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No.67(C)

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The Regional Grand Scribe E
Regional Grand Chapter of SI
Chennai.

Dear Sir and E Companion,

With reference to your letter No.C-67/2025 dated 03rd October 2025, I return
herewith two copies of amendments to bye-laws of RA Chapter Mangalore No.67
duly approved by ME the First Grand Principal.

With best wishes

Yours fraternally

AJAY BHARGAVA.
Grand Scribe E



Regional Grand Chapter of Southern India

under the Supreme Grand Chapter of India

AMENDMENTS TO REVISED BY-LAWS FOR REGISTRATION (To be submitted in Triplicate)

CHAPTER MANGALORE

NO. 67

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Cl. No.	Existing By-Law	Cl. No.	Proposed By-Law
1.	Regular Convocations: The Regular Convocations of the Chapter shall be held at Freemasons' Hall, Mangalore - 575 015, on the First Saturday in February, May, August and November at 6:30 P.M. or at such time as the Principals may fix from time to time.	1.	<p>Membership</p> <p>Members shall comprise of only two classes, viz. Subscribing Companions and Honorary Companions.</p>
2.	Election of Officers: The Officers shall be elected annually by ballot in the month of August and shall be installed and invested at the next succeeding Convocation of the Chapter. The Janitor shall be elected by a show of hands. Companions may empower the Principals elect to appoint the rest of the Officers under R.A. Regulations 52.	2.	<p>Regular Convocations (NO CHANGE)</p> <p>The Regular Convocations of the Chapter shall be held at Freemasons' Hall, Mangalore - 575 015, on the First Saturday in February, May, August and November at 6:30 P.M. or at such time as the Principals may fix from time to time.</p>
3.	Emergent Convocations: A Chapter of Emergency may be called on summons of the First Principal or the other two Principals with the concurrence of the First Principal, if present. Seven clear days' notice shall be given of every Chapter of Emergency. The reason for convening such a meeting shall be	3.	<p>Election and Installation Convocations</p> <p>The Principals shall be elected annually by ballot at the Regular Election Convocation of the Chapter in August and shall be installed at the next Regular Installation Convocation of the Chapter in November. The Treasurer shall be elected by Ballot and Janitor shall be elected by show of hands respectively each year at the Regular Election Convocation of the Chapter in August and invested at the Regular Installation Convocation in November. Companions may empower the Principals elect to appoint the rest of the Officers under R.A. Regulations 52.</p> <p>3(a) Emergency Convocations of the Chapter may be called on summons of the First Principal, or by the other two Principals with the concurrence of the First Principal, in accordance with Regulation 63 of the Book of Royal Arch Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India. Any Fee charged shall be to the account of the person/persons on whose behalf Emergency Convocation</p>

	<p>stated in the summons, and no other business shall be transacted.</p>		<p>is to be held.</p> <p>3 (b) Summons convening the Regular/ Emergency Convocations shall be sent by the Scribe 'E' to all the members of the Chapter at least seven days before the date of such Convocation.</p>
4.	<p>Proposing Candidates: All candidates for Exaltation or Companions desirous of being admitted as Members of this Chapter shall submit an application according to the form approved by the Supreme Grand Chapter of India and must be duly proposed and seconded at a Regular Convocation or by notice in writing transmitted to the Scribe 'E' at least 14 days before the next Regular Convocation stating: (a) The name in full and address (b) Profession (c) Age (d) The name and number of the Lodge of which the candidate is or was a Member (e) Date of initiation with the name and number of the Lodge in which initiated (f) Date of raising with the name and number of the Lodge in which raised</p> <p>In the case of a joining Companion, the name and number of the Chapter(s) of which he was last a Member, together with the particulars of the offices held and the date of exaltation will be stated also on the application.</p> <p>Any application for Membership after due recommendation by the Permanent Committee, will be balloted for at the next regular or emergent Convocation, when the decision of the Members shall be declared in the negative if three opposing votes or black balls appear.</p>	4	<p>Admission of Members</p> <p>Proposing Candidates: All candidates for Exaltation or Companions desirous of being admitted as Members of this Chapter shall submit an application according to the form approved by the Supreme Grand Chapter of India and must be duly proposed and seconded at a Regular Convocation or by notice in writing transmitted to the Scribe 'E' at least 14 days before the next Regular Convocation stating: (a) The name in full and address (b) Profession (c) Age (d) The name and number of the Lodge of which the candidate is or was a Member (e) Date of initiation with the name and number of the Lodge in which initiated (f) Date of raising with the name and number of the Lodge in which raised</p> <p>In the case of a joining Companion, the name and number of the Chapters of which is the companion has been member, the year of his admission and rank held therein and certificate of good standing from all such Chapters as well as the number of Grand Chapter certificates must be produced.</p>
5.		5.	<p>Ballot and Voting</p> <p>5.(a) Before the Ballot for Exaltation / Joining / Rejoining is proceeded with, the Scribe 'E' of the Chapter shall satisfy himself that he has taken care of the provisions in Regulation 71 of Book of Royal Arch Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.</p> <p>5.(b) Any application for Membership</p>

