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**Regular Convocations**

1. The Regular Convocations of the Chapter shall be held at the Freemason's Hall, Madras, on the First Tuesday in January, March, July, September and November, at such hour as the Principals may fix.

**Emergency Convocations**

2. The Principals may convene an Emergency Convocation when such shall be deemed necessary. Provided that when such an Emergency Convocation is held for the sole purpose of Exaltation at the request or for the convenience of a candidate or candidates, the Chapter shall require from such candidate or candidates a total sum of Rs. 75/- to be paid towards the expenses of the Convocation.

**Election of Officers**

3. The three Principals and other Officers of the Chapter shall be elected annually at the Regular

Convocation in November. The mode of election shall be by ballot except in the case of the Janitor who may be elected by show of hands. They shall be installed and invested at the next Regular Convocation in January.

#### **Duties of Scribe E.**

4. The Scribe E shall be in charge of all Chapter records, other than the account books maintained by the Treasurer. He shall be ex-officio Secretary and Convener of all Committees appointed by the Chapter. He shall receive from the Treasurer a permanent advance not exceeding Rs. 150/- for contingencies for which he shall render an account to him.

#### **Duties of Treasurer**

5. All moneys due to the Chapter, shall be paid to the Treasurer direct, who shall without undue delay deposit the same in an account in the name of the Chapter at a Bank approved by a resolution of the Chapter. He shall maintain accounts and shall make only such payments as are duly authorised or have been sanctioned by the Chapter. All such payments shall be made by cheques. He shall prepare a state-

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#### **By-Law No.6**

All cheques must be signed by the Treasurer and either the First Principal or the Scribe 'E'.

#### **By-Law No.12**

The Subscription shall be Rs.700/- per annum for every Member, payable in advance including the annual dues to the Supreme Grand Chapter and the Regional Grand Chapter at the prevailing rate. Any Companion allowing his Subscription to remain unpaid for more than six months Shall be liable to Exclusion under Rule 156 of B of C. of the Grand Lodge.

2. To submit to the Chapter for consideration any matter which it may deem to be for the benefit of the Chapter.

3. To check the inventory of the property belonging to the Chapter once a year.

4. To consider and report on the proposals for membership of the Chapter.

5. To submit a report at the Regular Convocation in January upon the work and condition of the Chapter during the preceeding year.

### **Audit Committee**

9. The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Chapter who shall be elected annually at the *Regular Convocation in November*.

### **Candidates for Admission**

10. No candidate for Exaltation and no Companion for joining shall be balloted for until he has complied with Regulations 69 to 73 of Royal Arch Regulations, and paid the necessary fees. (The production of certificates mentioned in Regulation 70 must be complied with in every instance.)

No one shall be admitted if, on the ballot, there appears more than two black balls; any one so rejected shall not be again proposed for admission until six months shall have elapsed from the date of his rejection.

### **Fees**

11. The following fees shall be payable to the Chapter in advance.

	Rs.	P.
Exaltation	250	00
Joining	200	00
Joining from other Constitutions	250	00

### **Subscription**

12. The subscription shall be Rs. 250/- per annum for every member, payable in advance plus the annual dues to the Supreme Grand Chapter & Regional Grand Chapter at the prevailing rate. Any companion allowing his subscription to remain unpaid for more than six months shall be liable to exclusion under Rule 156 B of C of the Grand Lodge.

### **Resignation**

13. Any member desirous of terminating his membership of the Chapter may tender his resigna-

tion in writing to the Scribe E., or orally in open Chapter, and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in Rule 74, Royal Arch Regulations, stating the circumstances in which he left the Chapter. Should he at any future time wish to rejoin, he shall be subject to the rules relating to joining Members.

#### **Propositions etc.**

14. No motion shall be entertained unless it is duly proposed by one member and seconded by another. Subject to the provisions of the general Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter, every motion shall be determined by the majority of votes of the Companions present and voting. In cases where the votes are equal, the presiding First Principal shall have a casting vote.

*Note :-* By the Constitutions, certain matters require a two-thirds majority.

15. No motion shall be brought forward for consideration at any Convocation, of which notice was not given at the previous Regular Convocation or in writing to the previous Regular Convocation or in writing to the Scribe E., in time to be circulated with the summons for the Convocation, provided that, the

presiding First Principal may waive previous notice in the case of any matter requiring immediate consideration by the Chapter.

#### **Property of the Chapter**

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

#### **Alteration of By-Laws**

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

(a) Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment or amendments proposed shall be given in open Chapter at a regular Convocation.

(b) The Motion shall be set out in the summons for the next regular Convocation summoned for the purpose, and shall at such convocation be put to the Chapter.

(c) A resolution for amendment, of which notice had been given, 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 Grand Principal.

Approved and confirmed at the Consecration held on 20th December 1963.

(Sd.) Z.R. IRANI,  
First Principal.

(Sd.) M.M.A. NAVAS,  
Second Principal

(Sd ) R. KRISHNASAMY,  
for C.A. RAMAKRISHNAN,  
Third Principal.

(Sd.) A.T. KATHIRESAN,  
Scribe E.

Approved by me  
(Sd.) S.T. SRINIVASA GOPALACHARI,  
Grand Superintendent.  
20—12—1963.

Approved by the M E. The First Grand Principal  
(Sd.) P.M. SUNDARAM,  
Grand Scribe E.

New Delhi,  
10—1—1964