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BYE-LAWS
OF
THE MODEL LODGE No. 335, GLI
SECUNDERABAD

Warranted on 15th day of November, 2002
Consecrated on 29th day of November, 2002



Meets on the First Saturday of every month
(except February, May, August and November)
at St. John's Hall, Nehru Nagar, Secunderabad

The Grand Lodge of India

To All And Every Our Most Worshipful, Right Worshipful,
Very Worshipful, Worshipful And Loving Brethren
We

Dilip Dwarakadas Udeshi

Recipient of the Order of Service to Masonry

Grand Master

Of the Most Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and
Accepted Masons of India

Send Greetings:

KNOW YE that we by the authority and under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of India vested in us for that purpose and at the humble petition of our right Trusty and Well Beloved Brethren, Pradeep Janmashanker Pandya, Prativadhibhayankara Rajagopalan Ramesh, Bolisetty Venkata Srinivas, Naresh Lakhotia, Vishwanathan Ganesan, Timmaraju Shanker Rao, Navneet Ponnala, Banuri Buchi Reddy, Inderjeet Singh, Bharat Venkat Epur, Madan Mohan Lal, Vishnu Prasad Saraf, Anand Kumar Naredi, Ashok Sinha, Panchumarthi Venkata Narasimha Prasad, Shalabh Sharma, Surat Singh Malhotra, Kedar Nath Goyal, Kush Kumar Waghray, Ramesh Kumar Agarwal, Anil Kumar Dundoo, Villadath Harish Kumar, Suresh Trambakbhai Sanghvi, Tushar Manilal Zaveri, Cdr. Kundukuri Venkata Subramaniyam, Gollapudi Murali Mohan and Syed Mohammed Abid Hussain Khan do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or Denomination of

The Model Lodge No. 335

THE SAID LODGE to meet at St. John's Hall, Nehru Nagar, Secunderabad on the 1st Saturday except Feb, May, August & November empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated to make, pass and raise Freemasons according to the Antient Customs of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And further at their said Petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every one of the above named Brethren, WE DO APPOINT the said Pradeep Janmashanker Pandya to be the first Master, the first Prativadhibhayankara Rajagopalan Ramesh to be the first Senior Warden and the said

Bolisetty Venkata Srinivas to be the first Junior Warden for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in Antient Form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his Office.

AND WE DO REQUIRE you the said Pradeep Janmashanker Pandya to take Special care that all and everyone of the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that you and they and all 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 Successor 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 your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent 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 an 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 Successor 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 shall 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 Pradeep Janmashanker Pandya are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send to us an Account in writing of whatever shall be done by virtue of these Presents.

Given under our Hand and Seal of the Grand Lodge at New Delhi this 15th day of November, 2002 AD corresponding to 24th day of Karthika, 1924 Saka Era.

(Dr. Harish Gupta)
Grand Secretary

(D.D. Udeshi)
Grand Master

BYE LAWS

OF

THE MODEL LODGE No. 335, GLI

(Sponsored by Lodge Kathiawar No. 59, Rajkot)

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

1. MEMBERS

The members of the Lodge shall comprise of four classes, namely, Resident, Non-Resident, Senior and Honorary.

Explanation 1: Resident Members are those who ordinarily reside within the Municipal limits of the City of Hyderabad or neighboring districts or those who are willing to attend the lodge regularly despite living outside the specified area.

Explanation 2: Non-Resident Members are those who ordinarily reside beyond the Municipal limits of the City of Hyderabad or neighboring districts, or have moved out and have in writing requested to be placed as such, on the list of Non-Resident Members as provided for in Bye Law No. 2.

Explanation 3: 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.

Explanation 4: Honorary Members are those elected as such by the Lodge in accordance with Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions.

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 Hyderabad or neighboring districts, may be placed on the list of Non-Resident Members

on his application to the Secretary with effect from the English Calendar month following the 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 Hyderabad or neighboring districts for not less than three consecutive 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.

4. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTION

a. The scale of fees payable by a candidate for Initiation, Joining or Re-Joining shall be as follows:

	Rs.
i. Initiation:	
Initiation fees payable to the Lodge	1,500
ii. Joining From Any Constitution:	
Joining Fee payable to the Lodge	1,000
iii. Re-Joining:	
Joining Fee payable to the Lodge	500
b. Annual Subscription payable to the Lodge	
Resident Members	2,000
(Rs.250 per meeting x 8 Regular meetings)	
Non Resident Members	800
(Rs.100 per meeting x 8 Regular meetings)	
Senior Members	Actuals*
Honorary Members	NIL

* Shall pay the annual subscriptions due to the RGL and GLI as per actual from time to time.

Honorary Members NIL

Should a Non Resident Member attend a meeting of the Lodge, he shall be charged full subscription of a resident member for the said meeting.

c. All fees and subscription, as noted above shall be payable in advance.

d. No degrees shall be conferred on candidates for Initiation and no brother for joining or rejoining shall be admitted as a member until all the said dues are paid.

