

Royal Arch Chapter Hyderabad,
No. 58 G.C.I.

Hyderabad-A. P.



Name

Bye-Laws

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Sd. Bhogilal C. Shah

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Sd. M. S. Thacker

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Sd. Khazan Singh

as J.

**THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER
OF
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF INDIA**

To all and every our most Excellent,
Excellent and Loving Companions.

Whereas our Trusted and well Beloved
Companions Rabindra Shanker Gupta, Syed
Raza Ali, Woothramerur Prabhakara Rao Naidu,
Phiroze Pestonji Debara, M. S. Daniels, T. R.
Janardhan, A. N. Rajagopal, G. A. Waheed,
Manik Arke, S. P. Thakur, V. Mahalingam,
S. M. Chhtbar, Muljee Nathoo, S. A. Jafferey,
S. Chellappa, and others have besought us to
empower them to hold a ROYAL ARCH CHAP-
TER for the Cultivation of this Grand and
Universal Science.

NOW WE having duly considered the Premises Do hereby grant unto them this our Chapter of Constitution, with full power for them, their Companions and successors, to open and hold a Chapter of our Order at Freemasons' Hall, **Gosha Mahal Baradari, Hyderabad**, or at such Palace, 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, under the Name and Title of :

THE CHAPTER HYDERABAD NO. 58

On the rolls of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, with such Privileges, Powers and Immunities, as do of Right, belong to regular, established Chapters and Companions of OUR said Most Excellent Order.

AND FUTHER at their said Petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the above named companions WE DO APPOINT the said **Rabindra Shanker Gupta** to be the first **First Principal**, the said **Syed Raza Ali** to be the first **Second Principal** and the said **W. Prabhakara Rao Naidu** to be the first **Third Principal** of the Chapter with full powers to them and their lawfully appointed successors

to admit and exalt Royal Arch Masons according to ancient usage and custom and to perform all acts befitting a Royal Arch Chapter.

PROVIDED always that such acts shall be in conformity to the General Regulations and Ordinances, already, or to be hereafter, enacted by OUR MOST EXCELLENT GRAND AND ROYAL CHAPTER.

GIVEN at NEW DELHI under the seal of our GRAND and ROYAL CHAPTER this Twenty-first Day of December 1964, corresponding to Thirtieth day of Agrahayana, 1886, Saka Era.

P. M. SUNDARAM.
Grand Scribe "E"

SEAL

Petitioning Founder Companions

1. E. Comp. Rabindra Shanker Gupta, P. H.,
1 G. C. I.
2. E. Comp. Syed Raza Ali, A. G. Jeweller,
(G. C. of U. S. R. A. F. in I & P.)
P. Z. 159 S. C.
3. Comp. Woorthamerur Prabhakara Rao
Naidu, Comp., 1 G. C. I.
4. E. Comp. Phiroze Pestonji Debara, P. Z.,
1 G. C. I.
5. E. Comp. Angarai Nataraja Iyer
Rajagopal, P. Z., 1 G. C. I.
6. E. Comp. Tayagadurg Ramu Janardhan,
P.G. Jan., P.R.R.G.D. of C.(S.I.)
P.Z. 1 G. C. I.
7. E. Comp. Syed Ali Jaffery, P.Z 1 G.C.I.
A.G. Recorder (G.C. of U.S.
R.A.F. in I. & P.)
8. E. Comp. Dr. Gulam Ahmed Waheed, Asst.
G.Swd. Br., (G.C. of U.S.R.A.F.
in I. & P.) P. Z. 159 S. C.
9. E. Comp. Samuel Prathap Singh Thakur,
I. P. Z. 1 G. C. I.
10. Comp. Manik Arke, Comp. 1 G. C. I.
11. Comp. S. Chellappa Comp. 13 G.C.I.
12. Comp. Venkatarama Mahalingam,
Comp. 1 G.C.I.

13. Comp. Shantilal Manjibhai Chhatbar,
Comp. 434 S. C.,
14. Comp. Ranvir Lal Ravi, 1 G. C. I.
15. Comp. Vishwanatham Jagadishwar Rao,
Comp. 1 G. C. I.
16. Comp. Mahomedali Karmali Nathani,
Comp. 1 G. C. I.
17. Comp. Cheticad Varkki Varkki,
Comp. 1 G. C. I.
18. E. Comp. Muljee Nathoo, J 1 G. C. I.
19. E. Comp. Major Michael Solomon Daniels,
H. 3249 E. C.

