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THE BHEEMILI LODGE  
NO. 338



**BYE - LAWS OF  
THE BHEEMILI LODGE No. 338**

Kapula Uppada, Bheemili.  
Andhra Pradesh

**We the founder members of the Proposed  
"Lodge Bheemili" No. 338 on the Register of the  
Grand Lodge of India do here by establish and  
subscribe to the following Bye - Laws.**

**OBJECT OF BYE - LAWS**

1. These By- 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 the Grand Lodge of India.

**MEMBERSHIP**

2. The members of the Lodge shall consist of four classes viz:-  
(a) Resident (b) Non - Resident (c) Honourary (d) Life
3. Resident members are those who reside within the Revenue District of Visakhapatnam include those residing outside the said limits and who prefer to be in the Resident list.

4. Non- Resident members are those who reside beyond the limits mentioned in the above clause (3)
5. Honourary members shall be elected in accordance with Rule 142A of B of C.
6. Life membership shall be governed by the rule 142A of B of C.

### **ADMISSION & 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, more than one third of the ballot 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 forth with, which shall be final.
9. A candidate rejected for initiation or joining shall not again be proposed in the Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of ballot.
10. Non-payment of Subscription for one full year : Any member, Resident or Non-resident shall cease to be a member, if his subscription to the lodge remains unpaid for one full year at the expiration of the period under Rule 124 of B of C.

1. A brother shall also cease to be a member if he joins lodges not recognised by Grand Lodge of India - vide Rule 124 A of B of C.
2. A member who has resigned or has ceased to be a member under Rule 124 or has been excluded for non-payment of dues, shall be permitted to rejoin only on payment of all former arrears together with rejoining fee and shall be subjected to fresh proposition and ballot according to Rules 137, 138 of B of C.
13. The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held 50% at Kapula Uppada and 50% at Visakhapatnam. On the 4th Sunday of every month at such hour as the Master may direct.
14. Summons for convening the regular meetings of the Lodge shall be issued at least seven days previous to such meetings.
15. The Master shall be elected by ballot at the Election Meeting in July and the Master-Elect shall be installed at the next Installation Meeting in August. The Treasurer and the Tyler (if not a Serving Brother) shall be elected at the Election meeting in September.



## SUBSCRIPTION

16. The monthly subscription of a resident member shall be Rs. 40/- payable on the first day of every month and in case the member pays the subscription in lump sum for the year commencing from 1st day of January to 31st day of December or on before the 31st day of March, the subscription shall be Rs. 400/- per annum and of non-resident member shall be Rs. 250/- payable yearly in advance before the 31st March.

Besides resident members will pay annual dues payable to Grand Lodge of Southern India.

The members shall pay additional fees to building fund, steward fund, magazine fund etc., as may be decided by the Worshipful Master and Standing Committee from time to time.

Further both resident and non-resident PM's through their Mother Lodge and Ruling WM and Wardens shall pay fees of honour to Grand Lodge of India.

## VISITORS

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

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

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| Initiation                                  | Rs. 250/- |
| Joining                                     | Rs. 250/- |
| Joining from another Constitution           | Rs. 250/- |
| Re-joining                                  | Rs. 250/- |
| Miscellaneous (at the time of Installation) | Rs. 50/-  |

Besides the above, subscription as detailed in clause 16 is also payable.

19. The holding of Emergency Meetings (by Dispensation) shall be regulated by Rule 116 of B of C.
20. Where an emergency meetings is held for the sole purpose conferring a Degree at the request and for the convenience of a Candidate or Candidates a total sum not exceeding Rs. 200/- towards expenses of the meetings.

### **CHARITY FUND**

21. The Charity fund shall be maintained by donations and voluntary subscriptions from members and visitor and by transfer of 2% of the monthly subscriptions.
22. The Master shall have powers to spend a sum not exceeding Rs. 1000/- in a year from the general funds of the Lodge, to meet emergent cases of distress. In cases the Master exercises this privilege, he shall report the circumstances at the next regular meeting of the Lodge.

### **BUILDING FUND**

23. A separate Building Fund shall be maintained from the rents released on the guest house Banquetin Hall etc., the fund should be spent for the purpose of the maintenance and repairs of the building and for payment of all taxes and charges payable thereon.

Every initiate and joining/re-joining member shall pay Rs. 1000/- lump sum towards building Fund on his admission into the Lodge.

### **STEWARD FUND**

24. The Steward Fund shall be collected separately along with the subscription. This fund should be used for the monthly banquets and other refreshments.

### **ENDOWMENT FUND**

25. The Lodge may accept Endowment from members and visitors on the recommendation of the Stand Committee. The proceeds of the Endowments shall generally be spent in the manner in which the donor desires.

The purpose of the Fund shall be within the provisions of Masonic principles.

### **PROPOSITIONS**

26. Any member of the Lodge desiring to make a motion therein, or to submit any matter for its consideration at any regular meeting therein, shall give notice in writing to the Secretary 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.

27. No motion the substance of which the Lodge has already considered and decided upon shall again be brought forward or otherwise discussed, save the instance of the Master or after expiry of three months from the date of such consideration of discussion.
28. Two-third of the Members present at the meetings may allow to be introduced or discussed at any regular meeting of the Lodge, without notice, any business or motion. Which they shall consider to be urgent.
29. 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

30. At the Regular Meeting in October the Lodge shall appoint a Standing Committee consisting of the

Principal and Assistant Officers, the Secretary, the Treasurer, all Past Masters and in the Lodge and two other Members.

31. At the Election Meeting in July the Lodge shall appointed Audit Committee referred to in Rule 129 of Book of Constitution. The Treasurer shall not be a member of this committee.
32. The duties of the Standing Committee by the Lodge shall be :-
  - (a) To enquire about and report on candidates for Initiation and Joining.
  - (b) To inspect and check all the property of the Lodge atleast once a year.
  - (c) To prepare an annual report of the estimates for the ensuing year and upon general members for all members for its adoption on the installation. Day of the Master - Elect in September.
33. The Secretary of the Lodge shall be Ex-Officio

Secretary of all committees appointed by the Lodge.

### **SECRETARY's DUTIES**

34. The Secretary shall issue summons and notices for all meetings, record the minutes of all the meetings, attend to all the correspondence of the Lodge and maintain the registers of the Lodge

### **TREASURER's DUTIES**

35. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the monies and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive directly all monies due to or held for 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 confirm with the requirements of Rule 129 of B of C. All Cheques must be signed by any two of the following i.e., worshipful Master, Treasurer or Secretary.

36. The Treasurer shall prepare a statement of

accounts annually in September showing the exact financial position of the Lodge as on 30th September which statement shall be verified and audited by the Audit Committee before meeting.

### **TYLER's DUTIES**

37. The Tyler, if he were 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 subject of the inspection of the Master and Wardens.
38. It shall not be competent for the Brothorn to abrogate, amend or alter these By-Laws unless abrogation, the amendment or alteration shall have been circulated 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 The Grand Master of India.



## **The BYE - LAWS**

were proposed,  
approved and adopted on 31st May, 2003.

(W. Bro. A. P. Chitra)  
Founder Worshipful Master

(W. Bro. K.V. Satyanarayana)  
Organising Secretary

Apporoved and forwarded by the Regional Grand Lodge  
of Southern India.

Date : 04/08/2003

Chennai

(RW. Bro. Dr. B. Biswakumar)  
RW The Regional Grand Master of Southern India

Apporoved by M.W. The Grand Master

Date : 03/09/2003

New Delhi

(Harish Guptha)  
Grand Secretary