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LODGE SANJEEVINI NO.300

BANGALORE



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BY-LAWS OF LODGE SANJEEVINI NO. 300 framed under Rule No.111 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India.

### I MEMBERS

1. Membership to the Lodge will be open to those who hold Medical / Dental qualifications (MBBS/BDS) registrable with the Medical/Dental Councils of India and who are currently registered with the respective Councils.
2. A LEWIS may be proposed for membership provided he is undergoing the course of MBBS / BDS provided that his membership shall automatically cease if he fails to complete the course by the time he complete 25 years.
3. This restriction shall NOT apply in the case of the tyler who shall be a MasterMason and a subscribing member of any Lodge under GLI.
4. The following shall be the categories of members :
  - (a) Resident / Ordinary
  - (b) Honorary
5. The lodge may if it deems fit acknowledge the services of a brother to freemasonry in general or to this Lodge in particular by electing him an Honorary Member in accordance with the provisions of Rule 142 of the B of C. Such a Brother shall be a Doctor or Dental Surgeon as stated in By-Law 1 above.
6. A brother who is a member of the Lodge will automatically cease to be a member if his registration with the MCI / DCI is cancelled or his name is deleted from the register of the MCI / DCI.
7. A person who ceases to be a member as per By-Law 6 may rejoin the Lodge when he is re-registered by the MCI / DCI.

### II MEETINGS

8. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemason's Hall Primrose Road, Bangalore, on the FIRST FRIDAY day in the months of January, March, May, July, September, November at such an hour as may be fixed by the Master.
9. The election of the Master, Treasurer and Tyler shall take place at the regular meeting in November and the installation of the Master Elect in the meeting in January, following.

10. The holding of emergency meetings (by Dispensation) shall be regulated by the provisions of Rule 115 of B of C.
11. Where an emergency meeting is held for the sole purpose of 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.300/- towards the expenses of the meeting.

**III PERMANENT COMMITTEE**

12. The Permanent Committee shall comprise the Master, all past Masters of and in the Lodge, the Wardens, Chaplain, Deacons, Secretary and Treasurer.
13. The Permanent Committee shall meet on the date of the regular meeting or on such other day or date of each month when the regular meeting will be held at such an hour that may be fixed by the Master to transact the following business :
  - (a) To enquire and report on applications from candidates for Initiation and Joining.
  - (b) To interview such candidates before the Balloting is taken up.
  - (c) To make recommendations for sanction on all financial matters.
  - (d) To consider and report upon such matters as the Lodge may refer to it.
14. The quorum for a Permanent Committee meeting shall be five members.
15. The Master shall preside over the meeting or in his absence the Immediate past Master or if both are not present any other Past Master or the S. Warden or the J. Warden in that order present shall preside. The proceedings of the Permanent Committee shall be recorded and duly signed by the Chairman, who shall have a casting vote in case of an equal division of opinion.
16. The proceedings of the P.C. shall be read at the regular meeting of the Lodge following the PC and shall be put for adoption.
17. The Secretary and Treasurer shall attend the meeting with the necessary books of account and reference to assist in the conduct of business.

**IV FEES**

18. The following fees shall be levied and paid :
 

(a) For Initiation	Rs.1000/- plus the cost of a MM apron
(b) For Joining :	
(i) from GLI	Rs.600/-
(ii) from other constitution	Rs.750/-
(c) For rejoining	Rs.600/-

From each of the above Rs.500/- will be transferred to a corpus fund in the Benevolent Fund Account.

**V SUBSCRIPTIONS -**

19. The subscription will be due annually and payable in advance in January each year or before initiation as follows :
 

Resident member	Rs.300/-
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In addition to the above each member shall pay towards the GLI and RGL dues as levied and applicable from year to year.
20. Any member whose subscription is in arrears for more than four (4) months will not be eligible to vote, propose or second a candidate either for initiation or joining or be eligible for being appointed to any office.
21. If any member allows his dues to remain unpaid for 6 months he shall receive intimation from the secretary in writing and sent by registered post to the last known address; and if the arrears are not cleared within one month from the date of issue of such registered letter he shall be liable to be excluded under Rule 156 of B of C.
22. Should a brother who has been excluded wish to rejoin, he must clear all the arrears due by him and pay the rejoining fees and must again be ballotted for.
23. The tyler (if a subscribing member) may be exempt from payment of subscription.

