



CHAPTER
SRI JANARDANA No. 66
PALGHAT



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Resolution dated on 29 - 4- 1984 and approved on 30-6-1984

PREAMBLE

We, the Principals and Companions of Chapter "Sri Janardana" No. 66 are now bringing into force the By-Laws for this Chapter, with a view to preserving harmony and have therefore thought it proper to establish and subscribe to the following Rules and Regulations.

Date of Charter : 20th February, 1969.

Date of Consecration : 9th March, 1969.

Regular Convocations : Third Sundays in the months of January, April, July and October.

Place for holding the convocations : New Masonic Temple, Chandranagar, Palghat-7.

1. REGULAR CONVOCATION :

The Regular Convocations of the Chapter shall be held at Masonic Temple, Chandranagar Palghat on Third Sundays in the months of January, April, July and October, and at such time as the Principals may fix from time to time.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS :

The Principals shall be elected annually by ballot in the month of January and shall be installed and invested at the next Convocation of the Chapter in April. The Treasurer shall also be elected by ballot on the same day as the election of the Principals, viz., in January and invested at the next Convocation of the Chapter in April.

Companions should empower the Principals-elect to appoint the rest of the officers under R. A. Regulation No. 52.

The Janitor shall be elected by show of hands.

3. EMERGENT CONVOCATIONS :

Emergent Convocations may be called by

summons of the First Principal or the other two Principals with the concurrence of the First Principal, provided a Dispensation shall first have been granted, on good cause shown, by M. E. The Grand Superintendent.

4. PROPOSING CANDIDATES :

Candidates for exaltation and Companions desirous of being admitted as Members of this Chapter shall submit an application in the form approved by the Supreme Grand Chapter of India and must be duly proposed and seconded at a Regular Convocation and balloted for at the next Regular Convocation.

All applications for exaltation and joining shall then be placed before the Permanent Committee for recommendation and thereafter will be included in the summons for the next Convocation of Chapter when the decision of the members shall be declared. Two opposing votes or black balls will negative the proposal.

EXALTATION AND JOINING FEES :

The fees to be paid for Exaltation including

Grand Chapter Certificate and also for joining shall be as follows :

Exaltation Fees Rs. 75/-

Joining Fees Rs. 50/-

In case of Companions joining from a recognised Sister Constitution, an additional payment of Rs. 10/- will be required.

6. MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION :

Every Companion shall pay a subscription of Rs. 150/- per annum. The subscription shall be paid in advance.

(a) If any Companion is in arrears of subscription to his Chapter for a year, the Scribe E shall advise him of the amount due by him by Registered Post, and if the full amount be not paid within thirty days from the date, he shall be excluded in accordance with Reg. 75 of R. A. Regulations.

If the subscription of the Companion to his Chapter remains unpaid for two full years, the expiration of that period, he shall cease to be

a member of the Chapter and that fact shall be reported to the Chapter at its next Regular Convocation and recorded in the Minutes.

In either case, he can become member again, only by payment of the arrears followed by regular proposition and ballot according to Reg. 70 of the R. A. Regulations.

(b) The Janitor, if he is a Serving Companion, shall be paid such remuneration as may be decided by the Chapter from time to time, for each Convocation of the Chapter. He shall be exempted from payment of subscription.

7. PERMANENT COMMITTEE :

There shall be a Permanent Committee composed of the Three Principals, two Scribes, the Treasurer and the Director of Ceremonies of the Chapter. The duties of the permanent Committee shall be to consider the applications of Candidates, Companions, for exaltation and Joining, check the accounts of the Chapter and present annually at the Installation Convocation a Report on the working of the Chapter for the previous year and to consider such other matters the Chapter may refer to the Committee.

8. 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 Financial Statement of the Chapter shall be drawn up at the close of every year prior to the Installation Convocation. An Audit Committee consisting of two Companions who are not members of the Permanent Committee shall scrutinise the accounts. All moneys of the Chapter shall be deposited in a Scheduled Bank in the name of the Chapter. The Bank Accounts of the Chapter shall be operated by the treasurer and the First Principal.

All payments over Rs. 25/- shall be generally made by Cheques.

9. RESIGNATION :

Any member wishing to resign, must do so in open Chapter or by letter addressed to the Scribe E, when on his dues being fully paid up he shall be furnished with a Clearance Certificate.

10. PROPERTY :

Furniture, Regalia, the Charter and other

properties of the Chapter shall be vested in the care of the Three Principals. An Inventory of such property shall be recorded by them in a book kept for that purpose and such Inventory shall be presented at the Installation Convocation signed by the three principals. The Principals, if so desire, may entrust the properties mentioned above to the Scribe E on their behalf for proper care and custody.

11. BY - LAWS :

The By - Laws of the Chapter shall be read once in a year, in open Chapter. Every Companion, on becoming a member of the Chapter, shall be presented with a copy of these By - Laws.

No alteration or addition to these By - Laws may be made unless the same is duly proposed and seconded in open Chapter at a Regular Convocation and included in the agenda for the next Convocation at which the amendment or alteration shall be confirmed and then applied for due approval of M. E. The Grand Superintendent and M. E. The First Grand Principal.

Adopted at the Regular (Installation)
Convocation held under Dispensation on 18th
June, 1980.

(T. JANARDHANAN NAIR)
First Principal

(P. PADMANABHAN NAIR)
Second Principal

(K. BALAKRISHNAN NAIR)
Third Principal

Dr. C. V. KRISHNA MOORTHY
Scribe E.

Approved by M. E. The Grand Superintendent.

Madurai
27th June, 1980.

(A. S. RAJASABAI)
Grand Superintendent

Approved by M. E. The First Grand Principal

New Delhi
10th December, 1980.

(H. J. RUSH)
Grand Scribe E