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*Under the authority granted by the Supreme Grand Chapter of India,  
a Royal Arch Chapter under the name and style of Chapter Bharathi  
No. 106 shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Pondicherry.*

**1. Membership :**

The Members shall comprise only two classes viz.,  
subscribing Members and Honorary Members.

**2. Convocations :**

(a) The Regular Convocations of the Chapter shall  
be held at the Freemason's Hall, Pondicherry, on the  
Second Saturday in February, May, August &  
November every year at such time as may be directed  
by the Principals for each convocation. The  
consecration shall be held at Freemason's Hall, No.  
87, Ethiraj Salai, Egmore, Chennai - 600 008, and will  
continue at Freemason's Hall, Chennai till suitable  
temple is available at Pondicherry.

(b) Emergency Convocations of the Chapter may  
at any time be called by the authority of the First  
Principal, or by the other two Principals with the  
concurrence of the First Principal strictly 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 the Emergency Convocation is to be held, however, the Permanent Committee may, at its discretion, waive such recovery of fee.

(c) Summons convening the Regular/Emergency Convocation shall be despatched by the Scribe E to all the members of the Chapter at least seven days before the date of such convocation.

### 3. Election and Installation Convocations :

The Principals shall be elected annually at the Regular Convocation of the Chapter in November and shall be installed at the next Regular Convocation in February. The Treasurer and Janitor shall be elected and chosen respectively every year at the Regular Convocation in Nov., and invested as such at the Installation Convocation in February.

### 4. Admission Members :

(a) Candidates for exaltation joining or rejoining the Chapter may be either proposed and seconded at the Regular Convocation of the Chapter or through an application in the prescribed form duly signed by the Proposer and seconder which may be sent to the Scribe E. Such a proposal/proposals shall be included

in the summons for the next Regular Convocation, giving full particulars of the candidate/candidates in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 70 of the Book of Royal Arch Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

(b) Candidates for joining or rejoining not already registered in the books of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India shall make the Declaration as provided in Regulation 71 of the Book of Regulations of Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

(c) 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 of Regulation 69 to 73 of the Book of Royal Arch Regulations of Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

### 5. Ballot and voting :

(a) No Candidate shall be exalted or admitted as a joining or rejoining member of the Chapter if on the ballot, more than 1/3 of the members present ballot against him. In the event of an unfavourable ballot, the candidate shall not be re-proposed until after the lapse of six months from the date of rejection.

(b) In all cases where the votes of Companions for and against any proposition are equal, the First Principal presiding over the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

permitted to rejoin on payment of Re-joining Fees and any arrears due, but shall be subject to fresh ballot.

#### 9. Duties of the Officers :

(a) **Scribe E :** The Scribe E shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Chapter. He shall keep record of the proceedings of the Regular and Emergency Convocations of the Chapter in the Minutes Book and read the same at the next regular Convocations of the Chapter. He shall maintain a Membership Register and preserve all records, files, documents etc., of the Chapter. He shall be entrusted with a sum of Rs.300/- (Rupees Three hundred only) for contingent expenses for which he shall render accounts to the Treasurer periodically.

(b) **Treasurer :** He shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and account books of the Chapter. He shall enter details of the money received viz., subscriptions and other dues and of all payments made in the appropriate books of account. He shall deposit, without any delay, such sums of money as have been received, in an account in the name of the Chapter with a Scheduled Bank duly operated by the resolution of the Chapter. All Cheques must be signed by any two of the following the 1st Principal, the Treasurer and the Scribe E. All payments above the sum of Rs.100/- (Rupees One hundred only) shall be generally made

by the authority of the Chapter. He shall have authority to pay all routine expenses of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, Regional Grand Chapter of Southern India, premises rent, etc., as and when they fall due. But all other payments shall be made by the authority of the Chapter. At the Installation Convocation, the accounts of the Chapter drawn upto the last day of December shall be presented, duly audited and certified by the Audit Committee. The Treasurer shall at every Regular Convocation submit and read in open Chapter the Statements of Account.

(c) **Janitor :** The janitor shall prepare the Chapter for the Convocations and see that every Companion, whether a member or a visitor, is properly clothed before entering the Chapter. He shall be in charge of the Charter, Regalia, etc.,

#### 10. Permanent Committees :

There shall be a Permanent Committee composed of the three Principals, the Immediate Past First Principal, the Scribe E., the Scribe N., the Treasurer, the Director of Ceremonies and two Companions elected at the Installation Convocation. The duties of the Permanent Committee shall be to consider the applications for exaltation of Candidates and for Royal Arch Masons for joining or rejoining, check the accounts of the Chapter, make arrangements for the Convocations and the

Regulations or by these Bye-Laws shall be decided according to the General Constitutional Laws of Craft Masonry.

CERTIFIED that these By Laws have been duly adopted  
at the CONSECRATION AND CONSTITUTION  
CONVOCATION held on 27th day of May 2002 at Chennai.

Sd/-

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**M. Joseph Vincent  
Third Principal**

**T.S. Suryasekharan**  
**Scribe E**

Approved by M.E. The Grand Superintendent

Sd/-

Place : Chennai  
Date : 30.10.200

**Dr. B. Biswakumar  
Grand Superintendent**

Approved by M.E. The First Grand Principal

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Place : New Delhi  
Date : 3.12.2002

**Dr. Harish Gupta**  
**Grand Scribe E.**