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List of Office Bearers 1983-84

W M	- Wor Bro M. R. Venkataratnam
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Treasurer	- Wor Bro M. Subramaniam
Secretary	- Wor Bro M. A. Huq
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B V S L	- Wor Bro G. Panchaksharappa
B V S L	- Wor Bro M. P. Tainwala
B V S L	- Wor Bro K. A. Kurian
B V S L	- Wor Bro Mundlur V. Ramana
B V S L	- Wor Bro A. Divakar
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Standard Bearer	- Bro D. G. Pompanna Gowd
Steward	- Bro Gopal Saraf.
Steward	- Bro Dr. A. M. Kulkarni
Steward	- Bro Achyutha Deva Raya
Steward	- Bro Dr. V. Venugopal Rao
Steward	- Bro Capt. A. N. Ramachandran
Tyler	- wor Bro M. Venkataramanappa

COPY OF WARRANT OF CONFIRMATION

Amherst Pro. G. M

**TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL
WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHERN**

WE

ARTHUR WILLIAM PATRIC ALBERT

Duke of Connaught and Strathearn

Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter,

etc. etc. etc.

Grand Master

**OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE
FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF ENGLAND**

SEND GREETINGS,

Whereas it appears by the Record of our Grand Lodge that a Warrant of Constitution bearing date 9th January 1840 was granted to certain Brethren therein named authorising them to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Masonic Hall, Infantry Road, Bellary and which Lodge was Registered in the Grand Lodge Books as No. 465 under the Title or denomination of.

No 465

THE LODGE OF GOODWILL

And Whereas the Brethren composing the said Lodge have by their Memorial represented to us that this said Warrant has been destroyed and they

have prayed us to grant them a Warrant of Confirmation in lieu thereof.

Now Know Ye that we being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said request and from the confidence reposed in the Brethren do hereby grant this our Warrant of Confirmation into our Right Trusty and Well Beloved Brethren James Thomas Lever, Robert Henston Holmes, Hartwell James Simpson, Thomas Pyan Cooper, Joseph Wicock, James Muckell Ainslie Wallace E Beveridge and the other Brethren composing the said Lodge authorising and empowering them and their successors to continue to assemble and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at the Masonic Hall, Bellary, Madras, India on the third Saturday in every month and to make pass and raise Free Masons according to the Ancient 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 James Thomas Lever to be the Master the said Robert Henston Holmes to be the Senior Warden and the said Hartwell James Simpson to be the 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

shall conform to the Laws and Regulations of our Grand Lodge And you the said James Thomas Lever 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 London this 20th December A. L. 5902, A. D. 1902.

By Command of his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master.

E. Letchworth,
C S

Warwick,
D G M.

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 offic. And We Do require you the said James Thomas Lever 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 all 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 nowise 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 Confirmation shall continue in force so long only as you

composing the said Lodge desire to be permitted to wear a **COMMEMORATIVE JEWEL** and have prayed our sanction for that purpose.

Now Know Ye that We having taken the petition into our consideration have acceded to their request and in virtue of Our Prerogative do hereby give and grant to all and each of the Subscribing Members of the said Lodge being Master Masons permission to wear in all out masonic Meetings suspended to the left breast by a Sky Blue Ribbon not exceeding one inch a half in breadth a **JEWEL** or **MEDAL** of the pattern or device that we have already approved as a **CENTINARY JEWEL**. But such Jewel shall be worn only by those Brethren who are bonafide Subscribing Members of the said Lodge and for so long only as they shall pay the stipulated subscription to the funds thereof and be duly returned as such to the Grand Lodge of England

Given at London this 4th day of March A. L. 5942 A. D. 1942.

By Command of the Most Worshipful Grand Master His Royal Highness the Duke of Keut &c. &c.

Sydney A. White,
Grand Secretary.

COPY OF CENTENARY WARRANT

George G M.

**TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER, WARDENS, OTHER
OFFICERS MEMBERS OF THE LODGE OF GOODWILL
NO. 465 AND ALL OTHERS WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

GREETINGS

Whereas it appears by the Records of the Grand Lodge that on the 9th day of January 1840 a Warrant of Constitutions was granted to certain Brethren therein named, authorising and empowering them and their regular Successors to hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Bellary, Madras, India, and which Lodge was named the Lodge of Goodwill and then numbered 684 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England and Whereas in consequence of the alteration made in the numbers of Lodges in year 1863 the said Lodge became and now stands on the Register as No 465 meeting at the Masonic Hall, Bellary, Madras, under the Title or Denomination of

THE LODGE OF GOODWILL

And Whereas the said Warrant was destroyed by fire, a Warrant of Confirmation was issued in lieu thereof on the 20th day of December 1902, And Whereas satisfactory proof has been produced of the uninterrupted existence of the said Lodge for ONE HUNDRED YEARS dating from the 9th day of January 1840. And Whereas the Brethren

GRAND LODGE OF INDIA

**TO ALL AND EVERY OUR RIGHT WORSHIPFUL,
WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BROTHERN**

WE

MAJOR GENERAL

**HIS HIGHNESS Dr. SIR SYED RAZA ALI KHAN,
G.C.I.E., K.C.S.I., D.LITT., LL.D. NAWAB OF RAMPUR
GRAND MASTER**

**OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE
FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF
INDIA SEND GREETING :**

Know ye that the Goodwill Lodge No- 465 on the roll of United Grand Lodge of England / the Grand Lodge of Ireland / the Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland having decided to opt for the Grand Lodge of India We by the authority and under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of India vested in us for that purpose do hereby sanction and confirm that the said Lodge shall be constituted into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the title or denomination of Goodwill No. 5 on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of India.

