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**BY-LAWS
OF**

Lodge Naoshir Chenoy No. 187 GLI

(Amended as of 1st August, 1999)



Meets on Fourth Monday of every month (except May)
at St. John's Hall, Secunderabad

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PREAMBLE

Lodge Naoshir Chenoy has been established at Secunderabad to commemorate the services rendered by R.W. Bro. Naoshir Sohrabji Chenoy, P.Dy.G.M. to Freemasonry in general and to Freemasonry of the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad in particular. As a member of the Steering Committee he was jointly responsible in bringing the Grand Lodge of India into existence and he was appointed the first Assistant Grand Master along with two others by the late Most Worshipful Brother, His Highness Dr. Sir Syed Raza Ali Khan, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., D.Litt, LL.D., Nawab of Rampur, the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India and was invested at the Inaugural Meeting held at New Delhi on Friday, 24th November, 1961.

On a Petition signed by H.E. Dr. P.V. Cherian, Governor of Maharashtra, P.Dy.G.M. & A.G.M., Prof. Dr. M.S. Thacker, Dy. G.M., Lt. Gen. Sir Harold Williams, K.B.E., C.B., P.Dy.G.M., P.P.

Kapadia, O.B.E., P.Dy.G.M. and Reg. G. M., W.I., Erach A Nadirshah, O.B.E., J.P., P.A.G.M., B. R. Mullanfiroze, S.G.W., Lt. Col. G.S. Gill, P.J.G.W., & Dist. G.M., E.C. Madras, Naoshir S Chenoy, P.Dy.G.M., M.S. Karad, S.V. Naik., T.R. Janardhan, M.A. Khambatta, B.J. Pathanky, Yadgar F.S. Chenoy, Naozar N. Chenoy, N.S. Baxter, D. Srinivasa Rao, A.V. Charles, G.S. Purushotham, Haji Gulam Mohamed, A.S. Nataraja Iyer, H.J. Engineer, F.J. Jussawala, Shahpur N. Chenoy, Sohrabji N. Chenoy, B.B. Madon, H.A. Tumbi, J.H. Krishnamurthi, A.K.V. Madhavan, J.N. Italia, Mulji Nathoo, K.G.E. Pochkhanawala, N.B. Wadia, S.Brijlal, John Lee and P.T. Parakh, a Warrant or Charter was issued by Most Worshipful Brother Bhogilal Chimanlal Shah, J.P., Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India on 5th September 1968 corresponding to 14th day of Bhadra, 1890, Saka Era and the Lodge was duly consecrated and constituted by M.W. Bro. Bhogilal C. Shah, M.W. the Grand Master at the St. John's Hall, Secunderabad, on Saturday 9th November 1963.

Lodge Naoshir Chenoy No. 187 G.L.I. was sponsored by Lodge Ekram, No. 45 GLI Secunderabad, and its Petition was recommended for the favourable consideration of Most Worshipful the Grand Master at their regular meeting held on Thursday, 5th January, 1968, at St. John's Hall, Secunderabad.

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Members

1. The Lodge shall consist of Resident Members, Absent Members, Honorary Members and Life Members as per Rule 142-A of the Book of Constitution.

Members leaving the Station for two months and over shall be placed on the Absent Members' list by their notifying the Secretary in writing or by announcing the same in open Lodge with their out-station address. The word "Station" shall include every place within a radius of 10 miles from St. John's Hall, Secunderabad.

Regular Meetings

2. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at St. John's Hall, Secunderabad on the fourth Monday of every month, except in the month of May.

Emergent Meetings

3. Emergent meetings under Dispensation shall be held at the expense of the Lodge whenever the Master shall deem it necessary. But should an emergent meeting be held for the

convenience of any candidate or member, all the expenses thereof shall be borne by such party about which previous intimation shall be given to the party concerned. Ordinarily there will be no dinner at such meetings.

Officers

4. The Officers of the Lodge shall be the Master, Immediate Past Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Senior and Junior Deacons, Inner Guard, Stewards and Tyler.

Election of Master, Treasurer and Tyler

5. The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and the Tyler by show of hands at the regular meeting in December and the Master shall be installed at the regular meeting held in January.

Fees and Subscriptions

6. Initiation including
Passing and Raising ... Rs. 1,000
- Joining from the
Indian Constitution ... Rs. 500
- Joining from a
recognised Constitution ... Rs. 600

Re-Joining ... Rs. 500

Resident Members, monthly,
excluding for May ... Rs. 150

Absent Members, monthly,
excluding for May ... Rs. 75

Out of Rs. 150 monthly subscription of Resident Members, Rs. 60 shall be credited to Stewards Fund and Rs. 15 to Charity Fund. Also out of Rs.75 monthly subscription of Absent Members, Rs.15 shall be credited to Charity Fund. The Services of the Secretary and the Tyler, if a Serving Brother, shall be regarded as equivalent to their appropriate subscriptions to the Lodge.

