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Preamble

Whereas it appears proper and necessary to us, to draft our Bye-laws, we, the Members of LODGE KAKINADA, No. 199, do hereby establish and subscribe to the following Bye-laws:

Object of Bye-Laws

1. These Bye-laws are established with the object of assisting in the well-ruling and

governing of the Lodge according to Ancient Custom and in conformity with the Constitutions of the Antient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons under the Grand Lodge of India

Headings

2. The Headings are for convenience of reference only and are not to effect the construction of these Rules nor to form any part thereof.

Membership

3. The Members of the Lodge shall consist of three classes viz.. 1) Resident, 2) Non-Resident, 3) Honorary.

4. Resident Members are those who reside within the 12 miles radius of Kakinada and include those residing outside the said limit and who apply to be transferred to the Resident list.

5. Non-Resident Members are those who reside beyond 12 miles radius of Kakinada and shall apply to be transferred to the Non-Resident list.

6. Honorary Members shall be elected in accordance with Rule 142 the of B. of C.

Admission and Retirement of Members

7. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated and no Brother shall be admitted as a Joining Member of the Lodge if, on the ballot, two black balls or more appear against him.

8. The Master may if he is of the opinion that a mistake may have been made in the ballot, cause a second ballot to be taken forthwith which shall be final.

9. A candidate rejected for initiation or joining shall not be again proposed in the

Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of last ballot.

10. Any Resident Member whose subscription for a period of six months or more and any Non-Resident Member whose subscription for one year or more remains unpaid shall be liable to exclusion under the provisions of Rule 156 of the B. of C.

11. Members who are in default in payment of their subscription of more than three months after their becoming due, shall be deprived, while in default, of all rights of Voting, Proposing or Seconding Candidates and being Appointed or Elected to Offices, under the provisions of Rule 121 of the B. of C.

Regular Meetings

12. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Rotary Service Centre,

Kakinada, on the last Saturday of every month at such hour as the Master may direct.

13. Summons for convening the Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.

Election and Installation

14. The Master shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Meeting in August and the Master Elect shall be installed at the next Regular Meeting in September.

15. The Tyler (if a Serving Brother) shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in August.

As per Amendments to the B. of C. of G. L. I. the Treasurer of a Daughter Lodge will have to be elected by ballot at the Election Meeting of the Lodge.

Subscription

16. The monthly subscription of a Resident Member shall be Rs. 8/- payable on the 1st day of every month and of a Non-Resident Member shall be Rs. 60/- per annum payable yearly and in advance.

And in case a Resident Member pays in lumpsum for one year from 1st September of the year to 31st August of the subsequent year, an amount of Rs. 85/- shall be paid in advance on or before 30th November of the year.

Visitors

17. The admission of Visitors shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 104 to 106 of the B. of C.

Fees

18. The following shall be the Fees payable in advance :

Initiation (including cost of Apron and Ritual)	... Rs. 250/-
Joining	... 65/-
Joining from another Constitution	... 75/-
Re-joining	... 35/-

19. The holding of Emergency Meetings (by dispensation) shall be regulated by Rule 116 of the B. of C.

20. Where an Emergency Meeting is held for the sole purpose of conferring a Degree at the request and for the convenience of a Candidate or Candidates, the Lodge may require from such Candidate or Candidates a total sum not exceeding Rs 40/- towards expenses of the meeting.

Charity Fund

21. The Charity Fund shall be maintained by donations and voluntary subscriptions from Members and visitors and by transfer of 2% of the monthly subscriptions collected for purpose of Charity, to the Charity Fund.

Building Fund

22. A separate Building Fund should be maintained from the General Fund by transfer of 10% of the monthly subscriptions.

23. A sum of Rs. 25/- from the General Fund of the Lodge, shall be annually placed at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress. In case the Master exercises this privilege, he shall report the circumstances at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge; otherwise the sum shall, at the close of the year, be carried to the Charity account.

Steward Fund

24. The Steward Fund shall be maintained from the contributions from the Initiates and Joining Members and 15% of the subscription from the General Funds. Every Initiate and Joining Member should contribute Rs 50/- towards Steward Fund along with the Fees. This Fund should be used for the monthly banquets and other refreshments.

Propositions

25. Any member of the Lodge desiring to make a motion therein, or to submit any matter for its consideration at any Regular Meeting thereof, shall give notice in writing to the Secretary, of the text of such intended motion of the precise nature of such matter, not less than fourteen days before the meeting. No such motion or matter shall be dealt within the Lodge, unless such

notice has been given, except by special leave of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

26. No motion the substance of which the Lodge has already considered and decided upon shall again be brought forward or otherwise discussed, save at the instance of the Master, or after the expiration of three months from the date of such consideration or decision.

27. Two-thirds of the members present at the Meeting may allow to be introduced or discussed at any Regular Meeting of the Lodge, without notice, which they shall consider to be urgent.

28. Nothing in the foregoing Rules shall require notice to be given of any motion to adopt or otherwise deal with any report or recommendation of any Committee of the Lodge.

Committees

29. At the Regular Meeting in September the Lodge shall appoint a Standing Committee consisting of the Master, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer, all Past Masters and two Members.

30. At the Regular Meeting in July the Lodge shall appoint an Audit Committee referred to in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions. The Treasurer shall not be a member of this Committee.

31. The duties of the Standing Committee appointed by the Lodge shall be to enquire about and report on candidates for Initiation and Joining, to inspect and check all the property of the Lodge at least once a year and to submit at the S. C. Meeting in August before Installation of the Master-Elect, in September for adoption an annual report of the financial condition of the

Lodge and also budget estimate for the ensuing year and upon general questions affecting the Lodge during the period under review which after approval of S. C. circulate to all members one month before its approval.

32 The Secretary of the Lodge shall be Ex-Officio Secretary of all the Committees appointed by the Lodge.

33. All the Correspondence from members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

34 As per Rule 86 of the B. of C. the Secretary and Tyler shall be exempted from payment of their monthly subscriptions if they so desire and the Lodge shall pay the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge dues on their behalf.

Treasurer's Duties

35. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct, all monies due to or held for the Lodge and deposit the same in the name of the Lodge at a Bank approved by a Resolution of the Lodge and shall make payments as are duly authorised or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. He shall generally conform with the requirements of Rule 129 of the B. of C.

36. The Treasurer shall prepare a Statement of Accounts annually in August showing the exact financial position of the Lodge as on 31st August which Statement shall be verified and audited by the Audit Committee before September meeting.

Tyler

37. The Tyler, if he be a Serving Brother shall receive a fee of such amount per meeting as the Lodge shall from time to time determine. The property and Regalia of the Lodge shall be in his custody subject to the instructions of the Master and the Wardens.

38. It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these Bye-Laws unless the abrogation, amendment with the Summons at which it is to be finally considered and shall have been read and approved of at one Meeting and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge. The change shall not become effective until subsequently approved by the Regional Grand Master of Southern India and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of India

Amendments Proposed on 24-2-1980

Amendments Considered on 29-3-1980

Amendments Approved on 19-4-1980

Amendments Confirmed on 31-5-1980

C. Sitaramiah — W. M.

D. Satish — S. W.

D. S. Appa Rao — J. W.

C. N. Srinivasa Rao — Secretary

Approved by the R. W. The Regional
Grand Master of Southern India
on 18-6-1980

Approved by the Most Worshipful
the Grand Master of India
on 19-7-1980.