India vested in us for
that purpose and the humble petition
of our Right Trusty and Well Beloved
Brethren.

J. V. Suryanarayana, P. P. Debara, R. S.
Gupta, Naoshir S. Chenoy, A. N. Raja-
gopal, Anwarulla Pasha, S. Raza Ali, V.
Mahalingam, Manik Arke, W. Prabhakar
Rao Naidu, R. L. Ravi, S. Gurmukh Singh,

B. R. Mehra, T. R. Ramachandra Sastry, S. M. Chhatbar, B. S. Ananthaswamy Rao, M. Nathoo, K. Ramamurthy, B. Lakshminikantham, T. Jammanna, A. Suryanarayana Rao, A. C. Patel, U. K. Mohan, V. S. Gopinath and others do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or Denomination of

THE RAYALA SUNDARAM LODGE No. 181

The said Lodge to meet at Freemasons' Hall, Station Road, Kurnool on the Last Sunday of Every Month empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated to make pass and raise Freemasons according to the Antient Custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World and further at their said Petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the abovenamed Brethren WE DO APPROVE the said J. V. Suryanarayana to be the first Master, the said P. P. Debara to be the First Senior Warden and the said R. S. Gupta to be the first Junior Warden for opening and holding 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 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 J. V. Suryanarayana to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that you and they and all other the 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 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 whereof 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 the 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 J. V. Suryanarayana are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an 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 Twenty-third day of August, 1967, corresponding to First day of Bhadra, 1889, Saka Era.

P. M. SUNDARAM
Grand Secretary

BHOGILAL C. SHAH
Grand Master

Petitioning Founder Members

Name

1. R. W. Bro. Naoshir S. Chenoy, PDy. G. M.
P. M., Lodge Mayo,
No. 19 G.L.I.
2. W. Bro. J. V. Suryanarayana,
P. A. R. G. M., (S. I.) P. M.
Lodge Nicopolis, No. 81 G.L.I.,
3. W. Bro. Rao Bahadur T. R. Ramachandra
Sastri, P. M.
4. W. Bro. Sardar Gurmukh Singh,
P. R. G. D. of C. (S. I.) P. M.
Lodge Hyderabad, No. 50 G.L.I.
5. W. Bro. Anwarulla Pasha,
P.A.R.G.D. of C., (S.I.) P.M.
Lodge Morland, No. 25 G.L.I.
6. W. Bro. R. S. Gupta, P. V. Pres.
R.G. Std., (S.I.) P.M.
Lodge Mayo, No. 19 G.L.I.
7. W. Bro. Phiroze P. Debara, P. G. Tyl.,
P. R. G. St. B., (S. I.) P. M.
Lodge Mayo, No. 19 G.L.I.
8. W. Bro. B. S. Ananthasami Rao,
P. R. G. Std. (S.I.) P. M.
Lodge Ekram, No. 45 G.L.I.

9. W. Bro. Appanna Suryanarayana Rao, P. M. Lodge Waltair, No. 56 G. L. I.,
10. W. Bro. A. N. Rajagopal, P.A.R.G. St. Br., (S. I.) P. M. Lodge Morland, No. 25 G.L.I.
11. W. Bro. Muljee Nathoo, P. M. Lodge No. 19 G.L.I.
12. W. Bro. Shantilal M. Chhatbar, Wor. Master, Lodge Mayo, No. 19 G.L.I.,
13. W. Bro. Ranvir Lal Ravi, P. M. Lodge Deccan, No. 20 G.L.I.
14. W. Bro. V. Mahalingam, I. P. M., Lodge Mayo, No. 19 G.L.I.
15. W. Bro. Prabhakara Rao Naidu, P.M. Lodge Morland, No. 25 G.L.I.
16. W. Bro. Dr. B. R. Mehra, P. W. Lodge Morland, No. 25 G.L.I.
17. W. Bro. Manik Arke, Wor. Master, Lodge Deccan, No. 20 G.L.I.
18. W. Bro. Syed Raza Ali, P.R.G. Std., (S.I.) P. M. Lodge Hyderabad, No. 50 G.L.I.
19. W. Bro. U. Krishna Mohan, P.R.G. Std. (S.I.) P.M. Lodge Nicopolis, No. 81 G.L.I.

20. W. Bro. A. C. Patel, Wor. Master, Lodge Bharathi, No. 161 G.L.I.
21. Bro. V. S. Gopinath, M. M. Lodge Burroughstrange, No. 87 G.L.I.
22. Bro. K. Ramamurti, M. M. Lodge Mayo, No. 19 G.L.I.
23. Bro. T. Jammanna, M. M. Lodge Mayo, No. 19 G.L.I.
24. Bro. B. Lakshmikantham, M. M. Lodge Mayo, No. 19 G.L.I.

