



The Millennium Lodge

No. 327

Consecrated on 23/6/2001

BYE-LAWS

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CONSECRATION OF THE MILLENNIUM LODGE

NO. 327

By

Bro. Bharat V. Epur

The Standing Committee of Lodge Srinivasa Gopala No. 190 met on 24th February 2001 and agreed to sponsor a new Lodge - to be styled as "The Millennium Lodge" - and to invite Brethren not only from this Lodge, but also, from other Lodges to come in as Founder-Members. They also decided to appoint the author of this report as the Organising Secretary. Immediately thereafter, well-wishers like R.W.Bro. Arun Chintopanth, R.W., the Regional Grand Master, V.W.Bro. G.K. Selvarajan, W., the Deputy Regional Grand Master, W.Bro. Dr. John Reginald, W., the Assistant Regional Grand Master, V.W.Bro. L. Narendradas and W.Bro. N. Pandurangan all extended their full support.

Finally, the D-Day arrived for the 50 Founder Members. Saturday, 23rd June 2001 was a glorious day. Even the Sun God was smiling on this auspicious day. M.W., the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India., M.W.Bro. Dilip Dwarkadas Udeshi, OSM, reached the venue well in time. After a brief photo session, the newly renovated Temple 1 - now, renamed as "Temple Srinivasa Gopala & Bangalore", in recognition of the generous contributions made by the Brethren of Lodge Srinivasa Gopala No. 190 and those from the city of Bangalore - was

inaugurated in a short and simple ceremony. It was only after this that these Brethren and all the distinguished visitors were allowed to enter this magnificent Temple and prepare for the Consecration of The Millennium Lodge.

M.W., the Grand Master consecrated the new Lodge in a very impressive manner. He was assisted by his team of Grand Lodge Officers. An extremely thought-provoking oration by R.W.Bro. F. F. Hyderabadwalla, which cast a spell on all those assembled in the Temple, was the highlight of this part of the proceedings.

Then R.W.Bro. Arun Chintopanth installed W.Bro. K.V. Krishna Prasad as the Founder-Master of the newly consecrated and constituted Lodge Millennium No. 327 with his customary aplomb. The newly installed Master then invested his team of Founder Office Bearers. M.W.Bro. Gautam R. Divan, OSM delivered the traditional Address to the Worshipful Master. V.W.Bro. M. Himmatlal delivered the Address to the Wardens, as did R.W.Bro. V. Rajendran the Address to the Brethren.

R.W.Bro. Arun Chintopanth then took up the new Lodge's 'Banner Dedication Ceremony'. The Lodge Banner, donated by W.Bro. Kartik M. Patel and Bro. Dr. C.B. Nanjapa, was dedicated in the prescribed manner after which it was unfurled for all to behold. After this, W.Bro. K.V. Krishna Prasad proceeded to give an explanation of this beautiful and well-designed banner.

M.W. Bro. D.D. Udeshi, OSM, R.W.Bro. Justice S.

Padmanabhan, R.W. Bro. V. Sarangapani, R.W.Bro. Arun Chintopanth, R.W. Bro. Dr. B. Biswakumar, V.W.Bro. L. Narendradas, V.W.Bro. G.K. Selvarajan and W.Bro. Dr. John Reginald were all elected as Honorary Members of the Lodge. After this, each and every Member - both ordinary as well as honorary - were presented with a personalised Founder Member Jewel, or, Honorary Member Jewel as the case may be. This was followed by the release of the Lodge Member's Directory by M.W.Bro. D.D. Udeshi, OSM.

The following donations to various charitable causes were also given away: (1) Rs.10,000/- to the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, (2) Rs.10,000/- to the Masonic Foundation for the restoration of the Freemasons' Hall at Chennai, and, (3) Rs.5,000/- to the Lodge Srinivasa Gopala Charitable Trust.

After all the above ceremonies were over, the approximately 150 Brethren adjourned to the Binny Room of the Hotel Taj Connemara to partake of the sumptuous luncheon arranged there, after which they all departed in peace, love and harmony.

This new baby was safely delivered thanks to the unstinted help and guidance of all the Past Masters of the Lodge. It is now upto all of us, the Members of this Lodge, to ensure its proper upbringing and growth to successful manhood. I pray that the Great Architech of the Universe may shower His blessing on this new child of His! May the Millennium Lodge achieve many laurels in the future! May the Brethren of the Lodge reach for the stars and beyond!



