



# Regional Grand Chapter of Southern India

Freemasons' Hall, 14 Ethiraj Salai, Chennai - 600008

C.63/2019

7 March 2019

*Amendment  
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To  
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Scribe E., Chapter Trinity No.63      M:98424 97980  
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Dear Sir and E.Companion,

## SUB:REVISED BYE-LAWS OF CHAPTER TRINITY NO.63, TRICHY

Please find enclosed a copy of the amendment to revised by-law No. 3,4,5,6,8,9,17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24 of **CHAPTER TRINITY NO.63, Trichy** duly approved by M.E.The Grand Superintendent(25-1-2019) and M.E.The First Grand Principal(22-2-2019).

Kindly print the bye-laws and send two copies each to the Grand Chapter and Regional Grand Chapter for our records.

The Amendment will be effective from the date of approval by M.E.The First Grand Principal.

Yours fraternally,

*N. Pandurangan*  
(N.PANDURANGAN)

Regional Grand Scribe E.

Encl: revised by-law No. 3,4,5,6,8,9,17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24

# REGIONAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTHERN INDIA

**Chapter: Trinity No: 63 Place: Tiruchirapalli**

**PROPOSED AMENDANTS TO / REVISED BY LAWS**

*(To be submitted in Triplicate)*

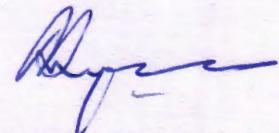
Existing By Laws	Proposed By Laws
3. The Regular- Convocation of the Chapter shall be held at the Masonic Temple, Cantonment, Thiruchirappalli on Friday preceding the THIRD SATURDAY in the months of January, April, July and October at such convenient hour as shall be entered in the Summons.	3. The regular 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 <i>Three Principals</i> 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. The holding of Emergency Convocations shall be regulated by the provisions of Rule 63 Royal Arch Regulations. When an Emergency Convocation is called for the Exaltations of one or more candidates at his or their requests, the expenses of such Convocation shall be met by him or them.	4. An emergency convocation of the Lodge may at any time be called by the authority of the Most Excellent Zerubabel 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.
5. The fees and subscriptions payable to the Chapter shall be as follows  a. Exaltation fee Rs. 800/- b. Fee for joining from a Chapter not under the Indian Constitution Rs. 800/- c. Joining or Rejoining fee Rs. 800/- d. Subscription for Membership for each quarter Rs. 200/-  Note: A member Exalted or Joining in any month of any quarter shall pay his subscription for the entire-quarter, the quarters comprising of January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December.	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 for the year Rs. 300/-  Note: A member Exalted or Joining in any month of any quarter shall pay his subscription for the entire year.
6. All subscriptions shall be payable quarterly in advance.  (a) The services of Scribe E and Janitor be equivalent to the appropriate subscription to the Chapter.	6. Every member shall pay in advance an annual membership 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.
8. No candidate for exaltation, joining or rejoining shall be admitted if on the ballot two or more black balls appear against him. No rejected candidate shall again be proposed until six months have elapsed.	8. No candidate for exaltation, joining or rejoining shall be admitted if on the ballot two or more black balls appear against him. No rejected candidate shall again be proposed until six months have

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By Law As presented on 30/11/2018	Revised By Law as per Rule 70 of RA Regulations
8. No candidate for exaltation, joining or rejoining shall be admitted if on the ballot two or more black balls appear against him. No rejected candidate shall again be proposed until six months have elapsed. In the case of unfavourable ballot, the fee paid shall be refunded..	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.

APPROVED By M.E. THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

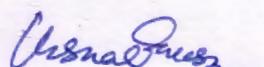


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Place: Chennai

Date: 25 JAN 2019

APPROVED By M.E, THE FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL



Grand Scribe E

New Delhi

Date: 22/2/19



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	<p>elapsed. In the case of unfavourable ballot, the fee paid shall be refunded.</p>
9. Propositions for membership may be made and seconded at a Regular Convocation of the Chapter, or alternatively by notice in writing transmitted to the Scribe. E , at least fourteen days before the next Convocation	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 Zerubabel 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.
	<p>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.</p>
17. The Service of the Scribe E and the janitor he equivalent to the appropriate subscription to the Chapter, but shall remit to the Grand Chapter and the Regional Grand Chapter the requisite payments due in respect of their membership of the Chapter.	17. Concept of Mutuality:- All activities of the Chapter at all times be for the common benefit of all the members and for the public at large without any distinction as to Cast, Creed or Religion. No part shall be a business activity for the individual or collective benefit of any or all the members.
<p>19. Notices and Summons which it shall be requisite to send to any member, shall be deemed sufficiently served, if sent through ordinary post to the last known address of a member. Every notice of exclusion or intended exclusion shall be sent through registered post, acknowledgement due.</p> <p>All changes of addresses shall be invariably notified to the Scribe. E. in writing by members directly as they occur</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>All changes of addresses shall be invariably notified to the Scribe. E. in writing by members directly as they occur.</p>
	<p>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 Zerubabel 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.</p>
20. The Principals shall be elected by ballot and the janitor elected by show of hands at the Regular Convocation of the Chapter in October of every year. The Principals shall be installed and the Officers invested at the Regular Convocation in January. The Chapter may resolve at the election meeting that the Principals elect be empowered to appoint the Officers and invest them at the Installation meeting	<p>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. Zerubabel shall appoint his officers and shall invest all the officers, present, including the Treasurer and Janitor elected.</p> <p>The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot on the</p>

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	<p>regular day of the election of the Principals and will be invested at Installation meeting in the month of January.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>21. A committee for general purposes, consisting of the Three Principals, all Past First Principals, 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, shall conduct all business of the Chapter, superintendent 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</p>	<p>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, superintendent 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.</p>
<p>22. At the Regular Convocation in January of each year, the Chapter shall appoint the Audit Committee consisting of 2 members, besides the Scribe E and the Treasurer. The committee's function is to Audit the accounts of the Treasurer quarterly and to prepare the Annual report on the financial condition of the Chapter during the year and suggest any matter pending to promote the welfare of the Chapter.</p>	<p>22. A committee of two shall be appointed by the Most Excellent Zerubabel 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.</p>
<p>23. All moneys received by the Treasurer shall be deposited in a Bank approved by a resolution of the Chapter. Except for routine expenses, no money shall be expended by the Treasurer without the sanction of the Chapter</p>	<p>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 Zerubabel. 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 Zerubabel 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.</p>
<p>24. No alteration. Addition or amendment shall be made to these by-laws unless moved and seconded in open Chapter, due notice of such motion, having been</p>	<p>24. The By-laws of the Chapter shall be read once in a year in open Chapter. Every member on his</p>

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sent in the summons to each member, nor shall such alteration or amendment be considered carried unless two thirds of the members present vote in its favor. The altered or amended by-law shall be confirmed at the next Convocation of the Chapter and approval of the Grand Superintendent and the M. E. First Grand Principal; the Scribe shall furnish each member of the Chapter with a memorandum of the change made and shall correct all the printed Copies of the by-laws in his possession.

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.

The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Chapter at a regular Convocation held on 28/01/2018 Passed at a regular Convocation held on 22/04/2018 and confirmed at a regular Convocation held on 20/07/2018

Place:Tiruchirapalli

Date:30/11/2018

First Principal

Second Principal

Third Principal



Scribe E

**APPROVED By M.E. THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT**

Place: Chennai

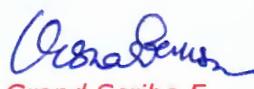
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**APPROVED By M.E, THE FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL**

New Delhi

Date: 22.02.2019

  
**Grand Scribe E**

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