



University Lodge No.142 GLI

Visakhapatnam

BYE-LAWS  
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### PREAMBLE

Whereas it appears proper and necessary to us, to revise and redraft our Bye-laws, we are members of the Lodge University No. 142 GLI on the Register of the Grand Lodge of India do hereby establish and subscribe to the following Revised Bye-laws.

### OBJECT OF BYE-LAWS

1. These Bye-laws are established with the object of assisting in the well ruling and government of the Lodge according to Ancient Custom and in conformity with the constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons under Grand Lodge of India.

### MEMBERSHIP

2. The Membership of the Lodge shall consist of three classes – Viz (1) Resident (2) Non-Resident and (3) Honorary.

3. Resident Members are those who reside within the Municipal limits of Visakhapatnam and include those residing outside the said limit and who apply to be transferred to the resident list.

4. Non-Resident Members are those who reside in and around the Municipal limits of Visakhapatnam and shall

be transferred to the Non-Resident list on application and clearing the dues.

5. Honorary Members shall be elected in accordance with rule 142 of B of C. ADMISSION AND RETENFIEMENT OF MEMBERS.
6. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated and no brother shall be admitted as ajoining members of the Lodge, if on ballot, two black balls or more appears against him.
7. The Master may, if he is of the opinion, that a mistake may have been in the ballot cause a second ballot to be taken forth with which shall be final.
8. 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 the last ballot.
9. Any Resident member whose subscription for a priod of six months or more and any non-Resident member whose subscription for one year or more remain unpaid shall be liable to exclusion.
10. Members who are in default in payment of their subscription of more than three months after their becoming due shall be deprived, while so in default, of all rights of voting, proposing or seconding candidates and being appointed or elected to office under the provisions of Rule 121 of the B of C.

11. A member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary, or orally in the open Lodge, in accordance with Rule 183, Book of Constitutions, and shall be entitled to the certificate in Rule 175, B of C, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge.
12. A member who has resigned or has ceased to be a member under Rule 124 B of C, has been excluded for nonpayment of due shall be permitted to rejoin, with his rejoining fee but shall be subjected to a fresh proposition and ballot according to Rule 137, 131 of B of C.

## **SUBSCRIPTION**

13. The following shall be the fees payable in advance. Initiation (including apron and ritual book) Rs. 2000/- Joining from the same constitution or another constitution or rejoining Rs. 1500/-.
14. The monthly subscription of a member shall be Rs. 300/- payable in every month and a non-resident member shall be Rs. 1500/- per annum payable in advance. However any member who wishes to pay the annual subscription in one installment in advance in the month of January of the year, he can do so by paying Rs. 3000/-.

## **EGULAR MEETINGS**

15. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Hamilton Memorial Masonic Temple, Beach Road, Visakhapatnam on the Fourth Friday of every month at such hour as the master shall direct from time to time.
16. Summons for convening the regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days prior to such meetings.
17. 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 candidate or candidates shall meet the expenses.

## **ELECTION AND INSTALLATION**

18. The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Meeting in December and the Master Elect and Treasurer shall be installed and invested respectively at the next regular Meeting in January. The Tyler (if not a serving brother) shall be elected at the Regular meeting in January.

## **CHARITY FUND**

19. The Charity fund shall be maintained by donation and voluntary subscription from the members and visitors.

## **BUILDING FUND**

20. A separate building fund should be maintained from the rents realized on the guest house, banqueting hall etc. The fund should be spent for the purpose of the maintenance and repairs of the building and for the payment of all taxes and charges payable thereon.

## **PROPOSITIONS**

21. 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 terms of such intended motion, of the precise nature of such matter, not less than fourteen days before such 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.
22. No motion of 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.
23. 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, any business or motion, which they consider to be urgent

24. 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**

25. At the Regular meeting in January Lodge shall appoint a standing committee consisting of the Master, Wardens, the Secretary, the Treasurer, all past masters in the Lodge and two other Master Masons.
26. At the Regular meeting in December the Lodge shall appoint Audit committee referred to in rule 120 of the Book of constitutions. The Treasurer shall not be member of this committee.
27. The Secretary of the Lodge shall be ex-officio secretary to all committees appointed by the Lodge.

## **SECRETARY DUTIES**

28. All the correspondence from members of the lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

## **TREASURER'S DUTIES**

29. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and account books of the Lodge. He shall receive direct all monies due to or held for the Lodge and open the same in the name of the Lodge in a Bank

approved by a resolution of the Lodge and shall make payments as are duly authorized or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. He shall generally confirm with the requirements of Rule 125 of B of C.

30. The Treasurer shall prepare a statement of accounts annually in December showing the exact financial position of the Lodge as on 31<sup>st</sup> December which statement shall be duly verified and audited by the audit committee before January meeting.

#### TYLER

31. The Tyler if he be a serving member shall be exempt from payment of entrance fee and subscription and shall also 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 instruction of the Master and Wardens.
32. It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these Bye-Laws unless a notice of the abrogation, amendment or alteration is sent for the meeting 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 changes shall not become effective until subsequently approved by the Regional Grand master of Southern India and the Most worshipful Grand Master of India.

Passed and approved in the open lodge and thereafter approved by the Grand Lodge of India.

Sd/-  
Worshipful Master

Sd/-  
Secretary

At Visakhapatnam on the 25<sup>th</sup> day after February 2018