

Bye-Laws
JLB

Proposed amendments to the Bye-Laws of Chapter Eureka No.6

12th January 2010

3rd and Final Reading

Bye-law nbr.	Existing bye-law	Proposed amendment	Remarks
1.	Regular Convocation	Regular Convocation	
	The regular convocation of the Chapter shall be held at Freemasons' Hall, Bangalore on the third Friday in April, June, October and December and on the fourth Friday in February and August at such hour as the three Principals may direct.	The regular convocation of the Chapter shall be held at Freemasons' Hall, Bangalore on the third Friday in April, June, October and December and on the fourth Friday in February and August at such hour as the three Principals may direct.	Retained
2.	Election of Officers	Election of Officers	
	<p>The Three Principals and other Officers of the Chapter shall be elected annually at the regular convocation in February. The mode of election shall be by ballot for the office of the First Principal in the first instance and the Officers in succession, provided that by a resolution of the Chapter duly proposed and carried in that Election meeting, save in the case of the Treasurer and Janitor, the three Principals may be empowered to appoint the other Officers of the Chapter, for that year, instead of the same being elected by ballot.</p> <p>The Officers shall be invested and inducted at the next regular Convocation. The Janitor may be elected by a show of hands.</p>	<p>The Three Principals and other Officers of the Chapter shall be elected annually at the regular convocation in February. The mode of election shall be by ballot, for the office of the First Principal in the first instance and the Officers in succession, provided that by a resolution of the Chapter duly proposed and carried in that Election meeting, save in the case of the Treasurer and Janitor, the three Principals may be empowered to appoint the other Officers of the Chapter, for that year, instead of the same being elected by ballot.</p> <p>The Officers shall be invested and inducted at the next regular Convocation. The Janitor may be elected by a show of hands.</p>	Retained

3	Fees.	Fees.	
	A. Members shall be required to pay i. Chapter subscription is Rs.210/- out of which Rs.50/- p.a. shall be transferred to Benevolent Fund	A. Members shall be required to pay i. Chapter subscription of Rs.500/- per year out of which a/ Rs.50/- shall be transferred to Benevolent Fund	To manage the increased overall costs of admin. expenses, postage, printing, hall rent, dining hall charges and the like.
	PLUS	and	
	ii. Contribution to Stewards Fund of Rs.150/- per year	b/ Rs.175/- shall be transferred to Stewards Fund	
	PLUS	and	
	iii. Regional Grand Chapter and Supreme Grand Chapter dues at actuals as applicable and payable.	c/ Rs.50/- shall be transferred to Sesquicentenary (150 year) Jubilee escrow fund	To create a Corpus for the Sesquicentenary Year 2017 A.D. of the Chapter.
		PLUS	
		Regional Grand Chapter and Supreme Grand Chapter dues at actuals as applicable and payable.	No change
	B. All dues as indicated above shall become payable in full during the month of April each year or in the month of exaltation/joining/rejoining as applicable	B. All dues as indicated above shall become payable in full during the month of April each year or in the month of exaltation/joining/rejoining as applicable	for clarity "rejoining" is added
	C. Fees for exaltation/joining shall be as follows	C. Fees for exaltation/joining shall be as follows	
	i/for exaltation including Registration & certificate Rs.500/-	i/ Fees for exaltation including registration & certificate Rs.1000/-	to augment Chapter funds
	ii/ for joining from Indian Constitution Rs.200/-	ii/ for joining from Indian Constitution Rs.500/-	to augment Chapter funds

	iii/ for joining from other constitution Rs.350/-	iii/ for joining from other Constitutions Rs.800/-	to augment Chapter funds
		iv/ for rejoining every Companion shall pay Rs.500/- PLUS annual subscription as above AND all other uncleared arrears and dues.	Presently not specified. New clause added for improving Chapter's fiscal position.
4.	Members/Membership	Members/Membership	Existing clauses 3D and 4 are rearranged and renumbered
	A. There shall be one category of membership called "Members." Any person who is a Master Mason and a member of any Craft Lodge warranted under the Grand Lodge of India is eligible to be admitted as a member of the Chapter.	A. Any person who is a Master Mason and a member of any Craft Lodge warranted under the Grand Lodge of India is eligible to be admitted as a member of the Chapter.	No change
	B. The Chapter shall comprise of the following categories of members	B. The Chapter shall comprise of the following categories of members	No change
	i. Subscribing Members ii. Honoraray Members	i. Subscribing Members ii. Honoraray Members	
	C. The Chapter may, if it deems fit acknowledge the services of a Companion to the Order in general or to this Chapter in particular, by electing him as an Honorary Member in accordance with the Provisions of Rule 142 of Book of Constitutions.	C. The Chapter may, if it deems fit acknowledge the services of a Companion to the Order in general or to this Chapter in particular, by electing him as an Honorary Member in accordance with the Provisions of Rule 142 of Book of Constitutions.	
	D. Recipients of 40 Years Long Term Service Jewel shall be exempted from payment of Chapter subscription and Stewards Fund. Their Regional Grand Chapter and Supreme Grand Chapter dues shall be borne by the Chapter.	D. Recipients of 40 Years Long Term Service Jewel shall be exempted from payment of Chapter subscription and Stewards Fund. Their Regional Grand Chapter and Supreme Grand Chapter dues shall be borne by the Chapter.	

