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BYE - LAWS

OF

LODGE PRERANA

No. 313 G. L. I.

2012

MASONIC VALLEY, KAVOOR, MANGALORE - 575 015



## PREFACE

*The rules of the Lodge Prerana No. 313 Bye-Laws, were printed, published and circulated in 1998.*

*The revised and amended copy of the Bye-Laws were regularly proposed and seconded in the Open Lodge at a regular meeting held on 7th January 2012 passed at a regular meeting held on 11th February 2012 and confirmed at a regular meeting held on 10th March 2012*

*These were approved by the R.W. the Regional Grand Master on 23.04.2012 and approved by the M.W. the Grand Master on 07.05.2012 and the Second Edition of the Lodge Prerana Bye-Laws is now printed and circulated as the current Bye-Laws of the Lodge Prerana No. 313.*

Sd/-  
05.12.2012 R. W. Bro. Dr. K. S. Prabhakar Rao  
Convenor

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Bro. K. Dinesh Rao W. Bro. Dr. Janardhana Ramesh Kamath  
Secretary Worshipful Master

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(Framed under Rule 111 of the Book of Constitution GLI. 1993)

### **1. Members :**

The members of the Lodge shall comprise of the two categories:

(a) Members

(b) Honorary Members

Explanation I : Members shall pay the Subscription as prescribed in the Bye-laws.

Explanation II : Honorary Members are those who are elected as such for services rendered to Masonry in general of, to this lodge Prerana in particular.

### **2. Days of Meeting and Venue :**

- (i) The Regular Monthly meeting at the Lodge shall be held on the Second Saturday in every month at 6-30 P.M. at the Freemason's Hall, Masonic Valley, Bolpugudde, Kavoore, Mangalore - 575 015, but it may be held at some other day or place under dispensation from the Regional Grand Lodge. The meeting can be called at an earlier hour, if necessary provided separate circular on the summons is also sent to every member.
- (ii) Summons for convening the Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.

### **3. Subscription and Fees :**

- (i) Every member shall pay to the Treasurer the following dues of the lodge, as mentioned in schedule 3 III d, e, f. actuals of which may be changed and presented from time to time and approved in the open lodge. A member in arrears of subscription for a period of one year will be under automatic cessation as per Rule No. 124 of the Book of Constitution. He also ceases to be a member other lodges under G.L.I. In addition a member shall pay Rs.10,000/- towards building fund while joining the lodge as one time contribution. The dues may be paid in cash or crossed cheque drawn in favour of "Lodge Prerana No. 313".

- (ii) The dues payable to the Lodge towards subscription, Steward Fund and towards Building Fund may be changed after discussion in the Standing Committee, proposed in the open lodge and passed by a 2/3 majority of the members present and voting during a regular meeting of the lodge or during an Emergency meeting of the lodge when called for the purpose.

- (iii) The following fees shall be payable in advance in every case, before initiation, joining & rejoining.

(a) for Initiation	Rs. 1,000/- (One Thousand)
(b) for joining from Foreign Constitution	Rs. 750/- (Seven hundred & Fifty)
(c) for joining & rejoining	Rs. 500/- (Five Hundred)
(d) Stewards Fund Account:	Rs. 1,450/-
(e) Subscription for the year	Rs. 1,350/-
(f) Actuals of GLI and RGL dues	
(g) Donation for building fund A/c. of Masonic building committee trust as one time contribution	Rs.10,000/-

- (iv) The expenses of any emergency meeting and the dispensation fee, if any, due to the Regional Grand Lodge shall be borne by the brother or brethren at whose instance the meeting is held or dispensation obtained.

#### 4. Admission of Members :

- (i) Every proposition for initiation or joining or rejoining shall be made in open lodge.
- (ii) The proposition together with the declaration shall be referred to the standing committee for consideration and report to the lodge.
- (iii) Subject to the provisions of Rule 135 of the Book of Constitutions G.L.I., no candidate shall be initiated in or admitted or re-admitted into the lodge until he shall have been regularly proposed and seconded at a regular meeting and balloted for at the next Regular Meeting.

- (iv) When the ballot takes place for the election of a candidate for initiation or joining or rejoining of a Brother, as required under rule 140 of B of C unless if on the ballot two thirds or more of the members present and voting in the lodge approve the proposal the proposition shall be rejected

- (v) If a candidate for initiation, joining or rejoining is rejected by the ballot, he shall not again be proposed until six months have elapsed after the date of the unfavourable ballot.

