

*Warranted on August 25, 1980
Consecrated on August 9, 1981*

*Silver Jubilee Celebrations (25 Years)
on
September 10, 2006*

**The Chapter Charminar No.78
Secunderabad**

(Order of the Royal Arch Masons of India)



**By-Laws
(Revised - 2005)**

Ramedurai

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIA ROLL OF FIRST GRAND PRINCIPALS

1. M.E.Comp. Bhogilal C. Shah	Jan 22, 1962 – Jan 10, 1969
2. M.E.Comp. Prof. M.S. Thacker	Jan 11, 1969 – Dec 28, 1974
3. M.E.Comp. Justice K. Veeraswami	Dec 29, 1974 – April 1976
4. M.E.Comp. Justice D.P. Madon	May 16, 1976 – Nov 21, 1978
5. M.E.Comp. Sitaram Jaipuria	Dec 6, 1982 – May 28, 1988
6. M.E.Comp. Justice Prakash Narain	July 7, 1985 – Nov 23, 1991
7. M.E.Comp. Gautam Ramanlal Divan	Nov 23, 1991 – Nov 27, 1994
8. M.E.Comp. K.L. Reddi	Nov 27, 1994 – Nov 30, 1997
9. M.E.Comp. Hari Pershad Mathur	Nov 29, 1997 – Nov 11, 2000
10. M.E.Comp. Dilip Dwarkadas Udeshi	Nov 12, 2000 – Nov 16, 2003
11. M.E.Comp. Arun Chintopanth	Nov 16, 2003 – Oct 29, 2006
12. M.E.Comp. Justice Devinder Gupta	Oct 29, 2006 –

REGIONAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTHERN INDIA ROLL OF GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

1. M.E.Comp. S.T. Srinivasagopala Chari	1963-67
2. M.E.Comp. C.A. Ramakrishnan	1967-1970
3. M.E.Comp. Justice K. Veeraswami	1970-1974
4. M.E.Comp. Justice T. Ramaprasada Rao	1974-1978
5. M.E.Comp. A.S. Rajasabai	1978-1983
6. M.E.Comp. Cavalier Dr. G.K. Devarajulu	1983-1987
7. M.E.Comp. V. Rajendran	1987-1990
8. M.E.Comp. K.L. Reddi	1990-1993
9. M.E.Comp. D. Dhorrairaj	1993-1996
10. M.E.Comp. K.R. Rajasekharan Nair	1996-1999
11. M.E.Comp. Arun Chinthopanth	1999-2002
12. M.E.Comp. Dr. B. Biswakumar	2002-2005
13. M.E.Comp. G.K. Selvarajan	2005-


S. S. Madan Z.


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A. S. Rajasabai

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of India

WE ALL ARE EVER OUR MOST EXCELLENT, EXCELLENT AND LOVING COMPANIONS
WHEREAS OUR GRANDS AND MOST BELOVED COMPANIONS OF THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIA
OF THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIA, OF THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIA, OF THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIA,
AND OTHERS HAVE BEING TO US TO EMPLOY THEM TO HOLD A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER FOR THE EXTENSION OF THIS GRAND AND UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

WE ARE HAVING DAILY CONSIDERED THE PREMISES AND HEREBY GRANT UNTO THEM THIS OUR CHAPTER OF CONSTITUTION, WITH FULL POWER FOR THEM, THEIR COMPANIONS AND
SUCCESSORS, TO OPEN AND HOLD A CHAPTER OF OUR ORDER AT "FERNANDES" HALL
at such time as our said Companions and their Successors, shall with the Consent of the GDS and OUR SUCCESSORS Grand Officers for the time being, think meet,
under the Name and Title of:

THE CHAPTER No. 78
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on the rolls of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, with such Privileges, Honours and Immunities, as be of Right, bring to regular, established Chapters and
Companions of GDS and finest Excellent Order.

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at such time as our said Companions and their Successors, shall with the Consent of the GDS and OUR SUCCESSORS Grand Officers for the time being, think meet,
under the Name and Title of:



Grand Secretar

Warrant of The Chapter Charminar No. 78

A.C. Banerjee
H

D.P. Madon
Z

G.P. Tandon
J

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of India

To all and Every our Most Excellent, Excellent and
Loving Companions.

Whereas our Trusty and Well beloved Companions E.P.B. Manian, B. Ramadurai, B.A. Krishnan, J.M. Paul, C.D. Jacob, Kartar Singh, P.T.K. Menon, P.N. Prabhakar, P.N.S. Mohan, P.C. Sekhar, D. Venkatasarma, G.R. Mohan Rao, K.L. Reddi, B.C. Patel, M.R.A. Narayan, C. Satyanarayana, J.M. Rao, K. Khandelwal, K.B. Gupta, D. Satyanarayana, H.L. Gupta, K. Sambasiva Rao, Mohd. Imtiaz, Krishnaswamy Lakshman, Muthuswamy Rajagopal, Major M.S. Daniels, K.F. Baba, B. Padmanabha Rao

and others have be sought us to empower them to hold a Royal Arch Chapter for the cultivation of this Grand and Universal Science.

