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**'LODGE MORLAND'**

No. 25

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HYDERABAD - ANDHRA PRADESH

20TH DECEMBER 1985

## LODGE MORLAND

No. 25

On Friday, the 26th October, 1984 W. Bro. C. N. Rao, Worshipful Master of the lodge proposed amendments to bye-laws No. 3, 5, 6, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25 and 26. The same were duly seconded by W. Bro. K. R. Talwar. These were passed at the regular meeting held on 23rd November, 1984 and confirmed on 21st December, 1984. The same were approved by R. W. The Regional Grand Master (S.I.) on 13-3-1985 and M. W. The Grand Master on 10-4-1985.

At the regular meeting held on 26th April, 1985 W. Bro. K. R. Talwar proposed deletion of bye-law No. 19 and two additions. These were duly seconded by W. Bro. C. P. Sanghi. Passed at the Regular Meeting held on 27th June, 1985 and confirmed on 25th July, 1985. The same were approved by R. W. The Regional Grand Master (S.I.) on 23-9-1985 and M. W. The Grand Master on 23-10-1985.

W. Bro. C. N. RAO.  
Worshipful Master

V: W. Bro. K. L. REDDI  
Senior Warden

Bro. O. P. BADAL  
Junior Warden

W. Bro. C. P. SANGHI  
Secretary

Hyderabad

Dated 20th December, 1985

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OF  
'LODGE MORLAND'

No. 25

HYDERABAD - DECCAN.

FOUNDED 21st MARCH, 1875

DATE OF CHARTER, 3RD MAY : 1875.

CENTENARY CELEBRATED ON 10TH OCTOBER : 1975

FOUNDERS

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| W. B. JOHNSTON  | C. B. DUNLOP   |
| C. KIRKMAN      | H. DEQ. SEWELL |
| J. H. TAYLOR    | J. HOULIHAN    |
| M. H. WILKINSON | A. P. MERGLER  |
| J. KIRBY.       |                |

*Meeting on 4th Thursday of Every Month  
At Gosha Mahal Baradari Masonic Building*

## CHARTER

### Grand Lodge of India

To All and Every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful and Loving Brethren.

We

Major General His Highness Dr. Sir Syed Raza Ali Khan, G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., D. Litt. L.L.D., Nawab of Rampur.

### Grand Master

Of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of India.

#### SEND GREETING :

Know Ye that the Morland Lodge No. 569 on the roll of Grand Lodge of Scotland having decided to opt for the Grand Lodge of India, we by the authority and under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of India vested in us for that purpose do hereby sanction and confirm that the said Lodge shall be constituted into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or denomination of Morland No. 25 on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of India.

By virtue of this warrant the said Lodge shall be deemed to be a foundation Lodge of the Grand Lodge of India.

The original Charter/Warrant of the said Lodge issued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland was dated 3rd May, 1875.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at New Delhi this 24th day of November 1961, corresponding to 3rd Agrahayana 1883 S. E.

(Sd). P. M. SUNDARAM  
Grand Secretary.

(Sd). RAZA ALI KHAN  
Grand Master.

No. 569 S. C.

M. R. SHAW STEWART,  
Grand Marster,  
Lodge No. 569.

**Grand Lodge of Scotland**  
TO ALL and SUNDY to WHOSE  
KNOWLEDGE

THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME  
**GREESTING IN GOD EVERLASTING**

Whereas upon the Third day of May one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five years, a Petition was presented to the GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND, in the names of the William B. Johnston, Charles Kirkman, Joseph Hulme Taylor, Maurice H. Wilkinson, C. B. Dunlop, H. deQ. Sewell J. Houlihan, and others, PRAYING the said GRAND LODGE to grant a Charter of Constitution and Erection, in the usual form, for holding a Lodge under the name and title of "MORLAND," Secunderabad, Deccan, and PROPOSING the persons after mentioned to be the first Office-Bearers thereof, viz., William B. Johnston, Right Worshipful Master; Maurice H. Wilkinson, Depute Master; Charles Kirkman, Substitute Master; Charles B. Dunlop, Senior Warden; Joseph Hulme Taylor, Junior Wardens; Alexander P. Mergler, Treasurer; J. Houlihan, Secretary; J. Kirby, Senior Deacon; H deQ. Sewell, Junior Deacon, & c., Which Petition'

with the requisite Certificates, therewith produced, having been duly considered in GRAND LODGE assembled, they were pleased to ordain a Charter to be issued in the terms under written.

