

10<sup>th</sup> November, 2010

**LODGE SAATVIK  
BANGALORE**

(Sponsored by Model Lodge No.335 Secunderabad)

(Framed under Rule 111 of the Book of Constitutions of Grand Lodge of India)

**PROPOSED BYE LAWS**

Under the authority granted by the Grand Lodge of India, a Craft Lodge under the name and style of **Lodge SAATVIK** will meet at the Freemasons' Hall, No. 2, Primrose Road, Bangalore - 560 025.

**1. Members:**

There shall be four classes of Members.

- (a) Resident Members: Resident Members are those who ordinarily reside within the Municipal limits of the city of Bangalore or the neighbouring districts, or those who are willing to attend the lodge regularly despite living outside the specified area.
- (b) Non-Resident Members: Non-Resident Members are those who ordinarily reside beyond the Municipal limits of the city of Bangalore or neighbouring districts, or have moved out and have in writing requested to be placed as such, on the list of Non-Resident Members.
- (c) Senior Members: Senior Members are those who have attained the age of 65 years and have in writing requested the Lodge to be placed in the category of a "Senior Member" by virtue of age, financial distress, health condition, etc.
- (d) Honorary Members: Any Brother of good standing worthy of such distinction by reason of his services to the craft or to the particular Lodge who is or within the previous year has been a Subscribing Member of a Regular Daughter Lodge (vide Rule 142 of B. of C., G.L.I.).

Note: If a Non-Resident Member is appointed or elected to a Regular Office in the Lodge, he shall be deemed to have become a Resident Member.

**2. Conversion of Membership from Resident to Non-Resident Status:**

Any Resident Member who ceases to reside within the Municipal limits of the city of Bangalore or neighbouring districts, may be placed on the list of Non-Resident Members on his application to the Secretary in writing with effect from the English Calendar month in which the application is received.

**3. Conversion of Membership from Non-Resident to Resident Status:**


Non-Resident Members residing within the Municipal limits of the city of Bangalore or neighbouring districts for not less than three consequent months shall be transferred to the list of Resident Members with effect from the first month after the month on which the three months' period is completed or on an intimation to the Secretary of the Lodge given in writing, whichever is earlier.

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#### 4. Meetings:

- (a) Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, No.2, Primrose Road, Bangalore - 560 025 on the Third Monday in each month at such hour as the Worshipful Master may fix.
- (b) Emergency Meetings of the Lodge may at any time be called by the authority of the Worshipful Master and the business be strictly in accordance with Rule 116 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India.
- (c) Summons convening the Regular/Emergency Meetings shall be despatched by the Secretary to all members of the Lodge at least Seven days before the date of such meeting.

#### 5. Dress Regulations:

All the Members of the Lodge shall wear Black Suits, White Shirt, Black Tie or Black Bow and Black Shoes while attending any Meetings, either Regular or Emergent.

#### 6. Lodge Colours:

The colour of Regalia worn shall be **Orange**.

#### 7. Initiation, Joining and Re-Joining:

- (a) No candidate for Initiation or Joining shall be initiated or balloted for until he has signed the declaration as set forth under Rules 135 and 137 of the Book of Constitution and has been duly proposed and seconded and all fees payable thereof have been paid.
- (b) Application along with the fee for Initiation or Joining shall be deposited with the Secretary or Treasurer at least seven days before the Meeting at which the Candidate is to be proposed and seconded.
- (c) No candidate shall be Initiated or Joining Member be admitted, except by ballot strictly in accordance with the rulings of the Grand Lodge of India and as prescribed in the Book of Constitutions or by communications from the Board of General Purposes. However, if the Worshipful Master is of the opinion that a mistake may have occurred in the ballot, he may order a second ballot to be taken forthwith and the result of such second ballot shall be accepted as final and binding.
- (d) In all cases of unfavourable ballot, the fees previously paid by the candidate shall be refunded.
- (e) No candidate rejected for Initiation or Membership shall be proposed to the Lodge again, until the expiry of at least six months from the date of last ballot.

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- (a) Fees for Initiation, Passing and Raising (vide Rule 144 of B. of C.) payable with application
- (b) Fee for joining from another Constitution payable with application
- (c) Fee for joining from our own Constitution payable with application
- (d) Fee for re-joining payable with application

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#### 9. Subscription:

- (a) The monthly subscription for Resident and Non-Resident Members will be decided by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of members present in the Lodge with due notice in the Summons. The Current Subscription in the case of Resident Members is Rs.2400/- per annum and in case of Non-Resident Members is Rs.1200/-per annum. GLI and RGL Dues as applicable, to be paid extra by all categories of Members.
- (b) If any member allows his subscription to remain in arrears for three months in the case of Resident Member, for six months in the case of Non-Resident Member, he shall receive intimation from the Treasurer/Secretary by registered letter to the last known address, and if the arrears are not cleared within one month in the case of Resident Member and three months in the case Non-Resident Member, from the date of receipt of the intimation or date of receipt of the registered letter, he shall be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of Book of Constitution.

#### 10. Election:

- (a) The Master of the Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot at the Regular Election Meeting of the Lodge in the month of **November** (vide Rule 87 of B. of C.).
- (b) The Treasurer shall be elected annually by ballot at the Regular Election Meeting in the month of **November** (vide Rule 92 A of the B. of C.).
- (c) The Tyler shall be elected annually by ballot or show of hands at the Regular Election Meeting in the month of **November** (vide Rule 93 of the B. of C.).