EXPLANATION OF LODGE BANNER

Banners are a necessity in all Masonic Lodges and each Banner has some special features to mark its identity. The pillars, the sun, the moon, the square and compasses, the chequered floor, the All-seeing Eye and such other symbols are constituents of a Lodge Banner and we need not dwell upon the significance

of these symbols. Besides them, they are certain special features of this Lodge Banner.

The banner colour is royal blue with gold border around it. The colour royal blue represents knowledge and the sky, and, thus the vastness of the knowledge that masonry can teach. The gold colour represents richness and glory. Together they represent the richness of knowledge and glorious tradition that is emblematic of Freemasonry.

Positioned right at the middle is an outline map of India, an emphatic representation of the allegiance owed by the members of this Lodge to the great and sovereign nation INDIA. Shown in the heart of India is the symbolic representation of the inside of an atom. This reminds us that just as the atom is the smallest building block of all matter, the tenets of Freemasonry can serve as the building block for all good men.

There are four symbols located at the four corners of the map of India, all in gold colour. The one in the northwest is the well-known Bull Seal of the ancient Indus Valley Civilisation referring to the fact that Freemasonry is of very ancient times. In the northeast is the satellite dish referring to the future, the new millennium, and the silent revolution that's changing the world. In the southwest is the Square and Compasses, the

traditional symbols of the craft. These reiterate our belief and allegiance to Freemasonry. In the southeast is the well known depiction of a classical operative Mason shown hewing and shaping rude matter into due form. This represents our hope that freemasonry will polish and adorn the minds of all our members.

At the bottom of the banner is our Motto - "Sathyameva Jayathe" - which, when translated into English means "Truth Alone Triumphs". There can be no dispute with this honourable nostrum. Even our country has the same inscription on its official symbol.

Finally, the essence of the banner before you represents the tools in masonry, our urges and aspirations and the masonic resolve in defence of all that is good and sublime and worthy of preserving and sustaining.

Hope the Banner reminds and those who follow us, to keep on drawing the necessary inspiration from it and prove worthy of the fold.

**Bye Laws "The Millennium Lodge No. 327"
framed under Rule 111 of the Book of
Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India.**

1 MEMBERS

The members of the Lodge shall comprise of four classes, namely, Resident, Non-Resident, Life and Honorary.

Explanation 1 : Resident Members are those who ordinarily reside within the Corporation limits of the City of Chennai.

Explanation 2 : Non-Resident Members are those who ordinarily reside beyond the Corporation limits of the City of Chennai and placed on the list of Non-Resident Members as provided for in Bye Law No. 2.

Explanation 3 : Life Members are those who choose to become as such by paying a lumpsum amount equal to ten years' Annual Subscription as on date payable to the Lodge by Resident Members, provided they have been subscribing Members for 20 years continuously in this

Lodge and have also attained the age of 55 years. Also, if such a Member has multiple memberships in many Lodges, he could become a Life Member in only one of the Lodges of his choice. In all cases, membership in this category will be in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the Grand Lodge of India and the Grand Board of General Purposes from time to time.

Explanation 4 : Honorary Members are those elected as such by the Lodge in accordance with Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions.

2. CONVERSION OF MEMBERSHIP FROM RESIDENT TO NON-RESIDENT STATUS

Any Resident Member who ceases to reside within the Corporation limits of the City of Chennai, may be placed on the list of Non-Resident Members on his application to the Secretary with effect from the English Calendar month following the month in which the application is received. The revised subscription will be applicable from the ensuing year.

3. CONVERSION OF MEMBERSHIP FROM NON-RESIDENT TO RESIDENT STATUS

Non-resident Members residing within the Corporation limits of the City of Chennai for not less than three consecutive months shall be transferred to the list of Resident Members with effect from the first month after the month on which the three months' period is completed. The revised subscription will be applicable from the ensuing year.

4. CONVERSION OF MEMBERSHIP FROM EITHER RESIDENT OR NON-RESIDENT TO LIFE STATUS

Both Resident and Non-Resident Members who become eligible can opt to convert their membership status to that of Life Member by paying the prescribed Life Membership Fee, as under Bye Law No. 5, and subject to the guidelines laid down by the Grand Board of General Purposes from time to time and according to Bye Law No. 1 (3).

5. SUBSCRIPTION

The accounting year will be from 1st November to 31st October. Thus, the annual subscription and other dues shall be

collected for this period every year.

