

Warranted on November 7, 1838
Consecrated on December 22, 1853

Royal Arch Chapter
St. John's No. 1
Secunderabad

Centenary Celebrations (100 Years)
on
February 8, 1966

and

Sesquicentennial Celebration (150 Years)
on
March 19, 2004



BY-LAWS
(Revised – 2006)

**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, 1982
5. M.E.Comp. Sitaram Jaipuria	Dec 6, 1982 – May 28, 1985
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 –

**Supreme Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of India**

Inaugurated, November 22, 1963

M.E. the First Grand Principal
M.E.Comp. Bhogilal C. Shah, J.P.

Grand Scribe E

M.E.Comp. P.M. Sundaram, P. 2nd G.P.
Freemasons' Hall, New Delhi – 1.



Royal Arch Chapter St. John's Chapter No. 1

At the fourth regular Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of India, held at Kirkee (Poona) on Friday, July 30, 1965, it was resolved that a Charter authorising the members to wear the Centenary Jewel be granted as from August 5, 1963.

WARRANT
OF
"ST. JOHN'S" CHAPTER

ATTACHED TO "ST. JOHN'S LODGE No. 434 E.C.

Augustus P. Sussex, Z., J. Spencer Churchill, D.G.M.,
H., J. Ramsbotham, J. IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT
ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE

To all the Enlightened our Brethren of the Several
Degrees of the Royal Craft, but more especially those
Citizens of the World and servants of the OMNIPOTENT
who have or hereafter may be honoured by Exaltation to
our Sublime Degree Health, Peace, Goodwill.

BE IT KNOWN that Our Excellent Companions Thomas
Key, Z., John Cameron, H., James Oliphant, J., D.S. Young,
George F.C. Fitzgerald, John H. Gunthorpe, George F.
Hampton, George H. Milness, and James A. Gunthorpe,
having made known to our Supreme Grand Chapter their
desire of holding a Chapter of our Order for the cultivation
of this Grand and Universal Science, in Hopes thereby the
more to extend their Aid to and promote the Happiness of
all our Brethren and link Mankind together by indissoluble
Bonds of Friendship, Peace and Harmony, and that Our
Grand Chapter having taken their petition into
consideration and finding it concordant with Our Grand
System of Universal Benevolence. WE DO HEREBY, with
the Consent of our said Grand Chapter, grant unto the said
Companions this our Chapter of Constitution to be held with
and attached to the Warrant of the Lodge No. 628, called
SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, with full Power for Them, their
Companions and Successors, to open and hold a Chapter of

our Order at Secunderabad, Presidency of Madras, 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,
The first Chapter to be opened on the 22nd day December
1853 now next ensuing, by the Title of THE SAINT JOHN'S
CHAPTER with such Privileges, Powers and Immunities
as do of Right belong to regular established Chapters and
Companions of Our Said Most Excellent Grand and Royal
Chapter.

Given at London under Our Hands and the Seal of Our
Grand and Royal Chapter, this 7th Day of November A.L.
5838, A.D. 1838.

William H. White, E.

A. Dobie, N.

SEAL.

WARRANT

(Under the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of India — 1963).

EMBLEM

Sd. M.S. Thacker Sd. Bhogilal C. Shah Sd. H. Williams

H.

Z.

J.

THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF INDIA.

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

KNOW YE That the Chapter St. John's No. 434 on the roll of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England having opted for the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, we, by the authority and under the sanction of the SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIA vested in us for that purpose do hereby sanction and confirm that the said Chapter shall be constituted a Chapter of our Order under the title and denomination of Chapter St. John's No. 1 on the rolls of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

By virtue of this Charter the said Chapter shall be deemed to be a FOUNDER CHAPTER of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

The original Chapter/Warrant of the said Chapter issued by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England was dated 7th November, 1838.

