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FOUNDER MEMBERS
OF
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For 1991

1) W. Bro. P. G. Nagabushan	— W.M.
2) Bro. Achutha Devaraya	— S.W.
3) Bro. Katta Subramanyam Setty	— J W.
4) W. Bro. P.M. Balasubramanian	— Chapalin
5) W. Bro. V. Shivanna	— D. of C.
6) Bro. M. Benakappa Setty	— Treasurer
7) W. Bro. M.R. Venkataratnam	— Secretary
8) Bro. Sushil R. Morarka	— S.D.
9) Bro. V.S. Banka	— J.D.
10) W. Bro. D. V. Krishnamurthy	— Br. V.S.L.
11) W. Bro. M. Subramaniam	— Br. V.S.L.
12) W. Bro. K. Chennabasappa	— Br. V.S.L.
13) Bro. K. Mohan	— Br. V.S.L.
14) Bro. Narendra Kumar Baldota	— Br. V.S.L.
15) Bro. L. Thamaiah	— Almoner
16) Bro. Soudri Shantharam Setty	— A.D. of C.
17) Bro. A. Gopalakrishna	— I.G.
18) Bro. K. Venkanna	— Steward
19) W. Bro. M. Venkatsarma	— Tyler

GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

TO ALL AND EVERY MOST WORSHIPFUL, RIGHT
WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN

WE

PRAKASH NARAIN

Recipient of the Order of Service to Masonry

GRAND MASTER

OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE FRATERNITY OF
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASON OF INDIA :

Send greeting Know we that we by the authority and under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of India bested in us for that purpose and at the humble petition of our right trusty and well Beloved Brethren D. V. Krishnamurthy, Chennabasanna Kotambri, V. Shivanna, K. Mohan, P. M. Balasubramanian, M. R. Venkataratnam, Achutha Deva raya, M.V. Sharma, Sushil R. Morarka, P G. Nagabushanam, K. Venkanna, Katta Subramanyam Setty, V. S. Banka, M. Benakappa Setty, A. Gopala krishna, L. Thamiah, Soudri Shantaram Setty, Baldota Narendra Kumar, M. Subramaniam, do hereby Constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of free and Accepted Masons under the title or Denomination of

The Vijayanagar Lodge No. 279

The said Lodge to meet at 'FREE MASONS' Hall Visweswarayya Hall, Munirabad Dam on the fourth Saturday every month empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated to make, pass and raise Freemasons according to the antient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations

BYE-LAWS OF THE LODGE

1. Name : LODGE VIJAYANAGAR No. 279
2. Members : The Members of the Lodge shall comprise of three Classes, namely : Resident, Non-Resident and Honorary.

Explanation (1) : Resident Members are those who ordinarily reside within 30 K.M.s from the place of Regular Meetings of the Lodge.

Explanation (2) : Non-Resident Members are those who ordinarily reside beyond the above limits and placed on the list of Non-Resident Members as provided for in Bye-Law 3.

Explanation (3) : Honorary Members are those who are elected as such by the Lodge in accordance with Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions.

AMENDMENT:

3. Subscription (1) : Every resident and non-resident members shall pay monthly subscription of Rs.100/-.

(Approved by M.W.The Grand Master on 12-10-2000.

4. Exclusion (1) Any Member whose Subscription remains unpaid for six months, shall be liable to be excluded in accordance with the provisions contained in Rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions.

- (2) Any Member who has been excluded under By - Law 4 (1) may be permitted to rejoin.

Provided that he is regularly proposed and balloted for in accordance with Rule 138 of the Book of Constitutions, and Provided further that he pays all arrears due by him and the prescribed fee for rejoining.

5. Initiation and Joining : (1) 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 Constitution and has been duly proposed and seconded in open Lodge and all fees payable there of have been paid.
 - (2) Applications for initiation or joining shall be deposited with the Secretary atleast Seven days before the meeting at which the candidate is to be proposed and seconded.
 - (3) No Candidate shall be initiated or admitted as a joining Member, if on ballot two black balls appear against him.
Any fees paid by a rejected candidate shall be forthwith returned to him.
- Provided that if the Master is of the opinion that a mistake has occurred in the ballot, he may order a second ballot to be taken forthwith and the result of such second ballot shall be final.
- (4) In all cases of unfavourable ballot, the fees previously paid by the candidate shall be refunded.

(5) Any Candidate not favourably balloted shall not be again proposed to the Lodge until after the expiry of six months from the date of the last ballot.

(6) The scale of fees payable by a Candidate

AMENDMENT:

5 (a) (i) : Initiation : Rs.1,500/-
 Building Fund: Rs.1,000/-
 (ii) : Joining from F.L.I : Rs.600/-
 Building Fund : Rs.1000/-
 (iii) : Rejoining : -do -
 (iv) : Joining from other Constitutions : Rs. 800/-
 Building Fund : Rs.1,000/-

Approved by M.W.The Grand Master on 12- 10-2000.