PREFATORY

Royal Arch Chapter Hyderabad was duly constituted under a Chapter or Warrant dated Twenty-first day of December, 1964 and was consecrated on Monday, the Eleventh day of September, 1967, at the Gosha Mahal Baradari Masonic Temple, Hyderabad

by

Most Excellent Companion Bhogilal Chimanlal
Shah, J. P.,

First Grand Principal

Assisted by

E. Comp. B. R. Mullaferoze ...as
Second Principal

E. Comp. M. M. A. Navas	....as <i>Third Principal</i>
E. Comp. C. Santamurti Naidu	....as <i>Scribe E</i>
E. Comp. J. V. Suryanarayana (Vice E. Comp. Dr. C. S. Ramachandran)	....as <i>Scribe N</i>
M. E. Comp. P. M. Sundaram	....as <i>Director of Ceremonies</i>
E. Comp. E. P. B. Manian (Vice E. Comp. M. A. Khambatta)	.... as <i>Principal Sojourner</i>
E. Comp. Premchand	.... as <i>1st Asst. Sojourner</i>
E. Comp. A. V. Charles (Vice E. Comp. M. K. Sridharan)	.... as <i>2nd Asst. Sojourner</i>
E. Comp. M. Rajagopalan (Vice E. Comp. R. Ganesh)	....as <i>Dy. Dir. of Cers.</i>
E. Comp. B. J. Panthaky	....as <i>Janitor.</i>

LIST OF FIRST TEAM OF OFFICERS

1.	E. Comp.	R. S. Gupta	....Z.
2.	„	Syed Raza Aii	....H.
3.	„	W. Prabhakara Rao	Naidu....J.
4.	„	Phiroze P. Debara	....Scribe E.
5.	„	Dr. G. A. Waheed	....Scribe N.
6.	„	A. N. Rajagopal	....Treasurer.
7.	„	T. R. Janardhan	....Dir. of Cers.
8.	„	V. Mahalingam	....Principal Sojourner.
9.	„	Manik Arke	....1st Assistant Sojourner.
10.	„	Shantilal M. Chhatbar	 2nd Assistant Sojourner.
11.	„	Syed Ali Jafferey	....Assistant Dir of Cers.
12.	„	Jagadishwer Rao	....Steward
13.	„	S. Prathap Singh	Thakur....Janitor.

Royal Arch Chapter Hyderabad
No. 58 G. C. I.
HYDERABAD

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.

BY-LAWS

Convocations :

1. The Regular Convocations of the Chapter shall be held at Goshamahal Baradari, Hyderabad, on the Fourth Saturday in the months of March, June, September and December.

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

Members :

3. The Chapter shall consist of (a) Resident (b) Non-resident and (c) Honorary Members.

(a) Resident Members are those who reside within the Municipal limits of Greater Hyderabad and Secunderabad and the limits of the Cantonment areas.

(b) Non-resident Members are those who reside outside the said limits and have applied in writing to the Scribe-E or orally in the open Convocation of the Chapter to be placed on the list of Non-resident Members.

They shall be placed on the list of Non-resident Members from the month following that in which the written Communication is received by the Scribe E or notified orally in the open Convocation of the Chapter.

Non-resident Members shall, immediately they change their residence to a place within the above said limits will automatically become Resident Members.

(c) An Honorary Member is one who is elected as such in accordance with the provisions of Rule 142, B. of Cs. (Craft). He shall be presented with a copy of the Bye-laws of the Chapter, 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 September ; while the Janitor, subject to the provisions of Regulation 52, para 5, Royal Arch Regulaions, 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 December.

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

Admission :

5. The admission of candidates for Exaltations and Joining shall be regulated by the provisions of Regulations 69 to 72, Royal Arch Regulations.

Fees & Subscription :

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

Exaltation	.... Rs. 500-00
Joining	.... Rs. 250-00

Subscription per quarter :-

(a) Resident Members	Rs. 75-00
(b) Non-resident Members	Rs. 30-00

Out of the quarterly subscription of Rs. 75/- paid by the resident Member, a sum of Rs. 45/- shall, however, be credited to the "Stewards Fund" to cover the cost of his Dinner and Rs. 30/- towards General Fund.

Resident absent Members (Ra) who are invalid infirm disabled and/or in Financial distress and unable to attend the convocation of the Chapter shall on application be charged monthly subscription of Rs. 10/- instead of Fee prescribed under Byelaw No. 6 of the Chapter, they shall, however, be charged prescribed Fee of Resident Members for the month/months in which they attend the convocation of the Chapter

7. The Scribe-E and the Janitor may, at their option, be exempt from payment of subscription 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.

A r r e a r s :

11. A member, whose subscription remains unpaid for two quarters, shall not be permitted to vote or submit any proposition to the Chapter or be elected to any office. Nor will he be allowed to propose or second the candidates or take part in any discussion.

