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PREAMBLE

As it is necessary for the good government and well being of every institution and lawfully organized Society that Rules and Regulations shall be framed for the guidance of its members, the Master, Wardens and the Members of Lodge Malnad No. 356, G.L.I. do for the purpose of preserving that harmony which should always distinguish Freemasons, establish and hereby agree to the following Bye-laws, which contain nothing inconsistent with the Laws contained in the Book of Constitutions of Grand Lodge of India (1971).

Lodge Malnad founded in Chikkmagalur under a provisional Warrant from the Grand Lodge of India. The Charter of this Lodge granted by the Grand Lodge of India, NewDelhi, dated 17th August, 2007, and is assigned the No. 356, on the roll of the Lodges in the Grand Lodge of India.

BYE - LAWS

1. PLACE OF MEETING

The meetings of the Lodge will be held at:

Kadur Club, Spencer Road, Chickmagalur - 577 101. Ph.No.08262 23570.

2. MEMBERS

There shall be three classes of Members:

- a) Resident Members:
Members residing within the limits of 25 Kms. of the Chickmagalur Municipality Boundary.
- b) Non-Resident Members:
 - i) Members residing beyond 25 Kms.
 - ii) 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.
- c) Honorary Members:
Any brother of good standing and worthy of such distinction by reason of his service 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 141 of B of C, G.L.I.).

3. MEETINGS

- a) The regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the 4th Saturday of alternate month (February, April, June, August, October and December) at 6.00 p.m. or such hour as the worshipful Master may fix.
- b) The Master of the Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot at the Regular Election Meeting in December. (Vide rule 87 of B of C).
- c) The Treasurer for the Lodge shall be elected annually by Ballot at the Regular Election meeting in December. (vide Rule 92-A of B of C).
- d) The Tyler shall be elected annually at the Regular Election Meeting in December. (Vide rule 93 of the B of C).
- e) The installation of the Master shall take place at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in February, succeeding the Election meeting in December.

4. 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, Tyler (Vide Rule 86 of B of C).
- b) The Master may appoint as additional officers a Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Almoner, Bearers of V of S.L., a Sword Bearer, an Organist, an Asst. Secretary and Stewards and no other (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).

5. PERMANENT COMMITTEE

- a) The Permanent Committee shall consist of Worshipful Master (who will be Ex-Officio President), all past Masters of the Lodge, the Senior & Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two members to be appointed by the Lodge at the installation Meeting (The Tyler will be in attendance).
- b) The Permanent Committee shall meet at 30 minutes before every regular meeting or on any day and time the Master may order.
- c) The quorum for the Permanent Committee shall be four.
- d) The Permanent Committee shall check the Treasurer's statement of Accounts, inspect and report on the Lodge property, consider and report on the proposals for membership of the Lodge and to transact any other business brought forward. (Vide Rule 129 of B of B of C).

6. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall conduct the General Correspondence, Record the Minutes, issue summons and make due returns to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge. He shall also be the Ex-Officio Secretary of the Permanent Committee. The Secretary shall be exempt from paying the Lodge subscription. (Vide Rule 86 of B of C).

7. TREASURER

- a) The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit them in the bank, namely the State Bank of Mysore, Cleveland Town Branch, Bangalore - 560 005.
- b) The Treasurer shall keep accounts of the General Fund, the Benevolent Fund and the Stewards Fund of the Lodge. He shall allocate unit of annual subscription of Resident Members of Rs.1,500.00: (i) Rs.1,000.00 to General Fund, (ii) Rs.350.00 to the Stewards Fund and (iii) Rs.150.00 to Benevolent Fund. Out of the Non-Resident Members' subscription of Rs.1,500.00: (i) Rs.1,000.00 shall be towards General Fund and (ii) Rs.500.00 towards Benevolent Fund.
- c) All financial transactions of Lodge shall be carried out by the Treasurer, Master and Secretary. All cheques must be signed by any two of the following, viz., the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

TYLER

The Tyler shall be exempt from Lodge subscription. (Vide Rule 86 of B of C).

9. FEES

- a) Fee for Initiation, Passing and Raising, payable with application: Rs.2,000.00
- b) i) Fees for joining from another constitution, payable with application: Rs.2,000.00
- ii) Fees for joining from Indian constitution, payable with application: Rs.1,500.00
- c) Fee for Re-joining payable with application: Rs.1,500.00

10. SUBSCRIPTION

- a) Resident Members: Rs.1,500.00 per annum.
- b) Non-Resident members: Rs.1,500.00 per annum.
- c) In addition, as subscription every member (Resident and Non- Resident) shall also pay such half yearly/annual fees as are payable by the Lodge for each of their subscribing member to R.G.L. and G.L.I. (presently Rs.300.00 to RGL & Rs.250.00 to GLI).
- d) If any member allows his subscription to remain in arrears for six months, he shall be deprived, while so in default of the rights of voting, of proposing seconding candidates, of being appointed or elected to offices in the Lodge and of proposing, seconding and speaking on propositions before the Lodge. Such defaulting Members shall also be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of Book of Constitution.

Lodge Benevolent fund:

- a) The Lodge shall take collection for the Benevolent fund at every meeting.
- b) The Benevolent Fund should be utilized to make contributions to Masonic Charities and to aid a distressed brother or the dependants of a deceased brother. The Permanent Committee shall investigate the merits of each case.
- c) In circumstances of emergency, the Worshipful Master may afford relief up to Rs.250.00 and the matter when reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting, the Worshipful Master shall be reimbursed from the benevolent fund.

11. BALLOT

- a) All Candidates for Initiation, joining or Re-joining must be proposed at a Regular Meeting according to Rule 134 and 137 of the B of C.
- b) A collective Ballot for two or more candidate for initiation or joining may be taken with approval of the Lodge. A Collective ballot for an Initiate and a joining member is irregular.
- c) No rejected candidate can be proposed again until a period of six months has elapsed from the date of the Ballot.(Vide Rule 139 of the B of C).

12. LODGE COLOURS

The colour of the Regalia shall be Royal Blue and Gold.

13. PROPOSALS

- a) No motion shall be put to the Lodge assembled unless duly proposed by one member and seconded by another.
- b) An amendment to any proposition may be made duly proposed and seconded. Amendments shall be put to vote first, if negatived the original vote, but if the amendment is carried, the original proposition shall be decided 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 summonses of the meeting.

14. 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 open Lodge at a Regular Meeting at least once a year.
- 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.

(Signed)

W. Bro. V. S. Jayashankar Worshipful Master

W. Bro. Khozem Aziz Nakhoda Senior Warden

W. Bro. Sockalingam Valliyappan Junior Warden

W. Bro. A. V. Srinivasa Rao Secretary

APPROVED

(Signed)

R. W. Bro. G. K. Selvarajan

Right Worshipful the Regional Grand Master
of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India
Chennai - 6th October 2007

APPROVED BY MOST WORSHIPFUL THE GRAND MASTER

M. W. Bro. Justice Devinder Gupta O.S.M.

Most Worshipful the Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of India
New Delhi - 22nd October 2007

(Signed)

R. W. Bro. S. Krishnan

Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of India
New Delhi - 22nd October 2007