**VI FUNDS**

24. All moneys shall be deposited in a selected Bank in the name of the Lodge in the following fund accounts :

- (a) General Fund
- (b) Benevolent Fund
- (c) Refreshment Fund

25. The General fund and the Benevolent fund, shall be operated jointly by the Treasurer and either the Master or secretary. The Refreshment fund shall be operated by the Treasurer & Master or Secretary.

26. The subscription collected shall be apportioned to the respective accounts as below :

(a) General fund	Rs.180/-
(b) Benevolent fund	Rs. 30/-
(c) Refreshment fund	Rs.90/-

27. The Benevolent fund shall be devoted solely for the purpose of Benevolence/Charity.

Moneys collected from the following sources shall form this fund :

- i) Collection made towards charity/benevolent fund at the Regular meeting.
- ii) Voluntary contributions expressly made for the purpose.
- iii) Rs.30/- from the subscription of each subscribing member.
- iv) Rs.500/- from the initiation, joining and rejoining fees collected and maintained as a corpus.

28. A sum of Rs.300/- from this fund shall be held at the disposal of the Master to meet emergent cases of distress and such cases shall be reported to the Lodge at the next Regular meeting.

29. The Charity box shall be circulated immediately before closing the Lodge at the regular meetings. The sum collected shall be declared to the Brethren by the Secretary/Treasurer and the amount credited to the Benevolent fund.

30. The refreshment fund shall be made up by transfer of Rs.90/- from the subscription of every resident member.

The Lodge shall provide refreshment on all regular meeting days.

31. i) All moneys of the Lodge other than those mentioned in By-Laws 27 and 30 shall remain in the General fund.

- ii) Payment of any sum exceeding Rs.100/- for other than ordinary purposes from the general fund shall be made only by a resolution of the Lodge except in case of emergency when such payment may be authorised by the Master and ratified by the Lodge at its next regular meeting.

## VII INITIATION AND JOINING

32. Every application for initiation or joining shall be placed by the Seretary before the Permanent Committee for due enquiry and report. A candidate for initiation shall be required to appear before the P.C. for this purpose.

33. The particulars of the intending candidate shall be submitted to the secretary on the prescribed form and shall be proposed by a member of the Lodge and seconded by another in open Lodge at a regular meeting.

34. Every candidate for initiation or joining shall sign the declaration as set out in Rule 137 and 138 of B of C.

## VIII BALLOT

35. No candidate for initiation or joining shall be ballotted for until he has signed the declaration as set out in Rule 137 and 138 of B of C.

36. Voting of initiation, joining and re-joining shall be by ballot. White and Black balls shall be used for ballotting. (White in favour and black against the candidate.)

37. No candidate shall be made a mason in, or no brother shall be admitted a member of this Lodge if on ballot being taken THREE black balls appear against him.

38. The candidate or brother rejected shall not be repropoed until after the expiry of six months from the date of rejection.

## IX PROPOSITIONS

39. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons, unless in case of emergency or as the Master may direct.

40. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again a second time without the permission of the Master or until 6 months have elapsed after the last decision.

41. In the event of there being an equality of votes on any question to be decided by a majority, the Master shall have a casting vote.

43. No proposition shall be put to the Lodge when assembled unless it is proposed by one member and seconded by another. An amendment however, duly proposed and seconded, may be made to any proposition. In this case the amendment shall be put to vote first; if negatived, unless other amendments be proposed, the original proposition shall be put to vote, but if the amendment be carried, the original proposition shall be considered lost.

#### X SECRETARY

43. The Secretary shall be in charge of all Lodge records and books other than the account books which are maintained by the Treasurer.

44. The Secretary shall be in charge of all correspondence, issue summons for meetings, record minutes of the proceedings and maintain all registers and books that are necessary for the Lodge.

