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The By-laws
of
Chapter Concord
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FOUNDER MEMBERS

E. Comp G.K. Devarajulu

E. Comp Hon'ble Justice T. Ramaprasada Rao

E. Comp. Hon'ble Justice S. Natarajan

E. Comp. T.V.N. Viswanathan

E. Comp. V.G. Rajah

Comp. N.R. Doraiswami

Comp. S. Srinivasan

Comp. V. Lakshmikanthan

Comp. K. M. Santhanagopalan

E. Comp. V.P.M. Govinda Das

Comp. V.M.C. Srinivasan

Comp. G. Ramaswami

Comp. M.R. Venkataraman

Comp. T.K. Shanmuganandam

Comp. Dr. K.M. Nallaswami

Comp. S. Kalyanam

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Date of Charter	... 5th day of September 1973
Date of Consecrations	... 27th October 1973
Regular Convocations	... 1st Monday in March, June, September and December
Emergent Convocation	... On the summons of the First Principal

Regular Convocations :

1. The Regular Convocations of the Chapter shall be held at Freemasons' Hall at 232 Race Course, Coimbatore - 641 018. On the 1st Monday in March, June, September and December, at such time as the principal may fix from time to time.

Election of Officers :

2. The officers shall be elected annually by ballot in the month of September and shall be installed and invested at the next succeeding Convocation of the Chapter. The Janitor shall be elected by show of hands. Companions may empower the Principals elect, to appoint the rest of officers under R.A. Regulations 52.

Emergent Convocations :

3. A Chapter of Emergency may be called by summons of the principal or the other two Principals with the concurrence of the First Principal, if present, and seven clear days notice shall be given of every Chapter of Emergency. The reason for convening such meeting shall be stated in the summons and no other business shall be transacted.

Proposing Candidates :

4. Candidates for Exaltation and Companions desirous of being admitted as members of this Chapter shall submit an application in the form approved by the Supreme Grand Chapter of India and must be duly proposed and seconded at a Regular Convocation or by notice in writing transmitted to Scribe E at least 14 days before the next Regular Convocation.

4. (a) All applications for exaltation and joining shall first be placed before the Permanent committee for recommendation and thereafter will be included in the summons for the next Convocation or Chapter of Emergency when the decision of the Members shall be declared. Two opposing votes or black balls will negative the proposal.

Exaltation and joining fees :

5. The fees to be paid for exaltation including Grand Chapter Registry and Certificate and also for joining shall be as follows :-

Exaltation fees Rs. 200/-

joining fee Rs.100/-

In case of Companions joining from a recognised sister constitution, an additional payment of Rs.10/- will be required.

Membership and Subscription :

6. Every companion should pay a subscription of Rs.150/- and steward fund of Rs.150, totally Rs.300/- per year. The subscription shall be paid in advance. No companion shall be entitled to vote or to be elected or appointed to any office if he has failed to pay his subscription for more than one year. If a Companion is in arrears for two full years and does not pay up when called upon by the Scribe E, he shall be excluded in accordance with Article 75 of the Royal Arch Regulations of the Grand Chapter of India. The Scribe E and Janitor may be exempted from payment of subscription. The Janitor, if he is a serving Companion shall be paid such remuneration as shall be decided by the Chapter from time to time, for each Convocation of the Chapter.

The Chapter is at liberty to elect at a regular convocation Companions of eminence who have rendered valuable service to royal Arch Masonry in general or Chapter Concord No.72 G.C.I. in particular as Honorary Companions who are exempted from the payment of subscription.

Permanent Committee :

7. There shall be a Permanent committee composed of the three Principals, the Scribes, the Treasurer and the D of C of the Chapter. The duties of the permanent committee shall be to consider the applications of candidates/ Companions for exaltation and joining, check the accounts of the Chapter and present annually at the Installation Convocation, a report of the working of the Chapter for the previous year and to consider all other matter the Chapter may refer to the Committee

Treasurer and accounts :

8. The Treasurer with the assistance of the Scribe E shall receive all moneys and settle accounts of the Chapter. An Annual Audited Financial Statement of the Chapter shall be drawn up at the close of every year as on the last day in October by an Audit Committee, appointed at the election meeting of the Chapter. The Audit Committee, shall consist of two Companions, who are not members of the Permanent Committee. All the moneys of the Chapter shall be deposited in a Scheduled Bank in the name of the Chapter. The account of the Chapter shall be operated by the Treasurer.

All payments over Rs.25/- shall be generally made by cheques.

Withdrawals :

9. Any companion wishing to resign must do so by a letter addressed to be Principals or Scribe E.

By laws :

10. The By-laws of the Chapter shall be read once in a year at the convocation of the Chapter. Every Companion on becoming a member of the Chapter shall be presented with a copy of these by-laws.

No alteration or addition to these By-laws shall be made unless notice is given in writing in open Chapter at a Regular Convocation and the same is included in the Agenda of the next Convocation after being duly approved by the Permanent Committee.

All matters not especially provided for by these By-laws shall be decided according to the rules and regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

(Sd.) G.K. Devarajulu
First Principal

(Sd.) T. Ramaprasada Rao
Second Principal

(Sd.) N.R. Doraiswami
Scribe E

(Sd.) V.G. Rajah
Third Principal

Approved by M.E. Grand Superintendent

Madras
March 5, 1974

(Sd.) K. Veeraswamy
Grand Superintendent

Approved by M.E. First Grand principal

New Delhi
March 22, 1974

(Sd.) P.M. Sundaram
Grand Scribe E