		<p>after due recommendation by the Permanent Committee, will be balloted for at the next regular meeting.</p> <p>5(c) Candidates shall be exalted or admitted as a joining member of the Chapter provided they secure a simple majority of favourable votes during ballot. In the event of an unfavourable ballot, the candidate shall not be re-proposed until after the lapse of one year from the date of rejection.</p> <p>5(d) In all cases, where the vote of companions on any proposition are equal the first Principal shall have the casting vote.</p> <p>This point is included in Point No.6 below.</p>
5.	<p>Exaltation and Joining Fees: The fees to be paid for Exaltation including Grand Chapter Registration and Certificate and joining shall be as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exaltation fees: Rs. 50 • Joining from same constitution: Rs. 30 • Joining from other constitutions: Rs. 35 The fees are payable before the ballot. 	
6.	<p>Membership and Subscriptions: There will be two classes of membership, namely: (a) Subscribing Companions, pay subscription of Rs. 15/- per quarter. (b) Honorary Companions whom the Chapter shall elect at a Regular Convocation after duly proposing and seconding Companions of eminence who have rendered service to Royal Arch Masonry in general.</p> <p>The subscriptions shall be paid in advance. No Companion shall be entitled to vote or to be elected or appointed to any office if he has omitted to pay his subscription for more than three consecutive quarters. If a Companion is in arrears of more than three quarters and does not pay up when called upon</p>	<p>6. Membership Fees and Subscription</p> <p>6(a) The following shall be the scale of admission fees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Fee for Exaltation Rs.2500. II. Fee for joining from another Chapter under Supreme Grand Chapter of India Rs. 1500. III. Fee for joining the Chapter from any other constitution Rs. 1500. IV. Rejoining fee Rs. 1500 (Applicable only if a period of one year has lapsed) <p>6 (b) Membership subscription will be as follows</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Annual fees for the year will be Rs. 1,325/- to the Chapter

<p>by the Scribe 'E', he shall be excluded in accordance with Rule 156 of the Craft Constitution. The Scribe 'E' and Janitor may be exempted from payment of subscriptions.</p> <p>The Janitor, if he is a Serving Companion, shall be paid such remuneration for each Convocation as shall be decided by the Chapter from time to time.</p>	<p>Mangalore No.67.</p> <p>II. Annual dues of Rs.75/- payable to Supreme Grand Chapter of India.</p> <p>III. Annual dues of Rs.100/-payable to Regional Grand Chapter of Southern India.</p> <p>All the above fees in 6(a) and 6(b) as may be fixed by the Chapter time to time.</p> <p>Above subscription shall be payable in advance in January of each year. No Companion shall be entitled to vote or to be elected or appointed to any office if he has omitted to pay his subscription for more than three consecutive quarters. If a Companion is in arrears of more than three quarters and does not pay up when called upon by the Scribe 'E', he shall be excluded in accordance with Rule 156 of the Craft Constitution</p> <p>Candidates for Exaltation, Joining/Rejoining at any part of the year shall pay full annual subscription together with the admission fees for Exaltation, Joining/Rejoining as the case may be.</p> <p>Honorary members are not liable to pay any fees.</p> <p>6(c) The Treasurer shall divide the annual fees of Rs. 1500 , Rs. 1000 to General Fund and Rs. 500 to Stewards fund as may be fixed time to time.</p> <p>6(d) Exclusions</p> <p>If any companion allows his subscription to be in arrears for a year, the Scribe "E" shall advise him of the amount by registered post/ e mail, to the last known address/ e mail ID and if the full amount is not paid within 30 days, he shall be liable to exclusion under the provisions in <u>regulation 75 of Book of Royal Arch</u> <u>Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India</u>. He may be readmitted as a member again only on full payment of all arrears due from him and after</p>
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			<p>following the procedure for rejoicing prescribed in Regulation 70 of Book of Royal Arch Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.</p>
7.	Permanent Committee: There shall be a Permanent Committee composed of the First Principal as President, the Second and Third Principals, Scribes, Treasurer, Principal Sojourner and all Past First Principals in the Chapter. The duties of the Permanent Committee shall be to consider the applications of candidates/companions for exaltation and joining, check the accounts of the Chapter and present annually at installation Convocations a report on the working of the Chapter for the previous year and to consider all other matters concerning the Chapter. The Permanent Committee shall meet at least once a quarter.	7.	<p>Permanent and Audit Committees</p> <p>There shall be a permanent committee comprising of the three principals, immediate past First Principal, Past Principal in and of the Chapter, the two Scribes, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies and two companions elected at the installation convocation. The permanent committee will meet on the first Thursday of February, May, August and November or on such days and at such time as may be fixed by the principals. The duties of the permanent committee shall be to consider the applications of candidates/Royal Arch Masons for exaltation and joining or rejoicing, check the accounts and the properties of the chapter and report on the matters leading to improvement of the Chapter.</p>
8.	Treasurer and Accounts: The Treasurer, with the assistance of the Scribe 'E', shall receive all moneys and settle accounts of the Chapter. An annual audited financial statement shall be drawn up at the close of every year as on the last day in September by an Audit Committee, appointed at the election meeting of the Chapter. The Audit Committee shall consist of three Companions, one of whom at least shall	8.	<p>The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited annually in October before the Installation Convocation by the Audit committee appointed by the Chapter, comprising of three companions every year. The Treasurer shall place such audited statement of accounts with the Balance sheet before the Audit Committee for approval and the same shall be circulated to the members at the Annual Installation convocation.</p> <p>Duties of Officers</p> <p>8(a) Scribe 'E': The Scribe 'E' shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Chapter, he shall keep records of the proceedings of the regular and emergent convocations of the Chapter in the Minute Book and read the same at the next regular convocation for confirmation. He shall maintain in a separate book a record of the meetings of the permanent and audit committees. He shall maintain a Membership Register</p>