PREFATORY

The Rayala Sundaram Lodge was duly constituted under a Charter or Warrant dated Twenty-third day of August, 1967 and was consecrated on Tuesday, the Twelfth day of September, 1967 at the Gosha Mahal Baradari Masonic Temple, Hyderabad

by

Most Worshipful Bro. Bhogilal C. Shah, J.P.

Most Worshipful Grand Master

Assisted by :

R. W. Bro. C. A. Ramakrishnan ... as
I. P. M.

R. W. Bro. B. R. Mullaferoze ... as
Senior Warden

V. W. Bro.	M. M. A. Navas	... as <i>Junior Warden</i>
W. Bro.	R. Ganesh	... as <i>Chaplain</i>
W. Bro.	C. Santamurti Naidu	... as <i>Secretary</i>
R. W. Bro.	P. M. Sundaram	... as <i>Director of Ceremonies</i>
W. Bro.	M. A. Khambatta	... as <i>Senior Deacon</i>
W. Bro.	A. V. Charles	... as (Vice W. Bro. M. K. Sridharan)
W. Bro.	B. J. Panthaky	... as <i>Junior Deacon</i>
W. Bro.	M. Rajagopalan	... as <i>Sword Bearer</i>
W. Bro.	M. Rajagopalan	... as <i>Deputy Director of Ceremonies</i>
W. Bro.	Dr. C.S. Ramachandran	... as <i>Inner Guard</i>
W. Bro.	T. K. Narsing Rao	... as (Vice W. Bro. A. A.V. Payne)
		<i>Tyler</i>

The Lodge was Sponsored by The Mayo Lodge, No. 19 G. L. I., on Saturday, the 20th May, 1967 with the following Principal Officers:-

W. Bro. Shantilal Manjibhai Chhatbar ...
Worshipful Master

Bro.	Minoo Ratanshah Pilcher	... <i>Senior Warden</i>
W. Bro.	Haji Gulam Mohammed	... as <i>Junior Warden</i>

LIST OF FIRST TEAM OF OFFICERS

W. Bro.	J. V. Suryanarayana	... <i>Wor. Master</i>
W. Bro.	Phiroze P: Debara	... <i>Senior Warden</i>
W. Bro.	R. S. Gupta	... <i>Junior Warden</i>
W. Bro.	T. R. Ramachandra Sastry	... <i>Chaplain</i>
Bro.	B. Lakshmikantham	... <i>Treasurer</i>
W. Bro.	B. S. Ananthasami Rao	... <i>Secretary</i>
W. Bro.	A. N. Rajagopal	... <i>Director of Ceremonies</i>
Bro.	V. S. Gopinath	... <i>Senior Deacon</i>
W. Bro.	V. Mahalingam	... <i>Junior Deacon</i>
W. Bro.	Shantilal M. Chhatbar	... <i>Bearer of V. S. L.</i>

W. Bro.	Anwarulla Pasha	...
W. Bro.	Sardar Gurumukh Singh	<i>Bearer of V. S. L.</i>
W. Bro.	Phiroze P. Debara	<i>Bearer of V. S. L.</i>
W. Bro.	Ranvirlal Ravi	<i>Almoner</i>
Bro.	K. Ramamurthy	<i>Inner Guard</i>
Bro.	T. Jammanna	<i>Steward</i>
Bro.	Dr. B. R. Mehra	<i>Steward</i>
W. Bro.	Syed Raza Ali	<i>Tyler</i>

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**By-Laws of
The Rayala Sundaram Lodge,
No. 181 G. L. I.**

1. *Meetings:* The Lodge shall meet at Free Masons' Hall, ('Raviprakash'), Station Road, Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh, on the Last SUNDAY of every month at such hour as the Master may direct, of which, January shall be the election Meetings and February shall be the Installation Meetings.

2. *Emergency Meetings:* Emergency Meetings can be held only in accordance with Rule 116, B. of C.

Where an Emergency meeting is held for the sole purpose of conferring a Degree at the request of a candidate or candidates, he or they shall pay a sum of Rs. 35/- and the Dispensation fees.

3. *Members:* The Lodge shall consist of:
(a) Resident (b) Non-resident and (c) Honorary Members.

(a) Resident Members are those who reside within the Municipal limits of the Kurnool Town.

(b) Non-resident Members are those who reside out-side the said limits and have applied in writing to the Secretary or orally expressed their desire in the open Lodge to be placed on the list of Non-resident Members.

