

REGIONAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTHERN INDIA

Chapter Sri Brahadeswara No. 45 Place Thanjavur

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO / REVISED BY-LAWS

(To be submitted in triplicate)

Existing By-Laws	Amended By-Laws
<p>By-Law No. <u>1</u></p> <p>The regular Convocation of this Chapter shall be held at Free Mason's Hall Thanjavur, on the <u>Fourth Saturday of February, June, September, and December</u> at such hour as the Principals may fix.</p> <p>3 The three Principals, Scribe E, Scribe N, the Principal and the two Assistant Sojournes shall be elected by ballot at the regular Convocation in <u>December</u>. A Director of Ceremonies an Assistant Director of Ceremonies an Organist. An Assistant Scribe E and Stewards may also be elected. The Installation of Principals elect and investiture of officers shall take place at the regular convocation in February.</p>	<p>By-Law No. <u>1</u></p> <p>The regular Convocation of this Chapter shall be held at Free Mason's Hall Thanjavur, on the <u>Third Saturday of February, July, September, and November</u> at such hour as the Principals may fix.</p> <p>3 The three Principals, Scribe E, Scribe N, the Principal and the two Assistant Sojournes shall be elected by ballot at the regular convocation in <u>November</u>. A Director of Ceremonies an Assistant Director of Ceremonies an Organist, An Assistant Scribe E and Stewards may also be elected. The Installation of Principals elect and investiture of Officers shall take place at the regular convocation in February.</p> <p>⊗ <u>June, August</u></p>

The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Chapter at a Regular Convocation held on 25.2.1984

Passed at a Regular Convocation held on 20.6.1984

and confirmed at a Regular Convocation held on 29.9.1984

Place Thanjavur

Date 17.11.84

Jamal
First Principal.

Mary
Second Principal.

E.R. Muneer
Third Principal.

Ramane
Scribe E.

APPROVED BY M.E. THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

Place COIMBATORE

Date 27th November 1984

Ramane
Grand Superintendent.

APPROVED BY M.E. THE FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL

New Delhi,

REGIONAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTHERN INDIA

Chapter SRI BRAHADEESWARA No. 45 Place THANJAVUR

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(To be Submitted in Triplicate)

Existing By-Laws	Amended By-Laws
<p>By-Law No. <u>1</u></p> <p>The regular Convocation of this Chapter shall be held at Free Masons Hall, Thanjavur, on the fourth ^{third} Saturday of February, June, September, and December at such hour as the Principals may fix.</p> <p><u>By-Law No. 2</u></p> <p>The Principals may convene an Emergency convocation whenever it is necessary. Whenever an emergency convocation is held for Exaltation of one or more candidates at anybody's request or for the convenience of any one a sum of Rs.50/- in total may be collected from the candidates towards the expenses of the Chapter.</p> <p><u>By-Law No. 6</u></p> <p>The fee for Exaltation in this Chapter shall be Rs.60/- (sixty). The joining fee from sister chapters shall be Rs.30/- (thirty) The joining fee from other recognised constitution would be Rs.40/- (forty).</p> <p><u>By-Law No. 7 (1)</u></p> <p>The annual subscription payable at the beginning of each year shall be Rs.50/- (fifty) per annum.</p>	<p>By-Law No. <u>1</u></p> <p>The Regular Convocation of this Chapter shall be held at the Free Masons' Hall, Ethiraj Salai, Chennai, on the third Saturday of February, June, August and November at such hour as the Principals may fix.</p> <p><u>By-Law No. 2</u> <i>an Emergency</i></p> <p>The Principals may convene ^{an Emergency} convocation whenever it is necessary. Whenever an emergency convocation is held for exaltation of one or more candidates at anybody's request or for the convenience of any one an amount as may be decided by the Chapter from time to time, may be collected from the candidate towards the expensess of the Chapter.</p> <p><u>By-Law No. 6</u></p> <p>The fee for Exaltation in this Chapter shall be Rs.300/- (three hundred). The joining fee from sister chapters shall be Rs.200/- (two hundred). The joining fee from other recognised constitution would be Rs.250/- (Two hundred and fifty).</p> <p><u>By-Law No. 7 (1)</u></p> <p>The annual subscription payable at the beginning of each year shall be Rs.100/- (one hundred) per annum. In addition each member shall pay all that is payable by a member to the Regional Grand Chapter of Southern India and the Supreme Grand Chapter of India. Any companion allowing his subscription and Regional Grand Chapter and Supreme Grand Chapter contributions unpaid for a period of more than a year shall be liable to exclusion. Members</p>

The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Chapter at a Regular Convocation held on the Regular Installation Convocation on Saturday, the 2nd March 2002. Passed at a regular Meeting held on the Regular convocation Saturday, the 22nd June and confirmed at a regular Meeting held on the Installation Convocation Saturday 15th February 2003.

