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LODGE NORTH STAR
No. 379 G.L.I

Warranted on
3rd April 2013

Consecrated on
26th April 2013

BYE LAWS

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Article I. MEMBERS

1. The Lodge shall comprise the following members:

- Resident Members
- Non-Resident Members
- Honorary Members

2. Members residing in Bangalore shall be deemed Resident Members

3. Resident Members who have shifted their residence out of Bangalore due to personal or professional avocations for a period of not less than 6 months, may, on request, be admitted Non-Resident Members

Article II. HONORARY MEMBERS

4. The Lodge may, if it deems fit, acknowledge the services of a Brother to Freemasonry in general, or to this Lodge in particular, by electing him an Honorary Member in accordance with the provisions of Rule 142 of B. of C.

Article III. REGULAR MEETINGS

5. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Mahalakshmi Layout Residents Forum, Sambrama Hall, Opposite Mahalakshmi Layout Post Office, Hasya Chakravarthi Narasimharaju Road, Mahalakshmi Layout, Bangalore - 560 086, on 4th Saturday of each month, at such hour as may be fixed by the Master, until the Lodge has its own premises at a later date.

Article IV. ELECTION AT INSTALLATION MEETINGS

6. The Election of the Master, Treasurer and the Tyler, shall take place at the Regular Meeting in May and the Installation of the Master Elect in June following.

Article V. EMERGENT MEETINGS

7. The holding of Emergency Meetings (by Dispensation) shall be regulated by provisions of Rule 116 of B. of C.

Article VI. FEES

8. The scale of fees shall be as follows:

- a. Initiation fee of Rs.2000/-
- b. Joining from G.L.I - Rs.2000/-
- c. Joining from other constitution - Rs.2000/-
- d. Candidates getting Initiated during the months Jan to May (including May) shall pay the yearly subscription of Rs.3000/- in addition to GL and RGL dues as payable by all subscribing members.
- e. Candidates getting Initiated during June to Dec (including Dec) shall pay Rs.1500/- in addition to GL and RGL dues as payable by all subscribing members.

Article VII. BANK ACCOUNT

9. The Lodge will open and maintain its Bank Accounts as it may deem necessary with nationalized bank/s or any other bank/s recognized by Reserve Bank of India with the Treasurer of the Lodge being a constant signatory along with either the Ruling Worshipful Master or the Secretary being second signatories.

Article VIII. SUBSCRIPTION

10. The subscription shall be payable on yearly basis in advance.

- a. Resident Member yearly subscription of Rs.3000/- consisting of Rs. 1000 for General Fund and Rs. 1500 for Refreshment Fund and Rs. 500 for Benevolence Fund . In addition GLI and RGL dues shall be paid as per actuals
- b. Non-Resident Member shall pay in year Single instalment a sum of Rs.1500/- in Jan every year consisting of Rs. 1000 For General Fund and Rs. 500 for Benevolence . In addition GLI and RGL dues shall be paid as per actuals

11. Any member allowing his dues to remain unpaid till the end of May shall receive intimation from the Secretary by Registered Post to last known address and if the arrears are not cleared off within 30 days from the date of receipt of the date of intimation will be liable for cessation under Rule 124 of B. of C. which shall be strictly enforced.

The cost of such Registered notice shall be debited to the Member's account. The same is applicable to Non-Resident Members.

12. Should any Brother who has been ceased wish to re-join, he must be balloted for and pay full joining fee and all arrears due by him.

Article IX. PROPOSING MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES

13. The Law in the Book of Constitutions regarding Proposing, Joining, Making, Passing Et Raising Members shall be strictly enforced (Rules 132 to 147 of the B. of C.) and no candidate for Initiation or Joining shall be balloted for until he has signed the Declaration as set forth in Rule 136 and 137 of the B. of C. respectively, and has been duly proposed and seconded by a member of this Lodge. All such applications shall in the first instance be referred to the Permanent Committee for the purpose of considering and reporting upon them. The Candidate for initiation shall be required to appear before the Permanent Committee for this purpose.
14. Any Brother who has an arrears of subscription for a period of six months and more will not be eligible to propose a candidate.