The said Chapter shall count its years of existence under its previous Charter/Warrant when making claims for Centenary Jewel etc., under the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

The said Chapter shall meet at St. John's Hall, Secunderabad on the Second Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December with such privileges, powers and immunities as do of right belong to regular, established Chapters and Companions of our said Most Excellent Order, subject never-the-less to the General Laws and Ordinances already, or to be hereafter, enacted by our Most Ex. Grand & Royal Chapter.

Notwithstanding anything in these Regulations and pending the formation of the necessary provisions to cover the Mark and other Degrees, in due course, the said Chapter shall be permitted to continue to work those degrees only which formerly were permitted under the Regulations then governing their working.

Given under the seal of our Grand & Royal Chapter this Twenty Second day of November, 1963 corresponding to 1st Agrahayana, 1885 Saka Era.

SEAL

Sd. P.M. SUNDARAM,

Grand Scribe E

Royal Arch Chapter St. John's No. 1

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.

B Y - L A W S

(AS AMENDED UPTO JANUARY 2006)

MEETINGS

1. The Regular Convocation of the Chapter shall be held at St. John's Hall, Secunderabad - 500 026 on the SECOND Tuesday in the months of February, May, August and November.
2. Emergency Convocations can be held only in accordance with Regulation No. 63 of the of Royal Arch Masons of India General Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter.
3. The Chapter shall consist of
 - (a) Subscribing (b) Absentee and (c) Honorary Members.

Companions of Distinction may be elected as Honorary Members of the Chapter for which purpose the provisions of Rule 142 of the Book of Constitutions (Craft) shall apply.

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 By-laws when elected.

ELECTION

4. The three Principals and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the regular Convocation in November, while the Janitor, subject to the provisions of the Regulation No.52 para 5, of Royal Arch Masons of India General Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter, shall be elected by show of hands.

In addition to the above officers, Two Scribes, a Director of Ceremonies, a Principal Sojourner, two Assistant Sojourners, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Scribe E, an Organist and Stewards may be elected or appointed as the case may be.

The Installation of the Principals Elect and the investiture of Offices shall take place at the Regular Convocation in February of the following year.

Under Regulation No. 52, Para 3, Royal Arch Masons of India General Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter, the Chapter may, on the day of Election, give the authority to the Principals Elect to appoint the rest of the Officers.

ADMISSION

5. The admission of candidates for Exaltation and Joining shall be regulated by the provisions of Regulations No. 69 to No. 73, Royal Arch Masons of India General Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

FEES & SUBSCRIPTIONS

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

Exaltation	Rs. 1,000
Joining from a Chapter under a foreign Constitution	Rs. 1,000
Joining from a Chapter under Indian Constitution	Rs. 750
Subscription per Annum	Rs. 600
Plus SGCI and RGCSI dues as per actual	
<i>Break up:</i>	
General Fund	Rs. 200
Stewards' Fund (Dinner for 3 convocations)	Rs. 300
Charity Fund	Rs. 100

AND: SGCI and RGCSI dues as per actual

7. The Scribe E shall be exempted from payment of Subscriptions to the Chapter.
8. The Janitor, if a serving member, shall be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the Chapter from time to time.
9. Any candidate on whose account Emergency Convocation is held, may, at the discretion of the First Principal be required to pay all or any expenses incurred for such convocation.
10. 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

11. A member whose subscription remains un paid 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.
12. 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

13. 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, provided he pays up all his dues.

PROPERTY

14. 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 as after their Installation as possible. This fact must be recorded in the minutes of the next regular Convocation.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

15. The Scribe E shall duly record the minutes of all the Convocations of the Chapter and of the Committees under the direction of the 1st Principal. He will issue all Summonses a clear seven days before each Convocation or Meeting and conduct the correspondence of the Chapter under the direction of the First Principal.
16. 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 Rs.500 by cheque and pay all monies received by him into the bank soon thereafter, retaining Rs.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.
17. 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.

COMMITTEES

a. Permanent Committee

18. 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 February. Three will form a quorum.

- b. *Audit Committee*
19. The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Chapter who shall be elected annually at the Installation Convocation in February. The accounts shall be made upto 31st December in each year and shall be presented to the Chapter, duly audited at the Installation Convocation in February. A copy of the audited accounts shall be sent to all the members with summons convening the Installation Convocation.
20. 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.