- A) Every Resident Member shall pay the prescribed Annual Subscription to the Lodge. In addition to this, he shall pay the Annual Dues to the Grand Lodge of India and to the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, as prescribed by them from time to time.
- B) Every Non-Resident Member shall pay the prescribed Annual Subscription to the Lodge. In addition to this, he shall pay the Annual Dues to the Grand Lodge of India and to the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, as prescribed by them from time to time.
- C) Upon becoming a Life Member, under the guidelines laid down by the Grand Board of General Purposes from time to time, the Life Member shall pay a one-time Life Membership Fee equal to ten years' Annual Subscription payable by Resident Members to the Lodge as on date. However in addition to this, he shall continue to pay the Annual Dues to the Grand Lodge of India and to the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India, as prescribed by them from time to time. He shall not have to pay only the Annual Dues to the Lodge thereafter, as long as he remains a Life Member of this Lodge.

6. EXCLUSION

- A) If any Member allows all or any part of his Regular Annual Dues or Subscription to remain unpaid beyond the last day of February following the date of Installation Meeting, the Secretary shall issue intimation by registered letter to the defaulting Member's last known address; and, if the arrears are not cleared in full within thirty days from the date of issue of such registered letter, the defaulting Member shall be liable to be excluded in accordance with the provisions contained in Rule 156 of the Book of Constitutions.
- B) Any Member who has been excluded under Bye Law No.6(A) may be permitted to rejoin, provided that he is regularly proposed and balloted for in accordance with Rule 158 of the Book Constitutions and provided further he pays all arrears due from him and the prescribed fee for rejoining.

7. INITIATION, JOINING AND REJOINING

- A) No candidate for Initiation or Joining shall be Initiated or balloted for until he has signed the declaration as set forth under Rules 136 and 137 of the Book of

Constitutions and has been duly proposed and seconded and all fees payable therefore have been paid.

- B) Application for Initiation or Joining shall be deposited with the Secretary at least seven days before the Meeting at which the candidate is to be proposed and seconded.
- C) No candidate shall be Initiated or Joining Member admitted, except by ballot strictly in accordance with the rulings of the Grand Lodge of India and as prescribed in Rule 140 of the Book of Constitutions or by communications from the Grand Board of General Purposes. However, if the Worshipful Master is of the opinion that a mistake may have occurred in the ballot, he may order a second ballot to be taken forthwith and the result of such second ballot shall be finally accepted.
- D) In all cases of unfavourable ballot, the fees previously paid by the candidate shall be refunded.
- E) No candidate rejected for Initiation or Membership shall be proposed to the Lodge again, until the expiry of at least six months from the date of the last ballot.
- F) The scale of fees payable by a candidate for Initiation, Joining or Re-Joining shall be as follows:

(i) Initiation:

(Rs.)

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| 1. Initiation fees payable to the Lodge | 1,000:00 |
| 2. Annual Subscription payable to the Lodge | 750:00 |
| 3. Registration Fees payable to the Grand
Lodge of India and to the Regional Grand
Lodge of Southern India | *** |
| 4. Annual Dues payable to the Grand Lodge
of India and to the Regional Grand Lodge
of Southern India. | *** |

(Items 3 and 4 above as applicable from time to time)

(ii) Joining From Indian Constitution:

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| 1. Joining Fee payable to the Lodge | 500:00 |
| 2. Annual Subscription payable to the Lodge | 750:00 |
| 3. Registration Fees payable to the Grand
Lodge of India and to the Regional Grand
Lodge of Southern India | *** |
| 4. Annual Dues payable to the Grand Lodge
of India and to the Regional Grand Lodge
of Southern India | *** |

(Items 3 and 4 above as applicable from time to time)

(iii) Joining From Other Constitutions:

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| 1. Joining Fee payable to the Lodge | 1000:00 |
| 2. Annual Subscription payable to the Lodge | 750:00 |
| 3. Registration Fees payable to the Grand
Lodge of India and to the Regional Grand
Lodge of Southern India | *** |
| 4. Annual Dues payable to the Grand Lodge
of India and to the Regional Grand Lodge
of Southern India | *** |

(Items 3 and 4 above as applicable from time to time)

(iv) Re-Joining:

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| 1. Joining Fee payable to the Lodge | 750:00 |
| 2. Annual Subscription payable to the Lodge | 750:00 |
| 3. Registration Fees payable to the Grand
Lodge of India and to the Regional Grand
Lodge of Southern India | *** |
| 4. Annual Dues payable to the Grand Lodge
of India and to the Regional Grand Lodge
of Southern India | *** |

(Items 3 and 4 above as applicable from time to time)

8. REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Chennai and / or at such other places as the Lodge may decide, on the Third Saturday of every month, except in the months of April, May, June and December at such hour as may be directed by the Worshipful Master from time to time.

