

GRAND LODGE OF INDIA



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To
The Secretaries of all daughter Lodges

Dear Sir and Brother,

This is to inform you that the subject for the Grand Lodge of India Masonic Essay for the year 2019 for the award of the M.W.the Grand Master's Masonic Trophy is:

Freemasonry makes one "live respected and die regretted ".

The rules relating to the submission of the Essay, are given overleaf. This circular is to be read in the first rising in Open Lodge and should also be mentioned in the Lodge summons. The last date for receipt of entries is 15th September 2019.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

VISHAL BAKSHI
Grand Secretary

Copy for information to the Regional Grand Secretary, RGL of EI/NI/SI/WI

GRAND LODGE OF INDIA ESSAY COMPETITION – 2019

Subject:- FREEMASONRY MAKES ONE “LIVE RESPECTED AND DIE REGRETTED”

The purpose of the competition is to encourage original thought and research on Masonic subjects on the part of Freemasons in India.

The Essay must be based on personal study and research of the participant. The Essay must show evidence of original thought and skill as well as critical analysis.

The Rules of the Competition are as follows:-

1. The Competition is open to Freemasons who are members of daughter Lodges.
2. The Essay must be in English and must not exceed 3000 words.
- 3a. All Essays for the competition must be typed on A-4 paper on one side only in double spacing with a wide margin and with all pages duly numbered and fastened together.
- 3b. Four printed copies of the Essay along with soft copy(in pen drive/C.D.) must be submitted under an assumed Pen name in order to preserve anonymity of the author from the Judges.

The full name, name of Lodge of which he is a member and address of the participant should be written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed in a sealed envelope with the inscription -

**“ANNUAL ESSAY PRIZE COMPETITION - 2019
GRAND LODGE OF INDIA, NEW DELHI-110001.”**

4. Non -observance of the rules may result on the entry being disqualified.

5. All Essays must be sent to the Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of India, Freemasons' Hall, Janpath, New Delhi-110001, so as to reach him not later than **15th September 2019**. The envelope must be marked **"Essay Competition 2019"**.
6. The Essays will be adjudged by a panel of judges appointed by MW the Grand Master. M.W. the Grand Master will be the Chairman of the Panel with a casting of vote and the decision of the judges shall be final. A Rolling Trophy will be awarded to the author of the best essay and his name will be inscribed on the Trophy and the author will be presented with a replica of the Trophy along with a suitable Certificate.
7. The Grand Lodge of India reserves the right not to award the Trophy if none of the Essays submitted are considered of sufficiently high standard. All the essays which are received will be property of the Grand Lodge of India which shall also have copyright over them.
8. The name of the winner of the competition will be announced and presentation of the Trophy and its replica will be made to the winner of the competition at the next Annual Festival of the Grand Lodge of India on 30th November 2019 in Tiruchirapalli(Trichy), Tamil Nadu,
9. In addition to the Trophy which will be presented to the author of the Essay adjudged as best, certificates of merit will also be awarded to those whose essays come to certain level of excellence.
10. Apart from the above a Certificate of Participation will also be given to all those who take part in the Competition.