

Royal Arch Chapter "St. John,"

No. 1 G. C. A.

SÉCUNDERABAD



BY-LAWS

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WARRANT OF "ST. JOHN'S" CHAPTER

Attached to
"St. John's" Lodge, No. 434 E. C.

Augustus P. Sussex, Z., J. Spencer Churchil, D.G.M., H.
J. Ramsbotham, J. IN THE NAME OF THE GREAT
ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

To all the Enlightened our Brethren of the Several
Degrees of the Royal Craft, but more especially those
Citizens of the World and servants of the OMNIPOTENT
who have been or hereafter may be honoured by Exaltation
to our Sublime Degree Health, Peace, Good will.

BE IT KNOWN that Our Excellent Companions
Thomas Key, Z., Joan Cameron, H., James Oliphant, J.,
D. S. Young, George F.C. Fitzgerald, John H. Gunthorpe,
George F. Hampton, George H. Milnes, and James A.
Gunthorpe, having made known to Our Supreme Grand
Chapter their desire of holding a Chapter of our Order for
the cultivation of this Grand and Universal Science, in
Hopes thereby the more to extend their Aid to and promote
the Happiness of all our Brethren and link Mankind toge-
therby indissoluble Bonds of Friendship. Peace and
Harmony, and that Our Grand Chapter having taken their
petition into consideration and finding it concordant with
Our Grand System of Universal Benevolence, WE DO
HEREBY, with the Consent of our said Grand Chapter,
grant unto the said Companions this our Charter of
Constitution to be held with and attached to the Warrant

of the Lodge No. 628, called SAINT JOHN'S LODGE, with full Power for them, their Companions and Successors, to open and hold a Chapter of our Order at Secunderabad, Presidency of Madras, or at such other Place and at such Time as our said Companions and their Successors shall, with the Consent of US and Our Successors, Grand Officers for the Time being, think meet. The first Chapter to be opened on the 22nd day December 1853 now next ensuing, by the Title of

THE SAINT JOHN'S CHAPTER

with such Privileges, Powers and Immunities as do of Right belong to regular established Chapters and Companions of Our said Most Excellent Order subject nevertheless to the General Laws and Ordinances already or to be hereafter enacted by Our Most Excellent Grand and Royal Chapter.

Given at London under Our Hands and the Seal of Our Grand and Royal Chapter, this 7th Day of November A. L. 5838. A. D. 1838.

WILLIAM H. WHITE, E.
A. DOBIE, N.

SEAL.

WARRANT

(Under
the Supreme Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of India
1963.)

EMBLEM

Sd. M. S. Thacker Sd. Bhogilal C. Shah Sd. H. Williams
H. Z. J.

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of India.

TO ALL AND EVERY OUR MOST EXCELLENT,
AND LOVING COMPANIONS.

KNOW YE That the Chapter St. John's No. 434 on the roll of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England having opted for the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, we, by the authority and under the sanction of the SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIA vested in us for that purpose do hereby sanction and confirm that the said Chapter shall be constituted a Chapter of our Order under the title and denomination of.

Chapter St. John's No. 1.

on the rolls of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

By virtue of this Charter, the said Chapter shall be deemed to be a FOUNDER CHAPTER of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

The original Chapter/Warrant of the said Chapter issued by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England was dated 7th November, 1838.

dating from the Fifth day of August, 1863 have prayed for permission to wear a Jewel commemorative of such event NOW KNOW YE that OUR

Supreme Grand Chapter

Having taken the Prayer of the said Companions into consideration have acceded to their request and WE do therefore with the consent of OUR said GRAND CHAPTER give and grant to each and all of the actual subscribing Members of the said Chapter permission to wear in all Masonic Meetings suspended to the left breast a JEWEL or MEDAL of the pattern or device that we have already approved of as a

Centenary Royal Arch Jewel

But such Jewel is to be worn only by those Companions who are bonafide subscribing Members of the said Chapter and so long only as each shall be duly returned as such to the SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

GIVEN at Freemasons' Hall, New Delhi, this THIRTIETH DAY of JULY 1965, corresponding to EIGHTH day of SRAVANA 1887, Saka Era.

SEAL

SD. P. M. SUNDARAM,
Grand Scribe E.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

“ST. JOHN” No. 1 G. C. I. Secunderabad.

NOTE: The following By-laws are intended to provide only for such matters as are not settled by the Royal Arch Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of India.

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BY - LAWS

MEETINGS :

1. The Regular Convocations of the Chapter shall be held at St. John's Hall, Secunderabad, on the SECOND Tuesday in the months of February, April, June, August, ~~October and December.~~ *May, August & November*

2. Emergency Convocations can be held only in accordance with Rule 63, Royal Arch Regulations.

MEMBERS :

3. The Chapter shall consist of :

(a) Subscribing and (b) Honorary Members.

Companions of distinction may be elected Honorary Members of the Chapter, for which purpose the provisions of Rule 142, Book of Constitutions (Craft) shall apply.

An Honorary member pays no fees or subscription and will not be entitled to vote on any proposition or election or hold office in the Chapter. He shall be presented with a copy of the By-laws when elected.

ELECTION :

4. The Three Principals, two Scribes, Treasurer, Principal Sojourner and two Assistant Sojourners shall be elected by ballot at the regular Convocation in December; while the Janitor, subject to the provisions of Rule 52, para 5, Royal Arch Regulations, shall be elected by show of hands.

