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LODGE HYDERABAD

NO. 50 G. L. I.



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HYDERABAD - ANDHRA PRADESH

Date of Warrant: 4th August 1892 A. D.

Founded on 17th June 1892 A. D.

Date of original Charter : 4th August 1892 A.D-
5896 A. L.

Subsequent Charter Grand Lodge of India:
24th November 1961 1883 Saka.

Founder Members

1. Mohd. Mansab Ali	6. Mohamed Abdul Gafoor
2. Rai Hukumchand	7. Bhagatram
3. Syed Iqbal Ali	8. Pandit Tirathram
4. Nawab Moatamid Jung	9. Hafiz Lutfullah
5. Raja Srinivasarao	10. Syed Lutfe Ali
	11. Syed Khaja Hasan.

Lutfulla, Junior Deacon; Agha Syed Abdulla, Tyler. Which Petition with the requisite Certificates therewith produced, having been duly considered in Grand Lodge assembled, they were pleased to ordain a Charter to be issued in the terms under written :

Know Ye therefore ;

That the Most Worshipful The Grand Master Mason of Scotland and the Grand Lodge thereof have constituted, erected and appointed, like as they hereby constitute, erect and appoint the Master Wardens and Brethren above named to be now and in all time coming a true and Regular Lodge of free and accepted Masons, under the name, style and title of Hyderabad, Chudderghaut, Deccan, and appoint and ordain all regular Lodges to hold and respect them as such, giving, granting and committing to them or those to be afterwards admitted members of the said Lodge full power and authority to meet, assemble and convene as a regular Lodge; and to enter Apprentices, pass Fellow crafts, and raise Master Masons, upon payment of such compositions for the support of the Lodge, as they shall see convenient, but which compositions at their initiation shall not be under the sum of one pound twelve shillings and six pence, sterling. And with power also annually to elect and choose Masters, Wardens, and other Office Bearers, recommending to the Brethren of the said Lodge to reverence and obey their Superiors, in all things lawful, honest; as becometh the honor and harmony of Masonry; And the said Brethren becoming bound, on

Warrant of Constitution of
Lodge Hyderabad.

No 787 S. C.

Grand Lodge of Scotland.

To All and sundry to whose knowledge these presents shall come Greeting in God Everlasting. Whereas upon the fourth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two years, a Petition was presented to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, in name of Mansab Ali; Hukum Chund; Syed Ikbal Ali; Kazum Ali; S. Ali Bilgrami; Mohamad Abdul Gafoor; S. Lutff Ali; Bhagat Ram; M. Abdur Rahim, and others; Praying the said Grand Lodge to grant a Charter of Constitution and Erection, in the usual form, for holding a Lodge under the name and title of Hyderabad, Chudderghaut, Deccan, and proposing the persons after mentioned to be the first Office Bearers thereof, viz. Mansab Ali, R. W. Master; Hukum Chund, W. Deputy Master; Syed Ikbal Ali, W. Substitute Master; Motamad Jung, W. Senior Warden; K. Srinivas Rao, W. Junior Warden; Bhagat Ram, Secretary; Mohamad Abdul Gafoor, Treasurer; Tirath Ram, Senior Deacon;

no account to desert their own Lodge; Nor upon any pretext whatever to make any separate Schismatical Meetings, independent of the Master and Wardens, for the time; Nor to introduce any other orders of Masonry than those sanctioned by the Grand Lodge; Nor to collect funds separate from the common stock of their Lodge, to the prejudice of the poor thereof; And declaring that the said Lodge and whole constituent members thereof now and in all time coming shall, by accepting this present **Charter**, be bound in faithful allegiance to the said Grand Lodge as **Head** of the Masonic Body in (Scotland); And shall be obliged to obey and pay due regard to all Acts, Statutes and Regulations of the said **Grand Lodge**, already made and enacted or hereafter to be made and enacted, for the utility, welfare and prosperity of Masonry; And generally to pay and perform whatever is required from them, for the support and dignity of the Grand Lodge; And particularly to account and pay into the funds of the Grand Lodge, at least the sum of eleven shillings and six pence sterling, for each member initiated in their Lodge from and after the date hereof, which sums they shall cause to be annually remitted to the Grand Secretary at Edinburgh, and at the same time transmit to him a list of the names of the members initiated in order that the same may be recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge, and the Brethren of the Lodge shall be bound to record, in the Books of the Lodge (which Books they are hereby authorized and enjoined to keep,) this present **Charter** their own regulations and Bye-laws, minutes of their whole procedure from time to time, so that the same may be