9. EMERGENCY MEETING

Emergency Meetings may be held in accordance with Rule 116 of the Book of Constitutions.

Any candidate at whose request an Emergency Meeting is convened shall pay a fee of Rs. 1000:00 and also such other expenses as may be incurred on account of holding such an Emergency Meeting.

10. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION MEETING

- A) The Worshipful Master shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Meeting in October and installed at the next Regular Meeting in November.
- B) The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Regular

Meeting in October and invested at the next Regular Meeting in November.

- C) The Tyler shall be chosen by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in October and invested at the next Regular Meeting in November.

11. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Lodge shall annually elect at the Installation Meeting a Membership Committee consisting of three Members for the purpose of considering and reporting to the Lodge upon the character, qualifications and the general desirability of the candidates proposed for membership in the Lodge.

12. AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Lodge shall annually elect at the Installation Meeting an Audit Committee consisting of two Members, as prescribed in Rule 129 of the Book of Constitutions, for the purpose of conducting the Audit of the Accounts of the Lodge.

13. STANDING COMMITTEE

- A) The Lodge shall at the Installation Meeting appoint Standing Committee which shall consist of the Worshipful Master, the Immediate Past Master, the Senior

Warden, the Junior Warden, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Director of Ceremonies, the Senior Deacon and two other Members to be elected by the Lodge.

- B) The Standing Committee shall meet at least once a month, except in the months of April, May, June and December, before the Regular Meeting.
- C) It shall be the duty of the Committee to check the accounts, make arrangements for the Meetings and consider all matters connected with the working of the Lodge, to inspect and check all the properties of the Lodge and report upon the general working of the Lodge.
- D) The Worshipful Master shall preside over the Standing Committee Meetings. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Immediate Past Master, or, in his absence, any other Past Master who is a Member of the Committee shall preside over the Meeting.
- E) In order to constitute a Meeting of the Standing Committee, the quorum shall be three.
- F) All matters shall be decided by a majority decision.
- G) In the case of conflict of votes on any matter, the person who presides shall have a second or casting vote.

- H) All proceedings of the Standing Committee shall be signed by the person who presides.

14. SECRETARY

- A) The Secretary of the Lodge shall conduct the general correspondence, issue Summonses for all Meetings, record Minutes of the proceedings, keep the Members Register and Declaration Book.
- B) The Secretary along with the outgoing incumbent in the said office shall every year soon after taking charge of his office but not later than the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge, prepare an inventory of articles, books and records of the Lodge and sign the name, countersigned by the Worshipful Master and Immediate Past Master and place the same before the Standing Committee for its inspection and information.
- C) The Secretary shall also keep in safe custody all records and take charge of the Lodge Seal.
- D) The Secretary shall make payments for petty contingent expenses for which purpose he shall receive an advance of not more than Rs. 1,000:00 from the Treasurer from time to time.

- E) The Secretary shall be the Ex-Officio Secretary to all Committees.

15. TREASURER

- A) The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the moneys and account books of the Lodge.
- B) The Treasurer shall receive all collections and remit the money in the bank from time to time.
- C) The Treasurer shall not keep more than Rs. 1000:00 at any time on hand.
- D) The Treasurer shall make no payments save on the authority of the Worshipful Master or the Officer in charge of the Lodge.
- E) The Accounts shall be opened in the name of the Lodge in a Scheduled Bank approved by a Resolution at the Installation Meeting.
- F) All cheques must be signed by any two of the following: the Worshipful Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

16. DRESS REGULATIONS

All the Members of the Lodge shall wear black closed-collar

coats, black pants and black shoes, or black lounge suits with white shirts and appropriate Masonic ties/bow ties, or, military uniform while attending any Meetings, either Regular or Emergency, except those Meetings held in the months of April, May or June, if any, when the Members, with the permission of the Master, may wear white full-sleeved shirts with appropriate Masonic ties/bow-ties, black pants and black shoes. In such Meetings, the Members are required to bring their black jackets with them, to be worn at the time of toasts, if any.