By virtue of this Warrant the said Lodge shall be deemed to be a Foundation Lodge of the Grand Lodge of India.

The original Charter / Warrant of the said Lodge issued by the United Grand Lodge of England / the Grand Lodge of Ireland / the Grand

Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland was dated 9th January 1840.

The said Lodge shall come under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of India with effect from the date of issue of this warrant.

The said Lodge shall return its original Warrant to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge concerned for such action as may be necessary.

The said Lodge shall be permitted to count its years of existence under its previous Charter / Warrant when making claims for Centenary Warrant etc., under the Grand Lodge of India.

The said Lodge to meet at FREE MASONS' HALL BELLARY on the penultimate Saturday of every month empowering them in the said Lodge when duly congregated to make, pass and raise Free Masons according to the antient custom of the Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And further that the Master, the Senior Warden and Junior Warden for the time being shall continue to hold 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 Antient 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 Master and Wardens to take special care that all and every said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that you and they and all other 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 Bylaws 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 all such Bylaws 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 fees and monies payable thereon. It being our Will and intension 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 Master and Wardens 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 Seal of the Grand Lodge at New Delhi this 24th day of November 1961, corresponding to 3rd Agraharana 1883 S. E.

P. M. Sundaram,
Grand Secretary,

Syed Raja Ali Khan
Nawab of Rampur
Grand Master.

REVISED BY-LAWS OF THE LODGE OF GOODWILL

No. 5 G. L. I. BELLARY.

Preamble: In all respects the members of this Lodge shall abide by and strictly confirm to the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge of India as embodied in the Book of Constitutions.

That Book shall be referred to on every occasion for the guidance of the officers and members of the Lodge. The By-laws of the Lodge being only intended to provide for such matters as are not settled by the said book and not inconsistent with it. Should there be any objection to the introduction of a candidate for initiation or a brother for joining or rejoining it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or the Secretary who shall treat all such reports as confidential but he may communicate with the Proposer and give him the opportunity of withdrawing the candidate.

BYE-LAWS 2 (a) & (b)

The Scale of fees shall be as follows:

1. All Subscribing Members shall pay as follows.

- a. Muffusil Members Rs. Ten per month
- b. Local Members Rs. Fifteen per month

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Honorary members are those who are elected as such by the Lodge. Their rights and duties are governed by the Book of Constitutions.

(3) The Lodge shall in accordance with the provisions of Rule 141 of Book of Constitutions have power after notice, place on the Summons to elect an Honorary Member any brother of Good standing and worthy of such distinction by reason of his services to the craft in general or the lodge in particular. The motion for this election shall be voted by Ballot and declared carried unless three or more black balls appear against it.

(4) The lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall Bellary on the second Saturday in every month at such hour as the Master may direct.

(5) The Master Treasurer, and Tyler shall be elected by ballot at the Regular meeting in June every year, and the Master elect shall be installed at the Regular meeting in July.

(6) The election of candidates for initiation or joining or rejoining shall be conducted in conformity with Rules 132 to 140 of Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for a candidate two black balls shall exclude him. Any fees paid by a rejected candidate shall be forthwith returned to him.

A rejected candidate may present another application after an interval of six months from the date of rejection.

(7) Any member whose subscriptions is unpaid for more than four months shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge in accordance with R. 155 of Book of Constitutions. He is liable to pay Re. 1/- only extra for notice charges.

(8) A member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing or announce orally in open lodge (R. 157 of Book of constitutions) and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in R. 149 of Book of constitutions.

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Scale of fees shall be as follows:

		Rs.	
a.	Initiation fee payable before Ballot	750-00	
b.	Joining fee from G L.I. Constitution	75-00	
c.	Joining fee from another Constitution	200-00	
d.	Rejoining fee	75-00	

...shall be given a copy of Book of Constitution and also a copy of the Bylaws.

(10) Any candidate or brother on whose account an emergency meeting is to be summoned will be called upon to pay Rs. 15/- towards the expenses of such meeting and the Dispensation fee if it becomes necessary.

(11) **Permanent Committee :** The Permanent Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary and two Brethren to be appointed by the Lodge in the Regular meeting in July.