better known and more easily observed by the Brethren, Subject always nevertheless to the review and control of the Grand Lodge; And the said Brethren are hereby required to attend the whole general meeting and quarterly communications of the **Grand Lodge** by their representatives, being their Master and Warden, for the time, or by lawful proxies, in their names (provided such proxies be Master Masons of some established Lodge holding of the Grand Lodge) so that they by their said Representatives, may act and vote in the Grand Lodge and be duly certiorated of the proceedings thereof; Declaring the said Lodge's precedence in the Grand Lodge to be from the date hereof; And, for the more effectual preservation of these presents, the same are hereby appointed to be recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge.

Given at the **Grand Lodge of Scotland** held in Free Masons' Hall in the **City of Edinburgh** the fourth day of August in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two; And of Light five thousand eight hundred and ninety six years — By the Right Honourable George Arden, Earl of Haddington, Most Worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland; Colonel Sir Archibald C Campbell of Blythswood, Baronet, M P., Right Worshipful Past Grand Master; Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, M. P., Right Worshipful Grand Master Depute; the Right Honourable Lord Saltoun, Right Worshipful Substitute Grand Master; J. Dalrymple Duncan Esquire, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; Lieut-Colonel John Camp-

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 our Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or consistent 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 all 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 all 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 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 24th day of November 1961, corresponding to 3rd Agrahayana 1883 S. E.

(Sd.) P. M. SUNDARAM,
Grand Secretary.

(Sd.) RAZA ALI KHAN,
Grand Master,

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BY LAWS
OF

Lodge Hyderabad No. 50 G. L. I.

CONSTITUTION

1. Charter: Lodge Hyderabad was duly constituted under a provisional Warrant granted by the Most Worshipful the Grandmaster of All-Scottish Freemasonry, and regulary opened on the 17th day of June 1892 and the Warrant was subsequently confirmed under a Charter from the Grant Lodge of Scotland dated the 4th day of August 1892 A, D. and 5896 A. L.

2. This Lodge having opted to the Grand Lodge of India was struck off the rolls of the Scottish Constitution and was entered on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of India on its consecration on 24th November 1961 and was numbered 50 G. L. I.

OFFICERS

3. The regular officers of the Lodge shall be the Master, the Immediate Past Master; the two Wardens, a Treasurer, a Secretary, two Deacons, Inner Guard and a Tyler.

4. The Master may also appoint the following additional officers:—

A Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Asst. Director of Ceremonies, an Almoner Bearers of Volumes of Sacred Law, a Sword Bearer, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary and a Steward or Stewards but no others.

5. No brother can hold more than one regular office in the Lodge at one and the same time, but the Master may appoint a Brother who is holding a regular office to one additional office also,

MEETINGS

6. The Lodge shall meet at Goshamahal Baradari, Hyderabad A. P. on 3rd Friday of every month at such hour as Worshipful Master may direct.

7. If any emergent meeting be called for the conferment of Degrees, the brother for whose benefit it is called shall pay all the expenses thereof.

8. The summons for each meeting shall be issued by the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting.

MEMBERS

9. The Lodge shall consist of Resident, non-Resident and Honorary Members. Resident members are those who reside within the Municipal limits of Hyderabad, Secunderabad and the adjoining Cantonment Areas. Resident members who are invalid, or infirm or disabled and unable to attend the meetings of the Lodge shall on application be charged a monthly

subscription as of a non-Resident member subject to the approval of the Lodge. They shall, however, be charged the prescribed fee of a Resident member for the month/montns in which they attend the meetings of the Lodge.

10. Non-Resident members shall include such members as may reside beyond the aforesaid limits and whose names at their own request have been placed on the list of Non-Resident Members and also those Resident members who may be absent from the Station for three months or longer and have previously intimated in writing to the Secretary or in open Lodge their intention to be absent. Non-Resident members shall immediately they change their residence to a place within the aforesaid limits automatically become Resident members.