	E. The Scribe E and Janitor shall be exempted from payment of Chapter subscription. However, they shall pay The Stewards Fund contribution and also Regional Grand Chapter and Supreme Grand Chapter dues as applicable and as payable.	E. The Scribe E and Janitor shall be exempted from payment of Chapter subscription. However, they shall pay The Benevolent Fund contribution and also Regional Grand Chapter and Supreme Grand Chapter dues as applicable and as payable.	"Stewards Fund Contribution" is replaced by "The Benevolent Fund Contribution"
	F. The Chapter subscription shall be reviewed once in THREE YEARS and will become effective after being approved by the Supreme Grand Chapter.	F. The Chapter subscription shall be reviewed once in THREE YEARS and will become effective after being approved by the Supreme Grand Chapter.	No change
	G. The Stewards Fund contribution shall be reviewed by the Permanent Committee EVERY YEAR and shall become effective from April of that year.	G. The Stewards Fund contribution shall be reviewed by the Permanent Committee EVERY YEAR and shall become effective from April of that year.	No change
5.	FUNDS	FUNDS	
	A. All monies shall be deposited in a selected bank in the name of the Chapter in the following fund accounts i/ General Fund ii/Benevolent Fund iii/Stewards Fund/Refreshment Fund	A. All monies shall be deposited in a selected bank in the name of the Chapter in the following fund accounts i/ General Fund ii/Benevolent Fund iii/Stewards Fund/Refreshment Fund	Existing retained
	b. The bank accounts shall be operated jointly by any two of the following i. The First Principal M.E.Z ii. Scribe E - Secretary iii. The Treasurer	b. The bank accounts shall be operated jointly by any two of the following i. The First Principal M.E.Z ii. Scribe E - Secretary iii. The Treasurer	Existing retained <i>The Treasurer with either Z or S.E</i>
	c. The Benevolent Fund shall be devoted solely for the purpose of charity.	c. The Benevolent Fund shall be devoted solely for the purpose of charity.	No change
	d. Monies collected from the following sources shall form this fund.	d. Monies collected from the following sources shall form this fund.	No change

	<p>i. Collection for benevolent fund in the regular meetings</p>	<p>i. Collection for benevolent fund at regular, emergent and special convocations.</p>	Wording rephrased to include emergent and special meetings
	<p>ii. Voluntary contributions expressly made for this purpose.</p>	<p>ii. Voluntary contributions expressly made for this purpose.</p>	No change
	<p>iii. Rs. 50/- p.a. from the subscription of each subscribing member.</p>	<p>iii. Rs. 50/- p.a. from the subscription of each subscribing member.</p>	No change
	<p>e. Stewards Fund / Refreshment Fund Payments to the M.E.Z to defray the cost of refreshment, fellowship and dinner during the regular meetings shall be made out of this fund account. The amount payable is the actual receipt during the year towards the Stewards Fund and subsequent receipts out of the arrears of subscription for the Masonic year.</p>	<p>e. Stewards Fund/Refreshment Fund Payments to the M.E.Z to defray the cost of refreshment, fellowship and dinner during the regular meetings shall be made out of this fund account. The amount payable is the actual receipt during the year towards the Stewards Fund and subsequent receipts out of the arrears of subscription for the Masonic year.</p>	No change
6.	Scribe E - Secretary	Scribe E - Secretary	No change
	<p>a. The Scribe E shall be in charge of all Chapter records and books other than the accounts books which are maintained by the Treasurer.</p>	<p>a. The Scribe E shall be in charge of all Chapter records and books other than the accounts books which are maintained by the Treasurer.</p>	
	<p>b. The Scribe E shall be in charge of all the correspondance, issue summons for the meetings, record minutes of the proceedings and maintain all the registers and books that are necessary for the Chapter.</p>	<p>b. The Scribe E shall be in charge of all the correspondance ,issue summons for the meetings, record minutes of the proceedings and maintain all the registers and books that are necessary for the Chapter.</p>	
	<p>c. The Scribe E shall take note of the members coming within the Rule 123 & 155 of the B of C, report to the Chapter and take necessary steps to enforce the above provision.</p>	<p>c. The Scribe E shall take note of the members coming within the Rule 123 & 155 of the B of C, report to the Chapter and take necessary steps to enforce the above provision.</p>	

