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TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL.
WORSHIPFUL & LOVING BRETHREN WE PADMA
BHUSHAN PROF. MANEKLAL SANKALCHAND
THACKER D.Sc., D. Engg. (D. Litt., F.I.E.E., FAIEEE.,
FAI., etc.,) GRAND MASTER
OF
THE MOST ANTIENT AND HONOURABLE
FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF INDIA

SEND GREETING KNOW YE THAT WE by
the authority and under the sanction of the Grand
Lodge of India vested in us for that purpose and
at the humble petition of our Right Trusty and Well
Beloved Brethren Col. Pamulapati Lalithendra
Nath Choudary, Lt. Col. Draksharam Sanjiva Rao,
Col. Rajasekhara Wodeyar Shanta Wodeyar, Lt.
Col. Dhan Singh Thind, T.S. Rama Row, Dr. V.A.
Damodaram, D. Satyanarayana, C.
Satyanarayana, Dr. B. Mahanti, D.V. Sarma, D.
Venkateswarlu Naidu, Lt. P.T. Choudary, Capt.
S.S.J. Razvi, Lt. Col. T.G.S. Tomar, K. Rajagopala.
Prasad, T.K. Sambasivan, N. Harinath, Dr. C.

Ramakrishna, Dr. M.V.R. Somayajulu, J. Subramanian, P. Chandrasekhara Rao and others do hereby constitute the said Brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or Denomination of THE COLONEL CHOURDARY LODGE No. 201 G.L.I.

The said Lodge to meet at FREEMASONS' HALL, GUNTUR on the SECOND SUNDAY of every month empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated to make, pass and raise Freemasons according to the Antient Custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World and further at their said Petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named Brethren WE DO APPOINT the said Col. Pamulapati Lalithendra Nath Choudary to be the first MASTER the said Lt. Col. Draksharam Sanjiva Rao to be the first Senior Warden and the said Col. Rajasekhara Wodeyar Shanta Wodeyar to be the first Junior Warden for opening and holding the said Lodge and until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected and installed, strictly charging that every member who shall be elected to preside over the said Lodge and who must previously have duly served as Warden in a Warranted Lodge shall be installed in Ancient

Form and according to the Laws of the Grand Lodge that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities and powers of his Office. And we do require you the said Col. Pamulapati Lalithendra Nath Choudary to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that you and they and all other the Members of the said Lodge do observe, perform and keep the Laws, Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our Successors Grand Masters or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being and we do enjoin you to make such By Laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the Members appear proper and necessary. The same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the General Laws and Regulations of the Craft, a Copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause such By Laws and Regulations and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a Book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our Successors Grand Masters or to Our Deputy Grand Master for the time being at least once in

every year a list of the members of your Lodge and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and Brethren who shall have joined the same with the fees and monies payable thereon. It being our will and intention that this our **WARRANT OF CONSTITUTION** shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you the said Col. Pamulapati Lalithendra Nath Choudary are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send us an Account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these Presents.

GIVEN under our hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge at New Delhi this Fifteenth day of September, 1970 corresponding to the Twentyfourth day of Bhadra, 1892, Saka Era.

Sd/- (P.M. Shndaram)
Grand Secretary

Sd/- (M.S. Thacker)
Grand Master.

INTRODUCTION

"Order is Heaven's First Law"

As no Society can be conducted without laws, it is necessary for good government that those laws should be established on a just and equitable foundation.

But it is necessary at all times to remember that laws without observance rather diminish than add to the subject intended; the office-bearers of the Lodge must, therefore, be treated with that deference and respect which the offices demand, it being through them alone that order and propriety can be maintained. Such honourable situations ought to be filled by those brethren only who are desirous of promoting the general good.

Freemasonry comprehends within its circle every brand of useful learning, and stamps an indelible mark of pre-eminence on all its genuine professors, which neither chance, power, nor fortune can bestow.

When its principles are strictly observed, it is a sure foundation of tranquility amidst the various disappointments of life, imparting real and intrinsic excellency to man, and rendering him fit for the duties of society. It cheers the mind in the hour of affliction, paves the way to peace, and promotes domestic happiness; it is company in soli-

tude, and gives variety, vivacity and energy to social conversation. These are its general advantages; to enumerate them fully would be an endless task; enough, however, has been said to show that he who cultivates this science, and acts agreeably to the character of a Freemason, has within himself the spring and support of every moral and social virtue.

From this view of the science its utility must be obvious. The universal principles of the Art unite in one indissoluble bond of affection-men of the most opposite tenents, of the most distant countries, and of the most contradictory opinions are in its fold; so that a Freemason finds, in every nation, a friend, and in every country, a home.

We the members of Lodge Colonel Choudary No. 201 GLI., have formed and subscribed to the following Bye-Laws for the purpose of ensuring proper functioning and steady progress of the Lodge and promoting harmony and brotherly feelings among ourselves.

Regular Meetings

I. The Lodge shall meet at GUNTUR and the Regular Meetings shall be held on the last SUNDAY of every month, at such hour as the Master may direct. Seven days clear notice shall be given to every member of this Lodge.

Emergency Meetings

II. The holding of Emergency Meetings shall be governed by the provisions of Rule 116, 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 from such candidate or candidates a total sum not exceeding Rupees Fifty towards the expenses of the Meeting, like charges for the dispensation, hire of hall etc.,

Election of Officers and Installation

III. The Master shall be elected by ballot, and the Tyler by show of hands, at the Regular (election) Meeting held in February every year.

The Master Elect shall be Installed and the Officers for the ensuing year Invested at the Regular Installation Meeting held in March every year.