(b) Fees of Honour :

Worshipful Master	Rs. 250-00 (includes I.M. Certificate)
Wardens	Rs. 150-00
	Rs. 50-00

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Approved by M.W.The Grand Master on 12-10-2000.

FREE MASON'S HALL, Kallianpur
 583203 at such hour as may be directed by Worshipful Master from time to time.

Approved by M.W.The Grand Master on 9-6-2000.

Book of Constitution and in accordance with
 its rules thereof.

8. Election and Installation meetings :-

(1) The Master shall be annually elected at the Regular Meeting held in the month of March and shall be installed at the next Regular meeting.

(2) The Treasurer shall be elected at the Election Meeting and invested thereafter. The election of the Master and Treasurer shall be by Secret Ballot.

(3) The Tyler shall also be chosen at the Election Meeting.

Audit Committee :- The Lodge shall at its Regular Meeting held in the month of March (Election Meeting) every year elect two Brethren to the Committee prescribed in Rule 130 of the Book of Constitutions.

10. Permanent Committee : (1) The Lodge shall at the installation meeting constitute a Permanent Committee which shall consist of the Master, the Immediate Past Master, the Wardens, The Treasurer, the Past Master, the Secretary, the Director of Ceremonies and two other members elected by the Lodge.

(2) The Permanent Committee shall meet each month before the Regular Meeting.

(3) The Master and in the absence of the Master, the immediate Past Master or in his absence the Senior most Brother present shall preside over the meeting.

(4) The quorum shall be three.

(5) All matters shall be Decided by a majority decision.

(6) In the case of equal votes on any matter the President of the Meeting shall have the final or casting vote.

(7) All proceedings of the Permanent Committee shall be signed by the person who presides

11. Secretary : (1) The Secretary of the Lodge shall be in-charge of the general correspondence, issue summonses for all meetings, record the Minutes of the proceedings, keep in his custody the Lodge seal, the Members' Register and the Declaration Book and all other Registers required to be maintained.

(2) 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 all articles, books and records of the Lodge and sign the same, countersigned by the Master and Immediate Past Master and place the same before the Permanent Committee for its inspection and information.

(3) He shall make payments for Petty and contingent expenses, for which purpose he may receive an advance of not more than Rs. 200-00 from the Treasurer from time to time

(4) He shall be Ex-Officio Secretary to all Committees.

12. Treasurer : (1) The Treasurer shall be in charge of and be responsible for the moneys and account books of the Lodge.

(2) He shall receive all collections issue receipts for such collection and remit the moneys into the Lodge Bank Accoun from time to time.

(3) He shall not keep more than Rs. 200/- at any time on hand.

(4) He shall not make any payments save on the authority of the Master or the Officer in-Charge of the Lodge

13. Propositions : (1) No motion unless it is purely formal or technical shall be moved in the Lodge at any meeting without giving notice of the same 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.

Provided that the Master and the majority of the Brethren present shall have the power to enable any urgent proposition of importance to be raised and put to vote in the Lodge.

(2) No question once decided shall be raised again without the permission of the Master or until 6 months have lapsed.

14. Book of Constitutions : In respect of matters not specifically provided for in these by-laws,

the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of India as embodied in the Book of Constitutions, will apply.

15. **Bv - Laws:** Every member of the Lodge on his initiation or joining shall be presented with a copy of these By - Laws and on receipt of the same shall be deemed to have pledged himself for his strict adherence and submission to the rules contained therein.
16. Additions, Alterations, or amendments to these By - Laws or any of them shall be made by notice of motion, given in writing in open Lodge, at one regular meeting and inserted in the Summons for the next regular meeting considered at that meeting and if these be approved, submitted for confirmation in the next regular meeting and after such confirmation and only after approval by the Grand Master to whom they should be submitted through Regional Grand Master.
17. Not-withstanding anything contained in the above By - Laws the Lodge may pass any resolution including that of fiscal nature in a regular meeting proposed from the chair and placed in the Summons for the next regular meeting.
18. At all dinners or refreshments not more than five guests only with the prior permission of the Worshipful Master obtained two days earlier can be invited.

The above By - Laws were duly adopted at the Consecration and the Constitution of the Lodge Vijayanagar No. 279 held on 28th April, 1991

Sd.
(P. G. Nagabushan)
Worshipful Master.

Sd.
(Achuthadevraya)
Senior Warden.

Sd.
(Katta Subramanyam Setty)
Junior Warden.

Sd.
(M.R. Venkataratnam)
Secretary.

Place : Hospet.
Date : 28-4-1991.

Approved by R. W. The Regional Grand Master

Place : Secunderabad
Date : 17-9-92
Sd.
(K. L. Reddi)
R.W. The Regional Grand Master.

Approved by M. W. The Grand Master.

New Delhi
5-11-1992

Sd.
(N.L. DUGGAL)
Grand Secretary.