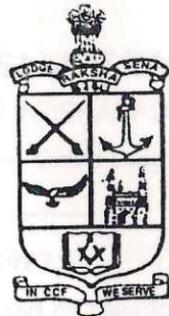




**THE BYE-LAWS
OF
LODGE RAKSHA SENA
No. 162
SECUNDERABAD**



FOREWORD

Lodge Raksha Sena No. 162 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of India was consecrated at Secunderabad on 11th July 1964.

The aim of this Lodge is that all those who hold or have held commissioned ranks in the Defence Forces of India or in the Armed Forces of countries friendly to India and Civilian Gazetted Officers of the Defence Departments (serving or retired) who are Free Masons and members of any Masonic Lodge, may have the opportunity of meeting and working together as Brother-in-Arms to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of ancient, free and accepted Masons.



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Approved by the Grand Lodge of India

1. REGULAR MEETING:

The Lodge shall hold its meetings on the Second Wednesdays of every month at St. John's Hall Secunderabad, at such hour as the Master may direct. Seven clear days notice of every regular meeting shall be given to every member of this Lodge.

2. EMERGENCY MEETING:

Emergency meeting can be held in accordance with Rule No.116 of Book of Constitutions. 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 such candidate or candidates to defray the charges for the dispensation and hire of hall.

3. ATTENDANCE:

It is the duty of every member to attend the Lodge meetings, whenever practicable. Any Brother unable to do so, is expected to inform the Secretary, as early as possible.

4. MEMBERS:

The Lodge shall consist of Active, Absent and Hony. Members.

- a. **ACTIVE MEMBERS** shall be those who permanently reside within sixteen kilometres radius of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. Resident members who may be invalid, infirm or otherwise unable to attend the Meetings of the Lodge may on application be placed on Absent list with the approval of the Lodge.
- b. **ABSENT MEMBERS** shall include Members residing outside the above-mentioned limits and whose names have been placed on Absent Members List. Any Active Member leaving the station for a period of 3 months or over may be placed on Absent List, if so desired.

Absent members become Resident Members, immediately when they change the residence to within the aforesaid limits automatically.

- Regular Officers shall not be entitled to have their names placed on the Absent List.

c. **HONORARY MEMBERS:** The selection of Honorary Members and the conditions of their membership shall be regulated by the provision of Rule 142 of Book of Constitutions.

5. ELECTION:

The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by Ballot and the Tyler by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in January each year. The names of all members eligible for the office of Master, shall be printed in the Summons convening the meeting.

No Member shall be elected to or appointed to an Office, if his subscription is unpaid for three months or more.

6. INSTALLATION:

At the next Regular meeting in February the Master elect shall be installed and he shall, then invest the Tyler

and appoint and invest his other officers for the ensuing year. (Rule 96, Book of Constitutions).

7. TREASURER:

The treasurer shall comply with all the requirements of Rule 129 Book of Constitutions and shall:

- a. be in-charge of all Lodge Funds;
- b. collect all dues and make all disbursements in connection thereon;
- c. keep separate account of these funds mentioned in Bye Laws 15 and for that purpose maintain Dues Register and Cash Book;
- d. receive all money sent to him towards the account of the Lodge and deposit the amount at the earliest opportunity in the Bank, approved by the Lodge;
- e. issue receipts for all money received by him on behalf of the Lodge;
- f. remit all dues payable to the Grand Lodge and the Regional Grand Lodge;
- g. make such payments as are duly authorised, approved or have been sanctioned by the Lodge;

- h. prepare and send to the Secretary not less than 10 days prior to each meeting a statement of dues of each Member for inclusion in the Summons.

Cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and Master or one Member as decided upon by the Lodge.

8. SECRETARY:

The Secretary shall record the Minutes of all Meetings & Committees and shall be in charge of all Lodge Records and Books, other than the Accounts Books. He shall be Ex-Officio Secretary to all Committees appointed by the Lodge.

He shall issue and post Summons of every Meeting to all entitled persons. He shall try to maintain contact with all Absent Members. He will send Registered Notices to those whose arrears are due beyond the prescribed period and non-receipt of reply inform the Lodge who may take action under Rule 156 to B of C.

Secretary be Exempted from Payment of appropriate Subscription to the Lodge.

THE TYLER:

If serving Brother is appointed to the office of Tyler,

he shall be remunerated for his services, with such sum, as the Lodge may determine from time to time.