Funds

7. The Lodge shall have three Funds, (a) General Fund, (b) Stewards Fund and (c) Charity Fund.

(a) *General Fund* - Fees and subscriptions shall be credited to this Fund and all administrative and other expenses shall be debited to this Fund.

(b) *Stewards Fund* - This Fund shall be maintained by a transfer of Rs.60 from the monthly subscription of Rs.150 of each Resident Member. Members inviting

guests shall pay for their guests such charges as may, from time to time, be fixed by the Lodge. All expenses on refreshments, etc., shall be paid for from this Fund and no part of Lodge Fund shall be utilized to meet the cost of refreshments.

(c) *Charity Fund* - This Fund shall be maintained by a transfer of Rs. 15 from the monthly subscription of each Resident and Absent Member, by collections made at Lodge meetings and by voluntary contributions from members and others. A sum of Rs. 500 may, however, be annually held at the disposal of the Master to meet emergency cases of distress. Disbursements made by the Master shall be reported to the Lodge at the next regular meeting held after such disbursements.

Installation Banquet

8. All expenses of the Installation Meeting and other expenses connected therewith shall be borne by the Master Elect, but the members who join the Banquet shall pay the charges of the Banquet as fixed by the Lodge Committee for themselves and for their guests.

Arrears

9. Any Resident Member whose subscription remains unpaid for more than six months and any Absent Member whose subscription remains unpaid for more than one year, shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge in accordance with Rule 156 of Book of Constitutions. A member whose subscription is in arrears to this extent shall not be allowed to vote or to propose or second candidates and he shall not be qualified for election or appointment to any office.

Resignations

10. A member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing or orally in the open Lodge. He shall be entitled to a Certificate mentioned in Rule 150 of the Book of Constitutions stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge and also stating whether he is in full Masonic privileges or is in arrears.

Election of Candidates

11. The election of candidates for Initiations and Joining shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of the Book of Constitutions. On the Ballot for candidates

two black balls shall disqualify. A rejected candidate shall not be proposed in the Lodge until six months shall have elapsed from the date of such rejection. If the Master is of the opinion that a mistake may have occurred in the Ballot, he may order a second Ballot to be taken forthwith which shall be final.

Lodge Committee

12. The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, and Past Masters of and in the Lodge, Treasurer, Secretary and two Brethren to be elected by show of hands at the Installation Meeting in January each year and any four shall form a quorum. The Master shall be the President and Immediate Past Master the Vice-President and in their absence the senior Brother shall preside. The Committee shall consider and report to the Lodge on all proposals for membership and on any matter referred to it by the Lodge.

Audit Committee

13. The Audit Committee shall consist of three members elected by show of hands at the Installation Meeting. The accounts shall be made up every year for the year ending 31st December and the audited accounts shall be presented at the meeting held in the month of March.

Secretary

14. The Secretary shall record the Minutes of the Meetings under the direction of the Master and the Minutes of all meetings of the Lodge Committee under the direction of the President thereof for the time being. He shall also issue Summons for the Lodge meeting, make all Returns to the Grand Lodge and the Regional Grand Lodge and conduct the correspondence of the Lodge under the direction of the Master.

He shall receive from the Treasurer a sum of Rs. 50 as imprest money and should this amount be expended, he shall render account to the Treasurer and receive a further sum to recoup the imprest.

Treasurer

15. The Treasurer shall make such payments as are duly authorised or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. The monies of the Lodge shall be duly collected by the Treasurer and deposited in account at a Bank approved by the Lodge in the name of the Lodge to be operated by any two of the Master, Treasurer and Secretary one of whom shall be Treasurer.

Visitors

16. Any member of the Lodge shall be at liberty to invite a guest or guests but shall pay for the dinner and drinks for such guest or guests. Guests invited by the Lodge shall be paid for from the Lodge funds. Members inviting guests shall give the Secretary due notice.

Lodge Property

17. An inventory of the whole of the Lodge property shall be entered in the Minutes Book, which shall be verified by the Master on his Installation and shall be countersigned by himself and his Wardens.

By-Laws

18. Additions, alterations, deletions or amendments in respect of these By-laws shall be made only by notice of motion given in writing in open Lodge at one regular meeting and the motion inserted in the Summons of the next meeting. It shall be considered at the latter meeting, and if then approved by three-fourths of the members present, it shall be submitted for confirmation at the next regular meeting but shall not become effective until approved by the Right Worshipful Regional Grand Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The above By-laws were adopted at the Consecration, Constitution and Installation Meeting held at St. John's Hall, Secunderabad, on 9th November 1968.

(Sd.)

Naoshir S. Chenoy
Worshipful Master

(Sd.)

Yadgar F.S. Chenoy
Senior Warden

(Sd.)

Naozar N. Chenoy
Junior Warden

(Sd.)

B.J. Panthaky
Secretary

Approved by the

R. W. Regional Grand Master of Southern India.

(Sd.)

C.A. Ramakrishnan
Regional Grand Master

Madras

12th November 1968

Approved by the M.W. Grand Master.

(Sd.)

P.M. Sundaram
Grand Secretary

12th November 1968