Know Ye therefore, That the Most Worshipful THE GRAND MASTER MASON OF SCOTLAND and the Grand Lodge thereof HAVE CONSTITUTED, erected and appointed, like as they hereby CONSTITUTE erect and appoint the Master, Wardens, and Brethren above named to be now, and in all time coming a true and regular Lodge of free and accepted Masons, under the name, style and title of 'MORLAND', Secunderabad, Deccan, and APPOINT and ORDAIN all regular Lodges to hold and respect them as such GIVING, granting and committing to them and those to be afterwards admitted members of the said Lodge full power and authority to meet, assemble and convene as a regular Lodge; And to enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and raise Master Masons, upon payment of such compositions, for the support of their Lodge, as they shall see convenient, but which compositions at their initiation shall not be under the sum of One Pound Six Shillings and Six Pence Sterling; And with power also annually to elect and choose MASTERS, WARDENS, and other Office-Bearers, recommending to the Brethren of the said Lodge to reverence and obey their Superiors in all things lawful, and honest, as becometh the honour and harmony of Masonry; AND the said Brethren becoming bound on no account to desert

their own Lodge; Nor upon any pretext whatever to make any separate or Schismatical meetings, independent of the Master and Wardens, for the time; Nor to introduce any other orders of Masonry than those sanctioned by the Grand Lodge; Nor to collect funds separate from the common Stock of their Lodge, to the prejudice of the Poor thereof.

And DECLARING that the said Lodge and whole constituent member thereof, now and in all time coming shall, by accepting this present CHARTER, be bound in faithful allegiance to the said Grand LODGE as HEAD of the Masonic Body in SCOTLAND; AND shall be Obliged to obey and pay due regard to all Acts, Statutes and Regulations of the said GRAND LODGE already made and enacted or hereafter to be made and enacted, for the utility, welfare and prosperity of Masonry. And generally to pay and perform whatever is required from them for the support and dignity of the Grand Lodge; And PARTICULARLY to account and pay into the funds of the Grand Lodge at least the sum of Ten Shillings and Six Pence Sterling for each member initiated in their Lodge from and after the date hereof; which sums they shall cause to be annually remitted to the Grand Secretary, at Edinburgh; and at the same time transmit to him a list of the names of the members initiated, in order that the same may be recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge - And the Brethren of said Lodge shall be bound to record, in the Books of their Lodge ( which Books they are, hereby authorised and

enjoined to keep), this present CHARTER, their own regulations and bye-laws, and minutes of their whole procedure from time to time, so that the same may be better known and more easily observed by the Brethren, Subject always nevertheless to the review and control of the Grand Lodge. AND the said Brethren are hereby required to attend the whole General Meetings and Quarterly Communications of the GRAND LODGE, by their Representatives, being their master and Wardens, for the time, or by lawful Proxies, in their names (provided such Proxies be Master Masons of some established Lodge, holding of the Grand Lodge), so that they, by their said Representatives, may act and vote in the Grand Lodge and be duly certiorated of the proceedings thereof; DECLARING the said Lodge's precedence in the Grand Lodge to be from the date hereof. And for the more effectual preservation of these presents, the same are hereby appointed to be recorded in the Books of the Grand Lodge.

GIVEN at the GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND held in FREEMASONS' HALL in the CITY OF EDINBURGH, the Third day of May in the year of OUR LORD One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-five. And of LIGHT Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine. By Sir Michael Robert Shaw Stewart, Baronet, Most worshipful Grand Master Mason of Scotland; the Right Honourable walter Henry Earl of Mar and Kellie, Right Worshipful

Depute Grand Master; Captain James Townsed Oswald, of Dunnikier, Right Worshipful Subsittute Grand Master; Major Hamilton Ramsay, of Garion, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; the Right Honourable George John Lord Rosehill, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden; and John Laurie, Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

W. H. RAMSAY,  
Senior Grand Warden

ROSEHILL,  
Junior Grand Warden

J. LAURIE,  
Grand Secretary.

The Seal  
of the Grand  
Lodge of  
Masons in  
Scotland.