5. FUNDS

The Lodge shall have two Funds, (a) General Fund and (b) Charity Fund.

a. *General Fund:* Fees, subscriptions and other receipts, shall be credited to this Fund. The funds shall be utilised for all administrative and other expenses as well as fees, and other contributions to be paid to the Grand lodge and Regional Grand Lodge. All expenses on refreshments (excluding any alcoholic beverage), food etc. shall be paid for from this Fund and the budget allocation for the same shall be based on the decision of the General committee from time to time. Members inviting guests shall pay for their guests such charges as may, from time to time, be fixed by the General Committee.

b. *Charity Fund:* This Fund shall be maintained by a transfer of Rs.50 for each Resident and Non Resident Member for every Regular meeting, from the General Fund. The sum of Rs.50 specified above, shall be increased at the discretion of the General Committee from time to time. Collections made towards Charity at Lodge meetings and by voluntary contributions from members and others shall also be credited to this fund.

6. SPECIAL FEES

If in the opinion of the General Committee, a special fee for any purpose be required, the same shall be regularly proposed in open lodge and if cleared by a simple majority either as proposed or with such suitable changes as may be made by the Members present and voting, be levied on all the Resident / Non Resident members or both, based on the decision taken by the Lodge.

7. INSTALLATIONS BANQUETS

All expenses of the installation meeting and other expenses connected thereof shall be borne by the Master Elect, in excess of such amount that the General Committee may decide to expend from the General Fund.

8. ARREARS

A member who is in default in the payment of his subscription for a period of over three months after their becoming due, shall be deprived, while so in default, of the rights of voting, proposing or seconding motions, or candidates for initiation, or joining and from being appointed or elected to any office in the Lodge.

9. INITIATION, JOINING AND REJOINING

- a. No candidate for Initiation or Joining shall be Initiated or balloted for until he has signed the declaration as set forth under Rules 136 and 137 of the Book of Constitutions and has been duly proposed and seconded and all fees payable thereof have been paid.
- b. Application for Initiation or Joining shall be deposited with the Secretary 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 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 finally accepted 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 the last ballot.

10. REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at St. John's Hall, Nehru Nagar, Secunderabad and/or at such other places as the Lodge may decide, on the First Saturday of every month, except in the months of February, May, August and November at such hour as may be directed by the Worshipful Master from time to time.

11. EMERGENCY MEETING

Emergency Meetings may be held for the purposes mentioned in the Book of Constitutions and in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Any candidate at whose request an Emergency Meeting is convened shall pay a fee of Rs.1000 and also such other expenses which are incurred on account of holding such an Emergency Meeting. It will be the discretion of the General Committee to decide if the fee should be debited to the account of the candidate in question, where interests of the Lodge are otherwise involved.

12. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION MEETING

- a. The Master, shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in December and installed at the next Regular Meeting in January.
- b. The Treasurer shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in December and invested at the next Regular Meeting in January.
- c. The Tyler shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in December and invested at the next Regular Meeting in January.

The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, and the Tyler by show of hands.

13. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Lodge shall annually nominate at the Installation Meeting a Membership Committee consisting of three Members for the purpose of considering and reporting to the Lodge upon the character, qualifications and the general

desirability of the candidates proposed for membership in the Lodge. The quorum for the committee shall be at least 2 members.

14. AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Lodge shall annually elect at the Installation Meeting an Audit Committee consisting of two Members, as prescribed in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions, for the purpose of conducting the Audit of the Accounts of the Lodge. Any one member so elected may conduct the audit of the Lodge Accounts.

15. GENERAL COMMITTEE

- a. The Lodge shall at the Installation Meeting appoint a General 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 three other Members, of whom at least one shall be a Past Master, to be elected by the Lodge.
- b. The General Committee shall meet as and when required or at least once in two months.
- 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 proprieties of the Lodge and report upon the general working of the Lodge.
- d. The Worshipful Master shall preside over the General 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 General 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.

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

16. SECRETARY

- a. The Secretary of the Lodge shall conduct the general correspondence, issue Summons for all Meetings, record Minutes of the proceedings, keep the Members' Register and Declaration Book.
- b. 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 Immediate Past Master and place the same before the General Committee for its inspection and information.
- c. The Secretary shall also keep in safe custody all records and take charge of the Lodge Seal.
- d. 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.
- e. The Secretary shall be the Ex-Officio Secretary to all Committees.

17. TREASURER

- a. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the moneys and account books of the Lodge.
- b. The Treasurer shall receive all collections and remit the money in the bank from time to time.
- c. The Treasurer shall not keep more than Rs.1000 at any time on hand.

