

BY - LAWS OF CHAPTER CONFLUENCE No. 169

1. Members:

The members of the Chapter shall comprise of two categories.

- (a) Subscribing Members of Lodge Trinity No.171
- (b) Honorary Members

Explanation:

- a) Subscribing Brethren who are on the rolls of Lodge Trinity No.171 Annual Dues to The Grand Lodge of India & the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India will be paid by Lodge Trinity No.171 since its dues are inclusive of all Higher Degrees under the Grand Lodge of India, at New Delhi.
- b) Honorary Members
 - 1) Those who are elected as such for services rendered to the Chapter or to the Order.
 - 2) All Subscribing brethren of Lodge Trinity No.171 who are Past First Principals (P.Z) and had served any Chapter as its First Principal on or before August 2023 are eligible to be elected as Honorary members with this difference any active Founding Members who were Past First Principal will be eligible for being elected as Honorary members after demitting their active Chapter Founder office (viz Founder First/Second Principal, I.P.C.N, or Director of Ceremony)

An honorary member may attend the Chapter as such but he should not hold any office therein, or vote, or propose or second any resolution.

2. CONVOCATIONS:

The regular convocation of the Chapter shall be held at the Free Masons Hall, Cantonment, Trichy 620 001. On the First Sunday in the months of January (Installation), April, July and October (Election) or at such time as the M E Z may fix from time to time.

A notice of seven clear days by email or by ordinary post to those who do not have electronic email facility shall be given for all the Convocation, regular and emergency. An emergent convocation of the Chapter may at any time be called by the authority of the M.E.Z, and the business transacted there at, shall not include any business whatsoever, except such as mentioned on the summons convening the convocation, nor shall the minutes of the previous convocation be read or confirmed except in so far as any such minutes relate to or affect the validity of the business so mentioned.

3. Election of officers:

The regular convocation in the month of October shall be the election Convocation of the Chapter. The Three Principals shall be elected annually at the election convocation in the month of October shall be installed at the regular convocation in the month of January. The election of the Three Principals shall be by ballot. The Treasurer shall also be elected by ballot on the same Election Day as that of the Principals and will be invested at Installation convocation in the month of January. The Janitor shall be elected by show of hands. The Janitor can be elected from among the Subscribing members of the Chapter or he shall be one registered in the books of the Grand Chapter or of a recognized Grand Chapter.

Chapters under the provisions contained in Rule 52 of the Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

4. Proposing Candidates:

Every proposal of a candidate (subscribing member of Lodge Trinity No.171) for exaltation or for joining must be made by a member and seconded by another member, both of whom must be subscribing members of this H.R.A.Chapter, either in open Chapter or by writing to the M.E.Z or SCRIBE E at least 14 days prior to the next regular convocation. All eligible candidates if duly proposed & seconded will be exalted to this supreme degree. The objective behind this is to provide the members an opportunity to all higher degrees under the Grand Lodge of India.

5. Fees:

There will not be any extra collection of fees or dues for exaltation since it is included in the Craft Subscription of Lodge Trinity No.171.

6. Correspondence:

All letters from the members of the Chapter shall be addressed to the Scribe E.

7. Scribe E:

The Scribe E shall conduct the general correspondence, issue summons for all convocation, record minutes of the proceedings, keep the registers and records and the Chapter, seal and maintain an inventory of all furniture and property of the Chapter.

8. Permanent Committee:

There shall be a Permanent Committee composed of the Ruling Principals, I P E Z, Scribe E, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies and three elected members of the Chapter and added to the above mentioned all Past Zerbbabels of this Chapter only shall form the Ex-officio members. The duty of the Permanent Committee shall be to consider the proposal for exaltation and joining check the accounts of the Chapter and present annually a report on the working of the Chapter and to consider such other matters the chapter may refer to the Committee.

9. Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall receive all Charity moneys collected in the convocation as well as specific Collections authorized by the Standing committee and approved at the convocation and handover after obtaining proper receipts of such payments and settle payment of all voted charity by cheque not more than the sum collected and deposited with the Treasurer of Lodge Trinity No.171 . The annual statement of accounts and balance sheet as on 31st December every year shall be drawn up and after the scrutiny and approval of the Audit Committee the same shall be presented at the Installation convocation in the month of January.

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10. Concept of Mutuality:

All activities of the Chapter at all times are for the common benefit of all the members and for the public at large without any distinct as to Cast, Creed or Religion. No part shall be a business activity for the individual or collective benefit of any or all the members.

11. Janitor:

The Janitor shall keep in good order and be responsible for the maintenance of the Chapter furniture and regalia. He shall prepare the chapter before each convocation and ensure that every companion, whether member or visitor, previous to entering the Lodge signs the attendance book and is properly clothed.

Nothing save unavoidable circumstances shall be sufficient excuse for the absence of the Tyler from any convocation of the Chapter and Timely notice shall be sent by the Janitor to the Scribe E in such cases

12. Audit Committee:

The Audit committee shall consist of two Companions (who are not members of Permanent Committee) appointed in the Election Convocation every year who will audit the accounts of the Chapter for the year and thereafter.

13. Resignations:

Any member wishing to resign from the Chapter may do so in open Chapter or by letter addressed to the Scribe E upon production of No-Demand Certificate from Lodge Trinity No.171 he shall be furnished with a clearance certificate.

If the subscription of a member to the Craft lodge remains unpaid for two years at the expiration of that period he shall automatically cease to be a member of the Chapter and that fact shall be reported to the chapter by the Scribe E at the next regular convocation and recorded in the minutes.

A member in arrears of his subscription for one year shall not be eligible for appointment or election to office or be entitled to vote

14. Property:

Furniture, Regalia, Charter and other properties of the Chapter shall be vested in the care of the M.E.Z of the lodge. An inventory of such properties shall be recorded and kept by the M.E.Z and shall be transmitted to his successor at the Installation Convocation.

15. By-Laws:

The By-laws of the Chapter shall be read once in a year in open Chapter in the Election Convocation. Every Companion on his exaltation or joining shall be presented with a copy of the By-laws.

No alterations or additions to these By-laws shall be made unless the same is duly proposed and seconded at a regular Convocation and included in the agenda for the next regular convocation at which the amendment or alterations shall be confirmed and then applied for approval of the M.E. Grand Superintendent of REGIONAL Grand Chapter of Southern India and M.W. The First Principal of The Supreme Grand Chapter of India.



In all cases for which special provision is not made herein, the rules of the book of Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India as in force from time to time shall apply.



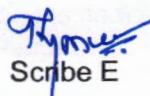
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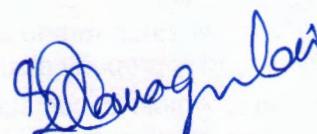
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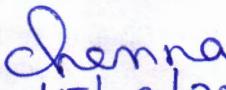


Treasurer

Approved and adopted in open Chapter on Sunday the 26th of August 2023

Scribe E

Approved by Regional Grand Chapter of Southern India

Place: 
Date : 15/09/2023



The Regional Grand Superintendent of Southern India

Approved by The Supreme Grand Chapter of India

Place: NEW DELHI
Date : 28.11.2023

The First Principal of S.G.C.I

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