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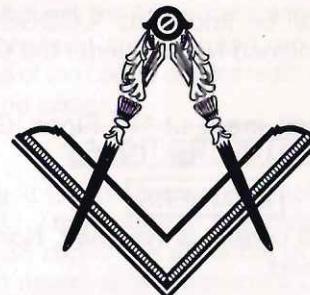


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No. 1. The Lodge Shall be known as "LODGE KRITAPURA" having been assigned No 357 under the Grand Lodge of India.

No. 2. The Lodge shall meet at "1st Floor, Gadag-Betger Gymkhana Club, M.G Circle, Gadag"

MEMBERS

No. 3. The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Non-Resident and Honorary members.

- a. Resident Member means a member who ordinarily resides within the limits of Gadag and who pays full subscription, even when not residing within and above limits.
- b. A Non-Resident members means a member not ordinarily residing within the aforesaid limits and pays reduced fees.
- c. Honorary member means a brother of good standing and distinction, so elected for his services to the Craft or to this Lodge in particular.

No. 4. The regular monthly meeting of the Lodge shall be second Saturday of every month. An emergent meeting of the Lodge shall be held, subject to obtaining the dispensation from the Regional Grand Master for that meeting only.

No. 5. The Master, Treasurer and Tyler shall be elected at the regular meeting in the month of November every year, as per provision in Rule No. 87 of the Book of Constitution.

No. 6. The Master elect, shall be installed at the Regular meeting of the Lodge in the month of December every year.

THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE

No. 7. The Permanent Committee of the Lodge shall consist of the Master, Past Masters of the Lodge, Senior Warden,

Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary and two members elected by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting.

(b) The quorum for the meeting shall be 4. The Permanent Committee shall check the Treasurer's accounts, inspect and report on the Lodge property, consider and report on the proposals for the membership of the Lodge and transact any business specifically referred to by the Lodge.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

No. 8. The Audit Committee shall consist of the two members elected by the Lodge at the Installation meeting. It shall audit and certify the accounts of the Lodge for the year and, on approval by Permanent Committee, shall have it placed before the Lodge meeting in December for adoption.

The Audit Committee may get accounts audited by a Charted Accountant and fix his remuneration.

LODGE FEES

No. 9. The fees shall be as follows :

Initiation	Rs. 500/-
Joining fees from a Lodge under our Constitution	Rs. 125/-
Re-Joining	Rs. 50/-
Joining from other recognized Constitution	Rs. 250/-

And the actuals as prescribed by GLI / RGLSI from time to time.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

No. 10. The membership subscription for Resident Member shall be Rs. 1200/- per year, and for Non-Resident Member Rs. 600/- per year, payable in one lump sum or by two half yearly installments. In additions to these fees the member also pays the fees due to the Grand Lodge of India and Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India as fixed by them. These shall be paid yearly in advance. If any member allows his subscriptions and other dues to

remain unpaid for a period of six months and above, he shall be deprived, while in arrears, of all rights of voting, proposing or seconding a candidate or being appointed/elected to office. Such defaulting members shall be excluded under Rule 156 of the Book of Constitution.

LODGE FUNDS

No. 11. The Lodge money shall be kept in the following account

- 1) General Fund
- 2) Benevolent Fund
- 3) Building Fund
- 4) Steward Fund

BENEVOLENT FUND

No. 12. The Charity box shall be circulated at every meeting of the Lodge and contributions received shall be credited to Benevolent Fund. The Lodge, by a special resolution may transfer a reasonable sum out of its General Fund, to the Benevolent Fund which shall be used for Masonic and other charities and to aid a destressed brother or his family. The merits of each case shall be considered by the Permanent Committee of the Lodge. Incase of emergency the W. Master is empowered to grant a sum not exceeding Rs. 100/- The reason of such disbursement should be communicated to the Lodge at the next regular meeting for its approval.

BUILDING FUND

No. 13. A building fund shall be maintained out of special contributions from Brethren or occasional contribution from the General Fund and shall be utilized towards Building maintenance, repairs and additions or alterations to the Lodge building as and when necessary.

STEWARD'S FUND

No. 14. A Steward's Fund will be maintained out of special contributions from brethren or occasional contribution from the General Fund and shall be utilized towards dinner and refreshment at the meetings.

