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E.Comp.J.B.Sankara Rao  
Scribe E., Chapter Triple Tau No.126  
7-98/2 Scientists Colony  
Habsiguda  
Hyderabad-500 007 M:94400 66847

Dear Sir and Companion,

**SUB:BYE-LAWS OF CHAPTER TRIPLE TAU NO.126**

We are forwarding herewith a copy of the bye-laws of Chapter Triple Tau No.126 duly approved by M.E.The Grand Superintendent and M.E.The First Grand Principal.

Kindly print the bye-laws and send two copies each to the Grand Chapter and Regional Grand Chapter for records.

Yours fraternally,

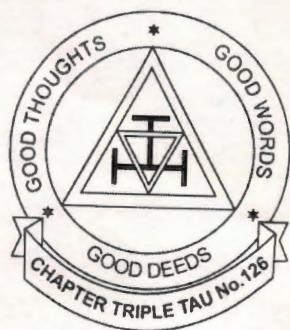
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(N. PANDURANGAN)  
Regional Grand Scribe E

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BYE-LAWS  
OF

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CHAPTER TRIPLE TAU NO. 126  
SECUNDERABAD



Meets on First Monday of February, May, August and November

Secunderabad

Note: The following by-laws are intended to provide only for such matters as are not settled by the General Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of India.

BYE - LAWS

**MEMBERS**

1. The Chapter shall consist of
  - a) Subscribing
  - b) Absentee and
  - c) Honorary Members

Companions of Distinction may be elected Honorary Members of the Chapter for which purpose the provision of

## FEES & SUBSCRIPTIONS

7. The following are the fees and subscriptions of the Chapter, strictly payable in advance in all cases:

Exaltation	₹ 1,500
Joining from a Chapter under a recognized Constitution	₹ 1,500
Joining from a Chapter under Indian Constitution	₹ 1,500
Rejoining the Chapter	₹ 500
Annual Subscription for Resident Members	₹ 1,000 + RGC and SGCI dues
<i>Break-up</i>	
General Fund <b>excluding</b> RGCI & SGCI dues	₹ 100
Stewards' Fund	₹ 800
Charity Fund	₹ 100
Annual Subscription for Absent Members	₹ 200 + RGC and SGCI dues
<i>Break-up</i>	
General Fund <b>excluding</b> RGCI & SGCI dues	₹ 100
Charity Fund	₹ 100

Dues to RGC & SGCI are payable at actual.

The Services of the Scribe E and the Janitor shall be regarded as equivalent to their appropriate subscriptions to the Lodge.

8. The Scribe E and the Janitor may be exempted from payment of Subscriptions to the Chapter.
9. The Janitor, if a serving member, shall be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the Chapter from time to time. ~~If not a serving member, the Janitor may be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the Chapter at the~~ *R*  
~~Election Meeting in May.~~
10. An Honorary Member pays no fees or subscription and will not be entitled to vote on any proposition or election or hold office in the Chapter. He shall be presented with a copy of the Bye-laws when elected.
11. Any candidate on whose specific request for whom an Emergency Convocation is held shall pay all or any expenses incurred for such Convocation.
12. Any candidate or member on whose account a Dispensation is obtained, may, at the discretion of the First Principal be called upon to pay the expenses incurred for such Dispensation.

## ARREARS

13. A member whose subscription remains unpaid for six months, shall not be permitted to vote or submit any proposition to the Chapter or be elected to any office, nor will be allowed to propose or second candidates.
14. If a member be in arrears with his subscription to the Chapter for one year, the Scribe E shall advise him of the amount due by Registered Post, and if the full amount be not paid within thirty days from the date, he shall be excluded in accordance to Regulation no. 75, Royal Arch Masons of India General Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

## RESIGNATIONS

15. A member wishing to resign, must inform the Scribe E accordingly in writing, or tender such resignation in open Convocation of the Chapter in accordance with Rule 158 of Book of Constitutions (Craft). He shall be given a certificate under Regulation No 74, royal Arch masons of India General Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter, provide he pays up all his dues.

## PROPERTY

16. The property of the Chapter shall be considered as vested in the three Principals for the time being in trust for the Chapter, and an inventory of the same shall be entered in the Property Register and be signed by the three Principals as soon after their Installation as possible. This fact must be recorded in the minutes of the next regular Convocation.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS

17. The Scribe E shall duly record the minutes of all the Convocations of the Chapter and of the Committees under the direction of the 1<sup>st</sup> Principal. He will issue all Summons a clear seven days before each Convocation or meeting and conduct the correspondence of the Chapter under the direction of the First Principal.
18. The Treasurer will collect all moneys due to the Chapter, make necessary disbursements when duly passed for payment by the First Principal in charge of the Chapter, and is responsible for the safe custody of the Chapter funds. He will pay all sums exceeding ₹ 500 by cheque and pay all monies received by him into the bank soon thereafter, retaining ₹ 250 only for emergencies. He will balance the Chapter Accounts and submit them for audit to the Audit Committee. In the absence of the Treasurer, monies will be collected by Scribe E who will pay over the same to the Treasurer soon thereafter.