#### 11. Installation:

The installation of the Master shall take place at the Regular Installation Meeting of the Lodge in the month of **December** each year.

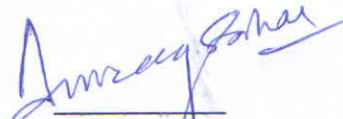
#### 12. Installation Banquets:

All expenses of the installation meeting including banquets shall be borne by the Master Elect. The Master Elect shall be reimbursed Rs.100/- per subscribing member from the Refreshment Fund.

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### 13. Officers:

- (a) The Regular Officers of the Lodge shall be the Master, the Immediate Past Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Inner Guard and Tyler (vide Rule 86 of B. of C.).
- (b) The Master may appoint additional Officers: a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Almoner, Bearers of Vs. of S.L., a Sword Bearer, an Organist, an Assistant Secretary and Stewards but no others (vide Rule 86 of B. of C.).
- (c) The Master may appoint a Brother who is holding a Regular Office to one additional office also (vide Rule 86 of B. of C.).

### 14. Secretary:

The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence, issue summonses for all the meetings, record minutes of the proceedings, and make due returns to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge. He shall also be the Ex-Officio Secretary of the Advisory Committee.

The Secretary along with the outgoing incumbent in the said office shall every year soon after taking charge of his office but not later than the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge, prepare an inventory of articles, books and records of the Lodge and sign the same, countersigned by the Worshipful Master and the Immediate Past Master.

The Secretary shall also keep in safe custody all records and take charge of the Lodge Seal.

The Secretary shall make payments for petty contingent expenses for which purpose he shall receive an advance of not more than Rs.1,000/- from the Treasurer from time to time.

The Secretary shall be the Ex-Officio Secretary to all Committees.

### 15. Treasurer:

- (a) The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit the funds in the name of the Lodge with a Scheduled Bank duly approved by a Resolution of the Lodge.
- (b) The Treasurer shall keep separate Accounts of General Fund, Benevolent Fund and the Refreshment Fund of the Lodge. The Treasurer will allocate the funds as follows:

|                  | Resident Members   | Non-Resident Members |
|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund     | Rs.100/- per month | Rs.75/- per month    |
| Benevolent Fund  | Rs. 50/- per month | Rs.25/- per month    |
| Refreshment Fund | Rs. 50/- per month | Nil                  |

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- (c) All financial transactions of the Lodge shall be carried out by the Treasurer, Worshipful Master and the Secretary. The Treasurer and any one of the other two officers, namely the Worshipful Master or the Secretary are authorized to sign cheques and operate the Bank Account.
- (d) The Treasurer shall have charge and be responsible for the moneys and account books of the Lodge.

#### **16. Audit Committee:**

The Lodge shall annually elect at the Election Meeting an Audit Committee consisting of two Members as prescribed in Rule 129 of Book of Constitutions, for the purpose of conducting the Audit of the Accounts of the Lodge.

#### **17. Benevolent Fund:**

- (a) The Lodge shall take a collection for the Benevolent Fund at every Meeting.
- (b) The Benevolent Fund shall be utilized to make contributions to Masonic Charities and to a distressed Brother or the dependents of a distressed Brother. The merits of each case will be investigated by the Advisory Committee.
- (c) In circumstances of emergency, the Worshipful Master may afford relief upto Rs.5000/- and the matter when reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting, the Worshipful Master shall be reimbursed from the Lodge Benevolent Fund.

#### **18. Advisory Committee**

- (a) The Lodge shall at the Installation Meeting nominate a Advisory Committee which shall consist of the Worshipful Master, the Immediate Past Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Director of Ceremonies and two other members, of whom at least one shall be a Past Master.
- (b) The Advisory Committee shall meet as and when required or at least once in two month.
- (c) It shall be the duty of the Committee to check the accounts, make arrangements for the Meetings and consider all matters connected with the working of the Lodge, to inspect and check all the properties of the Lodge and report upon the general working of the Lodge.
- (d) The Worshipful Master shall preside over the Advisory Committee Meetings. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Immediate Past Master, or, in his absence, any other Past Master who is a Member of the Committee shall preside over the Meeting.
- (e) In order to constitute a Meeting of the Advisory Committee, the quorum shall be three.
- (f) All matters shall be decided by a majority decision.
- (g) In the case of conflict of votes on any matter, the person who presides shall have a second or casting vote.

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- (h) All proceedings of the Advisory Committee shall be signed by the person who Presides, and shall also be countersigned by the Worshipful Master.
- (i) The Advisory Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to summon any member to give information on any matter referred to it by the Lodge.

#### 19. Proposals:

- (a) No motion shall be put to the Lodge assembled unless duly proposed by one member and seconded by another.
- (b) An amendment or amendments to any proposition may be made duly proposed and seconded. Amendments shall be put to vote first, if negated, the original proposition shall stand good, but if the amendment is carried, the original proposition shall be deemed to be lost.
- (c) No proposition of importance shall be brought forward for consideration unless notice thereof has been given, at the previous Regular meeting or in writing to the Secretary, well in advance and in time to be circulated with the summons of the meeting.

#### 20. Bye-Laws:

- (a) These Bye-laws shall be printed at the expense of the Lodge and a copy presented to every Brother. Every member on his initiation or joining shall receive a copy of the bye-laws. His acceptance shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.
- (b) These bye-laws shall be read in the open Lodge at a Regular Meeting at least once a year and within three months of the Installation of the Worshipful Master.
- (c) In any Case, for which the foregoing bye-laws do not provide, the Laws and Regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India shall be binding on all concerned.

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