

Bye-Laws

of

CHAPTER VIJAYANAGAR NO 93

HOSPET

1994 as amended up to August 2023

CONSECRATION CEREMONY

OFFICERS

M. E. Comp. GAUTAM R. DIVAN	as First Principal
M. E. Comp. K. L. REDDI	as Second Principal
M. E. Comp. N. T. KAPADIA	as Third Principal
M. E. Comp. V. SARANGAPANI	as Scribe E
E. Comp. D. DORAIRAJ	as Scribe N
E. Comp. ARUN CHINTOPANTH	as D of C
E. Comp. I.V.S.S. MURTHY	as Prin. Soj
E. Comp. S. RAMASWAMY	as 1 st A. Soj.
E. Comp. M. A. HUQ	as 2 nd A. Soj.
E. Comp. M. HIMATLAL	as Swd. Br.
E. Comp. N. S. BAITMANGALKAR	as Dy. D. of C.
E. Comp. T. K. SHANMUGANANDAM	as St. Br.
E. Comp. Dr. P. S. HUILGOL	as St. Br.
E. Comp. K. A. KURIAN	as St. Br.
E. Comp. V. G. JOSHI	as Janitor

Installation of Z Designate

E. Comp. P. G. NAGABHUSHAN

by M. E. Comp. K. L. REDDI

Installation of H Designate

E. Comp. M. VENKATASARMA

by E. Comp. N. T. KAPADIA

Installation of J Designate

Comp. K. VENKANNA

by E. Comp. V. SARANGAPANI

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of India

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR MOST EXCELLENT, EXCELLENT AND LOVING COMPANIONS.

WHEREAS OUR TRUSTED AND WELL BELOVED COMPANIONS *Pathikonda Surunathappa Nagabhushan, Mukkani Venkatasarma, Kolagal Venkanna, Murugesu Subramaniam, Debarkonda Vasudeva Krishnamurthi, Manathattai Ratnam Venkataratnam, Katta Subramanyam Setty, Baldota Narendrakumar, Vijaya Sitaram Banka, Chennabasappa Kotambri, Achuthadevaraya, Mudugal Venakappa Setty, and Sushil K. Morarka* and others have besought us to empower them to hold a ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER for the Cultivation of the Grand and Universal Science.

NOW WE having duly considered the Premises Do hereby grant unto them the 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, Hospet Sir. M. Visvesvaraya Centenary Hall, Munirabad Dam, or at such other Place, and at such Time as our said Companions and their Successors, shall with the Consent of the US and OUR Successors Grand Officers for the time being, think meet, under the Name and Title of

The Chapter Vijayanagar no 93

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 *Pathikonda Surunathappa Nagabhushan* to be the FIRST PRINCIPAL, the said *Mukkani Venkatasarma* to be the first SECOND PRINCIPAL and the said *Kolagal Venkanna* 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 the thirtieth Day of May 1994 Corresponding to ninth day of Jyaishta, 1916 Saka Era

SD
H. I. DHOGAL.
GRAND SCRIBE 'C'.

**Bye-Laws of
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER VIJAYANAGAR No 93
HOSPET.**

1. NAME:

- a. The Name of this daughter Chapter is 'ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER VIJAYANAGAR No 93' under the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

2. PLACE OF CONVOCATIONS:

- a. The Regular and emergency Convocations of this Royal Arch Chapter will be held at Vijayanagar Freemasons' Hall, Kallahalli Road, Hospet.

i. Amended in 2000

3. DAYS OF CONVOCATIONS:

- a. The Regular Convocations of this Royal Arch Chapter will be held on the 2nd SARURDAY in March, June, September and December at such time as will be notified in the Summons.

i. Amended in 2023

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- a. The Three Principals, Treasurer of the Chapter, to be elected by Ballot and the Janitor by show of hands at the Regular Convocation to be held in the month of JUNE.
- b. The rest of the Officers be either elected by Ballot or the Chapter may resolve to empower the three elected Principals to appoint them.

5. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

- a. The officers so elected and/or appointed will be installed and invested at the Regular Convocation in the month of SEPTEMBER.

6. OFFICERS:

For the purpose of Government and proper conduct of its affairs, the Chapter will have the following officers:

Z First Principal	9)	Principle Sojourner
H Second Principal	10)	1 st Assistant Sojourner
J Third Principal	11)	2 nd Assistant Sojourner
IPZ Immediate First Principal	12)	Assistant D of C
Scribe E	13)	Assistant Scribe E
Scribe N	14)	Steward
Treasurer	15)	Janitor
D of C		

In addition to the above Officers, the Principals may appoint more than one Steward.