Place THANJAVUR

Date 26.03.2003

   
 First Principal Second Principal Third Principal Scribe E

APPROVED BY M.E. THE SUPERINTENDENT

Place Chennai



THANJAVUR

1. The Regular Convocation of this Chapter shall be held at the Free Masons' Hall, Thanjavur on the ^{fourth} ~~third~~ Saturday in the months of February, ^{June} ~~September~~ and ^{December} ~~November~~ at such hour as the Principals may fix.
2. The Principals may convene an Emergency convocation ^{by Dispensation} whenever it is ~~no~~ necessary. Whenever an Emergency convocation is held for Exaltation of one or more candidates at anybody's request or for the convenience of any one a sum of Rs.50/-in total may be collected from the candidates towards the expenses of the Chapter.
3. (1) The three principals, Scribe E, Scribe N, the Principal and the two Assistant sojournes shall be elected by ballot at the regular convocation in ^{December} ~~November~~. A Director of Ceremonies an Assistant Director of Ceremonies an organist An Assistant Scribe E and Stewards may also be elected. The Installation of Principals elect and Investiture of officers shall take place at the regular convocation in February.
- (2) The Chapter may by a resolution every year give authority to the Principals Elect to appoint the rest of the officers with the exception of the Janitor and Treasurer.
- (3) The Janitor may be elected by the show of hands.
4. The Chapter Committee shall consist of the Principals Scribe E, the Treasurer and the Director of Ceremonies and two other members to be elected by the Chapter at the Regular Installation convocation. The functions of the said committee shall be:-
 - (1) To consider and to report on any matter referred to it by the Chapter.
 - (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 Installation convocation upon the work and condition of the Chapter during the previous year.

5. The audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Chapter to be elected annually at the Regular convocation in ~~November~~^{June}. The accounts shall be made up to end of December in each year and be presented to the Chapter at the next regular Installation convocation. The summary of the accounts and the audit Committee's report and certificate shall be sent to all members.

6. The fee for Exaltation in this Chapter shall be Rs.60/-(Sixty). The joining fee from sister chapters shall be Rs.30/-(Thirty). The joining fee from other recognised constitution would be Rs.40/-(Forty).

7. (1) The annual subscription payable at the beginning of each year shall be Rs.20/-(Twenty) per annum. In addition each number shall contribute Rs.20/- annually towards the steward's fund. This should be paid along with the subscription. Any companion allowing his subscription and Steward's fund contribution, unpaid for a period of more than a year shall be liable to exclusion. A member once excluded will not be admitted again unless he clears all the arrears and applies for re-joining. The Rule 75 of the Royal Arch Regulation and Rule 124 and 156 of Book of Constitution of the Craft will be applied wherever necessary.

(2) The Scribe E's services shall be deemed to be equivalent to his payment of subscription. The scribe E so long as he holds that office will be exempted from paying his subscription.

(3) The Visitor's fee at dinners if any shall be such amount as the Chapter may determine from time to time.

8. Any member desirous of terminating his membership of the Chapter may tender his resignation 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.

9. 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.).

10. The Scribe E and the Treasurer of the year shall operate the Bank Accounts of the Chapter jointly.

11. 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.25/- for contingencies for which he shall render an account to him.

12. 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 payment shall be made by cheques as far as possible. He shall prepare a statement of accounts annually as on the 31st December of each year showing the exact financial position of the chapter.

13.(1) The Chapter may by a resolution passed in any regular convocation open a Bank Account or as many Bank Accounts as are necessary in one or more Banks to be named and close the same whenever it is decided likewise.

(2) The Scribe E and the Treasurer shall operate the Bank accounts jointly for the convenient conduct of the business of the Chapter.

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.

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

16. Except as otherwise required by Rule 117, 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 members voting shall vote in

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favour of it, but it shall not be effective until approved by the
Grand Superintendent and by the First Grand Principal.

Regular Convocation

Approved and confirmed at the ~~Consecration~~ held on 18th
April, 1981.

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S. E.*

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for the*

Approved by M.E.The Grand Superintendent

Madras,
3rd December, 1981

A. S. Rajappa
GRAND SUPERINTENDENT.

Approved by M.E.The First Grand Principal,

M.E.Comp.The Hon'ble Mr.Justice D.P.Madon.

NEW DELHI
23.1.1982

H. J. Rushi
(H.J.RUSHI)
Grand Scribe E.