10. COMMITTEE:

The Permanent Committee shall consist of the following:

1. The Master – As the Chairman
 2. Past Masters of this Lodge
 3. The Senior Warden
 4. The Junior Warden
 5. The Treasurer
 6. The Secretary
- and in addition
7. Two other Members of the Lodge are to be elected by the Lodge at each installation meeting.

Should a vacancy for an elected member occur, between one installation meeting and the other, the Lodge shall elect another member to fill it, for the remaining period of the year.

Three members shall form a quorum. The permanent committee may invite any member to give

information on any subject under discussion. The committee shall examine and report on all applications for relief, supervise the property of the Lodge, and deal with any business, specially referred to it by the Lodge. The committee shall consider and report to the Lodge on all proposals for Membership and may make a report on any matter pertaining to Masonry which they deem necessary to do so.

The proceedings of every meeting of the Permanent Committee shall be recorded in the Minutes Book kept for this purpose, which reports of the Proceedings shall be an item of business on the agenda for the next regular meeting. The Master or in his absence the Immediate Past Master, or the next senior shall preside. These minutes are to be read in open Lodge. A Copy will be pasted along with the minutes of the Regular meeting in which these are adopted.

Upon the permanent committee devolves the guidance of affairs in the internal economy of the Lodge. It will consider all questions of importance and submit them with recommendations to the Brethren in the open Lodge. It will act as a Committee of Vigilance in case of necessity regarding the eligibility of any person proposed as an initiate, or a brother for joining. The reports and

recommendation must, however, be submitted to the Lodge for confirmation. The Lodge Assembly by the majority of the votes may empower the permanent committee to act within such limits as the Lodge may define.

11. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE:

The Audit Committee shall consist of 3 Members of the Lodge, elected annually at the installation meeting in February. The account shall be made up to end of December of previous year, presented to the Lodge duly audited at January Meeting for approval and submitted for final adoption at the Installation Meeting in February.

12. DECISION OF THE LODGE:

Except as otherwise required by the Book of Constitutions the decision of the Lodge on general subjects shall be given by show of hands and being duly taken shall be binding on all Members of the Lodge, and the question shall not be re-opened under 6 months except at the written request of at least 2/3 of the Resident Members.

13. BALLOT:

i... Two Black Balls shall render a candidate for initiation

or joining ineligible to become a Member. If the Master is of the opinion that a mistake has been made, he can order for a Second Ballot forthwith which will be final.

- ii. No candidate once rejected shall be again eligible for admission until after the expiry of 6 months from the date of his last Ballot.
- iii. A collective Ballot for two or more candidates for initiation or joining may be taken, but if a black ball appears, the Ballot must be taken separately. A collective Ballot for candidates for an initiate an joining Member shall not be taken.

NOTE: Should there be an objection to the introduction of a candidate, it is better that such objection is mentioned privately to the Master who may communicate to the proposer and give him an opportunity to withdraw it.

14. FINANCE & SUBSCRIPTIONS:

- a. The following are the fees and subscriptions payable in advance or as amended from time to time based on changes in Annual Dues/ Quarter ages payable to GLI/RGL.

		Rs.
Initiation Fees	...	500
Joining Fees	...	500
Re-joining Fees	...	500
Joining from a recognised Constitution	...	500
Absent Member's Subscription:		
i. Monthly	...	20
ii. Annually	...	250
Resident Member's		
Monthly Subscriptions	...	175

All fees must be paid in advance.

- b. Any Member whose dues are in arrears of over 3 months shall not be allowed to be appointed to any office of the Lodge or vote for or propose or second a candidate for initiation or a Brother for joining or re-joining.
- c. Any Member who will permit his dues to fall in arrears for 6 months shall be served with a Registered Notice by the Secretary to the effect that

if the dues are not paid within one month he will be treated as a defaulter and dealt with under Rule 156 B of C.

FUNDS:

The following funds will be maintained:

1. General Fund
2. Charity Fund
3. Stewards Fund

1. General Fund:

The income for General Fund will be from all the dues except for those specially ear-marked for charity or entertainments in the paras below:

The object of this Fund is for the payment of dues to the Grand and Regional Grand Lodges, upkeep of Ornaments and jewels of the temple, upkeep of Officers' Regalia, provisions of the copies of the Book of Constitutions and bye-laws and general running expenses of the Lodge.