Amended in 2017

7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS:

No candidate shall be EXALTED and no Companion admitted as a Joining or Re-joining Member unless (i) he shall have submitted an application in the prescribed form, (ii) shall have been duly proposed and seconded at one Regular Convocation or by notice in writing transmitted by the proposer to Scribe E, at least one month before the next Regular Convocation, (iii) shall have paid all the fees applicable in each case, (iv) and shall have produced the certificate(s) required by R. A. Regulations.

No candidate for Exaltation, Joining or Re-joining shall be deemed to be Elected, if at the Ballot, TWO Black Balls appear against him.

In case of an unfavourable Ballot, no further application from that candidate for exaltation, joining or re-joining shall be received within six months from the date of rejection.

A candidate may be exalted at the same convocation or at any of the next four convocations, otherwise, the Election will be null and void.

He shall be a subscribing Master Mason of a Lodge duly warranted under the Grand Lodge of India

Amended in 2017

8. CONSTITUTION:

The Chapter shall consist of Subscribing Members and Honorary Members.

Honorary Members shall comprise of any Royal Arch Companion, so elected by the unanimous vote of companions of the Chapter. Such Election is to be made in open Chapter, after due consent of that Companion and after due proposal and seconding at one Regular Convocation and voting at the next Regular Convocation, after due notice in the summons convening the Convocation.

9. FEES/EXALTATION, JOINING/RE-JOINING:

For being Exalted, (including the cost of Book of Constitution and By-Laws to be presented) Rs. 1000/- PLUS all fees payable to The Regional Grand Chapter and Supreme Grand Chapter of India for Registration and Certificate, etc.

For Joining/Re-joining, Rs. 500/- PLUS all fees payable to The Regional Grand Chapter certificate, etc.

Amended in 2017

10. SUBSCRIPTION:

The year of accounting for payment of Annual subscription is from 1st September to 31st August.

The Annual subscription, in addition to the annual/half yearly fees payable to Supreme Grand Chapter of India and Regional Grand Chapter, shall be Rs. 500/- for every companion.

The Annual Subscription, along with the Honour Fees, shall be payable on or before 30th November.

Amended in 2017

11. FEES OF HONOUR:

Payable to the Chapter by the Officers – annually:

Z First Principal	Rs. 250/-
H Second Principal	Rs. 200/-
J Third Principal	Rs. 200/-
Scribe E	Rs. 100/-
Scribe N	Rs. 100/-
D of C	Rs. 50/-
Principle Sojourner	Rs. 75/-
1 st Asst Sojourner	Rs. 50/-
2 nd Asst Sojourner	Rs. 50/-
Asst D of C	Rs. 50/-
Asst Scribe E	Rs. 50/-
Steward	Rs. 50/-

Amended in 2017

The fees for a Higher Officer shall not include the fees for the Lower Office.

The fees so collected shall, as far as possible, be utilised for the maintenance and acquiring of Regular furniture and other properties of the Chapter.

In addition, all Fees of Honour, payable by any of the officers of the Chapter to Regional Grand Chapter and Supreme Grand Chapter are to be paid by them individually.

12. MEMO OF ACCOUNT:

All amounts due from a member shall be shown on every summons convening the convocation, for which purpose, the treasurer shall give a statement of all dues to Scribe E to enable him to enter on every summons.

13. ARREARS OF DUES:

Companions who are in arrears on account of subscription for over six months are NOT eligible for office, proposing, seconding and vote for one full year, CESSATION as per General Regulations for the Government of the Order of Royal Arch Masons In India.

Amended in 2017

14. TREASURER:

He shall have charge of and responsible for all monies and account books of the Chapter.

He shall receive all monies and deposit them in a Bank approved by the Chapter (a) for general account and (b) for Charity account.

He shall operate the Bank accounts together with the Scribe E or First Principal.

He shall pay all usual expenses such as printing and stationery, postage and all monies payable to Regional Grand and Supreme Grand Chapters.

He shall close the accounts once in a quarter to the end of February, May, August and November and read a statement of receipts and payment during that quarter at the Regular Convocations in the Months of March, June, September and December.

The year of accounting is 1st September to 31st August. The annual statement of accounts, Balance Sheet and report of the audit committee showing the state of finances of the Chapter shall be got ready for enclosing to the summons for the Convocation in September, for approval and adoption by the open Chapter.