17. PROPOSITIONS

- A) No motion unless it is purely formal or technical shall be raised in the Lodge at any Meeting for which Notice has not been given in the previous Regular Meeting or by a communication addressed to the Secretary not less than 14 days before the Meeting at which such proposition is to be made. The said motion shall be included in the Summons. However, the Worshipful Master and the majority of the Brethren shall have the power to enable any urgent proposition of importance to be raised and put to vote of the Lodge.
- B) No question once decided shall be raised again without

the permission of the Worshipful Master or until three months shall have elapsed since the last decision.

18. CONSTITUTIONS

In respect of matters not specifically and expressly provided for in the Bye Laws, the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge of India as embodied in the Book of Constitutions shall apply.

19. BYE LAWS

- A) It shall not be competent for the Brethren to abrogate, amend, and to or alter these Bye Laws, unless the abrogation, amendment, addition or alteration shall have been duly proposed and seconded at one Regular Meeting, approved at the next Regular Meeting and, thereafter, confirmed at the following Regular Meeting of the Lodge, and, approved by the R.W., The Regional Grand Master of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India and the M.W., The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India.
- B) In the event of any abrogation, amendment or revision of any Bye Law or Bye Laws, the Secretary shall provide each Member with a copy thereof after obtaining

approval from the R.W., The Regional Grand Master of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India and the M.W., The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India.

- C) Every Member of the Lodge on his Initiation or Joining shall be presented with a copy of these Bye Laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the Rules contained therein duly adopted at the Consecration Meeting of the Lodge held on 23rd June 2001.

sd/-

Bro. Bharat V. Epur
(Founder Senior Warden)

sd/-

W.Bro. K.V. Krishna Prasad
(Founder Worshipful Master)

sd/-

Bro. M. Govindarajan
(Founder Junior Warden)

sd/-

Bro. Dinesh Deepak
(Founder Secretary)

Approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Master

Place : Chennai

sd/-

Date : 12/08/2001

R.W. Bro. Arun Chintopanth
(Regional Grand Master)

Approved by M.W. The Grand Master

Place : Chennai

sd/-

Date : 30/08/2001

V.W. Bro. Dr. Harish Gupta
(Grand Secretary)

FOUNDING OFFICERS 2001

<i>S.no.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Office</i>
1	W.Bro. K.V. Krishna Prasad	Worshipful Master
2	W.Bro. P.S.K. Chari	I.P.M.
3	Bro. Bharat V. Epur	Senior Warden
4	Bro. M. Govindarajan	Junior Warden
5	Bro. Mahendra N. Jogani	Chaplain
6	W.Bro. Devesh J. Patel	Treasurer
7	Bro. Dinesh Deepak	Secretary
8	W.Bro. Susheel Bhalla	D. of C.
9	Bro. P. Srinivasan	Senior Deacon
10	Bro. Anil Chopra	Junior Deacon
11	W.Bro. Dr. C.V. Krishnan	Bearer of V.S.L.
12	W.Bro. Abbas Laila	Bearer of V.S.L.
13	W.Bro. T.R. Mohanakrishnan	Bearer of V.S.L.
14	W.Bro. Inder Singh Grewal	Bearer of V.S.L.
15	W.Bro. V.A. Ramash	Bearer of V.S.L.
16	W.Bro. Dr. G.V. Ramakrishna Rao	Sword Bearer
17	W.Bro. A. Suryanarayana Rao	Asst. Secretary
18	W.Bro. V.G. Madhusudan	Asst. D. of C.
19	W.Bro. Kartik M. Patel	Almoner
20	Bro. Dr. P. Natarajan	Organist
21	Bro. Brig. Mohan Barathan	Inner Guard
22	W.Bro. G. Ashok Mohan	Steward
23	W.Bro. V. Chandrasekhar	Steward
24	W.Bro. N. Suryanarayanmurthy	Steward
25	W.Bro. Prem Behl	Steward
26	W.Bro. S. Arunagiri	Steward
27	W.Bro. S.K. Narayanaswamy	Steward
28	W.Bro. K. Surendranath	Steward
29	W.Bro. Dr. K. Rajan	Steward
30	W.Bro. N. Ganesh	Steward
31	W.Bro. K. Ramadurai	Tyler