7	Treasurer	Treasurer	No change
	a. The Treasurer shall maintain such books of accounts as are necessary under rule 128 of B of C.	a. The Treasurer shall maintain such books of accounts as are necessary under rule 128 of B of C.	
	b. All payments exceeding Rs.500/- shall ordinarily be paid by cheque only.	b. All payments exceeding Rs.500/- shall ordinarily be paid by cheque only.	
	c. The Treasurer shall intimate to Scribe E all cases of arrears as per rules 12 and 155 of B of C.	c. The Treasurer shall intimate to Scribe E all cases of arrears as per rules 12 and 155 of B of C.	
8	Accounts	Accounts	
	a. The financial year of the Chapter shall be from April to March. The accounts of the Chapter shall be closed on 31st of March every year.	a. The financial year of the Chapter shall be from April to March. The accounts of the Chapter shall be closed on 31st of March every year.	No change
	b. The Treasurer shall have the annual accounts made for the year and present it to the Audit Committee for their comments and report thereon.	b. The Treasurer shall have the annual accounts made for the year and present it to the Audit Committee for their comments and report thereon.	
	c. The annual accounts together with the Audit Committee report shall be placed before the open Chapter on the Installation meeting for consideration, approval and adoption.	c. The annual accounts together with the Audit Committee report shall be placed before the open Chapter on the Installation meeting for consideration, approval and adoption.	
9	Permanent Committee	Permanent Committee	
	The Permanent Committee shall consist of the Three Principals, past First Principals of and in the Chapter, Scribe E, Treasurer and two Companions elected on the Installation day. The First Principal shall be the Chairman of the committee. The quorum for the Permanent Committee shall be three members.	The Permanent Committee shall consist of the Three Principals, past First Principals of and in the Chapter, Scribe E, Treasurer and two Companions elected on the Installation day. The First Principal shall be the Chairman of the committee. The quorum for the Permanent Committee shall be three members.	No change

10	Audit Committee	Audit Committee	
	A committee shall be appointed annually at the February election meeting to audit the Treasurers books of accounts and to report thereon at the ensuing Installation meeting.	A committee shall be appointed annually at the February election meeting to audit the Treasurers books of accounts and to report thereon at the ensuing Installation meeting.	No change
		The Treasurer and Scribe E shall assist the Audit Committee in preparing the annual report and statement of accounts.	Clause elaborated for clarity.
11.	Alteration to bye-laws	Alteration to bye-laws	No change
	No resolution or alteration in or addition to these Bye-laws shall be introduced or discussed in the Chapter until due notice of the same shall have been given in writing, in the open Chapter at regular Convocation and afterwards circulated with the summons for the next ensuing Convocation unless introduced by the report of the Permanent Committee.	No resolution or alteration in or addition to these Bye-laws shall be introduced or discussed in the Chapter until due notice of the same shall have been given in writing, in the open Chapter at regular Convocation and afterwards circulated with the summons for the next ensuing Convocation unless introduced by the report of the Permanent Committee.	
	All matters not specifically provided by the Royal Arch regulations or these bye-laws shall be decided according to the Book of Constitutions (Craft).	All matters not specifically provided by the Royal Arch regulations or these bye-laws shall be decided according to the Book of Constitutions (Craft).	
12	General	General	
	a. Any meeting/Convocation held at the specific request of any candidate/s for exaltation on any day other than a regular meeting. the cost of the meeting including the hall rent, refreshment, fellowship and dinner shall be borne by such candidate/candidates.	a. Any meeting/Convocation held at the specific request of any candidate/s for exaltation on any day other than a regular meeting. the cost of the meeting including the hall rent, dining hall charges, refreshment, fellowship, dinner and any other allied/incidental expenses shall be borne by the candidate/candidates.	Words "allied /incidental charges" added for clarity.

	<p>b. Any cost incurred by the Chapter towards the reminders for subscription in arrears beyond six months from the date they become due and payable shall be recovered from such members whose subscription is in arrears.</p>	<p>b. Any cost incurred by the Chapter towards the reminders for subscription in arrears beyond six months from the date they become due and payable shall be recovered from such members whose subscription is in arrears.</p>	Existing retained
	<p>c. Every member of the Chapter on his exaltation/ joining shall be presented with a copy of these bye-laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the bye-laws contained therein.</p>	<p>c. Every member of the Chapter on his exaltation/ joining shall be presented with a copy of these bye-laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the bye-laws contained therein.</p>	Existing retained
	<p>d. In the event of any abrogation, amendment or revision of any bye-law or bye-laws the Scribe E shall provide each member with a copy thereof after the approval by the M.E. The Regional Grand Superintendent of the Regional Grand Chapter of Southern India and by the M.E. The First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.</p>	<p>d. In the event of any abrogation, amendment or revision of any bye-law or bye-laws the Scribe E shall provide each member with a copy thereof after the approval by the M.E. The Regional Grand Superintendent of the Regional Grand Chapter of Southern India and by the M.E. The First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.</p>	Existing retained