11. The regular office-bearers shall not be entitled to have their names placed on the absent list.

12. Honorary members are those who are elected as such in accordance with the provision of Rule 141 of the Book of Constitutions.

13. **Clothing:** Members must provide themselves with clothing at their own cost. Officers alone will be clothed at the expense of the Lodge.

Admissions & Resignation of Members :

14. No candidate shall be initiated or admitted for membership, if at the ballot, two black balls

appear against him. 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. It shall be final.

15. No candidate for initiation or brother for membership, once rejected, shall be again eligible for admission until the expiration of six calender months from the date of his last ballot.

16. Any members desiring to resign the Lodge shall notify his desire in open Lodge or by letter to the Secretary and on the Treasurer certifying that he has paid up all his dues, he shall be furnished with a "no demand" certificate.

BALLOT & VOTING

17. For the purpose of ballot, the ballot box shall be placed in the Centre of the Lodge and the brethren shall vote in the order in which they may be seated at the time of voting, commencing at the S. E. Corner, the Worshipful Master voting last. No member shall be permitted to vote by proxy.

FEES & SUBSCRIPTION

18. Fees shall be paid as follows :

For all three Degrees in lumpsum :	Rs. 140
Joining from a Lodge under other Constituencies.	Rs. 40

Joining or Re-joining from a Lodge under Indian Constitution :	Rs. 20
Subscription from resident members monthly :	Rs. 5
Subscription from Non-resident members monthly :	Rs. 2/50

19. All fees must be paid in advance.

20. Any member whose dues for over three months are in arrears shall not be eligible to be appointed to any office in the Lodge, or to voter for, or propose, or second a candidate for initiation, or a brother for joining or re-joining.

21. Any member who shall premit his dues to fall into arrears for 6 months, shall be served with a Registered Notice from the Secretary that if the arrears are not paid within one month from the date of such notice, he will be treated as a defaulter, and dealt with as provided in Rule 155, Book of Constitutions.

FUNDS OF THE LODGE

22, The moneys of the Lodge shall be held under the following distinct heads :

- i) The General Fund
- ii) The Benevolent Fund.
- i) The General Fund.

23. i) The General Fund :- Monthly subscription paid by the members of the Lodge as well as all the other moneys not otherwise specifically allotted shall be credited to General Fund. Payment from the Fund except for routine purposes can be made only by a resolution of the Lodge.

24. ii) The Benevolent Fund:— Every resident and absent member shall pay in addition to the monthly Subscription to which he is liable one Rupee quarterly to the Benevolence fund which shall be solely devoted to charitable purposes.

25. The Funds shall be held by the Treasurer and payment therefrom shall, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, be disbursed under direction of the Worshipful Master with approval of the Lodge.

26. A sum of Rs. 50/- annually shall always be held at the disposal of the Worshipful Master to meet emergent cases of distressed. Disbursement made by the Master shall be reported to the Lodge at the next regular meeting held after such disbursement.

DEBATES

27. No motion shall be put to the Lodge until it has been duly seconded; it may be opposed by dissent or by a proposed amendment.

28. Every member desiring to speak must address the Worshipful Master in calm and decorous language, in a standing position and in the manner usual among Masons according to the Degree in which the Lodge is working at the time.

29. No member shall be entitled to speak more than once on the subject under discussion unless strictly in explanation or, if he be the proposer of a motion, by way of reply, Any member may be permitted to speak at any time by the Worshipful

30. The Worshipful Master shall have power, at any stage of any discussion, to summarily stop its being proceeded with, and to reprimand any brother violating the foregoing Rules.

CONDUCT IN LODGE

31. At the first stroke of the Worshipful Master's gavel, there shall be general silence in the Lodge and no member shall move from his seat while the Lodge is at work.

32. The Wardens shall not leave their respective posts without the premission of the Worshipful Master and only after being regularly relieved.

33. No brother shall quit the Lodge while it is at work except by leave of the Worshipful Master.

Election, Installation and Duties of Officers of Lodge

34. The Worshipful Master and the Tyler shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in

accounts of all funds of the Lodge to the end of December of each year for verification and audit by the committee referred to in Bye-Law No. 42 infra. The banking account of the Lodge shall be operated under joint signatures of the Treasurer and of the Secretary or the Worshipful Master.