(i) They shall be placed on the list of Non-resident Members from the month following that in which the written commuunication is received or orally intimated in the open Lodge.

(ii) Non-resident Members shall, immediately they change their residence to a place within the Municipal limits of the Kurnool Town will be automatically treated as Resident Members.

3. (c) *Honorary Members*: Honorary Members are those who are elected as such in accordance with the provisions of Rule 142, B. of C.

4. *Election of Master and Tyler*: The Master and the Tyler shall be elected by ballot at the regular meetings in January.

5. *Installation*: The Master-Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in February.

6. *Ballot and Voting* :

(i) No persons shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of the Lodge, if on the ballot, two black balls appear agaist him.

(ii) If the Master is of the opinion that a mistake may have occurred in the ballot, he may order a second ballot to be taken forthwith, which shall be final.

7. A rejected candidate cannot be proposed in the Lodge until six months have elapsed from the date of such rejection.

8. *Fees and Subscriptions* :

<i>Fees</i> :-	Rs.
Initiation	... 175 00
Joining from a Lodge under the Indian Constitution.	... 30 00
Joining from a Lodge under a recognised Constitution.	... 40 00

Monthly Subscription :-

A. Resident Members	... 7 00
B. Non-resident Members	... 3 00

All fees and subscriptions are payable in advance to the Lodge; subscriptions fall due on the First of every month.

9. The Secretary and the Tyler (if a subscribing member), shall be exempt from payment of subscription.

10. *Arrears* :

(i) A member who is in default in the payment of his subscriptions for a period of over three months, after their becoming due, shall be deprived, while so in default, of the rights of voting, proposing or seconding candidates and being appointed or elected to office.

(ii) If any member be in arrears of his subscription to the Lodge for over SIX months, the Master shall cause the Secretary to issue a Notice of Demand by Registered post, Acknowledgement Due, informing the member in default of the amount due and calling his attention to Rule 156, B. of C. and if the arrears be not paid in Full within one month from the date of receipt of the "Demand Notice" the member in default shall be liable to be excluded in accordance with the provisions of the said Rule 156, B. of C.

11. *The Treasurer* :

(i) The Treasurer shall maintain regular accounts of the 'Funds' of the Lodge and shall make only such payments as are duly authorised or have been sanctioned by the Lodge.

(ii) All moneys due to or held for the Lodge shall be paid or remitted to the Treasurer direct, who shall, without undue delay, deposit the same in an account in the name of the Lodge at a Bank or Banks, retaining Rs. 15 only for emergencies.

(iii) The Treasurer shall prepare statements of accounts of all the 'Funds' of the Lodge to the end of February of each year for verification and audit by the Committee referred to in By-law No. 15 infra.

12. *The Secretary* :

(i) The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of the Lodge and its Committees, and shall be in charge of all Lodge records and books, other than the Account books maintained by the Treasurer. He shall be ex-officio Secretary to all committees appointed by the Lodge.

(ii) He shall receive from the Treasurer a sum of Rs. 15/- as 'Imprest Money'; should this amount be expended, he shall render account to the Treasurer and receive from him a further sum to recoup the 'Imprest Money'.

13. *The Tyler* :-

(i) The Tyler, if a Serving Brother, shall receive Rs. 5/- per month as care-taker and Re. 1/- for each Degree given in the Lodge as remuneration for his service.

(ii) He shall be responsible for the up-keep and safe custody of the Lodge properties, regalias etc., and shall make all arrangements in the Temple for the Lodge Meetings.

14. *Permanent Committee* :-

(i) The Permanent Committee shall consist of the Master, the Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary, all the subscribing resident Past Masters in the Lodge and three other members appointed by the Lodge at the regular meeting in February. Five shall form a quorum.

(ii) The Committee shall consider and report upon proposals for membership of the Lodge, as well as on any other matter that may be referred to it by a resolution of the Lodge. The Master shall have the power to call the Permanent Committee meetings whenever he feels to do so to discuss any other matter he deems fit.

(iii) The Committee, at the very next regular meeting of the Lodge after Installation, shall verify the Lodge Record, and the pro-

perties of the Lodge as per the Inventory maintained by the Secretary and make a report on the inspection to the Lodge.

(iv) The Committee may also submit to the Lodge for consideration any matter which it may deem to be for the benefit of the Lodge.

(v) At the regular meeting of the Lodge following that at which any reference has been made to it, the Committee shall present its report and the same, as well as any other matter that the Committee may submit to the Lodge for its consideration, shall be read in open Lodge and decided by a majority of votes on a motion duly made.

15. *Audit Committee* :

(i) The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Lodge, who shall be appointed by the Lodge annually at the regular meeting, in January.

