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1 March 2012

To  
M.E.Comp.V.S.Varadarajan  
Scribe E., Chapter Salem No.30  
Srinilayam  
9/4 II Cross  
Maravaneri  
Salem-636 007

Dear Sir and M.E.Companion,

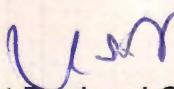
**SUB:AMENDMENT TO BYE-LAWS OF  
CHAPTER SALEM NO.30**

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the amendment to bye-laws of Chapter SALEM NO.30, Salem duly approved by M.E.The Grand Superintendent and M.E,The First Grand Principal.

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

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

  
Asst. Regional Grand Scribe E.

Encl:amendment to bye-laws & Rt.No.698

**SALEM CHAPTER No 30**  
**BY-LAWS**

<b>EXISTING</b>	<b>PROPOSED AMENDMENT</b>
<p><b>1) REGULAR CONVOCATION</b> The Regular convocations shall be held at Freemasons Hall, Suramangalam, Salem on the FIRST Saturdays of March, June, September and December at such hour as the Principals may direct.</p>	NIL
<p><b>2) ELECTION, INSTALLATION and INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS</b>  The Three Principals and the treasure the Janitor shall be elected at the convocation in December. All other officers of the chapter shall also be elected at the same convocation: but it shall be open to the Chapter to empower the Principals to appoint them, by passing a suitable resolution at this convocation. The Janitor's election may be by SHOW OF HANDS.</p> <p>The Officers shall be two Scribes, the Principal Sojourner, the two Assistant Sojourners , a Director of Ceremonies , an Assistant Director of Ceremonies , an organist, an Asssitant Scribe E and Stewrds</p> <p>The Three Principals shall be installed and other Officers invested in March Convocation. In case a Principal or an officer is unable to be present at this Convocation he may be installed / invested at the next Convocation at which he is present.</p>	<p><b>2) ELECTION, INSTALLATION and INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS</b>  The Three Principals and the treasure shall be elected by ballot at the convocation in December. All other officers of the chapter shall also be elected at the same convocation: but it shall be open to the Chapter to empower the Principals to appoint them, by passing a suitable resolution at this convocation. The Janitor's election may be by SHOW OF HANDS. <i>in December</i></p> <p>The Officers shall be two Scribes, the Principal Sojourner, the two Assistant Sojourners , a Director of Ceremonies , an Assistant Director of Ceremonies , an organist, an Asssistant Scribe E and Stewrds</p> <p>The Three Principals shall be installed and other Officers invested in March Convocation. In case a Principal or an officer is unable to be present at this Convocation he may be installed / invested at the next Convocation at which he is present.</p>

### **3) EMERGENCY MEETINGS**

When a Chapter of Emergency , is called for exaltation of one or more candidates, at their own request , a sum not Exceeding Rs 20/- (Rupees Twenty) towards expenses shall be paid by him or them.

### **4) ELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

The election of candidates for Exaltation and joining shall be conducted in conformity with the requirement of Rule 47-49 of Royal Arch Regulations ON the ballot , TWO black balls shall exclude. No ballot shall be taken unless all fees have been previous Paid.

Companions and brothern who are not accepted for membership or exaltation may be again proposed after a lapse of one year from thr Date of the ballot at which they were not accepted.

### **5) FEES**

The fee for exaltation shall be Rs 2500 which includes all fees payable to Supreme Grand Chapter of India and will also cover cost of certificate, Registration copy of Royal Arch Regulations and this Chapter By-laws.and such sums as may be approved by the General body from time to time.

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The election of candidates for Exaltation and joining shall be conducted in conformity with the requirement of Rule 70 of Royal Arch Masons Regulations ON the ballot , TWO black balls against him shall exclude. No ballot shall be taken unless all fees have been previously Paid.

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### **5) FEES**

The fee for exaltation and for joining shall be Rs 4500 or such sum as may be fixed by the General body from time to time which includes all fees payable to Supreme Grand Chapter of India and will also cover cost of certificate, Registration copy of Royal Arch Regulations and this Chapter By-laws.

## 6) SUBSCRIPTION

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**The Cost of Apron etc to be borne by the candidate**

## 7) MEMBERS IN ARREARS

No member of the Chapter shall be entitled to vote on any matter or to be elected or appointed to any office if he is in anyway indebted to the chapter. It is the duty of the members to settle their accounts on or before the day on which they fall due and no obligation rests on the Chapter to issue reminders.