39. The Treasurer shall not retain in his possession at any time more than Rs. 20/-. All sums above this amount must be deposited with the Bank in the name of the Lodge.

40. The Treasurer's books shall be open at all regular meetings for inspection by members of the Lodge.

TYLER

41. The Tyler, if a subscribing member, shall be exempt from payment of subscription to the Lodge. The Tyler, if a serving brother, shall be paid one rupee for each degree conferred in the Lodge and shall be paid Rs. 10/- per month for his services. He shall be responsible for cleanliness of the Lodge and its furniture, for the correct management of the latter at the meetings and for the careful custody of all Lodge property, after the meeting.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

42. The Audit Committee shall consist of three members of the Lodge who shall be elected by the Lodge annually at the regular meeting in December.

43. The Committee shall verify and audit the annual accounts of all the "Funds" of the Lodge.

STANDING COMMITTEE

44. The Standing Committee shall consist of the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, and all Past Masters and Past Wardens and three other members elected by the Lodge at the regular meeting in December, who are resident members.

45. Any five members present at a meeting shall form a quorum.

46. The Standing Committee shall meet as often as it is necessary at the discretion of the Worshipful Master to consider and report upon all proposals for membership of the Lodge as well as Lodge matters generally or to enquire into and report upon any matter referred by Worshipful Master to it.

47. The Standing Committee shall once in every year inspect and verify the Lodge records and property as per the inventory maintained by the Treasurer and make a report on the inspection to the Lodge.

48. The Standing Committee may invite a member before it to obtain information on any matter referred to it by the Worshipful Master.

49. The Standing Committee shall submit a

report of all its proceedings, which shall be read in Lodge at the regular meeting of the Lodge following the meeting of the Standing Committee discussed and disposed in the usual form.

GENERAL

50. In the event of a brother lodging a complaint against another on any Masonic matter, such complaint may, at the discretion of the Worshipful Master, be referred to the Standing Committee for enquiry and report.

51. The Bye-Laws of Lodge shall be read once a year in open Lodge at the election meeting, in December or at any other meeting as the Worshipful Master may consider proper.

52. Any brother found to have infringed any of these Bye-Laws may be dealt with as the Lodge may think fit, subject to the Constitution.

53. The Bye-Laws shall be printed at the expenses of the Lodge and each member shall be furnished with a copy.

54. The consumption of alchoholic drinks shall strictly be prohibited at any Meeting of the Lodge.

VISITOR

55. It is within the power of the Master of the Lodge to refuse admission to any visitor of

known bad character or whose presence is in his opinion likely to disturb the harmony of the Lodge.

56. No Freemason who is not a subscribing member of some Lodge or "Ceased" to be a member or "unattached", will not be allowed to visit more than once in accordance with Rule 104, 105 and 106 of the Book of Constitutions.

57. A brother "excluded" shall not be permitted to visit the Lodge until he becomes a subscribing member of a Lodge.

58. Every visitor must be well vouched for and on his first admission, he must undergo an examination and produce his Grand Lodge certificate or satisfactory account for his inability to do so.

PROPERTY OF THE LODGE

59. Property of every description appertaining to the Lodge shall be entered in an inventory which shall be kept by the Treasurer. Such inventory shall, on their assuming the office, be verified by the Worshipful Master and Wardens as Trustees under the Constitutions.

BYE-LAWS

60. No alteration can be made in and no new article added to these Bye-Laws unless proposed and seconded by a member in open Lodge; and any alteration or addition to the Bye-Laws must be made in

writing, which shall bear the signatures of the proposer and seconder and shall be read in open Lodge by the Secretary and notified for consideration at the next regular meeting.

61. No new Bye-Laws shall be added or old one altered or abrogated without the concurrence of two-third of the members present in the Lodge at such a meeting.

The above revised Bye-Laws were considered in the open Lodge on 20th Aprial 1962 and were unanimously confirmed at the regular meeting held on 18th May, 1962.

(S. Raza Ali)
Worshipful Master

(Syed Ali Mohamed)
Senior Warden

(Syed Ahmed Abdul Qadir)
Junior Warden

(Sardar Gurmukh Singh)
Secretary

(G. A. Waheed)
Assistant Secretary

Approved by the M. W. the Grand Master.

New Delli
16th July 1966.

Sd : P. M. Sundarm.
Grand Secretary.