Permanent Committee

IV. The Permanent Committee shall consist of the Master, as the Chairman, Wardens, Past Masters of this Lodge, Treasurer, Secretary and a Steward if appointed; and two other Brethren to be elected annually at the Installation Meeting. This Committee shall meet when summoned by the Master and its proceedings shall be recorded and reported at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge. Three shall form a quorum, and the Master shall

preside. In the absence of the Master, the Immediate Past Master, or the next senior in rank (exclusive of the Treasurer and Secretary) shall preside. A record of all Committee proceedings shall be signed by the Chairman, who shall have a casting vote in case of an equal division of opinion.

The Committee shall examine and report upon all applications of candidates for Initiation and Joining, consider cases for relief, review the progress and activities, supervise the Lodge property, and report on any other matter relating to the Lodge that may be referred to it.

Treasurer and Accounts

V. The Treasurer shall comply with all requirements of Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions and

- 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 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.

All cheques drawn on the Lodge accounts shall bear only the signature of the Treasurer, except those for over Rs. 50/- which will be countersigned by the W.M.

Payment of any sum exceeding Rupees fifty, if for other than ordinary purpose, may be made only by a Resolution of the Lodge, of which due notice shall have been given in the Summons, except in the case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master and confirmed by the Lodge at the Next Regular Meeting.

Audit Committee

VI. The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Lodge elected annually at the Regular Meeting in September. The accounts shall be made upto 30 SEPTEMBER, in each year and shall be presented to the Lodge, duly audited, at the Regular Installation Meeting in October.

Decision of the Lodge

VII. Except as otherwise required by the Book of Constitutions, the decision of the Lodge on general subjects shall be given by the traditional show of hands, and being duly taken, shall be binding on all Members of the Lodge, and the question shall not be reopened within six months, except at the request of the least two-thirds of the Resident Members.

Members

VIII. Resident Members shall be those who reside in Guntur or within a radius of 25 miles from GPO at Guntur.

Absent Members shall be those being resident outside the aforesaid limit of radius having notified in open Lodge or in writing to the Secretary their desire to be placed on the Absent list. Regular Officers of the Lodge cannot be placed on the Absent List.

For the purpose of retaining a connection with the Lodge and Freemasonry, Brethren on leaving the above named limits for a continuous period of three months or over may be put on the Absent List. They must, however, intimate the date of their leaving the Station, to the Secretary and they will be brought on the absent list from the 1st of the month succeeding the date of application.

The selection of Honorary Members, and the conditions of their Membership, shall be regulated by the provisions of Rule, 142 of the Book of Constitutions.

The election of candidates for initiation Joining shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of Rule 133 to 141 of the Book of Constitutions. No initiation shall take place until the fees have been paid. Any Brother wishing to become a joining Member of the Lodge must produce his Grand Lodge Certificate, and a clearance certificate in accordance with Rule 138 of the Book of Constitutions.

Ballot

IX. In the ballot for a candidate two or more black balls shall exclude and that candidate shall not be proposed again for SIX MONTHS.

Note : Should there be any objection to the introduction of a candidate for initiation or a Brother for joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or Secretary who may communicate with the proposer and give him the opportunity of withdrawing his candidate.

Fees and Subscriptions

X. The fees and subscriptions payable to the Lodge shall be as follows :

Initiation	:	Rs.
Joining	:	Rs.
Rejoining	:	Rs.
Joining from a recognised constitution	:	Rs.
Resident Members	:	Rs.
Absent Members		per mensum
(Annual subscription)	:	Rs.

Dues commence from the month inclusive that a brother is Initiated or Joins.

At the Installation Meeting each year, the following fees shall be payable by the Officers appointed for the year :-

a) Worshipful Master	:	Rs. 300/-
b) Senior Warden	:	Rs. 200/-
c) Junior Warden	:	Rs. 100/-

The Bye-law will not apply to the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden, if they are re-elected or re-appointed.

XI. Any member whose subscription is unpaid for one year shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, after due notice, accordance with Rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India. A member whose subscription remains in arrears for two years shall be automatically excluded from the Lodge, under Rule 124 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India.

Resignation

XII. A member desirous of terminating his Membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary or orally in open Lodge, and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in Rule 150 of the Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge.

Lodge Attendance

XIII. Members holding office are expected to attend every meeting of the Lodge, but, if unavoidably prevented, they shall, if possible, give due notice to the Secretary well before the date of the meeting.

Visitors

XIV. The cost of entertainment of visitors may, if approved by the Master, be admitted as a charge against the Lodge Funds.

Lodge Property

XV. At the Installation Meeting each year the Master shall receive from his predecessors a correct inventory of the Jewels, furniture, tools, clothing, books and other property of the Lodge, a copy whereof, shall also be deposited with the Secretary. These bye-laws shall be fairly printed in a Book, a copy of which will be presented to every Brother who now is, or many hereafter become a Member. 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 of ignorance may be pleaded.

Alterations and Additions

XVI. Additions, alterations or amendments to these bye-laws, or any of them, shall be made by notice of motion given in writing in open Lodge at one Regular Meeting or to the Secretary not less than 14 days, before the next Regular Meeting. Motion shall be considered at that Meeting, and, if then approved, shall be submitted for confirmation at the next Regular Meeting but shall not become effective until finally approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

Approved by the R.W. Regional Grand Master. Date 31st May, 1971. *Reg. Grand Master*

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master. Date 3rd June, 1971. *Grand Secretary*

Past Masters of the Lodge

Wor. Bro. Col. P.L.N. Choudary, AVSM	1971 / 72
Wor. Bro. D.V. Naidu	1972 / 73
Wor. Bro.	1973 / 74
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