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ANDHRA MASTERS LODGE

No. 316 GLI

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I Preamble

1. **AIMS & OBJECTIVES :** Whereas it is found beneficial to utilise the services of Masters and Past Masters to encourage the newly admitted Freemasons to shape themselves as perfect Ashlars.
 - a) To guide them in studying Liberal Arts and Sciences to understand and appreciate the sacred dictates of Truth, of Honour and of Virtue.
 - b) In short to undertake such services for the development of Freemasonry in the State of Andhra Pradesh and the rest of India and the world in consonance with the Antient Charges and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons of India.

We the undersigned do hereby establish a new lodge by name "Andhra Masters Lodge" at Visakhapatnam and subscribe to the following

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II. Membership

2. **Class of Members :** There shall be three classes of Members, Viz.,
 - i) Ordinary Members
 - II) Honorary Members
 - III) Life Members
3. Past Masters and Ruling Masters of any daughter Lodge under the Grand Lodge of India residing permanently in the State of Andhra Pradesh are eligible to become Ordinary Members provided they have confirmed to the Rule 144 (ii) of B of C of GLI upon their election.
4. The Lodge shall have power after due notice on the summons to elect as an Honorary member any brother of good standing and worth of such distinction of reason of his services to the Craft in general or the Masters Lodge in particular. The Honorary Member shall be guided by Rule 142 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of India.
5. Life Member shall be a Past Master who has been a member for 20 years or more in the Lodge and has attained the age of 55 years on payment of 5 years lumpsum subscription.

III. Admission and Retirement of Members

6. No brother shall be admitted as a joining member of the Lodge if, on the ballot three black balls or more appear against him.
7. The Brother rejected for joining shall not again be proposed in the Lodge until after a lapse of six months from the date of ballot.
8. Non-payment of subscription for one full year:
The subscribing member shall cease to be a member of all Lodges in which he is a member, if his subscription to the Lodge remains unpaid for one full year at the expiration of the period under Rule 124 of the B of C of GLI.
9. A brother shall also cease to be a member if he joins Lodges not recognised by GLI Rule 124A of B of C.
10. Rule 137, 138 of B of C shall be the guide for a member to rejoin the Lodge if he has resigned or ceased to be a member under Rule 124 or has been excluded for non-payment of dues.

IV Regular Meetings

11. Number of Meetings : There shall be four regular meetings in a year. The Lodge shall meet at the Hamilton Memorial Masonic

Temple, Beach Road (next to the Old Municipal Corporation's Building), Visakhapatnam -530 001, Telephone : 561172 on second Sunday of August, November, February and May.

- 11.1 Emergency Meetings shall be convened at any time as per Rule 116 of B of C.
- 11.2 All summonses shall be circulated by the Secretary at least 10 days previous to the day of the Regular Meeting and as soon as possible in case of Emergency.
- 11.3 The summons shall notify clearly the purposes of the meeting viz.
 - a) Demonstration of the Ritual working or,
 - b) Discourses, or
 - c) Seminars / Workshops/ Quiz etc.
- 11.4 Installation Meeting shall be held at Visakhapatnam in the month of August. The Election Meeting to elect Master, Treasurer and Tyler and also two members from the Lodge to audit the Accounts shall be held in the month of May. The other two regular meetings shall be held in November and February.
- 11.5 Only subscribing members who do not have any outstanding dues are eligible for election and voting.

- 11.6 Standing Committee shall comprise of all the Ruling Senior Officers and two members elected in the month of May.
- 11.7 Standing Committee shall be the managing authority of the Lodge. All proposals shall be processed through the Standing Committee and only upon its approval, the matters shall be placed in the open Lodge for approval.

V Subscription

12. The Annual Subscription of an ordinary member shall be Rs. 350/- which includes the fees payable for each member to the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges.
13. The joining fee shall be Rs. 300/- exclusive of annual subscription.

VI Accounts

14. All payments shall be made by the Treasurer after certifications from the Secretary. Treasurer shall maintain accounts properly and shall produce the accounts for auditing in month of May. Audited Statement of accounts shall be approved at the Regular Meeting in the month of August.
15. Opening of Bank Account, the name of the Bank and the mode of operation, FDRs and other form of deposits etc., shall be decided at the Standing Committee.

16. All cheques must be signed by any two of the following : Viz., the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary.
17. All deposits are to be made by the Treasurer without any delay. He shall keep a minimum cash in hand for meeting the day to day expenses.

VII Visitors

18. The admission of visitors shall be guided by the provision of Rules 104 to 106 of B of C.

VIII COMMITTEES

19. The Secretary of the Lodge shall be the ex-officio Secretary of all the Committees including the Standing Committee.

IX Correspondence

20. All correspondence shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Lodge.

X Proposition

21. Any member of the Lodge desiring to make a motion therein or to submit any matter for its consideration at any regular meeting thereof, shall give notice in writing to the Secretary of the precise nature of such matter, not less than 14 days before such meeting, No such motion of matter shall be dealt within the Lodge unless such notice has been given except by special leave of

two thirds of the members present at the meeting.

22. No motion, the substance of which the Lodge has already considered and decided upon shall again be brought forward or otherwise discussed, save at the instance of the Master or after expiry of three months from the date of such consideration on discussion.

23. Two - thirds of the members present at the meeting may allow to be introduced or discussed at any regular meeting of the Lodge without notice, any business or motion which they shall consider to be urgent.

24. Nothing in the foregoing Rules shall require notice to be given of any motion to adopt or otherwise deal with any report or recommendation of any committee of the Lodge

XI Endowment Fund

25. The Lodge may accept Endowment from members, members' relatives or visitors on the recommendation of the Standing Committee. The proceeds of the Endowments shall generally be spent in the manner in which the Donor desires.

XII Amendment of by - laws

26. No alteration or addition to these by - laws shall be made except by motion carried by

two thirds of the members present at a regular meeting after due notice and confirmed at the next regular meeting and approved by the Regional Grand Mater and the Grand Master.

Sd/-

(W Bro K Rama Brahman)
Founder Master

Sd/-

(W Bro M V Satyanarayana)
Organising Secretary

Sd/-

(W Bro Prof. B. Mallikharjuna Rao)
Senior Warden

Sd/-

(W Bro Akella Styannarayana)
Junior Warden

Approved in the open Lodge on }
the day of Consecration on } 21-8-1998

Approved by R W the }
Regional Grand Master on } 05-10-1998

Sd/-

(R W Bro K.R. Rajasekharan Nayar) R.G.M. of SI

Approved by M W
The Grand Master
MW Bro Hari Pershad Mathur
on 07-12-1998

Sd/-

(V W Bros S. Krishnan)
Grand Secretary