Should a member allow his accounts to remain unpaid for a period of six months, the Scribe E shall bring his name to the notice of the Chapter who may then take such action as they deem fit under Rule 53 of Royal Arch Regulations.

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If the subscription of a member to the Chapter remains unpaid for two full years at the expiration of that period he shall be cease to be a member of the Chapter and the procedure as laid down under Rule 75 of Royal Arch Masons Regulations shall be followed for cessation of membership etc..

## 8) REGALIA

Every Member of the Chapter shall provide for himself the apron, sash and jewel of the Order and no member or visitor shall be admitted unless

**NIL**

Properly clothed.

## 9) RESIGNATION

Any member desirous of resigning his membership of the Chapter may do so by tendering his resignation in writing or personally in open Chapter but he shall be liable for any dues he may owe the Chapter at the time of his resignation. Should he at any future time wish to rejoin, he shall be admitted subject to the Rules relating to joining members.

NIL

## 10) PERMANENT COMMITTEE

The Three Principals, Scribe E, Treasurer and two members to be elected annually at the March Convocation shall form the Permanent Committee, Three to form a quorum.

Their duties shall be to meet at least four times a year for the general purposes of the chapter, to deal with any matter specially referred to them by the chapter, to audit the Treasurer's accounts before each regular Convocation, to consider names submitted for exaltation and joining, to place their proceedings before each regular Convocation and to submit a report at the March Convocation on the workings of the Chapter upto the 31<sup>st</sup> December of the Previous year.

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**11) AUDIT COMMITTEE**

An audit committee of two members shall be appointed by the Chapter in the regular convocation in December. They will the accounts upto the 31<sup>st</sup> December of that year and submit their report at the regular Convocation the following March

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**12) TREASURER**

The Treasurer, with the assistance of Scribe E shall receive all moneys and settle the accounts of the Chapter, as they fall due. He will deposit all money received in a bank approved by the Chapter and maintain the necessary accounts.

NIL

**13) CHAPTER PROPERTY**

The Jewels, furniture and other property of the Chapter shall be vested in and deemed the property of the Three Principals for the time being in Trust for the members of the Chapter. An inventory of the whole shall be entered in a book and delivered by the outgoing Principals to the incoming Principals on their installation.

NIL

**14) ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS**

No motion to add to, alter or amend these by-laws shall be made without first giving notice of such motion in writing to scribe E and notice shall be inserted in the summons for the next regular Convocation

NIL

All notices of motion shall be sent to Scribe E at least 21 days before the

NIL

convocation at which it is intended, they shall be discussed.

No alteration, addition, or amendment to these bylaws shall take effect until it has been confirmed at the next Convocation and approved by the Grand Superintendent and Most Excellent First Grand Principal.

### **15) GENERAL**

In all cases for which special provisions is not made herein, the rules of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge applying to daughter Lodges shall apply to this Chapter also..

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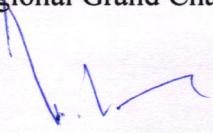
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The above proposal recommendation was included in the summons convened for that meeting to be held on ~~3.10.2012~~ as a separate subject in the ( LABOUR)

3.12.2011

The members after discussions unanimously approved the amendment in the meeting held on 3.12.2011

It was also resolved to forward amended by law to the Supreme Grand Chapter of India through the Regional Grand Chapter of Southern India for approval

  
(E. COMP. V S VARADARAJAN)

Scribe E

Salem Chapter No.30

DATE: 05.12.2011

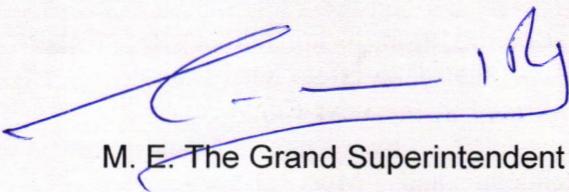
  
(E. COMP. S V SHIVAKUMAR)

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Salem Chapter No.30

APPROVED BY M.E.THE GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

PLACE: CHENNAI  
DATE: 10th feb - 2012

  
M. E. The Grand Superintendent

APPROVED BY M.E.THE FIRST GRAND PRINCIPAL

PLACE: NEW DELHI  
DATE: 20.02.2012

  
Grand Scribe E