45. The Secretary shall take note of members coming within the provisions of By-Laws No.20 and 21 and Rule 124 and 156 of B of C and report to the Lodge and take necessary steps to enforce the above provision.

#### XI TREASURER

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46. The Treasurer shall maintain such books of accounts as are necessary under Rule 129 of B of C.

47. All payments exceeding Rs.500/- shall ordinarily be paid by cheques only.

48. The Treasurer shall intimate to the Secretary all cases of arrears falling under By-Law No.20 and 21 and Rule 124 and 156 of B of C.

#### XII TYLER

49. The Tyler (if a serving brother) shall be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the Lodge from time to time.

#### XIII VISITORS

50. No visitors shall be admitted into the Lodge unless properly proven and vouched for as provided in Rule 104 of B of C.

Visitors shall not be entitled to speak or vote on any motion under any circumstances but he may address the Lodge upon any point

connected and the Craft in General, with the sanction first obtained of the Master or Officer in charge of Lodge.

#### XIV AUDIT COMMITTEE

51. At the Regular (election meeting) in November, the Lodge shall appoint an Audit Committee (Rule 129 of B of C).

#### XV ACCOUNTS

52. The financial year of the Lodge shall be from January to December every year. The accounts of the Lodge shall be closed on Dec.31 every year the first closing being on Dec.31, 1994.

53. The Treasurer shall have the annual accounts made for the year and present it to the audit committee for their comments and report thereon.

54. The annual accounts together with the Audit Committee Report shall be placed before the open Lodge on the Installation Meeting for Consideration and adoption.

#### XVI ALTERATION OF BY LAWS

55. No alterations or additions to the By-Laws shall be made but by a majority of votes taken on a motion submitted in writing and included in the summons of the meeting.

56. These By-Laws shall not be abrogated, amended or altered unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been read and approved in one Regular Meeting and Confirmed at the next Regular meeting. The change shall not become effective until subsequently approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Master of Southern India and M.W. The Grand Master.

57. In the event of any abrogation, amendment or revision of any By-Law or By-Laws, the Secretary shall provide each member with a copy thereof after approval by R.W. the Regional Grand Master of S.I. and by the M.W. The Grand Master.

#### XVII GENERAL

58. The provisions in the Book of Constitutions shall apply to all matters which are not mentioned in these By-Laws.

59. Every member of the Lodge on initiation or joining shall be presented

with a copy of these By-Laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the By-Laws contained therein.

**LODGE SANJEEVINI No. 300**

Adopted by the members at the conservation meeting held on Nov. 7, 1994

W.Bro. Dr. K.S. SHEKHAR

Founder W. M.

W. Bro. Dr. B.A. ANANTHARAM

Founder S.W.

Bro. Dr. K.M. SRINIVASA GOWDA

Founder J. W.

Bro. Dr. Ramakanth Venson

Secretary

Approved by Deputy Regional Grand Master in charge

Sd/-

Place : Madras

Date : 2.1.1996

V.W.Bro. Justice V. Ratnam

Dy. R.G.M. In-charge

Approved by M.W. The Grand Master

Place : New Delhi

Date : 23.1.1996

N.L. Duggal

Grand Secretary

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**BANGALORE**

**FOUNDER MEMBERS**

1.	V.	W.	Bro.	Dr. T.S. Jairam
2.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. A. Nagaraj
3.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. V.A. Srinivasa
4.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. K.S. Shekar
5.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. B.A. Anantharam
6.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. C.N. Bopanna
7.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. C.D. Srinivasa Murthy
8.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. K.M. Srinivasa Gowda
9.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. K.G. Ghorpade
10.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. R.V. Rangan
11.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. V.S. Ramakrishna
12.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. Viswanath Puttanna
13.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. Tilak Kumar
14.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. R. Nagaraj Naidu
15.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. Vivek Narendran
16.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. N.K. Venkataramana
17.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. Ramakanth Venson
18.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. B.S. Johar
19.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. Chetan Ballal
20.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. R. Mahesh Kumar
21.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. T.V. Ramesh
22.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. Sumit Sachdeo
23.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. G. Siddesh
24.	W.	W.	Bro.	Dr. M.S. Ranganath