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### **REVISED BYE-LAWS**

**AFTER INCORPORATING  
THE AMENDMENTS UPTO MAY, 2000.**

#### **PREAMBLE :**

1. Whereas it appears proper and necessary to us, to revise and redraft our Bye-Laws, we the members of the Lodge Coromandel No. 186, G.L.I. on the Register of the Grand Lodge of India, do hereby establish and subscribe to the following Revised By-Laws.

#### **OBJECT OF BY-LAWS :**

2. By-Laws are established with the object of assisting in the well ruling and Governing of the Lodge according to Antient Custom and in conformity with the Constitution of the Antient Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons under Grand Lodge of India.

## **MEMBERSHIP :**

3. The Members of the Lodge shall consist of four classes viz., (1) Resident, (2) Non-Resident, (3) Honorary and, (4) Life.
4. Resident Members are those who ordinarily reside within the Municipal limits of Visakhapatnam & include those residing outside the said limits and who apply to be transferred to the Resident list.
5. Non-Resident Members are those who reside beyond the municipal limits of Visakhapatnam as above and shall apply in writing to be transferred to the Non-Resident list.
6. Honorary Members shall be elected in accordance with Rule 142 of Book of Constitution.
7. Life Members shall be governed by Rule 142 A of Book of Constitution.

## **ADMISSION & RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS :**

8. The admission of candidates for Initiation or Joining shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 133 to 141 of the Book of Constitution. The ballot for a candidate for Initiation or joining,

two-thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge shall approve the proposal for such candidate.

**Non-payment of subscription for one full year:**

A subscribing member shall cease to be a member of the Lodge, if his subscription to the Lodge remains unpaid for one full year at the expiration of the period under rule 124 of the Book of Constitution of the GLI.

10. A Brother shall also cease to be a member if he joins Lodges not recognised by GLI.  
(Rule 124A of the Book of Constitution)
11. A Candidate rejected for initiation or joining shall not be again proposed in the Lodge until after the lapse of six months from the date of that ballot.
12. A member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary or orally in open Lodge, in accordance with Rule 158 of the Book of Constitution and he shall be entitled to the Certificate mentioned in Rule 150 of the Book of Constitution stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge. Should he at any future time wish to re-join, he shall be subject to the rules relating to joining members.

13. A Member who has resigned or has ceased to be a member under Rule 124 of the Book of Constitution or has been excluded for non-payment of dues shall be permitted to re-join on payment of his arrears along with his rejoining fees but shall be subjected to a fresh proposition and ballot according to Rule 137 & 138 of the Book of Constitution.
14. Members who are in default in payment of their subscription for more than three months after becoming due shall be deprived, while so in default, of all rights of voting, proposing or seconding candidates and being appointed or elected to offices, under the provisions of Rule 121 of Book of the Constitution.

#### **REGULAR MEETINGS :**

15. The Lodge shall meet at the Hamilton Memorial Masonic Temple, Visakhapatnam and shall hold regular meetings on the 2nd Saturday in every month, at such hour as the Worshipful Master shall direct.
16. The Worshipful Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in November. The Worshipful Master elect and

Treasurer elect shall be installed and invested respectively at the regular meeting in December.

17. Subject to the provisions of Rule 93 of the Book of Constitution, the Tyler shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in November.

#### **COMMITTEES :**

18. The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Past-Masters of and in the Lodge, Treasurer, Secretary and two other members to be elected annually by the Lodge at the regular meeting in December. The Committee shall consider and report to the Lodge on all proposals for membership and on any matters specially referred to it by the Lodge. Three members of the committee shall form a quorum.

#### **SECRETARY :**

19. The Secretary shall issue summons and notices for all meetings, record the minutes of all the meetings, attend to all the correspondence of the Lodge and maintain the registers of the Lodge.