Article X. BALLOTING

15. No Candidate shall be made a Mason in, or accepted as a member of the lodge unless if on ballot for initiation /joining/rejoining, simple majority of members present and voting in the lodge approve the proposals for such candidate. 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.
16. Candidates and Brethren rejected from Membership may not be proposed until after the lapse of Six months from the date of their First ballot.
17. The Wor. Master will not ballot when the ballot box is taken around. WM will give a casting vote if votes are equal.

Article XI. SECRETARY

18. The Secretary shall be in charge of all Lodge records and books other than the Account Books maintained by the Treasurer.

Article XII. TREASURER

19. The Treasurer will maintain the Lodge accounts, issue receipts and sign cheques along with either the Master or the Secretary. He will present the accounts in the Open Lodge in every Regular Meeting

Article XIII Tyler

20. The Tyler, a serving Bro. is elected under Rule 93 of the B. of C., shall be paid such fees as the Lodge may from time to time decide.

Article XIV PERMANENT COMMITTEE

21. The Permanent Committee shall comprise of the Master, all P.M.s of and in the Lodge, the Wardens and all Officers of the year except the Stewards and the Tyler. Three shall form a quorum. The Master shall preside. In the absence of the Master, the I.P.M. or the next senior in rank will preside. A record of all the proceedings will be signed by the Chairman who shall have a casting vote in case of an equal division of opinion.
22. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be checked by the committee monthly and the report of the committee shall be read in Open Lodge at the next Regular Meeting and submitted to the Lodge for consideration.
23. The Permanent Committee shall meet once a month on the Day of Regular Meeting that is 4th Saturday, One hour before the Regular Meeting.

Article XV AUDIT COMMITTEE

22. The Annual Audit Committee (Rule 9 of the B. of C.) shall be appointed by the Lodge at the Regular Meeting in May each year.

Article XVI PROPOSITIONS AND VOTING

23. No Propositions shall be put to the Lodge when assembled, unless it is proposed by one member and seconded by another.
24. An amendment, however, duly proposed and seconded, may be made to any proposition. In this case the amendment shall be put first; if negative unless other amendments be proposed, the original proposition shall be put to the vote; but if the amendment be carried, the original proposition shall be considered lost.
25. No motion shall be brought forward for consideration of which notice was not given in the summons convening the meeting, emergencies excepted.
26. In the event of there being an equality of votes on any question to be decided by a majority, the Master shall give a casting vote. No question once decided shall be raised a second time, until Six months have elapsed after its first discussion or the Lodge by a Two Third majority otherwise direct

Article XVII RELIEF

27. Immediately before closing the Lodge the Charity Box shall be circulated. The sum contributed shall be declared to the Brethren by the Secretary and shall be credited to the Benevolent fund.

Article XVIII CONSTITUTIONS

28. In all respects members of the Lodge shall abide by and strictly conform to the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of India as embodied in the Book of Constitutions.

Article XIX BYE - LAWS

29. No alterations or additions to these Bye-Laws shall be made but by a majority of votes taken on a motion submitted in writing, and included in the summons of the meetings.
30. These Bye-Laws shall not be abrogated, amended or altered unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been read and approved by one Regular Meeting and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting. The change shall not become effective until subsequently approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Master.
31. In the event of any abrogation, amendment or revision of any Bye-Law or Bye-Laws, the Secretary shall provide each member with a copy thereof after approval by the R.W. Regional Grand Master of Southern India and by the M.W. the Grand Master.
32. Every member of the Lodge on joining is to be presented with a copy of these Bye-Laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the Rules contained therein.

Bye-Laws of Lodge North Star No.379 G.L.I was adopted at the Consecration Meeting held on 26th April 2013

Secretary

W.Master

Junior Warden

Senior Warden