## BYE-LAWS

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## LODGE "MORLAND"

No. 25

## 1. CONSTITUTION

CHARTER : Lodge "Morland" was duly constituted under a Dispensation granted by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, Most Worshipful Brother Captain Henry Morland, on the 21st day of March A. D. 1875 and A. L. 5879, which Dispensation was subsequently confirmed under a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, dated the 3rd day of May A. D. 1875 and A. L. 5879 and the Lodge was regularly opened on the 15th day of December of the same year and was numbered as 569 S. C. This Lodge having opted to the Grand Lodge of India was struck off the rolls of the Scottish Constitution and was entered on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of India on its consecration on 24th November 1961 and was numbered 25 G. L. I.

2. OFFICERS : the Office bearers of the Lodge shall consist of :—

Worshipful Master  
Immediate Past Master  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden

Chaplain  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Director of Ceremonies  
Senior Deacon  
Junior Deacon  
Bible Bearer  
Gita Bearer  
Koran Bearer  
Z. A. Bearer  
Sword Bearer  
Assistant Director of Ceremonies  
Almoner  
Organist  
Assistant Secretary  
Inner Guard  
Steward  
Tyler

3. REGULAR MEETING DAY : The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the fourth Thursday of every month except in the month of May.

4. MEMBERS : The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Absent and Honorary Members.

5. LIMITS OF JURISDICTION : The word 'Station' shall be held to mean the Municipal Limits of Greater Hyderabad and its adjoining Cantonment Areas.

## II. CANDIDATES

6. CANDIDATES : Every candidate for Initiation or Brother for joining or rejoining must be

proposed and seconded by members in good standing at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge, and must be reported upon by the Standing Committee, before the ballot is proceeded with. All such candidates must be introduced to the Standing Committee.

7. LIABILITY OF PROPOSER, & C., The Proposer and Seconder shall both be responsible for all fees and expenses incurred on account of such Brother for a period of three months.

8. REJECTED CANDIDATE : A Candidate who has been rejected shall not be again eligible for proposal for twelve month.

### III. BALLOT AND VOTING

9. BALLOT : The secrecy of the Ballot shall be held strictly inviolate; and when a Ballot takes place for the initiation of a candidate or the joining or rejoining of a Brother, if two negative balls appear, the proposition shall at once be rejected; but if only one negative ball appears, the Candidate shall be duly accepted.

10. SECOND BALLOT : The Worshipful Master, on a proposition duly seconded, may for the purpose of being assured that no mistake has occurred in the use of the black balls, cause a Second Ballot to be forthwith taken, which shall be final for all purposes.

11. VOTING WHEN DEBARRED. : Any member who is in arrears for 3 months or over shall be

debarred from balloting or voting on any question before the Lodge and from making any proposition.

12. VOTING BY PROXY : No member shall be permitted to vote by proxy.

### IV. RESIDENT AND ABSENT MEMBERS

13. ABSENT LIST : No member leaving the station shall be placed on the Absent List until he signifies the same in writing to the Secretary or announces it in open Lodge.

14. No office-bearer shall be allowed to have his name placed on the absent list.

15. RETURN OF ABSENT MEMBERS TO STATION: Any member who has been placed on the Absent List under Bye-Law No. 13 shall, on his return to the station intimate the same to the Secretary, who will at once place his name on the List of Resident Members.

16. FAILURE TO REPORT RETURN : Any Member omitting to comply with the preceding Bye-Law shall be liable to pay the full subscription for the period that he has resided in the station; and the evidence either written or verbal, of two Master Masons as to such period of residence shall be final, and shall be sufficient to give effect to this rule unless reasonable excuse be adduced to the contrary.

## V. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

17. FEES & SUBSCRIPTIONS: The following fees shall be payable in advance to the Lodge and such fees shall include Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge dues and shall also include Grand Lodge Certificate fee to every Master Mason:

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| Initiation                            | <del>500</del> | Rs. 400.00 |
| Joining & Rejoining Fee               | <del>600</del> | Rs. 150.00 |
| Monthly subscription including Dinner | <del>50</del>  | Rs. 40.00  |
| Absent (Member)                       | <del>20</del>  | Rs. 10.00  |

18. Should an absent Member attend Lodge or the Banquet, he shall be charged full subscription for the month.

19. Should the subscription of a member of the Lodge remain unpaid for 6 full months, the Secretary will send a Registered notice to him requesting settlement within 1 month from the date thereof.

