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Date of Chapter	22 nd November 1963
Date of Consecration	16 th February 1964

1. REGULAR CONVOCATIONS :

The Regular Convocations of the Chapter shall be held at Freemasons' Hall, Bangalore, on the Second Saturday in February, May, August and November at such time as the Principals may fix from time to time.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS :

The Principals and the Treasurer shall be elected annually by Ballot, in the month of February and shall be installed and invested at the next successive Convocation of the Chapter. The Janitor shall be elected by show of hands. Companions may empower the Principals elect to appoint the rest of the Officers under R. A. Regulations No. 52.

3. EMERGENT CONVOCATION :

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 days clear notice shall be given of every Chapter of Emergency. The reason for convening such meeting shall be stated in the Summons and no other business shall be transacted.

4. PROPOSING CANDIDATES :

All candidates for Exaltations or Companions desirous of being admitted as Members of this Chapter shall submit an application according to the form shown in Appendix 'A' and must be duly proposed and seconded at a Regular Convocation or by notice in writing transmitted to Scribe 'E' at least 14 days before the next Regular Convocation starting.

- a. 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.

In the case of Joining Companion, the name and the number of the Chapter of which he was last a member, together with the particulars of the office held and the date of exaltation shall be stated on the application.

Application of Membership after having been duly recommended by the Permanent Committee, a ballot shall be taken at the next Convocation or Chapter of Emergency. When the decision of the Members shall be declared in the negative if two opposing votes or black balls appear.

5. EXALTATION AND JOINING FEES :

The fees to be paid for Exaltation including the Grand Chapter Registry and certificate and also for Joining shall be as follows :

Exaltation Fees	Rs. 500/-
Joining Fee (I.C)	Rs. 300/-
Joining fee from other Constitution	Rs. 500/-

The Fees shall be payable before the Ballot.

6. MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTIONS :

There will be two classes of Membership, namely

a. Subscribing members (Companions) paying a subscription of Rupees 75/- only per quarter and RGC & GCI dues at actuals. Out of the sum of Rs. 75/-collected as quarterly subscription which should be apportioned as under :

Benevolent Fund	Rs. 10/-
General Fund	Rs. 45/-
Stewards Fund	Rs. 20/-

b. Honorary Companions when the Chapter shall elect at a Regular Convocation after duly proposing and seconding. Companions of eminence and who have rendered service to Royal Arch Masonry in general.

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 by the Scribe 'E' he shall be excluded in accordance with the article No. 156 of the Craft Constitution. The Scribe 'E' and the Janitor may be exempted from payment of subscriptions. The Janitor, if he is a serving Companion, shall be paid such remuneration as shall be decided by the Chapter from time to time for each convocation of the Chapter.

7. PERMANENT COMMITTEE :

There shall be a Permanent Committee composed of the three Ruling Principals of the Chapter with the First Principal as Chairman, with the Scribes, Treasurer, Principal Sojourner and all the Past First Principals of and in the Chapter as members. The duties of the permanent Committee shall be to consider the applications of candidates / companions for Exaltation and Joining; check the accounts of Chapter and present at the annual Installation Convocations a report on the working of the Chapter for the previous year and to consider all other matters the Chapter may refer to the Committee.

8. THE 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 Statement of the Chapter shall be drawn up at the close of every year, as on the last day in February by an audit Committee, appointed at the Election meeting of the Chapter. The Audit Committee shall consist of three Companions and one of whom at least shall be a Past First Principal who will be the Chairman of the Committee.

All the money of the Chapter shall be deposited in a Nationalised Bank in the name of the Chapter Mahadevan No. 52. Bank account shall be operated by the Treasurer, First Principal and Scribe. The Treasurer and any one of the other two namely the first Principal or Scribe E shall sign at a time. All payments over Rs.200/- shall ordinarily payable by cheque only.

9. WITHDRAWALS :

Any Companion wishing to resign must do so in open Chapter or by letter addressed to the Principals or Scribe 'E'.

10. 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.

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 the Report of the Committee.

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 candidate on his Exaltation.

Adopted at the Convocation held on 16th January 1964.

B. S. Dodaankarappa	'Z'
K. N. Balaji Rao	'H'
P. Vinayakasundaram	'J'
B. Krishnaswamy Rao	Sc. 'E'

Approved

Sd/-

S. T. Srinivasgopalaachari

Grand Superintendent

Regional Grand Chapter of South India

23-03-1965

Approved by the M.E. The First Grand Principal

Sd/-

New Delhi

25-03-1965

P. M. Sundaram

Grand Scribe 'E'

The above amendments were regularly proposed and seconded in open chapter at a Regular Convocation held on the 20th August 2002, passed at a regular meeting held on the 27th October 2002 and confirmed at a regular meeting held on the 19th November 2002 and 18th February 2003.

E. Comp. M. Vijayakumar	'Z'
E. Comp. Dr. Viswanath Puttanna	'H'
Comp. Dr. S. K. Sadasivan	'J'
E. Comp. B. K. Srinivas	'Sc. E'

Approved by M. E. The Superintendent.

Chennai
14-8-2006

Sd. G. K. Selvarajan
Grand Superintendent

Approved by M. E. the First Grand Principal

New Delhi
30-08-2006

Sd /-
P. K. Rele
Grand Registrar

APPENDIX 'A'

To :

Scribe 'E', Chapter Mahadevan No. 62 Bangalore.

Dear Sir & Brother

Having been raised to the sublime Degree of M M on _____ I shall thank you to submit to the M. E. Principals and Companions of the Chapter this my request to be exalted to R. A. Degree should I be deemed worthy of so great a mark of their confidence. I shall produce my M. M when called upon.

I am Sir, Dear Sir & Bro

Yours faithfully

Signature

PARTICULARS

Name in full

Profession _____ Age _____

Name and No. of Lodge of which a member _____

Name and No. of the Lodge in which initiated and Date of Raising. _____

FOR JOINING MEMBERS ONLY

Name and No. of Chapter in which exalted

Name and No. of Chapter of which a member

Clearance certificate & R.A. certificate is enclosed

Proposed by _____

Seconded by _____

FOR FUTURE AMENDMENTS

- 6 (a) Subscribing members (companions) paying a subscription of Rs.105/- only per Quarter and RGC and GCI dues at actuals. Out of the Sum of Rs.105/- collected as quarterly by subscription which should be apportioned as under :

Benevolent Fund	Rs.25/-
General Fund	Rs.60/-
Stewards Fund	Rs.20/-

The above amendment were regularly approved and seconded at Regular convocation on the 14th Nov 2009, passed at a Regular Convocation held on the 13th Feb 2010 and confirmed at a regular convocation held on the 8th May 2010.

E. Comp. H. S. Sudhindra "Z"

E. Comp. Mahesh Yavagal "H"

E. Comp. D. V. Ramana "J"

Approved by the M. E. Grand Superintendent.

Chennai
24-6-2010

Sd/-
V. Narasimham
M.E. Grand Superintendent

Approved by the M.E. First Grand Principal.

New Delhi
23-7-2010

Sd/-
B. Kamakoti
Grand Scribe "E"

FOR FUTURE AMENDMENTS