## GRAND LODGE OF INDIA



RW Bro. VISHAL BAKSHI Grand Secretary



Freemasons Hall, Janpath, New Delhi-110001 Telephone: 91(11) 23321956/ 23321949 Email: grandlodgeofindia1961@gmail.com

No.533 (Circular No.20/17) 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

To,

All Daughter Lodges/Chapters/Mark/RAM Lodges Regional Grand Secretaries

Dear Sir and R/V/W/Brother/M/E/Companion,

The Grand Lodge of India has noted with increasing concern, the numerous Posts on Various Applications of Social Media such as Whatsapp, Facebook, Twitter etc, many of which are extremely slanderous and abusive to the Brethren and Lodges and some even discussing political and religious matters. The Grand Lodge advices that no member of any Order under the Grand Lodge of India/Supreme Grand Chapter of India/Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India should:

- 1. Post any matter which is slanderous and abusive towards any other Mason/Lodge/Regional Grand Lodges/Grand Lodge of India on any Social Media application/platform.
- 2. Air his grievances against either individual members of any Lodge/Chapter/Mark or against Regional Grand Lodge Officials or Grand Lodge Officials on any social Media Application. A Brother/Companion may refer complaints and/or comments through proper channels that are already in place and provided for in the Book of Constitutions/General Regulations.
- Post any matter of Political or Religious nature on any social Media Application or indulge in further discussions in these matters inter se, Through any Social Media Group with the name of the mason and/or any Institution of Freemasonry prefixed or suffixed to the group or individual.

Members of all Lodges under Grand Lodge of India/Supreme Grand Chapter of India/Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India are further reminded about the Ancient Charges and Landmarks of these orders which do not permit discussion and/or comments about Religion and Politics. The Duties of all Masons towards God and Religion, to the Laws of the Country and Society, towards his Brethren and to Strangers and general rules of behaviour in and outside the Lodge are all well laid down in the Preambles to the Book of Constitutions, and these Charges and Regulations are immutably part of the Governance of the Craft and they serve as our rule and guide.

Any infringement of these Principles will immediately attract severe condemnation and necessary penal action from Grand Lodge of India.

Grand Lodge of India further advises that any such or similar further posts, when brought to the notice of Grand Lodge of India, shall be dealt with in a most severe manner and suo moto complaints will be registered and proceeded with. Grand Lodge of India exhorts all its members to follow the principles of masonic teaching in their daily and social life.

A detailed social Media Policy will be soon finalised by the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge of India and circulated to all Lodges/Chapters/Mark and RAM Lodges.

You are requested to read this Circular in full in the First Rising of the next regular meeting of your Lodge/Chapter/Mark/RAM Lodge.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

Usua Daus

VISHAL BAKSHI Grand Secretary CC MWGM All Board Members