	<p>be a Past First Principal, who will be the Chairman of the Committee. All the moneys of the Chapter shall be deposited in a Scheduled Bank in the name of the Chapter. The Bank Account(s) shall be operated by the Treasurer.</p>	<p>and preserve all records, files, and documents, etc. of the Chapter.</p> <p>8(b) Treasurer and Accounts: The Treasurer, with the assistance of the Scribe 'E', shall receive all moneys and settle accounts of the Chapter. An annual audited financial statement shall be drawn up at the close of every year as on the last day in September by an Audit Committee, appointed at the election meeting of the Chapter. The Audit Committee shall consist of three Companions, one of whom at least shall be a Past First Principal, who will be the Chairman of the Committee. All the moneys of the Chapter shall be deposited in a Scheduled Bank in the name of the Chapter. The Bank Account(s) shall be operated by any two of the following viz. the M.E.Z, the Treasurer and the Secretary, the Treasurer being common signatory.</p>
9.	<p>Resignations: Any Companion wishing to resign must do so in Open Chapter or by a letter addressed to the Scribe 'E'.</p>	<p>Resignations</p> <p>Any Companion wishing to resign from the Chapter may notify the same verbally in open Chapter or by letter/ e mail addressed to Scribe "E". It shall be read In the open convocation of the Chapter. Such notice unless withdrawn before the next regular meeting, shall take effect from the date on which it is given, subject to full payment of all arrears due from the resigning Companion up to the date of resignation. Any member who has resigned will be permitted to rejoin on payment of rejoining fees and any arrears due, but shall be subjected to fresh ballot.</p>
		<p>10. Propositions</p> <p>Every proposition for the consideration of the Chapter shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another. No proposition shall be considered at convocation unless notice of it had been given at the previous convocation or forwarded in writing at least 21days</p>

			<p>ahead for inclusion in the summons before the convocation at which the proposition is to be considered.</p> <p>Property</p> <p>Furniture, Regalia, of the chapter and other properties of the Chapter shall be vested in the care of the three Principals. An inventory of such properties shall be recorded by them in a book kept for that purpose and such inventory shall be presented at the installation convocation by the three Principals. The Principals if they so desire may entrust the properties mentioned above to Scribe "E" on their behalf for proper care and custody.</p>
10.	<p>Bye-Laws: The Bye-Laws of the Chapter shall be read once in a year at a Regular Convocation of the Chapter. Every Companion on becoming a Member of the Chapter shall be presented with a copy of these Bye-Laws.</p> <p>No Resolution or alteration in or addition to these Bye-Laws shall be introduced or discussed in the Chapter, until notice of the same shall have been given, in writing, in Open Chapter at a Regular Convocation, and afterwards circulated with the summons for the next Regular Convocation unless introduced by a Report of the Permanent Committee.</p> <p>No amendments to or alterations in these Bye-Laws made by the Chapter shall come into force until they have been approved by the Grand Superintendent in and over the Region of Southern India and the M.E. First Grand Principal.</p> <p>All matters not especially provided for by these Bye-Laws shall be decided according to the Rules and Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, a copy of which shall be presented to every Companion on his exaltation.</p>	11.	<p>Bye-laws (No Change)</p> <p>Bye-Laws: The Bye-Laws of the Chapter shall be read once in a year at a Regular Convocation of the Chapter. Every Companion on becoming a Member of the Chapter shall be presented with a copy of these Bye-Laws.</p> <p>No Resolution or alteration in or addition to these Bye-Laws shall be introduced or discussed in the Chapter, until notice of the same shall have been given, in writing, in Open Chapter at a Regular Convocation, and afterwards circulated with the summons for the next Regular Convocation unless introduced by a Report of the Permanent Committee.</p> <p>No amendments to or alterations in these Bye-Laws made by the Chapter shall come into force until they have been approved by the Grand Superintendent in and over the Region of Southern India and the M.E. First Grand Principal.</p> <p>All matters not especially provided for by these Bye-Laws shall be decided according to the Rules and Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, a copy of which shall be presented to every Companion on his exaltation.</p>

The above amendments to the Bye-Laws were regularly proposed and seconded in the regular meeting of the Chapter held on 02.08.2025, discussed and recommended for approval in P.C. meeting held on 02.08.2025, passed and approved unanimously in the regular meeting held on 02.08.2025.

Place : MANGALORE
Date : 11.08.2025


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APPROVED BY METHE FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL

Place : New Delhi

Date: 10.10.2025


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