FUNDS

21. The moneys of the Chapter shall be held under the following distinct heads:
 - a. *General Fund:* Subscriptions paid by the members of the Chapter as well as other moneys, 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.

b. *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

22. Accounts should be opened in the name of the Chapter in Bank(s) approved by the Chapter.

23. The accounts shall be operated jointly by the Treasurer with either the First Principal or the Scribe E of the year.

BY-LAWS

24. Each candidate at his Exaltation or Companion on joining the Chapter shall be presented with a copy of the By-laws of the Chapter.

25. These By-laws shall be read in the open Chapter at least once in every year.

26. Except as otherwise required by Rule 111 of Book of Constitutions (Craft), amendment of these By-laws or any of them may be made only in the following manner:

- Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment(s) proposed shall be given in open Chapter at Regular Convocation.
- The motion shall be set out in the summons for the next regular Convocation or for an Emergency Convocation summoned for the purpose, and shall at such convocation be put to the Chapter.

c. A resolution for amendment, of which notice shall be carried, if a majority of the members voting, shall vote in favour of it, but it shall not be effective until approved by the Grand Superintendent and by the First Principal.

The above By-laws were unanimously passed at the Regular Convocation of the Chapter held on Tuesday, 8th December, 1964 and were duly confirmed at the Regular Convocation held on Tuesday, the 9th February, 1965.

(Sd.) Phiroze P. Debara	First Principal
(Sd.) A.N. Rajagopal	Second Principal
(Sd.) R.S. Gupta	Third Principal
(Sd.) M.A. Khambatta	Scribe "E"

Amendments to By-law No. 3 & 6, adopted at the regular Convocation held on 12th October, 1965.

(Sd.) A.N. Rajagopal	First Principal
(Sd.) Pentiah Chanda	Second Principal
(Sd.) C.R. Deshpande	Third Principal
(Sd.) R.S. Gupta	Scribe "E"

Approved by the M.E. Grand Superintendent on 3rd November, 1965.

(Sd.) S.T. Srinivasagopalachari
Grand Superintendent

Approved by M.E. First Grand Principal.

New Delhi	(Sd.) P.M. Sundaram
10-11-1965	Grand Scribe "E"

Amendment to By law No. 6 adopted at the Regular Convocation held on May 10, 2005

(Sd.) Lt.Col.Jagmohan Singh First Principal

(Sd.) Asghar Hussain Second Principal

(Sd.) Viswanathan Ganesan Third Principal

(Sd.) Narayan Manian Scribe "E"

Approved by M E Grand Superintendent on December 17, 2005

Chennai

(Sd.) G.K. Selvarajan
Grand Superintendent

Approved by M.E. the First Grand Principal on January 6, 2006

New Delhi

(Sd.) Harish Gupta
Grand Scribe E

LIST OF PAST Z's INSTALLED UNDER THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND

1862-63	H. Nott	1919	E.E. Soden
1864	I. Kellie	1920-21	S. Kalyanram Iyer
1865	I. Martin	1922	K. Jeevanji
1866	A.W.O. Saunders	1923	M.A. Lateef Khan Bahadur
1867	O.F. Smithers	1924	W.D. Waymark
1868-69	A.W.O. Saunders	1925	O.H. Browne
1870	F. Gadsden	1926	A. Baron
1871	F. Ramsey	1927	Mc Lean
1872	I. Wilkins	1928	T.R. Parakh
1873	C. Agnew	1929	A.A.V. Payne
1874-75	E. Sheppard	1930	P.F. Stiff
1876	H. Stone	1931	W.H. Morris
1877	Collin H.S. Johnstone	1932	A.B. Pennington
?	J.D.B. Gribble	1933	W. Mac Lachlan
?	Ardaseer R. Pilcher	1934	E.P. Mistri
?	J.B. Viccaji	1935	S.V.G. Reddy
?	I. Carr	1936	Salar Jung Bahadur
1891	John Smith Euggins	1937	N.B. Viccjee
1892	Geo. Fred Turner	1938	A.S. Ramaswamy Iyengar
1893	Mansab Ali	1939	J.H.B. Viccjee
1894	J.B. Viccaji	1940	T.E.O. Moore
1895	Bai Hukum Chand	1941	R.M. Reporter
1896-97	A.H. Stevens	1942	B.A.J. Dunlop
1898	J.D.B. Gribble	1943	S. Hanumantha Rao
1899	Raghunath Prasad	1944	P.J. Parsons
1900	S.M. Moinoodin	1945	M.B. Joshi
1901	G.F. Turner	1946	A.J. Godbold
1902-03	Lt. Thomas Daw	1947	Khan Saheb F.K. Suntook
1904	Capt. W.B. Boardman	1948	S. Raja Ram
1905	C.H.D. Moberly	1949	T.R. Janardhan
1906	W. Hamilton	1950	M.A. Khambatta
1907	J.P. Davies	1951	T.R. Janardhan
1908	F. Rawson	1952	E. Dossabhoy
1909	S.H. Frankel	1953	Lt. Col. G.E. Cox
1910	W.H. Ruddle	1954	Major A.R. Fallon
1911	S.J.D. Colvin	1955	S.B. Kotak
1912	J.E. Lee	1956	A.V. Charles
1913	A. Hiatt	1957	Premchand
1914	W. Cockaday	1958	Syed Ali Jafferey
1915	A. Mac Dougall	1959-60	D.D. Italia
1916	A.G. Mc Clay	1961	E.P.B. Manian
1917	E.E. Soden	1962	A.V. Charles
1918	E.H. Hunt	1963	E.P.B. Manian

**LIST OF PAST Z's INSTALLED UNDER
THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF INDIA**

1964	P.P. Debara	1986	P. Shantiprakash
1965	A.N. Rajagopal	1987	P.N. Sham Mohan
1966	S. Pratap Singh Thakur	1988	B. Rami Reddy
1967	C.D. Jacob	1989	V. Sukumar
1968	W.P.R. Naidu	1990	M.I. John
1969	Muljee Nathoo	1991	D. Anil Kumar
1970	Ranvirlal Ravi	1992	V.B. Naidu
1971	G.V.R. Naidu	1993	Minoo R. Pilcher
1972	S. Brijlal	1994	P.V. Narsing Rao
1973	Pentiah Chandra	1995	R.P. Sinha
1974	C.H. Samuel	1996	N. Venkat Ratnam
1975	A.K.V. Madhavan	1997	C.J. Kargudri
1976	K.L. Reddi	1998	C.P. Suresh
1977	Sorabji N. Chenoy	1999	Dr. I. Venkat Rao
1978	B. Ramdurai	2000	Wg. Cdr. M.V.N. Rao
1979	P. Askok Kumar	2001	Joseph G. Fernandez
1980	D.B.K. Murti	2002	R.J. Kargudri
1981	P.N. Prabhakar	2003	Narayan Manian
1982	Capt. Ramkumar Agarwal	2004	Mohd. Fuaad Mirza
1983	Capt. Ramkumar Agarwal	2005	Lt. Col. Jagmohan Singh
1984	D. Satyanarayana	2006	Asghar Hussain
1985	P.T.K. Menon		

**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 1967-70
3. M.E.Comp. Justice K. Veeraswami 1970-74
4. M.E.Comp. Justice T. Ramaprasada Rao 1974-78
5. M.E.Comp. A.S. Rajasabai 1978-83
6. M.E.Comp. Cavalier Dr. G.K. Devarajulu 1983-87
7. M.E.Comp. V. Rajendran 1987-90
8. M.E.Comp. K.L. Reddi 1990-93
9. M.E.Comp. D. Dhorrairaj 1993-96
10. M.E.Comp. K.R. Rajasekharan Nair 1996-99
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-