

# **GRAN LOGGIA LIBERALE D'ITALIA**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### **Article 1 About Freemasonry**

Freemasonry is an Initiatic Order that aims to foster the intellectual and moral improvement of its members through the work of the Lodges and with the use of allegories and symbolic forms, with a view to extend this progress to the whole Humankind.

Freemasonry is essentially a philanthropic, philosophical, and progressive institution, and its object is the search for Truth, the study of Morals and the practice of Solidarity.

Its fundamental principles are Mutual Tolerance and Respect for oneself and for others, the Support of its members in difficulty and their Defense from injustice.

It requires its members to respect the opinions of others and forbids any political or religious discussion in their meetings, in order to constitute a Centre of Fraternal Union in which perfect Harmony of Thought reigns.

Freemasons, from whatever country they are, are part of one big family, and therefore they recognize each other as Brothers.

### **Article 2 About The Grand Liberal Lodge of Italy**

The Grand Liberal Lodge is an association of Masonic Lodges that work in the first Three Symbolic Degrees of Universal



Freemasonry - Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason - and welcome both men and women among their members, without any distinction of country of origin, nationality, religious faith and political belief. The Lodges of the Grand Liberal Lodge of Italy operate according to the principles of traditional Freemasonry, therefore they are inspired for their activity by the ancient *Landmarks*, the *Old Charges* and the *Constitutions of Anderson* (1723), the *General Statutes of Freemasonry in Italy* published in 1806 and the *General Statutes of the Society of Freemasons* published in Naples in 1821.

The Grand Liberal Lodge believes in the progressiveness of Masonic initiation as a method of inner growth but, believing that the metaphysical conception is an exclusive domain of the single individual based on its own sensitivity and capacity for introspection, it does not impose any dogma on its members and assumes as its own principle the Absolute Freedom of Conscience.

The Grand Liberal Lodge identifies with the values represented by the Trinomial "Freedom, Equality, Fraternity".

The Grand Liberal Lodge of Italy assumes the 27th Day of the 10th Month of Year 6018 Verae Lucis - St. John the Evangelist's Day - as the date of its Masonic foundation, when the 15 founding Lodges declared their will.

The Grand Liberal Lodge of Italy adopts as its official Seal the one reproduced below, which can be represented both in black and dark blue:



The header used for official communications is the following, in black or dark blue:



### **Article 3**

#### **About the Associated Lodges**

The Lodges associated with the Liberal Grand Lodge of Italy constitute a Masonic community which identifies with the values expressed by this Constitution and observes the General Regulations of the Liberal Grand Lodge.

Respecting the Tradition, the Lodges open their works in the name of St. John the Evangelist, carry them out in the presence of the Three Great Lights of Freemasonry - the Square, the Compass and the Book of the Sacred Law - and dedicate them to the Glory of the Great Architect of the Universe, however leaving the interpretation of this symbolic definition to the sensitivity and will of inner research of each individual member.

The Lodges adhering to the Grand Liberal Lodge of Italy symbolically celebrate St. John The Baptist's and St. John The Evangelist's days, corresponding to the Summer Solstice and the Winter Solstice, and the anniversary of the foundation of the Lodge.

## **Article 4**

### **About the National Structure**

The Masonic community of the Grand Liberal Lodge of Italy constitutes the Association named “Associazione Gran Loggia Liberale d’Italia” (GLLI), established in Rome on February 16, 2019 according to the laws of the Italian Republic, with a foundation act registered on the 27th February 2019 at the Agenzia delle Entrate – Direzione Territoriale di Ancona - at no. 479- Series 3.

The “Associazione Gran Loggia Liberale d’Italia” represents the associated Lodges at national and international level and has the purpose to promote social relations among members and to organize philanthropic actions and cultural events either open to public or reserved to the members of the associated Lodges. Funds for its activity will be obtained solely from the contributions of the associated Lodges or donations from third parties. The activity of the Grand Liberal Lodge of Italy and its internal bodies is regulated by the General Statutes approved by the Assembly of the Representatives of the Lodges and is carried out in compliance with the laws of the Italian Republic and its Constitution.

The location of the national headquarters of the Association is indicated in the General Statutes and must be reported in every communication and official document. Any changes must be immediately communicated to the competent state offices.

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