A sum of Rs.24.00 out of the monthly subscription of Resident Members and Rs.70.00 out of Non-Resident Members shall be credited to this fund.

2. Charity Fund:

The account of the Charity Fund will be kept separate from the General Fund. The Master has power to make a donation upto Rs.25/- from this Fund, to meet emergency cases of distress at his discretion without prior authority but shall report to the Lodge at the next regular meeting.

For any greater sum, the approval of the Lodge and the recommendation of the permanent committee will be necessary. The charity collection at any meeting of the Lodge shall be paid into this Fund. Re.1/- every month from each Resident Members subscriptions and Rs.4/- from the Absent Members annual subscriptions shall be paid into this fund.

3. Stewards Fund:

The object of this fund is to provide refreshments to Members, Visitors and Lodge Guests at the Meetings. A sum of Rs.20/- out of the monthly Subscription and Rs.4/- per year out of the Annual Subscription of Absent Members will be credited to this fund.

16. LODGE PROPERTY:

The Tyler will be responsible for the upkeep of the

jewels, regalia, furniture and all the property and assets of the Lodge. The inventory of all these items shall be held by the Mater and Wardens in trust for the membership of the Lodge and all moveable items shall be checked by and entered, above the signature of the Master, in the property book as correct or otherwise, within one month after the installation meeting.

17. BYE-LAWS:

A Copy of the Bye-Laws shall be presented free of charge to every brethren initiated in or joining the Lodge. A copy of the Bye-Laws shall be kept in a book by the Secretary which shall be signed by every Member so that no excuse or ignorance may be pleaded. It shall be read in open Lodge at least once a year. Should any alterations in these Bye-Laws be deemed necessary, it shall be made by notice of motion given in writing in open Lodge at a Regular meeting and the motion inserted in the summons in the next meeting. It shall be considered at that meeting and if then approved by a majority of Members present, shall be submitted to for confirmation at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge approval by the Regional Grand Master and the Most Wor. the Grand Master.

Note: The original Bye-Laws were approved by the Grand Master on 5-12-1964.

1. First amendment to the Bye-Laws were duly proposed and seconded at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on 12-1-72 and passed in open Lodge at the Regular meeting held 12-4-72 and confirmed on 10-5-72.

C. SATYANARAYANA
Senior Warden

M.G. SAINCHAR
Wor. Master

T.H.V. PRASAD RAO
Junior Warden

D. SATYANARAYANA
Secretary

Approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Master

K. VEERASWAMY
Madras P. Dy, G.M., OSM
July 15, 1972 Regional Grand Master

P.M. SUNDARAM
New Delhi P. Dy. G.M., OSM
22-7-1972 Grand Secretary for Grand Master

2. Foreword and Bye-Law No.8 were further amended as duly proposed and second at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on 12th December 1973: passed at the next Regular Meeting held on 9th January 1974, and further confirmed at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held on 13th February 1974.

(Sd) **Col. R.K. TANDON**
Worshipful Master

(Sd) **Lt. Col. A.S. NAIR**
Senior Warden

(Sd) **Wg. Cdr. P.M. MOHAN RAO**
Junior Warden

(Sd) **D. SATYANARAYANA**
Secretary

Approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Master

Madras (Sd) **T.K. DORAISWAMY**
11-10-74 Regional Grand Master

Approved by M.W. The Grand Master

New Delhi (Sd) **P.M. SUNDARAM**
22-10-74 Grand Secretary

3. Foreword and Bye-Law No. 14 were further amended as regularly proposed and second in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting held on the 9th June

1982 and 12th June 1985 respectively and Passed on the 14th July 1985 respectively and confirmed on the 18th August 1982 and 14th August 1985 respectively.

(Sd) **A.P. ALEXANDER**(Sd) Wg. Cdr. **S.V.PRASAD**
Worshipful Master Senior Warden

(Sd) **Major R. SIVAKUMAR**
Junior Warden

(Sd) **D. SATYANARAYANA**
Secretary

Approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Master

Madras (Sd) Cav. Dr. **G.K. DEVARAJULU**
26-3-1986 Regional Grand Master

Approved by M.W. The Grand Master

New Delhi (Sd) **H.P. GUPTA**
14-4-1986 Grand Secretary

Amendments on P3 approved by GL on 10.12.89

Amendments on P. 10,12 approved by GL on 18.9.90