- d. The Treasurer shall make no payments save on the authority of the Secretary / Worshipful Master or the Officer presiding over the Lodge during that meeting.
- e. The Accounts shall be opened in the name of the Lodge in a Scheduled Bank approved by a Resolution at the Installation Meeting.
- f. Any two of the following must sign all cheques: viz., the Worshipful Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

18. DRESS REGULATIONS

All the Members of the Lodge shall wear black closed-collar coats , black pants and black shoes or Black lounge suits while attending any Meetings, either Regular or Emergency, except those Meetings held in the months of April, May or June, if any, when the Members, with the permission of the Master, may wear white full-sleeved shirts with appropriate ties/bow-ties, black pants and black shoes.

19. PROPOSITIONS

- a. No motion unless it is purely formal or technical shall be raised in the Lodge at any Meeting for which Notice has not been given in the previous Regular Meeting or by a communication addressed to the Secretary not less than 14 days before the Meeting at which such proposition is to be made. The said motion shall be included in the Summons. However, the Worshipful master and the majority of the Brethren shall have the power to enable any urgent proposition of importance to be raised and put to vote in the Lodge.
- b. No proposal shall be entertained until it has been duly seconded. When a motion has been duly made and seconded, the opinion of the Brethren present who may wish to speak thereon shall be taken before it is put to vote.
- c. No member shall be entitled to speak more than once upon any question before the Lodge, except strictly in explanation; but the mover of the proposition shall have the right of reply, after all the members, who may wish

to do so, shall have addressed the Lodge. Whenever a Brother may have occasion to speak in Lodge, he shall do so standing, in order, and shall address his remarks to the Worshipful Master in calm and decorous language.

- d. To preserve the harmony of the Lodge, the Master shall have the discretionary power, at any stage of a discussion to apply a guillotine to further discussions, and refer the matter to the General committee or any other committee constituted for the purpose or proceed with taking a vote on it.
- e. No question, once decided, shall be raised again without the permission of the Worshipful Master or until three months shall have elapsed since the last decision.

20. COMPLAINTS

In the event of any complaint being preferred against a member of this Lodge on any Masonic matter, it shall be referred to the General Committee, who shall after due enquiry, submit its opinion to the Lodge, whose decision shall be final.

21. CONSTITUTIONS

In respect of matters not specifically and expressly provided for in the Bye Laws, the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge of India as embodied in the Book of Constitutions shall apply.

22. BYE LAWS

- a. These bye laws shall be read in open Lodge at such time as the Master may think proper.
- b. It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend, add to or alter these Bye Laws, unless the abrogation, amendment, addition or alteration shall have been duly proposed and seconded at one Regular Meeting, approved at the next Regular Meeting and, thereafter, confirmed at the following Regular Meeting of the Lodge, and approved by the R.W., The Regional Grand Master of Southern India and the M.W., The Grand Master of India.

- c. In the event of any abrogation, amendment or revision of any Bye Law or Bye Laws, the Secretary shall provide each Member with a copy thereof after obtaining approval from the R.W., The Regional Grand Master of Southern India and by the M.W., The Grand Master of India.
- d. Every Member of the Lodge on his Initiation or Joining shall be presented with a copy of these Bye Laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the Rules contained therein duly adopted at the Consecration Meeting of the Lodge.

These bye laws were approved in the Consecration meeting of The Model Lodge No. 335 held on 29/11/2002 at St. Johns Hall, Nehru Nagar, West Maredpally, Secunderabad.

Sd/-
Worshipful Master
W.Bro. Pradeep J. Pandya

Sd/-
Secretary
W.Bro. Vishwanathan Ganesan

Approved by
Sd/-
Regional Grand Master
R.W.Bro. Balaran Biswakumar

Approved by
Sd/-
M.W. the Grand Master
M.W.Bro.Dilip Dwarakadas Udeshi

Sd/-
Grand Secretary
R.W.Bro.Harish Gupta

Dated: 8.1.2003

Explanation of the Banner



Banners are a necessity in all Masonic Lodges and each banner has some special features to mark its identity. The pillars, the sun and the moon, the square and compasses, the chequered floor, the All-seeing Eye and such other symbols are constituents of a Lodge banner and I need hardly dwell here upon the significance of these symbols. Besides them, there are certain special features of this Lodge banner.

The banner of the Lodge is a depiction of the state of mind that a Freemason should have at all times, that is Happiness. It has been made to depict a smiling face. It can be explained as follows:

The Sash on top with the name and Numbering of the Lodge, is the forehead, The Sun and the Crescent moon with stars indicate the eyes, the globe with the S&C indicate the nose and mid face, The Letter G alongwith the sprig of acacia and the ear of corn depict the upper lip and the Writing "Tamasoma Jyothirgamaya" the Lower lip.

The various depictions could be further explained as follows:

1. The Sun has been placed on the right, as when any architectural drawing is made, the top of the page is made to represent the North and the Sun's position is due East. Therefore as a corollary the Moon and the stars are placed on