Now we, having duly considered the Premises do hereby grant unto them this our Charter of Constitution, with full power for them, their Companions and successors, to open and hold a Chapter of our Order at Freemasons' Hall, Secunderabad, or at such other Place, and at such Time as our said Companions and their Successors, shall with the

consent of US and OUR Successors Grand Officers for the time being, think meet, under the Name and Title of

The Chapter Charminar No. 78

on the rolls of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, with such Privileges, Powers and Immunities, as do of Right, belong to regular, established Chapters and Companions of our said Most Excellent Order.

And Further at their said Petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named Companions We do appoint the said E.P.B. Manian to be the first First Principal, the said B. Ramadurai to be the first Second Principal and the said B.A. Krishnan to be the first Third Principal of the Chapter with full power to them and their lawfully appointed successors to admit and exalt Royal Arch Masons according to ancient usage and custom and to perform all acts befitting a Royal Arch Chapter.

Provided always that such acts shall be in conformity to the General Regulations or Ordinances already, or to be hereafter, enacted by Our Most Excellent Grand and Royal Chapter.

Given at New Delhi under the seal of our Grand and Royal Chapter this Twenty-fifth Day of August, 1980, corresponding to Third Bhadrapada, 1902, Saka Era.



Sd/-
Grand Scribe 'E'

The Chapter Charminar No. 78

Secunderabad

(Order of the Royal Arch Masons of India)

BY - LAWS

(As amended and approved upto October 2005)

1. We, the Founder Companions of Royal Arch Chapter Charminar No. 78, under the Supreme Grand Chapter of India have approved these By-laws for governance of the Chapter, without prejudice to the Regulations in force of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, New Delhi.
2. MEETINGS: The Convocations of the Chapter shall be held at the St. John's Hall, Secunderabad on the First Wednesday in the months of January, April, July and October. Emergency Convocations can be held in accordance with Rule 63 of the Royal Arch Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.
3. MEMBERS: The Chapter shall consist of (i) Resident Members (ii) Non Resident Members and (iii) Honorary Members.
 - a. Resident Members are those who reside within the Municipal limits and Cantonment areas of Hyderabad and Secunderabad.
 - b. Non Resident Members are those who reside outside the above limits and have applied in writing to the Chapter to be placed on the list of Non Resident Members. They shall be placed on the list as such from the month following the said communication is received. Non Resident Members who immediately change their residence within the limits prescribed in Para 3 (a) above will automatically become Resident Members.

- c. An Honorary Member is one, who is elected as such, in accordance with the provision of Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions of the Craft. He shall be presented with a copy of these By-laws. An Honorary Member pays no fee or subscriptions and will not be entitled to hold office or vote on propositions or elections.

- ELECTIONS: The Three Principals and Treasurer shall be elected by Ballot at the Regular Convocation in the month of July, subject to provisions of Rule 52 of the Royal Arch Regulations and the Janitor shall be elected by show of hands. In addition, the other Officers of the Chapter shall be elected, or the Chapter may resolve empowering the Three Principals elected to appoint all Officers specified in Rule 52, paras 1 & 2.
5. INSTALLATION: The Installation of the Three Principals elected and investiture of Officers elected/appointed shall be in the month of October every year.
6. ADMISSION: The admission of Candidates for EXALTATION or JOINING shall be regulated as per the provisions of Rules 69 to 73 of the Royal Arch Regulations.
7. FEES & SUBSCRIPTIONS:
 - a. Payable in Advance – Exaltation Fee: Rs. 1000, plus cost of Apron, Sash and Breast Jewel, at actuals.
 - b. Joining/ Rejoining Fee from a Chapter under the Supreme Grand Chapter of India or any recognized Constitution (subject S G C of I's Regulations in force at any given time) – Rs.1,000, plus cost of Apron, Sash and Breast Jewel, on actuals, if the joining / rejoining member does not possess the Regalia.

- c. Annual Subscription for four Regular Convocations – Rs. 600 per year (includes Dinner charges for 3 Convocations only), plus the Annual/Half Yearly dues payable to the Regional Grand Chapter of Southern India and the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.
 - d. Emergency Convocations if any held for purposes of Exaltation: All expenses, like Summons printing, Postage, Hall Rent, Dispensation Fees, Refreshments and Banquet charges will be met by the Candidates at actuals.
8. The Scribe E (by resolution in open Chapter) and Janitor may be exempted from payment of subscription excepting the Regional Grand Chapter and Supreme Grand Chapter Annual Dues.
 9. The Janitor may be remunerated annually in lieu of services rendered, by resolution of the Chapter, at any Regular Convocation.
 10. ARREARS: A companion whose subscription remains unpaid for one year shall not be permitted to propose or second any Brother for Exaltation, Joining, nor vote on any resolution. He is also void of election to any office in the Chapter.
 11. If a member be in arrears of his subscription to the Chapter beyond one year, the Scribe E under the authority of the M.E.'Z', may cause to issue a Registered Notice to the defaulting Companion to his last known address and such Companions be considered for Exclusion at the next Regular Convocation of the Chapter, if the Dues should still remain unpaid.