In addition to the above Officers, a Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Organist, an Assistant Scribe E, and Stewards may be elected or appointed as the case may be.

The Installation of Principals Elect and investiture of Officers shall take place at the regular Convocation in February of the following year.

Under Rule 52, para 3, Royal Arch Regulations, the Chapter may, on the day of election, give the authority to the Principals Elect to appoint the rest of the Officers.

ADMISSION :

5. The admission of candidates for Exaltations and Joinings shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 69 to 73, Royal Arch Regulations.

FEES & SUBSCRIPTIONS :

6. The following are the fees and subscriptions of the Chapter, strictly payable in advance in all cases :—

Exaltation : ... Rs. 50 7 50

Joining from a Chapter under a
Foreign Constitution :

... Rs. 35 7 50

Joining or Re-joining from a Chapter
under the Indian Constitution : ... Rs. 25 5 00

Subscription per month ... Re. 12 16 5

7. The Scribe E shall be exempt from payment of subscriptions to the Chapter.

8. The Janitor, if a serving member, shall be paid such remuneration as may be fixed by the Chapter from time to time.

9. Any candidate on whose account an Emergency Convocation is held, may, at the discretion of the First Principal be required to pay all or any expenses incurred for such convocation.

10. Any candidate or member on whose account a Dispensation is obtained, may, at the discretion of the First Principal, be called upon to pay the expenses incurred for such Dispensation.

ARREARS :

11. A member, whose subscription remains un-paid for six months, shall not be permitted to vote or submit any proposition to Chapter or be elected to any office; nor will he be allowed to propose or second the candidates.

12. If any member be in arrears with his subscriptions to the 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 accordance to Rule 75, Royal Arch Regulations.

20. The First Principal, may, at his discretion, appoint Special Committee(s) for the consideration of special subject(s). Such Committee(s) shall consist of at least three members besides the Three Principals, and the Scribe E of the Chapter. The First Principal, or in his absence, the Senior member present shall preside. Three shall form a quorum.

FUNDS :

21. The moneys of the Chapter shall be held under the following distinct heads :

(a) *General Fund*: Monthly subscriptions paid by the members of the Chapter as well as other moneys, not otherwise specifically allotted shall be credited to the General Fund. Payments from this Fund, except for routine purposes, or as have been duly authorised by the Chapter, can be made only by resolutions of the Chapter, of which due notice shall have been given in the Summons for a regular or emergency Convocation.

(b) *The Charity Fund*: The Charity Fund shall consist of Charity collections made at the Chapter Convocations, voluntary contributions to the Fund and such other moneys as may be regularly voted by the Chapter, from time to time, from its "General Fund". Moneys from this Fund shall be devoted solely to charity but no expenditure be incurred without the prior sanction of the Chapter.

ACCOUNTS :

22. Accounts should be opened in the name of the Chapter in Bank(s) approved by the Chapter.

23. The accounts shall be operated jointly by the Treasurer with either the First Principal or the Scribe E of the year.

BY-LAWS :

24. Each candidate at his Exaltation or Companion on joining the Chapter, shall be presented with a copy of the By-Laws of the Chapter.

25. These By-Laws shall be read in the open Chapter at least once in every year.

26. Except as otherwise required by Rule 111 B of C. (Craft), amendment of these By-Laws or any of them may be made only in the following manner :—

(a) Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment(s) 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 or for an Emergency Convocation summoned for the purpose, and shall at such convocation be put to the chapter.

(c) A resolution for amendment, of which notice 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.

P. F. Stiff	1930	A. J. Godbold	1946
W. H. Morris	1931	Khan Saheb F. K.	
A. B. Pennington	1932	Suntook	1947
W. Mac Lachlan	1933	S. Raja Ram	1948
E. P. Mistri	1934	T. R. Janardhan	1949
S.V.G. Reddy	1935	M. A. Khambatta	1950
Nawab Salar Jung		T. R. Janardhan	1951
Bahadur	1936	E. Dossabhoy	1952
N. B. Viccajee	1937	Lt. Col. G. E. Cox	1953
A. S. Ramaswamy		Major A. R. Fallon	1954
Iyengar	1938	S. B. Kotak	1955
J. H. B. Viccajee	1939	A. V. Charles	1956
T.E.O. Moore	1940	Premchand	1957
R. M. Reporter	1941	Syed Ali Jafferey	1958
B. A. J. Dunlop	1942	D. D. Italia	1959-60
S. Hanumantha Rao	1943	E. P. B. Manian	1961
P. J. Parsons	1944	A. V. Charles	1962
M. B. Joshi	1945	E. P. B. Manian	1963

**Zs. INSTALLED UNDER SUPREME GRAND
CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF INDIA**

Phiroze P. Debara 1964 | A. N. Rajagopal 1965

OFFICERS FOR 1966-67

Ex. Comp.	S. Pratap Singh Thakore	Z
"	" R S Gupta	H
"	" C. R. Deshpande	J
"	" P. P. Debara	Scribe E
"	" Jacob Zacharias	Scribe N
"	" T. R. Janardhan	Treasurer
"	" M. A. Khambatta	Dir. of Cers.
"	" G. V. R. Naidu	Prin. Sojourner
"	" V. Mahalingam	1st Asst "
"	" R. L. Ravi	2nd " "
"	" A. K. V. Madhavan	Asstt D of Cs.
"	" V. Jagadishwer Rao	Steward
"	" A. A. V. Payne	Janitor