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19. The Janitor shall be responsible for the safe custody of the Regalia and equipment of the Chapter, and maintain them in proper condition. He shall prepare the Chapter Rooms for Convocations and in every respect discharge the duties of his office conscientiously and dutifully.

#### CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

20. There will be a Chapter Executive Committee of the Chapter consisting of the Three Principals, Scribes E and N, Treasurer, Principal Sojourner, Assistant Sojourners, the Founder Installed Principals and all the Past First Principals of the Chapter. The First Principal or in his absence the senior Installed First Principal present shall preside. The Committee will consider all matters referred to it by the Chapter and the Accounts before the Installation Convocation in August. Three shall form a quorum.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

21. The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Chapter who shall be elected annually at the Installation Convocation in August. The accounts shall be made up to 31<sup>st</sup> March in each year and shall be present to the Chapter, duly audited at the Installation Convocation in August. A copy of the audited accounts shall be sent to all the members with summons convening the Installation Convocation.

22. The First Principal, may, at his discretion, appoint special Committee(s) for the consideration of special subject(s). Such Committees(s) shall consist of at least three members besides the Three Principals, and the Scribe E of the Chapter. The First Principal or in his absence the Senior Member present shall preside; Three will form a quorum.

#### FUNDS

23. The monies of the Chapter shall be held under the following distinct heads:

- General Fund:* Subscriptions paid by the members of the Chapter as well as other monies, not otherwise specifically allotted shall be credited to the General Fund. Payments from this Fund, except for routine purposes, or as have been duly authorized by the Chapter can be made only by resolutions of the Chapter, of which due notice shall have been given in the Summons for the regular or Emergency Convocation.
- The Charity Fund:* The Charity Fund shall consist of Charity collections made at the Chapter Convocations, voluntary contributions to the Fund and such other moneys as may be regularly voted by the Chapter, from time to time, from its General Fund. Moneys from this Fund shall be devoted solely to charity but no expenditure be incurred without the prior sanction of the Chapter.

#### ACCOUNTS

24. Accounts should be opened in the name of the Chapter in bank(s) approved by the Chapter.

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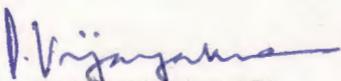
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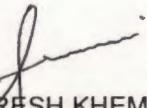
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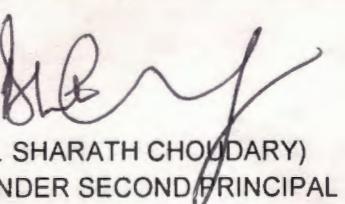
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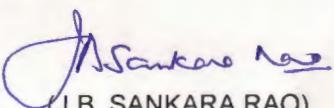
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The above Bye-Laws were unanimously passed and adopted at the Consecration, Constitution and Installation Convocation held at St. John's Hall, Secunderabad, on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2011.

  
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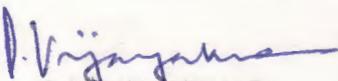
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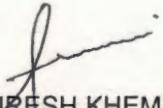
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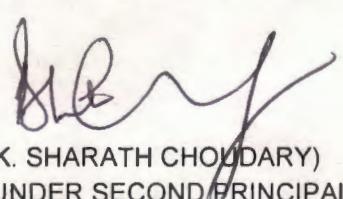
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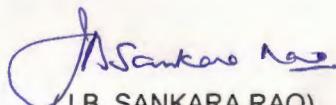
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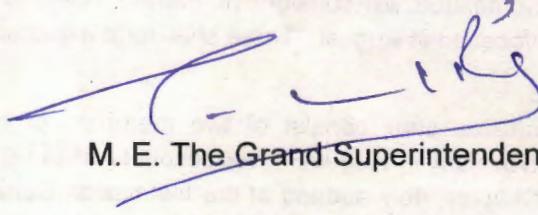
  
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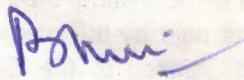
**APPROVED BY M.E.THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT**

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DATE: 29/8/2011

  
M. E. The Grand Superintendent

**APPROVED BY M.E.THE FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL**

PLACE: NEW DELHI  
DATE: 17.10.2011

  
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