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Date of Warrant : February 27, 1970

Date of Consecration: September 30, 1970

Regular Convocations: First Saturday in February, May, August and November.

Emergent Convocation: On the summons of the First Principal or to whomsoever the Principal may appoint.

1. Regular Convocations:

The Regular Convocations of the Chapter shall be held at Freemasons' Hall, Mangalore - 575 015, on the First Saturday in February, May, August and November at 6-30 P.M. or at such time as the Principals may fix from time to time.

2. Election of Officers:

The Officers shall be elected annually by ballot in the month of August and shall be installed and invested

at the next succeeding Convocation of the Chapter. The Janitor shall be elected by a show of hands. Companions may empower the 'Principals elect' to appoint the rest of the Officers under R. A. Regulations 52.

3. Emergent Convocations:

A chapter of Emergency may be called on summons of the first Principal or the other two Principals with the concurrence of the First Principal, if present. Seven clear days' notice shall be given of every Chapter of Emergency. The reason for convening such a meeting shall be stated in the summons, and no other business shall be transacted.

4. Proposing Candidates:

All candidates for Exaltation or Companions desirous of being admitted as Members of this Chapter shall submit an application according to the form approved by the Supreme Grand Chapter of India and must be duly proposed and seconded at a Regular Convocation or by notice in writing transmitted to the Scribe 'E' at least 14 days before the next Regular Convocation stating:

- (a) The name in full and address
- (b) Profession
- (c) Age

- (d) The name and number of the Lodge of which the candidate is or was a Member.
- (e) Date of initiation with the name and number of the Lodge in which initiated.
- (f) Date of raising with the name and number of the Lodge in which raised.

In the case of a joining Companion, the name and number of the Chapter(s) of which he was last a Member, together with the particulars of the offices held and the date of exaltation will be stated also on the application.

Any application for Membership after due recommendation by the Permanent Committee, will be ballotted for at the next regular or emergent convocation, when the decision of the Members shall be declared in the negative if three opposing votes or black balls appear.

5. Exaltation and Joining Fees:

The fees to be paid for Exaltation including Grand Chapter Registration and Certificate and joining shall be as follows:

Exaltation fees	Rs. 50
Joining from same constitution	Rs. 30
Other constitutions	Rs. 35

The fees are payable before the ballot.

6. Membership and subscriptions:

There will be two classes of membership, namely:

(a) Subscribing Companions, pay subscription of Rs. 15/- per quarter.

(b) Honorary Companions whom the Chapter shall elect at a Regular Convocation after duly proposing and seconding Companions of eminence who have rendered service to Royal Arch Masonry in general.

The subscriptions shall be paid in advance. No Companion shall be entitled to vote or to be elected or appointed to any office, if he has omitted to pay his subscription for more than three consecutive quarters. If a Companion is in arrears of more than three quarters and does not pay up when called upon by the Scribe 'E', he shall be excluded in accordance with Rule 156 of the Craft Constitution. The Scribe 'E' and Janitor may be exempted from payment of subscriptions.

The Janitor, if he is a Serving Companion, shall be paid such remuneration for each Convocation as shall be decided by the Chapter from time to time.

7. Permanent Committee:

There shall be a Permanent committee composed of the First Principal as President, the Second and Third Principals, Scribes, Treasurer, Principal Sojourner and all Past First Principals in the Chapter. The duties of the Permanent Committee shall be to consider the applications of candidates / companions for exaltation and joining, check the accounts of the Chapter and present annually at installation Convocations, a report on the working of the Chapter for the previous year and to consider all other matters concerning the Chapter. The Permanent Committee shall meet at least once a quarter.

8. Treasurer and Accounts:

The Treasurer, with the assistance of the Scribe 'E', shall receive all moneys and settle accounts of the Chapter. An annual audited financial statement shall be drawn up at the close of every year as on the last day in September by an Audit Committee, appointed at the election meeting of the Chapter. The Audit Committee shall consist of three Companions, one of whom at least shall be a Past First Principal, who will be the Chairman of the Committee. All the moneys of the chapter shall be deposited in a Scheduled Bank in the name of the Chapter. The Bank Account(s) shall be operated by the Treasurer.

9. Resignations:

Any Companion wishing to resign must do so in Open Chapter or by a letter addressed to the Scribe 'E'.

10. Bye-Laws:

The Bye-Laws of the Chapter shall be read once in a year at a Regular Convocation of the Chapter. Every Companion on becoming a Member of the Chapter shall be presented with a copy of these Bye-Laws.

No Resolution or alteration in or addition to these Bye-Laws shall be introduced or discussed in the Chapter, until notice of the same shall have been given, in writing, in Open Chapter at a Regular Convocation, and afterwards circulated with the summons for the next Regular Convocation unless introduced by a Report of the Permanent Committee.

No amendments to or alterations in these Bye-Laws made by the Chapter shall come into force until they have been approved by the Grand Supdt. in and over the Region of Southern India and the M.E. First Grand Principal.

All matters not especially provided for by these Bye-Laws, shall be decided according to the Rules and Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India,

a copy of which shall be presented to every Companion on his exaltation.

Adopted at the Convocation held on 4th Feb. 1989

Dr. S. R. Ullal Z

Dr. K. Paramanand Rao H

Dr. K. V. Devadiga J

Dr. K. S. Prabhakar Rao Sc.E

Approved by M.E. The Grand Superintendent

Madurai (Sd) V. Rajendran
22-5-1989 Grand Superintendent

Approved by M.E. The First Grand Principal

New Delhi (Sd) H. P. Gupta
9-6-1989 Grand Scribe E.