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By

M. E. COMPANION BHOGILAL C. SHAH

Under a Warrant dated 30th Sep. '68

On the 9th January, 1969

At Freemason's Hall, Madras

FIRST OFFICERS:

E. Comp. K. SRINIVASAN - Z

E. Comp. V. R. SUNDARA RAJALU - H

E. Comp. M. MOHAMED HUSAIN - J

E. Comp. J. S. RAMANUJAM - Scribe. E

Comp. S. KESAVAN - Scribe. N

Comp. J. A. GNANADURAI - Treasurer

Comp. S. S. RAJKUMAR - Prin. Soj.

Comp. M. S. RAJAGOPAL - Ist Asst. Soj.

Comp. P. T. RAMANATHAN - Janitor

**FOUNDERS
OF
CHAPTER TRINITY NO. 63**

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PREAMBLE

We the Principals, Scribes and Companions, of the Royal Arch Chapter Trinity No.63 with a view to preserve harmony which should ever distinguish Masons have thought proper to establish and subscribe to the following Rules and Regulations.

MEMBERS

1. The Members of the Chapter shall comprise of two classes, viz.,

(a) Subscribing and (b) Honorary.

2. Honorary -members shall be those who are elected as such for service rendered to Royal Arch Masonry in general or to this Chapter particular.

CONVOCATIONS

3. The regular Convocation of the Chapter shall be held at the Masonic temple, Tiruchirappalli on the third Sunday in the months of January (Installation), April, July & October (Election) and at such time as the Most Excellent Zerubabel may fix from time to time.

The Summons convening the Regular Convocation shall be issued atleast seven days in advance by email and to those without email, by ordinary post. Emergency Convocations, however, may be convened at shorter notice.

4. An emergency convocation of the Lodge may at any time be called by the authority of the Most Excellent Zerubbabel regulated by the provisions of Rule 63 of Royal Arch Regulations, and the business transacted there at, shall not include any business whatsoever, except such as mentioned on the summons convening the Convocation, nor shall the minutes of the previous Convocation be read or confirmed.

DUES AND FEES

5. The fees and subscriptions payable to the Chapter shall be as follows

- a. Exaltation fee Rs. 900/-
- b. Fee for joining from a Chapter not under the Indian Constitution Rs. 900/-
- c. Joining or Rejoining fee Rs. 900/-
- d. Subscription for Membership per year Rs. 300/-

Note: A member Exalted or Joining in any month of any quarter shall pay his subscription for the entire year.

Every member shall pay in advance an annual dues of Rs. 300/- .

The services of the Scribe E and Janitor (if a subscribing member) will be equivalent to their appropriate subscription to the Chapter, but the Chapter shall remit to the Supreme Grand Chapter and to the Regional Grand Chapter the requisite payments due in respect of their membership of the Chapter.

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP

7. No candidate for Exaltation or joining or rejoining shall be balloted for unless the prescribed fee shall have been previously paid and the prescribed forms duly filled in by the Candidate, have been deposited with the Scribe E. The candidate for Exaltation should also produce his G.L.I (Craft) certificate and a certificate from every Lodge of which he was or is a member stating that all dues

have been paid by him and every Candidate for Joining should produce his Grand Chapter Certificate and Clearing certificate / No demand certificate, No dues certificates from the Chapters in which he was or is a member as the case be.

8. No candidate for exaltation, joining or rejoining shall be admitted unless if on ballot, simple majority of the members present and voting in the Chapter approve the proposal for such candidate. No rejected candidate shall again be proposed until six months have elapsed. In the case of unfavourable ballot, the fee paid shall be refunded.

9. Every proposal of a candidate for Exaltation, Joining and Re- Joining must be made by one and seconded by another both of whom must be subscribing members of the Chapter or Honorary Members who are Past Zerubbabel of the Chapter, either in open Chapter at a Regular Convocation or in writing to the Scribe E at least 14 days prior to the next Regular Convocation.

A Brother shall not be accepted as a candidate for joining or rejoining unless he has been proposed and seconded in open Chapter or a notice that he has been proposed and seconded has been read-out in open Chapter at a meeting prior to that he comes up for election.

10. If a candidate is not exalted or does not take up his joining membership (as the case may be) within one year after his election, the election shall be void.

11. A member desirous of resigning his membership of the Chapter shall tender his resignation in writing to the Scribe E. or orally in open Chapter.

12. No Companion who has resigned or excluded for nonpayment of dues, shall be permitted to rejoin unless he shall have paid up all dues and unless he is again regularly proposed and seconded and balloted for in the usual course.

13. Every candidate who has been exalted in a regular Chapter not under the Grand Chapter of

No part shall be a business activity for the individual or collective benefit of any or all the members.

18. Except with the special permission of the First Principal or unless recommended by the Committee for General Purposes, no proposal shall be brought forward for consideration by the Chapter, unless it is proposed and seconded in open Chapter at the Regular Convocation or is given in writing to the Scribe E duly proposed and seconded fifteen days prior to the next Regular Convocation. With the exceptions noted above, no proposal shall be considered in the Chapter unless it has been notified in the Summons for the Convocation concerned.

