

LODGE CONCORD No. 204

Warranted on
11.12.1970



Consecrated on
01.05.1971

BY LAWS

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Prefatory :- The Lodge Concord was duly constituted under a Charter of Warrant of the Grand Lodge of India dated 11th December, 1970 and was consecrated on 1st May, 1971 at Shanmuga Manram, Race Course Road, Coimbatore by

Rt. Wor. Bro. Hon'ble Chief Justice K. Veeraswami,
P. Dy. G. M., R. G. M.(C.O.)

Assisted by :

Rt. Wor. Bro. Rao Sahib K. A. M. A. Kaliappa Nadar,
P. Dy. G. M. P. Dy. R. G. M. - as I. P. M.

Rt. Wor. Bro. M. M. A. Navas,
J G. W., P. Dy. R. G. M. as Senior Warden

Wor. Bro. Hon'ble Justice T. Ramaprasada Rao,
P. A. G. D. of C., Dy. R. G. M. as Junior Warden

Rt. Wor. Bro. Rao Sahib C. S. Bhasker,
P. S. G. W., P. Dy. R. G. M. as Chaplain

Wor. Bro. C. Santamurti Naidu,
P. G. D. of C., R. G. Secy. as Secretary

Wor. Bro. B. K. S. Rao,
A. G. D. of C., R. G. D. of C. as D. of C.

Wor. Bro. Hon'ble Justice G. Ramanujam,
P. G. I. G., A. R. G. M. as Senior Deacon.

Wor. Bro. Hon'ble Justice V. Ramaswami,
P. G. Std. P. S. R. G. W. as Junior Deacon.

Wor. Bro. R. Krishnamoorthy,
G. Std. P. J. R. G. W. as Sword Bearer.

Wor. Bro. M. Rajagopalan,
P. A. G. Std. Br., P. J. R. G. W. as Dy. D. of C.

Wor. Bro. A. Sankaran,
P. G. Tyr., P. R. G. Regr. as Asst. D. of C.

Wor. Bro. T. Gopalakrishnan,
P. G. Std., P. R. G. Smcl. Br. as Inner Guard.

Wor. Bro. P. R. Sami Iyer,
P. G. Tyr. P. S. R. G. D. as Tyler.

This Lodge was Sponsored by Lodge Coimbatore No. 172
G. L. I. in May, 1970 with the following principal officers :

Wor. Bro. N. R. Doraiswami	- Worshipful Master
Bro. M.R. Venkataraman	- Senior Warden
Bro. V. Lakshmikanthan	- Junior Warden

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These By - laws were adopted in open Lodge at the Consecration Meeting held at Shanmuga Manram, Coimbatore, on Saturday, 1st of May, 1971.

The By - laws were approved by the Rt. Wor. Regional Grand Master of Southern India on 8th July, 1971 and by the Most Wor. the Grand Master of India on 2nd March, 1972.

Our thanks are due to Bro. S. Srinivasan, who has drafted these By - laws under instructions from the Founder Members of Lodge Concord.

Sd/- S. Natarajan
Wor. Master.

Sd/- N. R. Doraiswami
Secraetary.

I. Preliminary:

1. These By-Laws are subject and in addition to the Rules contained in the Book of Constitutions so far as the said Rules relate to the Daughter Lodges.

II Meetings:

2. Six regular meeting of the Lodges shall be held annually on the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December.
3. The regular meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Masonic Temple, 232 Race Course, Coimbatore – 641 018.
4. The hour of the commencement of the meeting shall be fixed by the Master from time to time.
5. Summons for convening the meeting of the Lodge shall be issued by the Secretary not less than seven clear days prior to the date of each meeting and shall specify the place and hour of the meeting.

III Elections

6. The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected at the regular meeting in December and also the Tyler chose. The Master shall be installed during next regular meeting in February.
7. At the regular meeting in February there shall be appointed a Standing Committee consisting of the Master, IPM, the Wardens the Secretary, the Treasurer, D of C and two other members elected by the Lodge.
8. At the regular meeting in February the Lodge shall elect an Audit Committee consisting of two Members well versed in auditing work.