Amended in 2017

15. Deleted in 2017**16. AUDIT COMMITTEE:**

It shall consist of TWO members ELECTED annually at the election Convocation in JUNE.

It is preferred that one of the two so elected members be a professional, if there is one among the members.

They shall prepare the annual accounts, Balance Sheet for the year from 1st September to 31st August and submit the Auditor's Report, showing the financial state of affairs of the Chapter for (1) General Account (2) Charity Account in time so as to enclose them to the summons of the Regular Convocation in September whereat the Chapter shall approve and adopt them.

Amended in 2017

17. PERMANENT COMMITTEE:

The Permanent Committee of the Chapter shall consist of the Three Principals, all Past Principals in the Chapter, Scribe E, Treasurer, D of C and TWO members elected at the Regular Convocation in September.

It shall be the duty of the Permanent Committee to consider all matters connected with the welfare of the Chapter, scrutinising and recommending the applications for membership, prepare and submit an Annual Report for the year from 1st September to 31st August at the installation Convocation of the Chapter which shall be enclosed to the summons for the Regular Installation Convocation in September.

To preserve and improve the Chapter Property, Regalia, Furniture and examine the Chapter funds and report on any matter referred to them by the Chapter and consider and report on applications for relief of distressed companions.

All meetings of the permanent committee shall be held under notice, with Agenda, sent to all members of the Permanent Committee, so as to reach them at least FIVE DAYS before the date of the permanent committee meeting.

The permanent committee shall meet at least once in a quarter, preferably during the first week of March, June, September and December.

The Minutes of the Permanent Committee meetings shall be sent to all members of the Permanent Committee, present and absent, immediately after the meeting.

An item in the Agenda of a Regular Convocation of the Chapter, 'To vote severally and individually on the following recommendations of the Permanent Committee, held after the last regular convocation of the Chapter' shall be brought in the summons.

Five, or one third of the total members of the Permanent Committee shall form the quorum.

18. JANITOR:

He shall have charge of all the Chapter property, regalia, furniture. He shall see that previous to each Convocation the room is properly arranged and everything made ready. He shall guard the entrance to the Chapter and admit only well-known companions and should not admit strangers until examined and proved by Scribe E and permitted by the First Principal.

19. PROPERTY:

The property of the Chapter shall vest in the Three Principals, for the time being, in trust for the Chapter.

20. GENERAL:

It shall not be competent for the companions of the Chapter to abrogate, amend or alter these By-Laws unless abrogation, amendment or alteration is proposed and seconded at on Regular Convocation and after due notice in the summons for the next Convocation approved at the next second regular Convocation and confirmed at the next third Regular Convocation and approved by the Grand Superintendent of the Regional Chapter of Southern India and finally sanctioned by Grand Scribe E, First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India. In all cases, not specially provided by these By-Laws, the companions shall be bound by First Principal's decision, the same not being contrary to the Constitution. Every member of the Chapter shall be provided with a copy of the By-laws and every candidate on exaltation shall be presented with a copy.

These above By-laws are circulated, individually to all Founder Members, who approved. The same are adopted in open Chapter at its Consecration on 31st JULY 1994.

Sd
(P. G. NAGABHUSHAN)
1st Principal

Sd
(M. VENKATASARMA)
2nd Principal

Sd
(K. VENKANNA).
3rd Principal

Sd
(M. R. VENKATARATNAM)
Scribe E

Approved by M. E. The Grand Superintendent

Place: Coimbatore
Date: 27-11-1995

Sd
(D. DORAIRAJ)
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

APPROVED BY M. E. THE FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL

Place: New Delhi
Date: 18-12-1995

Sd
(N. L. DUGGAL)
GRAND SCRIBE E

CHAPTER VIJAYANAGAR NO. 93

FOUNDER MEMBERS

AND

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1994-95

1) First Principal	Z	E. Comp. P. G. Nagabhushan
2) Second Principal	H	E. Comp. M. Venkatasarma
3) Third Principal	J	Comp. K. Venkanna
4) Scribe E		E. Comp. M. R. Venkataratnam
5) Scribe N		Comp. Achuthadavaraya
6) Treasurer		
7) Director of Ceremonies		Comp. Sushil R. Morarka
8) Principle Sojourner		Comp. K. Subramanyam Setty
9) 1 st Asst. Sojourner		E. Comp. K. Chennabasappa
10) 2 nd Asst. Sojourner		E. Comp. M. Subramaniam
11) Steward		Comp. Narendrakumar Baldota
12) Steward		E. Comp. D. V. Krishnamurthi
13) Janitor		Comp. V. S. Banka