(ii) The Committee shall verify and audit the annual accounts of all the 'Funds' of the Lodge, made upto end of February and present the same to the members for their consideration at the regular meeting in April.

16. *Funds* :

The moneys of the Lodge shall be held under the following three distinct heads :-

1. The General Fund, 2. The Charity Fund and 3. The Steward's Fund.

17. *The General Fund:*

(i) Monthly subscriptions paid by the members of the Lodge as well as all other moneys, not otherwise specifically allotted, shall be credited to the 'General Fund'.

(ii) Payments from the Fund, except for ordinary purposes, or as have been duly authorised by the Lodge, can be made only by resolution of the Lodge, of which notice has been given in the summons for a regular meeting of the Lodge.

(iii) Out of the monthly subscription of Rs. 7 paid by a Resident member, a sum of Rs. 4 shall, however be credited to the "Steward's Fund" to cover the cost of his dinner.

18. *The Charity Fund:*

(i) The Charity Fund shall consist of Charity collections made at the Lodge meetings, voluntary contributions to the Fund and other moneys as may be regularly voted by the Lodge, from time to time from its 'General Fund'.

(ii) Moneys from this Fund shall be voted solely to Charity, but no expenditure shall be incurred without the prior sanction of the Lodge.

(iii) A sum of Rs. 50 may, however, be annually held at the disposal of the Master to meet emergency cases of distress. Disbursements made by the Master shall be reported to the Lodge at the next regular meeting held after such disbursements.

19. *The Steward's Fund:-*

(i) All members, except the Secretary and the Tyler, partaking of Lodge Dinners shall pay for themselves as well as for their guests such charges as may, from time to time, be fixed by the Lodge.

(ii) Resident Members shall, however, be exempt from payment of charges for their dinners but shall pay the prescribed charges for their guests.

(iii) Expenditure incurred on entertainment of the Lodge Guests alone may, when sanctioned by the Lodge, be met from its 'General Fund'.

20. Out of the sum of Rs. 175/- collected for Initiation as per By-law No. 8, a sum of Rs. 15/- shall be allotted towards the Charity Fund, Rs. 10 towards the Steward's Fund and the remaining amount to the General Fund.

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21. *Accounts :-*

(i) Accounts should be opened in the name of the Lodge in (Bank(s) approved by the Lodge.

(ii) The account shall be operated jointly by the Treasurer with either Wor. Master/ Secretary.

(iii) The Officers of the Lodge authorised to operate the accounts of the Bank(s) are also authorised to operate on Government Securities and other deposits held in the name of the Lodge.

22. *By-Laws :-*

By-laws of the Lodge shall be read in open Lodge at least once a year and also whenever the Master so directs.

23. *Alteration of By-Laws :-*

No new By-law can be enacted nor can any existing ones be amended unless:

(i) Notice of motion in writing stating their precise nature is given in open Lodge at a regular meeting.

(ii) Such motion is set out in the summons for the next regular meeting or for an Emergency meeting summoned for the purpose.

(iii) Put to vote at such meeting and carried by a majority of members present, and,

(iv) Confirmed at the next regular meeting after re-circulating the By-laws, as amended, with the summons for that meeting.

No By-law nor any alteration thereof shall, however, come into operation until the same be approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master.

Note :-

1. If an amendment involves a change in the place of a meeting, the additional requirements of Rule 116, B. of C. must also be complied with.

2. The No. of the Rules in the Book of Constitutions given above are as they appear in the 1966 edition of Book of Constitutions, Grand Lodge of India.

3. Should there be any objection to the introduction of a candidate for Initiation, or a Brother for Joining or Re-joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or Secretary, who may communicate with the proposer and give him an opportunity of with-drawing his candidate.

The above By-laws, as approved by the Founder Members, were passed at the Consecration and Installation Convocation held on Tuesday the Twelfth day of September, 1967.

Sd. J. V. SURYANARAYANA,
Worshipful Master,

Sd. Phiroze P. DEBARA,
Senior Warden.

Sd. R. S. GUPTA,
Junior Warden.

Sd. B. S. ANANTHASAMI RAO,
Secretary.

Approved by me:

Sd. C. A. RAMAKRISHNAN
Regional Grand Master.

Approved by M. W. the Grand Master

Sd. P. M. SUNDARAM,
Grand Secretary.

Dated : 13-9-1967.

“Cherish the great principles of Order
Be the *Square* of the judge of your conduct
Let your actions be within the *Compasses* of
morality
Walk upon the sacred *Level* of truth
And let your dealings be as upright as the
Plumb Rule”