IV Duties of Committees and Officers

9. The duties of the Standing Committee shall be to examine the Secretary's Books, to check the Treasurer's accounts, to inspect and check all the properties of the Lodge and to perform such other duties as may be delegated to it from time to time by the Master.

10. The secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondences of the Lodge. He shall issue summons for, or notices of, the meetings of Lodge or Committees, record the minutes of their proceedings and keep register of the Members and all other registers and records except the accounts. He shall promptly prepare the returns for the Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge and forward them through the Master together with all the fees and contributions due thereon.
11. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys paid or remitted to him and without undue delay, deposit the same in an account in the name of the Lodge at a Nationalised Bank to be approved by a Resolution of the Lodge. The treasurer shall make such payments as are duly authorised or have been sanctioned by the Lodge. All cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz. The Master, Treasurer and the Secretary.
12. All communications from the Members shall be addressed to the Secretary.

V Membership

13. There shall be two classes of Members viz. Regular Members and Honorary Members.
14. All the Founder Members are those Master Masons who are regularly admitted or re-admitted to the Membership of the Lodge and those initiated into the Craft shall be the regular members.
15. Honorary Members are those Master Masons duly chosen by the Regular Members for outstanding service rendered to the Masonry in general or, to this Lodge in particular.

VI Joining, Rejoining and Initiation

16. Any Member desirous of proposing a Candidate for initiation, joining, rejoining shall propose this in open Lodge and the same has to be seconded by the another member. Within 15 days from the said proposal the proposer and the seconder will send the proposal form duly signed by the candidate, proposer and be seconder along with the dues to the Secretary. The said proposal will be included in

the agenda for balloting. A balloted candidate should be initiated within are year from the date of balloting. Otherwise the ballots become void.

17. The Membership shall cease: a. by resignation, b. death or c. by non-payment of subscription for one year as per book of constitution sec 124.

VII Fees

18. The regular member shall pay an Annual subscription of Rs.400/-and an Amount of Rs.300/-per annum towards steward charges and the actual RGL and GLI dues, all payable before the expiry of the first quarter.
19. The initiation, joining, rejoining Fee shall be Rs.2000/-and shall be payable in advance.
20. Expenses of any emergency meeting and dispensation fee. If any due to the G.L. and R.G.L. shall be defrayed by the brother or brethren at whose instance the meeting is held or dispensation obtained.

21. The Charity Box shall be circulated at all meeting of the Lodge.
22. The Charity funds of the lodge shall be kept separate from the general funds of the Lodge and all the expenditure of charity shall be defrayed from this fund.
23. The Lodge may, by resolution, authorise transfer of such sums as may be deemed necessary from the general fund to the charity fund but not vice versa.
24. The stewards fund consisting of the stewards charges collected from the regular Members shall be maintained separately. No part of the general or charity funds of the Lodge shall be diverted towards these funds.
25. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as laid down in Rule 119 of the Book of Constitution (1968)
26. No motion shall be made or discussed in the Lodge which is not mentioned in the summons unless the Master directs otherwise.

27. No question once decided in open Lodge shall be raised again without the permission of the Master until after two regular meetings.

IX Amendment of the By laws

28. (I) These By-laws shall not be amended otherwise than as laid down hereunder.

(II) A proposal to amend the by laws shall be made in the open Lodge by any member and seconded by another member.

(III) The said proposal, if regularly made, shall be included in the agenda for the said meeting and in that meeting, the proposal shall be read and recorded.

(IV) In the next regular meeting the proposal shall be discussed and balloted.

(V) The proposal shall be deemed to have been passed on two-thirds of the regular members of the Lodge casting their ballot in favour of the proposal.

(VI) The proposal so passed shall not be deemed to have been brought into effect unless approved by the R.G.M. and G.M.

The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Lodge at Regular Meeting held on 5th April 2003 Passed at a Regular meeting held on 7th June 2003 and Confirmed at a Regular Meeting held on 2nd August 2003

W. Bro. G Ramesh
Worshipful Master

W.Bro. N. Vijayakumar
Secretary

Approved by the Regional Grand Master on 10th October 2003

R.W.Bro. Dr. B. Biswa Kumar
Regional Grand Master

Approved by the Grand Master on 6th March 2004

R.W.Bro. Harish Gupta
Grand Secretary