#### 5. Resigning and Defaulting Members:

- (i) Any member desirous of resigning from the Lodge shall signify the same in writing to the Secretary before the regular meeting in a month, or announce it in open lodge.
- (ii) A brother resigning his membership relinquishes his rights in the Lodge, and shall be re-admitted only on payment of arrears if any and re-joining fees subject to passing the ballot.
- (iii) When the subscription of any member falls into arrears to the extent up to six months, he shall be liable for exclusion in accordance with Rule 156 - Book of constitution G.L.I.
- (iv) Should the subscription of a member remain unpaid for one full year he shall cease to be a member of the Lodge, as per Rule 124 of the Book of Constitution G.L.I.

#### 6. Election of Master, Tyler and Treasurer :

The Master, Tyler and the Treasurer shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in March every year

#### 7. Installation Meeting :

The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in the month of April every year.

#### 8. Duties of Tyler :

He shall be in charge of all paraphernalia belonging to the lodge and be responsible for the proper preservation thereof and shall keep an inventory of it, countersigned by the Master



once a year after his Installation. When the Services of a Serving Brother cannot be procured, the duty shall be performed in rotation by the members of the Lodge who are not holding a Regular Office.

#### 9. Property and Funds of the Lodge

Property of every kind belonging to the Lodge (including the Warrant, Jewels, Regalia and Archives) shall be considered as vested in the Master, and the Wardens for the time being in Trust for the members of the Lodge, and a regular inventory of the whole shall be entered in a separate book and examined by each Master after his installation. No property of the lodge shall be sold or otherwise disposed of, except by resolution of the Brethren in open lodge.

#### 10. Charity Fund :

- (i) The charity fund of the Lodge shall be maintained by the monthly charity box collection made in the Lodge. Voluntary contributions may also be made by members of the Lodge Prerana and other brethren.
- (ii) The charity fund is intended for the purpose of giving relief to members of this Lodge and their families and for such relief purposes as the Lodge may from time to time decide upon by a majority of not less than two thirds of the members present. Relief may also be given to brethren who were or have been subscribing members of the Lodge Prerana for a period of not less than five consecutive years, or their afflicted widows, mothers and children.
- (iii) Every application for such relief must, in the first instance, be referred by the Lodge to the Standing Committee for consideration and report to the Lodge.

#### 11 Matters Relating to Administration

- (i) Duties of Secretary : The Secretary shall transact all the general business and conduct all the correspondence of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for or notices of all meetings of the

Lodge of Committees, record minutes of their proceedings and keep the register of members and all other registers and records except the accounts kept by the Treasurer. He shall carefully preserve all books and records, and keep a register of all money passing through his hands. He shall promptly prepare the Returns for the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges and forward them in proper time, through the Master, together with all fees and contributions due thereon, to the authorities concerned. The Secretary shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all Committees appointed by the Lodge.

- (ii) Correspondence : All letters from members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.
- (iii) Duties of the Treasurer : The Treasurer's duties shall be as laid down in Rule 129 of Book Constitution G.L.I. but subject also to the following provisions.
  - (a) He shall keep separate Bank Accounts, one for the General fund, one for the Steward fund and another for the Charity fund in a Banks approved by the Lodge, in the name of "Lodge Prerana". All cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz. the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary, the Treasurer being common signatory. Deposit receipts shall be endorsed in favour of the Master or Secretary and from General Fund Account for Lodge Building Improvement and Maintenance. Asum of Rs. 4,000/- per meeting to be paid to Masonic Building Committee
  - (b) Investments for and belonging to the Lodge shall be kept in the name of the Lodge and the relative documents shall be in the custody of a Bank.
  - (c) The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited annually in April before the Annual Installation meeting by an Auditor elected by the Lodge every year. The Treasurer shall place such audited statement of accounts with the Balance sheet before the Standing Committee for approval and the same shall be circulated to the members at the Annual Installation meeting.

- (d) The Official year for purposes of accounting shall be from 1st April to 31st March of the succeeding year..

**12. Bye-laws:**

- (i) As required by the Rule 113 of the Book of Constitution G.L.I., every brother shall be presented by the Master with a printed copy of the bye-laws of the Lodge Prerana free of charge, when he becomes a member and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.
- (ii) The Bye-laws shall be read in open Lodge once every year at such time as the Master may decide. This item shall appear in the Agenda in the summons.
- (iii) It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these Bye-laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one regular meeting, after insertion in the summons, and read and confirmed at the next regular meeting, and subsequently approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master, the Bye-laws must then be printed and a copy sent to the Grand Secretary and the Regional Grand Secretary.

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These Bye Laws were duly adopted at the regular meeting

APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

PLACE: MARTHANDAM,  
DATE: 23-04-2012

  
Regional Grand Master

APPROVED BY R.W. THE GRAND MASTER

PLACE: NEW DELHI  
DATE: 07.05.2012

  
Asst. Grand Secretary