12. If any member be in arrears with his subscriptions to the Chapter for four quarters, 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 date thereof, he shall be excluded in accordance with Regulation 75, Royal Arch Regulaions.

Resignation :

13. A member wishing to resign must inform the Scribe-E accordingly in writing or tender such resignation in open Chapter in accordance with Rule 158 B of C. (Craft). He shall be given a Certificate under Regulation 74, Royal Arch Regulations, provided he pays up all his dues.

P r o p e r t y :

14. The property of the Chapter shall be considered as vested in the Three Principals for the time being in trust for the Chapter, and an inventory of the same shall be taken soon after their Installation and entered in the minutes of the Convocation following the inventory and signed by the Three Principals.

D u t i e s o f O f f i c e r s :

S c r i b e - E :

15. The Scribe E shall duly record the minutes of all the Convocations of the Chapter and of Committees under the directions of the First Principal.

He will issue all Summons a clear seven days before each convocation or meeting and conduct the correspondence of the Chapter under the direction of the First Principal.

The Treasurer :

16. The Treasurer will collect all moneys due to the Chapter, make all necessary disbursements when duly passed for payment by the First Principal in charge of the Chapter, and is responsible for the safe Custody of the Chapter Funds. He will pay all sums exceeding Rs. 100/- by cheque and pay all moneys received by him in to the Bank soon thereafter retaining Rs.300/- only for emergencies. He will balance the Chapter Accounts and submit them for audit to the Audit Committee. In the absence of the Treasurer, moneys will be collected by the Scribe-E who will pay over the same to the Treasurer soon thereafter.

The Janitor :

17. The Janitor shall be responsible for the safe custody of the Regalia and equipment of the Chapter, and maintain them in proper condition. He shall prepare the Chapter Rooms for Convocations and in every respect discharge the duties of his office conscientiously and dutifully.

Committees :

Permanent Committee :

18. There will be a Permanent Committee of the Chapter consisting of the Three Principals, Scribes E & N, Treasurer, Principal Soj-

ourner and all the past First Principals who are members of this Chapter. The First Principal or in his absence the senior past Principal present shall preside. The Three Principals may call the Permanent Committee meeting whenever necessary to do so to discuss any matter they deem fit. The Committee will Consider all matters referred to it by the Chapter and the Accounts before the Convocation in December. Three to form a quorum.

Audit Committee

19. The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Chapter who shall be elected annually by the Chapter at the Installation Convocation. The accounts shall be made up to 30th September in each year and shall be presented to the Chapter, duly audited at the regular convocation in December. A copy of the audited accounts shall be sent to all the members with the summons convening the convocation.

20. The First Principal, may, at his discretion, appoint Special Committee(s) for the consideration of special subjects. 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** : Quarterly 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 resolution of the Chapter, of which due notice has 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.

(c) **Stewards Fund** : Non-resident Members partaking the Dinners shall pay for themselves such charges as prescribed in Bye-law No. 6.

Resident Members shall however be exempt from payment of charges for their dinners—vide Bye-law No. 6—but shall pay the prescribed charges for their guests.

Expenditure incurred on entertainment of Chapter guests alone may, when sanctioned by the Chapter, be met from its 'General Funds'.

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.

Bye-laws :

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

25. These Bye-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 Bye-laws or any of them may be 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.

N. B. The "Number" of the Regulations in the Royal Arch Regulations and in the Book of the Constitutions given above are respectively as they appear in the 1963 and 1966 editions of the Royal Arch Regulations, G. C. I., and Book of Constitutions, G. L. I.

Should there be any objection to the introduction of a candidate for Exaltation or a Companion for Joining / Re-Joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to any of the Three Principals or the Scribe E., who may communicate with the proposer and give him an opportunity of withdrawing his candidate.

The above Bye-laws, as approved by the Founders, were passed at the Consecration and

Installation Convocation held on Monday, the Eleventh day of September 1967.

(Sd.) R. S. GUPTA,
First Principal.

(Sd.) SYED RAZA ALI,
Second Principal.

(Sd.) W. PRABHAKAR RAO NAIDU,
Third Principal.

(Sd.) PHIROZE P. DEBARA,
Scribe E.

Approved by M. E. the Grand Superintendent, Regional Grand Chapter of Southern India on the 12th day of September, 1967,

(Sd.) C. A. RAMAKRISHNAN,
Grand Superintendent.
of Regional Grand Chapter of Southern India

Approved by M. E. First Grand Principal

(Sd.) P. M. SUNDARAM,
Grand Scribe E.

New Delhi,
13th September, 1967.

Approved by M. E. First Grand Principal
(Sd.) N. L. DUGGAL,
Grand Scribe E.

New Delhi,
22nd February, 1995.