COMMITTEES

12. There will be a Permanent Committee of the Chapter

- consisting of the Three Principals, Scribes E and N, Treasurer, Principal Sojourner and all past First Principals in the Chapter. The First Principal or in his absence the senior 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 October. Three will form a quorum.
13. The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Chapter who shall be elected annually at the Installation Convocation in October. The accounts shall be made upto 30th September in each year and shall be presented to the Chapter, duly audited at the Installation Convocation in October. A copy of the audited accounts shall be sent to all the members with summons convening the Installation Convocation.
 14. The First Principal, may, at his discretion, appoint special Committee(s) for the consideration of special subject(s). Such Committee(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.
 15. RESIGNATION: A Companion wishing to resign must inform the Scribe E in writing or tender his resignation at a Regular Convocation of the Chapter in accordance with Rule 158 of the Book of Constitutions (Craft). He shall be issued a Certificate under Rule 74, Royal Arch Regulations, provided he has paid all the Dues to the Chapter.
 16. GENERAL FUNDS: Subscriptions paid by the Companions of the Chapter, like Exaltation or Joining Fees as well as such other moneys not otherwise specified

shall be credited in a separate Bank Account authorized by the Chapter.

17. THE CHARITY FUND: The Charity Fund shall consist of Charity collections and Donations/ voluntary contributions made by the members and others and shall be deposited in a separate Bank Account authorized and opened for this purpose.

Unanimously approved by the Chapter
at its Consecration on August 9, 1981

Sd/-		Sd/-
M.E. Comp. E.P.B. Manian	E.Comp. B. Ramadurai	
P III GP, P II RGP	A R G D of C	
Founder M.E.'Z'	Founder 'H'	

Sd/-		Sd/-
Comp. B.A. Krishnan	Comp. J.M. Paul	
Founder 'J'	Founder Scribe Ezra	

Approved by the M.E. the Grand Superintendent,
R.G. Chapter of Southern India.

Sd/-
M.E.Comp. A.S. Rajasabai
at Madurai on August 25, 1981

Approved by the M.E. the First Grand Principal,

Sd/-
M.E. Comp. Honourable Justice D.P. Madon
of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India at Bombay

Sd/-
M.E.Comp. H.J. Rushi
Grand Scribe Ezra
at New Delhi on September 19, 1981

List of Past Z's

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| 1. M.E.Comp. E.P.B. Manian (Founder 'Z') | - 1981 |
| 2. E.Comp. Lt. Gen. B.D.P. Rao | - 1982 |
| 3. E.Comp. Lt. Gen. B.D.P. Rao | - 1983 |
| 4. E.Comp. Air Cmde. C. Satyanarayana | - 1984 |
| 5. E.Comp. B.A. Krishnan | - 1985 |
| 6. E.Comp. J.M. Paul | - 1986 |
| 7. E.Comp. M.L. Prasad Rao | - 1987 |
| 8. E.Comp. Maj. Kartar Singh | - 1988 |
| 9. E.Comp. Kuruvilla John | - 1989 |
| 10. E.Comp. V.V. Dube | - 1990 |
| 11. E.Comp. T.H.V. Prasad Rao | - 1991 |
| 12. E.Comp. G.B. Thomas | - 1992 |
| 13. E.Comp. K.S. Viswanathan | - 1993 |
| 14. E.Comp. Narayan Manian | - 1994 |
| 15. E.Comp. Rampal Jaju | - 1995 |
| 16. E.Comp. Surender K. Shah | - 1996 |
| 17. E.Comp. Seetaram Agarwal | - 1997 |
| 18. E.Comp. K. Muralidhar | - 1998 |
| 19. E.Comp. P. Mohan Rao | - 1999 |
| 20. E.Comp. Walter Sanjeeva Rao | - 2000 |
| 21. E.Comp. A.J. Koshy | - 2001 |
| 22. E.Comp. Lt. Col. G.S.E. Prasad | - 2002 |
| 23. E.Comp. Lt. Col. E.L.M. Reddy | - 2003 |
| 24. E.Comp. Seetaram Agarwal | - 2004 |
| 25. E.Comp. B. Ramadurai Manian (Silver Jubilee 'Z') | - 2005 |
| 26. E.Comp. M.H. Rafat | - 2006 |
| 27. E.Comp. K.P. Achar | - 2007 |