If the payment is not received as stipulated, the Secretary would report to the standing Committee. The Committee in turn may recommend to the Lodge at the next regular meeting to exclude the said member under Rule 156 of the Book of constitution.

20. BENEVOLENT FUND: An amount of Rs. 100/- to be allocated from out of the fees for Initiation and Rs. 50.00 from Joining Fees, Charitable Collections in the Meetings and Voluntary

Donations; shall form the Fund of Benevolence, which shall be solely devoted for Charitable purposes; and part of the "interest" from Capital Fund and other Contributions from the General Fund, as the Lodge may determine from time to time.

21. EMERGENT CASES OF DISTRESS: A sum of Rs. 500.00 from this Fund (Benevolent Fund) shall be annually held at the disposal of the Worshipful Master to meet emergent cases of distress.

22. CAPITAL FUND: A sum of Rs. ~~75,000~~ <sup>100,000</sup> ~~600~~

(Rupees Seventy five thousand) shall always be maintained to the credit of the Capital Fund. The corpus shall always be intact and only the interest earned shall be utilised for the purposes of the General Fund and Benevolent Fund.

PROVIDED: that in the case of investments of the Fund made in recurring deposits with the Bank, the interest accrued shall be added to the corpus and shall be utilised for the purposes of the General Fund and Benevolent Fund or fixed deposits, made as per Bye Law No. 35.

23. EXTRA FEE: It shall be within the discretion of the Lodge to levy a fee not exceeding Rupees Thirty at any time that circumstances may require it

24. In the event of any necessity arising for the withdrawal of Funds out of the Capital Fund of the Lodge, instituted as per Bye-law No. 22, a

majority of not less than three-fourths of the Brethren in good-standing present at the Meeting, shall be required to sanction the same in a regular manner.

25. SPECIAL BANQUET FEE: It shall be within the discretion of the Worshipful Master to levy a special fee, on all residents members subject to confirmation by the Lodge on any occasion on which a special Banquet or other entertainment should in Worshipful Master's opinion be given such as in the case of the Reception of Regional Grand Lodge or Grand Lodge or other Masonic Functions. Any deficit in meeting the expenses shall be met with from the General Fund and one half of the amount earned as interest from the 'Capital Fund'.

### VIII. PROPOSITION AND DISCUSSIONS

26. PROPOSITIONS: No proposition shall be entertained until it has been duly seconded; and 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; but no vote shall be taken on any proposal until due notice has been given in the summons. This Bye-law shall not have reference to the subject matter pertaining to correspondence brought up by the Secretary, subject to the discretionary powers of the Worshipful Master.

27. MEMBER'S RIGHT TO SPEAK: No member shall be entitled to speak more than once upon any

question before the Lodge, except strictly in explanation; but the Mover shall have the right of reply, after all the members, who may wish to do so, shall have addressed the Lodge.

28. ADDRESSING 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.

29. DISCUSSIONS: To preserve the harmony of the Lodge, the Master shall have the discretionary power, at any stage of discussion, to stop its being proceeded with.

30. RESOLUTION: Any Resolution passed in open Lodge shall be binding on all the members of the Lodge.

### IX. ELECTION & INSTALLATION

31. ELECTION OF MASTER AND TYLER: The Worshipful Master and Tyler shall be annually elected by Ballot, at the Regular Meeting in December.

32. DATE OF INSTALLATION: The Worshipful Master shall be duly installed at the regular meeting in January.

### X. SECRETARY

33. SECRETARY'S DUTIES: The Secretary shall issue the summonses for, and record the

Minutes of all Meetings and Committees, keep the Register of Members, and discharge such other duties as may be delegated to him by the Worshipful Master.

### XI. TREASURER

34. FUNDS WITH TREASURER: The Treasurer shall collect all dues and fees and deposit all sums in excess of Rs. 100.00 (one hundred) in his possession for over a week, in a Bank in the name of the Lodge to be operated upon jointly by the Treasurer and either the Worshipful Master or the Secretary with such Banker as the Lodge may decide, for safe custody. Provided that not more than a sum of Rs. 5,000 (Rupees Five thousand only) May be kept otherwise than a fixed deposit for periods exceeding 3 years with a Bank in the name of the Lodge.