#### **TREASURER :**

20. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be

responsible for the monies and the account books of the Lodge. He shall receive directly all m~~one~~es due to or held for the Lodge and deposit the same in the name of the Lodge at the 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 conform with the requirements of Rule 129 of the Book of Constitution. The Bank Accounts shall be operated by any two of the following : Worshipful Master, Secretary, Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall prepare a statement of Account annually showing the exact financial position of the Lodge as on 30th November which statement shall be verified and audited by the Audit Committee before December Meeting.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE :

21. The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Lodge who shall be elected annually at the regular meeting in November. The accounts shall be made upto 30th November in each year and shall be presented to the Lodge, duly audited, at the regular meeting in December.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS :**

22. The following shall be the fees payable in advance.

- i) Initiation (Including cost of apron and Ritual) Rs. 650/-
- ii) Joining/Re-joining Rs. 250/-
- iii) Joining from another Constitution Rs. 250/-
- iv) The monthly subscription for a Resident member shall be Rs. 50/- and in case the Brother pays the subscription for one year from 1st day of December to 30th of November of the subsequent year in lump-sum an amount of Rs. 550/- shall be accepted provided it is paid on or before the 28th day of February of that year.
- v) Subscription for a non-resident member shall be Rs. 300/- and payable in advance on the 1st day of December of the year, provided the Brother resides outside the limits of Visakhapatnam Municipality and notifies to the Secretary that he should be treated as a non-resident.
- vi) Resident, Non-resident and Life Members shall pay besides subscription any

additional fees chargeable by Grand Lodge of India and Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India from time to time.

- vii) Further both Resident and Non-resident Past Masters through their mother Lodges and Ruling Worshipful Master and Wardens shall pay fees of honour to Grand Lodge of India.
- viii) A Brother who has been a subscribing member continuously for 20 years and has attained the age of 55 years can opt to become a life member by paying a lump-sum amount equivalent to 5 years subscription. However, he has to pay the Grand Lodge of India and the Regional Grand Lodge of India dues applicable from time to time.
- ix) An amount of Rs.50/- shall be paid by all the members towards stewards fund in addition to the above per annum.

23. The Charity fund shall be maintained by donations and voluntary subscription and by transfer of 2<sup>g</sup> of the monthly subscription. A sum of Rs. 300/- from the General Funds of the Lodge shall be annually placed at the disposal of the Worshipful

Master to meet emergent cases of distress. In case the Worshipful Master exercises the privilege, he shall report the circumstances at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge. Otherwise the sum shall at the close of the year, be carried to the charity account.

All ordinary cases of distress shall be submitted for discussion to the Lodge.

The payment of any sum exceeding Rs. 300/- if for other than ordinary purpose may be made only by resolution given in the summons, except in case of emergency when such payment may be authorised by the Worshipful Master and reported to the Lodge at the Next Regular Meeting.

24. Subject to the provisions of Rule III of the Book of Constitution, amendment of these By-Laws or any of them may be made only in the following manner.

- i) Notice to motion in writing stating the precise amendment or amendments proposed shall be given in the open lodge at a Regular Meeting.
- ii) The motion shall be set out in the summons for the next Regular Meeting or for an

Emergency Meeting summoned for the purpose, and shall at such meeting be put to the Lodge.

- iii) A resolution for amendment of which notice shall have been given as aforesaid shall be carried if a majority of the members present vote in favour of it, but it shall not be effective until approved by the Regional Grand Master and by the Grand Master.

Should there be any objection to the introduction of a candidate for initiation or a Brother for joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or the Secretary, who may communicate with the proposer and give him the opportunity of withdrawing his candidate.

#### **BUILDING FUND:**

25. Every Initiate and joining/re-joining member shall pay Rs. 750/- lump-sum towards building fund on his admission into the Lodge. The fund shall be exclusively used for payment of rent, taxes etc., for the Lodge and not used for any other purposes.

## **ENDOWMENT FUND :**

26. The Lodge may accept endowment fund from members and visitors on the recommendations of the Standing Committee. The proceeds of the Endowments shall generally be spent in the manner in which the Donors desire. The purpose of the fund shall be within the provisions of Masonic principles. An Endowment Fund shall not be less than Rs.1000/-.

27. Any matter not covered by these Bye-Laws, the reference shall be the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of India.

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