The Committee will meet every month on or before the day of the Regular meeting and audit all the accounts connected with the Lodge, consider and report to the lodge on all proposals for membership on general questions affecting the Lodge and on any matter or matters specially referred to it by the Lodge. Its report will be read at the Regular meeting of the Lodge and incorporated in the minutes of that meeting. It will also be the duty of the Committee to look after the Lodge premises and the appurtenance thereto, and do such acts as may be necessary and desirable to maintain the building etc., in good condition. They shall also fix the charges payable by the users of the building. The Temple shall not be let or used for purposes other than strictly masonic business. The Committee shall have power to appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of three members two of whom shall be members of the P.C. and the third may be one specially chosen for the occasion by the P.C. in case of any urgent matter to be decided or investigated into. The Sub-Committee shall report to the P.C. who may adopt it in toto or modify or reject as the case may be.

(12) The Audit Committee shall consist of not less than two members elected at the Regular

meeting in June (Election Meeting). The accounts shall be made up for the year ending 30th June, and presented at the July meeting and not later than meeting in September.

(13) Duties of Treasurer are those as laid down in the Book of Constitution (R 128). Payment of any sum exceeding Rs. 10/- if for other than ordinary business shall be made only by a resolution of the Lodge except in case of emergency when such payment may be authorised by the Master and ratified at the next Regular meeting. He shall deposit all collections and other funds in the Bank approved by the Lodge and operate on the accounts. The deposit shall be in the name of Lodge of Good will No. 5 G. L. I.

(14) Duties of Secretary are those laid down in the book of Constitutions. He is the chief officer of the Lodge to manage all lodge affairs. If he makes any collections of subscriptions he shall remit the same to the Treasurer without any inordinate delay. He shall have charge of all records and property of the lodge. He shall issue summons to Meetings and send the returns to higher Masonic Authorities and will correspond with them. He shall maintain all registers and files and other records prescribed by Book of Constitutions. The Secretary's services shall be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription by him. But he is liable to pay all other dues to the lodge like any other member. A sum of Rs. 100/- may be with the Secretary as permanent advance to meet petty expenses.

(15) The Tyler's duties are those laid down in Book of Constitutions. He is responsible for the cleanliness of the Lodge, its furniture, and correct arrangements for the meetings and for careful custody of all lodge property subject to the control of the Secretary. The Tyler if he is a serving brother, may be paid for for the preparation of candidates as the master directs not exceeding the subscription of a member. Tyler if he is a subscribing member need not pay subscription as his services shall be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription.

(16) Benevolent Fund shall be maintained by donations and voluntary subscriptions from Brothorn by charity collections made at the meetings of the Lodge, and by such sums as the Lodge may allot to it from general funds. The Lodge may arrange for benefit performances in aid of the Benevolent Fund.

(17) The above funds shall be deposited in Bank by the Treasurer and the account kept separate from all other accounts and produced for audit at the monthly meetings of the P. C.

(18) Premises Fund. Similarly, as and when circumstances permit the Lodge may divert a portion of its Funds to the Building of Premises Fund. The Lodge may also arrange of Benefit performances in said of the Premises Fund. Voluntary contributions and donations from Brothorn may be kept ear marked for the premises fund.

(19) Masonic Library: Subject to the approval of the Lodge, the P.C. shall have power to make suitable rules for the management of the Masonic Library which shall be in charge of the Secreary or a steward for the purpose appointed by the Master in July. Grants may be voted from general funds for the purchase of books for the Masonic Library and periodicals- Books, and periodicals lost or destroyed when loaned shall be replaced or paid for in full value by the brother borrowing the same.

(20) General: Property of every description appertaining to the Lodge inclusive of registers, records and books shall be entered in an inventory which shall be kept by the Secretary and checked at least once a year by the P.C. prior to installation and its report, incorporated in the Annual Report presented to the lodge.

(21) No question once decided shall be raised again without the permission of the Master until six months have elapsed after its last decision provided the Master may bring any subject for consideration if in his opinion it is not of an urgent nature.

(22) Additions, alterations, or amendments to these bylaws or any of them shall be made by notice of motion, given in writing in open lodge, at one regular meeting and the motion inserted in the summons for the next regular meeting. It shall be considered at that meeting and if these are approved shall be submitted for confirmation in the

next regular meeting but shall not become effective until finally approved by R.W.R G.M. and M.W.G. Master.

(23) Notwithstanding the above Bylaw No 22 The Lodge without recourse to the above by law may pass any resolution including that of the fiscal nature in a Regular meeting proposed from the chair in a regular meeting and placed in the summons for the next regular meeting Such resolution will have effect for a period of twelve months only from the date of confirmation of the minutes recording the resolution.

(24) At all dinners or refreshments the Master shall have the privilege of inviting not more than five guests free of visitors fee.

Any member giving 24 hours' notice to the Steward incharge of Dinner or Refreshments may introduce a guest or two in good masonic standing and he shall pay the visitor's fee fixed by the Master

Revised in the Regular
meeting on 16-2-1963
and confirmed in the
Regular meeting
on 23-3-1963
Bellary.

D. GOVINDASAMI RAO,
S R. G.W,

Secretary,
No. 5 G. L. I.

APPROVED.

Madras,

(Sd.)

28-5-1963

R. W. The Regional Grand Master,
Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India

APPROVED by M. W. the Grand Master.

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