35. PAYMENTS BY TREASURER: The Treasurer shall not pay any moneys of the Lodge, except its current expenses and as otherwise provided for, without the direction of the Master and Brethren in Lodge assembled.

### XII. TYLER

36. TYLER'S DUTIES AND FEES: The Tyler, in the event of his being a Serving brother, shall be paid a remuneration of Rs. Fifteen per month and a fee of Rs. 1 (one) for each degree given in the Lodge as compensation for his services. A subscribing member serving as Tyler shall be exempt from payment of monthly subscription and all other

Lodge dues. He shall be responsible for the cleanliness of the Lodge and the correct disposition of its furniture at the time of meeting.

### XIII. BUILDING COMMITTEE

37. There shall be a committee known as the Building Committee of the Lodge and shall consist of the Wor. Master Secretary and three elected members. Election of 3 members will be held at the installation meeting every year.

### XIV. AUDIT COMMITTEE

38. AUDIT COMMITTEE: An Audit Committee shall be elected by the Lodge as soon after the Installation as possible, which shall consist of any three senior members which some knowledge of accounts and preferably qualified accountants. The Committee's report upon audit shall be placed before the next meeting of the Lodge.

### XV. STANDING COMMITTEE

39. STANDING COMMITTEE: There shall be a Committee, styled the Standing Committee of the Lodge, which shall consist of the Worshipful Master, all Past Masters, Past Wardens, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Secretary and the Treasurer and three members elected at the Installation meeting, and any three of the said Standing Committee shall from a quorum.

40. PRESIDENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE: The Worshipful Master shall be the President, and

the immediate Past Master the Vice-President, of the Standing Committee, and in their absence the Senior Brother present shall preside.

41. STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING : The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Standing Committee, when requested to do so by the Master.

42. REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE : The Worshipful Master is hereby authorised and empowered to refer to the Standing Committee, for consideration and report at any stage any matter or proposition that may be brought before the Lodge, previous to putting the same to vote and on the Worshipful Master so referring the same, all discussions thereon in Lodge shall immediately cease.

43. NOTICE TO PROPOSER AND SECONDER : When the Worshipful Master shall refer any motion to the Standing Committee, the Proposer and Seconder shall be invited to be present for the consideration of that particular question, and the Secretary shall send them notice of the time appointed for the Meeting.

44. RULES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE : The Rules for Lodge discussion shall also apply to discussions before the Standing Committee, the Presiding Officer whereof, for the time being, shall be entitled to the same respect as the Worshipful Master in Lodge.

45. STANDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT : At the Regular Meeting of the Lodge following that at

which any reference has been made, the Standing Committee shall present their report and the Worshipful Master shall cause the same to be read in open Lodge, after which its adoption or rejection shall be decided upon in the usual way, on a motion duly made and seconded.

46. STANDING COMMITTEE'S POWER : The Standing Committee is hereby authorised and empowered to summon any member to give information on any matters referred to it by the Lodge.

#### XVI. GENERAL

47. VISITOR : Every Visitor must be well vouched for or required to produce his Grand Lodge Certificate and undergo an examination.

#### XVII. LODGE PROPERTY

48. LODGE PROPERTY : Property of every description belonging to the Lodge shall be vested in the Worshipful Master and Wardens for the time being, in trust for the Lodge, except as may be otherwise provided for.

49. INVENTORY: An inventory of the whole of the Lodge property shall be entered in a Book, which shall be verified by the Worshipful Master on his installation and shall be countersigned by himself and his Wardens.

50. JEWELS, & c. : The Warrant, Jewels and Working Tools belonging to the Lodge, shall be in

charge of the Worshipful Master; or of such other officers as he may appoint.

### XVIII. BYE-LAWS

51. BYE-LAWS: These Bye-Laws shall be read in open Lodge at such time as the worshipful Master may think proper or at least once a year, and each newly initiated or joining or re-joining brother shall be furnished with a copy.

52. ALTERATION OF BYE-LAWS: The Bye-Laws, or any portion of them shall not be altered without the sanction of any majority of the members present at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge, notice of the proposed alteration being given at the previous Regular Meeting and circulated with the Summons of the Regular Meeting at which it is to be considered and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting and approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Master and M. W. the Grand Master.