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BY-LAWS



LODGE STEEL CITY NO. 339 G.L.I.

GAJUWAKA, ANAKAPALLE
VISAKHAPATNAM, Andhra Pradesh

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OF
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We the founder members of the Proposed "Lodge Steel City" No. 339 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of India do here by establish and subscribe to the following By-Laws.

OBJECT OF BY-LAWS

1. These By-Laws are established with the object of assisting in the well ruling and government of the Lodge according to Ancient Custom and in conformity with the Constitutions of the Ancient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons under the Grand Lodge of India.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Resident members are those who reside within the Revenue District of Visakhapatnam include those residing outside the said limits and who prefer to be in the Resident list.
4. Non-Resident members are those who reside beyond the limits mentioned in the above clause [3]
5. Honorary members shall be elected in accordance with Rule 142 of B of C.
6. Life membership shall be governed by Rule 142A of B of C.

ADMISSION & RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

7. No candidate for Freemasonry shall be initiated and no brother shall be admitted as a joining member of the Lodge if, more than one third of the ballot appeared against him.
8. The Master may if he is of the opinion that a mistake may have been made in the ballot, cause a second ballot to be taken forthwith, which shall be final.
9. A candidate rejected for initiation or joining shall not again be proposed in the Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of ballot.

10. Any member, resident or non-resident shall cease to be a Member of the Lodges in case he allows a subscription to the Lodge to remain unpaid for one full year. The cessation shall be in accordance with Rule 124 of the Book of Constitution.
11. A brother shall also cease to be a member if he joins lodges not recognised by Grand Lodge of India – vide Rule 124A of B of C.
12. A member who has resigned or has ceased to be a member under Rule 124 of has been excluded for non-payment of dues, shall be permitted to rejoin only on payment of all former arrears together with rejoining fee and shall be subjected to a fresh proposition and ballot according to Rules 137, 138 of B of C.

REGULAR MEETINGS

13. The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held 50% at Anakapalle and 50% Gajuwaka/ VISAKHAPATNAM, on the 1st Sunday of every month at such hour as the Master may direct.
14. Summons for convening the regular meetings of the Lodge shall be issued atleast seven days previous to such meetings.
15. The Master shall be elected by ballot at the

Election Meeting in September and the Master-Elect shall be installed at the next Installation Meeting in October.

The Treasurer and the Tyler (if not a Serving Brother) shall be elected at the Election meeting in September.

SUBSCRIPTION

16. The monthly subscription of a resident member shall be Rs. 40/- payable on the first day of every month and in case the member pays the subscription in lump sum for the year commencing from 1st day of January to 31st day of December on or before the 31st day of March, the subscription shall be Rs. 400/- per annum and of non-resident member shall be Rs. 250/- payable yearly in advance before the 31st March.

Besides, all members will pay annual dues payable to Grand Lodge of India and Quarterages of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India.

The members shall pay additional fees to building fund, steward fund, magazine fund etc., as may be decided by the Worshipful Master and Standing Committee from time to time.

Further both resident and non-resident PM's through their Mother Lodge and Ruling WM and Wardens shall pay fees of honour to Grand Lodge of India.

VISITORS

17. The admission of visitors shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 104 of 106 of B of C.

FEES

18. The following shall be the fees payable in advance :

Initiation	Rs. 250/-
Joining	Rs. 250/-
Joining from another	
Constitution	Rs. 250/-
Re-joining	Rs. 250/-
Miscellaneous (at the time of Initiation)	Rs. 50/-

Besides the above, subscription as detailed in clause 16 is also payable.

19. The holdings of Emergency Meeting (by Dispensation) shall be regulated by Rule 116 of B of C.

20. Where an emergency meeting is held for the sole purpose conferring a Degree at the request and for the convenience of a Candidate or Candidates, the Lodge may require from such Candidate or Candidates a total sum not exceeding Rs. 200/- towards expenses of the meetings.

CHARITY FUND

21. The Charity fund shall be maintained by donations and voluntary subscriptions from members and visitors and by transfer of 2% of the monthly subscriptions.

22. The Master shall have powers to spend a sum not exceeding Rs. 1000/- in a year from the general funds of the Lodge, to meet emergent cases of distress. In cases the Master exercises this privilege, he shall report the circumstances at the next regular meeting of the Lodge.

BUILDING FUND

23. Every initiate and joining / re-joining member shall pay Rs. 1000/- lump sum towards building Fund on his admission into the Lodge.

STEWARD FUND

24. The Steward Fund shall be collected separately alongwith the subscription. This

fund should be used for the monthly banquets and other refreshments.

PROPOSITIONS

25. 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 fourteen days before such meeting. No such motion or 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.

26. 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 of discussion.

27. Two-thirds of the Members present at the meetings 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.

28. 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.

COMMITTEES

29. At the Regular Meeting in October the Lodge shall appoint a Standing Committee consisting of the Principal and Assistant Officers, the Secretary, the Treasurer, all Past Masters and in the Lodge and two other members.
30. At the Election Meeting in September the Lodge shall appoint Audit Committee referred to in Rule 129 of Book of Constitution. The Treasurer shall not be a member of this committee.
31. The duties of the Standing Committee by the Lodge shall be:-
 - a) To enquire about and report on candidates for Initiation and Joining.
 - b) To inspect and check all the property of the Lodge at least once a year: and
 - c) To prepare an Annual Report of the activities of the Lodge during the year and present it for adoption by the Members at the Installation Meeting in October.

32. The Secretary of the Lodge shall be Ex-Officio Secretary of all Committees appointed by the Lodge.

SECRETARY's DUTIES

33. All the correspondence from members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

TREASURER's DUTIES

34. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the monies and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive directly all monies due to or held for Lodge and deposit the same in the name of the Lodge at a Bank approved by a resolution of the Lodge and shall make payments as are duly authorised or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. He shall generally confirm with the requirements of Rule 129 of B of C. All Cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz., The Master, The Treasurer and the Secretary.
35. The Treasurer shall prepare a statement of accounts annually in September showing the exact financial position of the Lodge as on 30th September which statement shall be verified and audited by the Audit Committee before October meeting.

TYLER's DUTIES

36. The Tyler, if he were a Serving Brother shall receive a fee of such amount per meeting, as the Lodge shall from time to time determine. The property and Regalia of the Lodge shall be in his subject of the inspection of the Master and Wardens.
37. It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these By-Laws unless the proposals for abrogation, the amendment or alteration shall have been circulated with the summons at which it is to be finally considered and shall have been read and approved of at one meeting and confirmed at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge. The change shall not become effective until subsequently approved by the Regional Grand Master of Southern India and the Most Worshipful The Grand Master of India.

ENDOWMENT FUND

1. The Lodge may accept Endowment from members and 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.

The purpose of the Fund shall be within the provisions of Masonic principles.

The BY-LAWS were proposed and approved on 01-06- 2003.



(W Bro. Maj. (Retd) P.R. Rao)
Founder Worshipful Master



(W., Bro S.A. Dawood Ali)
Organising Secretary

Approved and forwarded by the Regional
Grand Lodge of Southern India.



Date: 09-07-2003
Chennai.

R.W. Bro. Dr. B. Biswakumar,
R.W. The Regional Grand Master of Southern India

Approved by M.W the Grand Master.

Date: 08-08-2003
New Delhi.

Dr. Harish Gupta
Grand Secretary