19. Notices and Summons which it shall be requisite to send to any member, shall be deemed sufficiently served, if sent through email to the members and to those without email, by ordinary post to the last known address of the member. Every notice of exclusion or intended exclusion shall be sent through registered post, acknowledgement due.

All changes of addresses shall be invariably notified to the Scribe E. in writing by members directly as they occur.

The Scribe E shall be in charge of the Chapter records and books other than the account books maintained by the Treasurer. He shall conduct all general business and correspondence of the Chapter. He shall be ex-officio member and convener of all committees appointed by the Chapter. He shall keep a record of the minutes of the proceedings, maintain a register of members as required by the Book of Constitutions and be responsible for the necessary return etc., to the Supreme Grand Chapter and the Regional Grand Chapter under the signature of the Most Excellent Zerubbabel and of himself wherever is required. All letters from the members shall be addressed to him in office and with personal address so that it will be evident that they are for the Scribe E only.

20. The regular Convocation in the month of October shall be the election Convocation of the Chapter. The Principals shall be elected annually by

ballot at the election Convocation and they shall be installed at the regular Convocation in the month of January. Upon his Installation, the M.E.Zerubabbel shall appoint his officers and shall invest all the officers, present, including the Treasurer and Janitor elected.

The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot on the regular day of the election of the Principals and will be invested at Installation meeting in the month of January.

The Janitor can be chosen from among the members of the Chapter or from other Chapters under the provisions contained in Rule 52 of the Book of Constitutions of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of India. The Janitor shall be elected on the regular day of election of the Principals and will be invested at Installation Convocation in the month of January. The Janitor must be a Royal Arch Mason and must be registered as such in the books of the Grand Chapter.

COMMITTEE FOR GENERAL PURPOSES

21. A committee for general purposes, consisting of the Three Principals, all Past First Principals of Chapter Trinity No. 63, Treasurer, Scribe E and Scribe N, of the Chapter for the time being and three Companions elected by the Chapter at the Regular Convocation in January during the Installation Convocation, shall conduct all business of the Chapter, superintend the property of the Chapter and consider any subject relating to its interest. It shall meet at least once before each Regular Convocation, when summoned by the First Principal and the result of its proceedings shall be reported at the next Regular Convocation of the Chapter.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

22. A committee of two shall be appointed by the Most Excellent Zerubabbel at the Election Convocation in the month of October for auditing the accounts of the year. The audited statement shall form part of the Annual Report of the Committee for General Purposes.

FUNDS

23. The Treasurer shall collect subscriptions and other dues and shall issue receipts there for. He shall be in charge of all moneys and make payments for current routine expenses with the permission of the Most Excellent Zerubabbel. All moneys shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Chapter and in the name of the Chapter. The treasurer is authorized to operate on the accounts jointly with either the Most Excellent Zerubabbel or Scribe E. He shall submit financial statements at the Regular Convocation of the Chapter. The disbursement of any amount exceeding Rs. 1000/- otherwise than for routine expenses requires the previous sanction of the Chapter, under notice. He shall maintain separate accounts for the General Fund, Steward Fund and Charity Fund. He shall also at each Convocation make a report of members in arrears. The annual statement of accounts and balance sheet every year shall be drawn up and after the scrutiny and approval of the Audit Committee the same shall be presented at the next Installation meeting in the month of January.

BY-LAWS

24. The By-laws of the Chapter shall be read once in a year in open Chapter. Every member on his Exaltation or joining shall be presented with a copy of the By-laws.

No alterations or additions to these By-laws shall be made unless the same is duly proposed and seconded at a regular Convocation and included in the agenda for the next regular Convocation at which the amendment or alterations with or without modification shall be adopted, and confirmed at the subsequent regular Convocation and then applied for approval of the M.E. The Grand Superintendent and M.E. The First Grand Principal.

In all cases for which special provision is not made herein, the rules of the book of constitution of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of India as in force from time to time shall apply.

(Sd.) K. Srinivasan – Z

(Sd.) V. R. Sundara Rajalu – H

(Sd.) M. Mohamed Hussain – J

(Sd.) J. S. Ramanujam – Scribe E

**Approved by the M. E. Grand Superintendent
of Southern India**

(Sd) -C. A-. Ramakrishnan,
Madras, Grand Superintendent.

20th January. 1969

Approved by the M. E. First Grand Principal

(Sd.) P. M. Sundaram,
New Delhi. Grand Secretary.

24th January. 1969.

1. As amended up to July 20, 2018 in open Chapter.
2. Approved by the M.E.Comp. Abraham Markos,
M.E. The Grand Superintend of The Regional
Grand Chapter of Southern India on September
18, 2018.
3. Approved by the M.E.Comp. Rajeev Khandelwal,
M.E. First Grand Principal of The Supreme
Grand Chapter of India on September 27, 2018.

Tiruchirapalli

November 30, 2018.

Scribe-E

Comp. T.Kumaaravelu