SECRETARY

No. 15. The Secretary shall be the usual medium of communication between the members and the W. Master and shall attend to all correspondence, records, make due returns to the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge. He shall be Ex-Officio Secretary of the Permanent Committee. He shall maintain the following books and files.

1. Attendance Register
2. Members Register
3. Minutes Book
4. Minutes of Permanent Committee
5. Property Register
6. Declaration Form Book

He shall also maintain the following files

1. Proposal Forms
2. Summons
3. Dispensation
4. Registration
5. Exclusion & Cessation
6. Regional Grand Lodge Circulars
7. Grand Lodge Circulars
8. Grand Lodge Communication
9. Regional Grand Lodge Communication
10. Annual Returns to Grand Lodge
11. Half Yearly returns of Regional Grand Lodge
12. Alteration of Membership
13. Installation Returns
14. Attendance of Past Masters.
15. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts
16. Correspondence
17. Application for the Grand Lodge Certificate
18. Building File
19. Transfer of Charges

TREASURER

No. 16. The Treasurer shall collect all the fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit

them in the Lodge in a bank approved by the Lodge from time to time. The bank account shall be operated jointly by any two of the following namely 1) Treasurer, 2) The Worshipful Master & 3) The Secretary.

The Treasurer shall keep account of all Lodge funds. The Treasurer shall not ordinarily keep more than Rs. 1000/- as cash on hand.

LODGE PROPERTY

No. 17. Every kind of property belonging to the Lodge shall vest in the Master and Wardens for the time being subject to the directions and control of the Lodge.

An inventory of all such property shall be maintained in separate register by the W. Master, Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer and all additions there to or deletions therefrom shall be recorded in the inventory as and when made. All such additions and deletions shall be submitted to the Permanent Committee as and when made and shall be recorded in the minutes.

BALLOT

No. 18. (a) All Candidates for Initiation, Joining and Rejoining must be proposed at a regular meeting of the Lodge according to Rule 135 and 138 of Book of Constitution of G.L.I

(b) No person shall be made a Mason or accepted as a member of the Lodge, unless on ballot two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature as per Rule No. 140 of the Book of Constitution of G.L.I.

PROPOSALS

No. 19. (a) No motion shall be put before the Lodge assembled unless duly proposed by one member and seconded by another, except when proposed by the W. Master.

(b) Any amendment to a proposition made, may be duly proposed and seconded. Amendments shall be put to

vote first. If negatived, the original proposition shall then be put to vote; but, if the amendment is carried the original proposition shall be declared to be lost.

(c) No proposition of importance shall be brought forward for consideration unless notice there of has been given at the previous regular meeting, or in writing to the Secretary, well in advance and in time, to be circulated before the meeting.

AMENDMENT OF BYE - LAW

No. 20. Amendments to these Bye-laws may be made only in the following manner.

(a) Notice of motion in writing, stating the precise amendments proposed, shall be given in open Lodge at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

(b) The motion shall be circulated in the summons for the next regular meeting and be voted upon at that meeting.

(c) 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 shall not be effective until approved by the Grand Master.

VISITORS

No. 21. Permanent Committee may from time fix a fee for dinner to be paid by members for visitors who may be invited for Banquet or other functions connected with the Lodge.

COLOUR OF THE REGALIA

No. 22. The Lodge regalia shall be Maroon in colour.

BYE-LAWS

No. 23. (a) These Bye-Laws shall be printed at the expense of the Lodge and a copy presented to every Brother. Every

member on his initiation or joining shall receive a copy of the Bye laws. His acceptance shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.

(b) These bye laws shall be read in open Lodge at a regular meeting at least once a year, as early possible, after the Installation meeting.

(c) In case, a situation arises for which foregoing Bye-Laws do not provide, the Laws or regulations contained in the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of India shall be binding.

Duly adopted and confirmed at the Consecration Meeting of the Lodge held on November 4, 2007 at Masonic Temple, Hubli.

W. Bro. Dr. N B Patil
Worshipful Master

Bro. A. L. Potnis
Senior Warden

Bro. A. D. Manvi
Junior Warden

Bro. V. S. Manvi
Secretary

Approved by R. W. The Regional Grand Master

Place : Chennai
Date : 31-12-07

G. Selvaraj
Regional Grand Master

Approved by M. W. The Grand Master

Place : New Delhi
Date : 9-1-2008

S. Krishnan
Grand Secretary