

CHAPTER JUSTITIA

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PREAMBLE

We, the Principals and Companions of the Royal Arch Chapter 'Justitia' No. 65, G.C.I. with a view to preserve harmony, have thought proper to establish and subscribe to the following Rules and Regulations.

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Except for the Founder Members, Brethren who belong to legal profession or have held or hold judicial offices or have been or are Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries in the Law and legislature Departments of State or Central Government or who hold a Degree in Law are eligible to become Members of the Chapter but the Chapter can decide to admit other eminent and distinguished Brethren who do not belong to the aforesaid categories, at its discretion.

REGULAR CONVOCATIONS

1. The Regular Convocations of the Chapter shall be held on the First Saturdays in the months of April, August and December at the Freemasons' Hall Commander-in-Chief Road, Egmore, Madras, at 6 30 p m. or at such time as the First Principal or Principal in charge of the Chapter may appoint.

EMERGENT CONVOCATIONS

2. Emergent Convocations may be convened by the First Principal, or, in his absence, by the Principal-in-charge of the Chapter.

Notice of every Emergent Convocation shall be issued at least seven clear days before such Convocation the business for the Emergent Convocation must be stated on Summons and no other business shall be transacted.

Any candidate on whose account an Emergency Convocation is held, shall pay the expenses incurred for such Convocations.

Any candidate or member on whose account a Dispensation is obtained, shall pay the expenses incurred for such Dispensation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3. The Principals and the Officers shall be elected at the Regular Convocation in December and shall be installed and invested at the Regular Convocation in April.

DUTIES OF SCRIBE E:

4. The Scribe E. shall conduct the general correspondence, issue Summons for all Convocations at least seven clear days before each convocation, record Minutes of the Proceedings and keep the Register of Members. He shall also preserve all records, and keep an account of all moneys passing through his hands. The Scribe E. shall be ex-officio Secretary for all committees of the Chapter.

DUTIES OF TREASURER

5. The Treasurer shall 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 shall be responsible for the safe custody of the Chapter funds. He shall pay all sums exceeding Rs. 10/- by cheque and deposit all monies received by him into the Bank soon thereafter retaining

Rs. 25/- only for emergencies. He shall balance the Chapter Accounts and submit them for audit to the Audit Committee. In the absence of the Treasurer, monies shall be collected by the Scribe E. who shall pay over the same to the Treasurer soon thereafter.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

6. (a) There shall be a permanent Committee of the Chapter consisting of 3 Principals, the Treasurer and Scribe E and 4 members elected at the installation Convocation. Three members shall form a quorum.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

(b) The Audit Committee shall consist of all the members of the Perma-

gent Committee and 2 members of the Chapter who shall be elected annually by the Chapter at the Regular Convocation in December. The accounts

shall be made upto the end of 31st December in each year and shall be presented to the Chapter duly audited at the Regular Convocation in April. A copy of the audited Accounts shall be sent to all the members with the Summons convening the Convocation.

(c) The First Principal, may, at his discretion, appoint a special Committee for the consideration of special subjects. Such Committees shall consist of at least 3 members besides the 3 Principals, and the Scribe E. of the Chapter. 3 shall form a quorum.

CANDIDATES FOR EXALTATION OR JOINING

7. A Candidate for admission in this Chapter must be duly proposed, seconded and balloted, for no one shall be balloted for until he has paid his fees, signed the prescribed form and produced the certificates referred to in

Rules 70 and 71 of Royal Arch Regulations. No one shall be admitted if on the ballot there appears more than two black balls against him and any one rejected shall not be again proposed and ballotted for until six months have elapsed from the date of his rejection

8. The proposition may be made and seconded either at a Regular Convocation or by notice in writing transmitted by the Proposer to the Scribe E. at least fourteen days before the next Regular Convocation but no ballot can take place unless the name of the Brother proposed, with his occupation and place of abode, as well as the name of his Proposer and Seconder and the name and Number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member, or, in the case of a Joining Member the name and number of the Chapter of which he is or was last a member shall have appeared on the Summons to the members of the Chapter, and shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 69 to 73 of the Royal Arch Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

EXALTATION AND JOINING FEES

9. The following are fees of the Chapter strictly payable in advance in all cases :

Exaltation fee	Rs. 75/-
Fee for joining from a Chapter not under the Indian Constitution.	Rs. 50-00
Joining fee	Rs. 30-00
Re-Joining fee	Rs. 25-00
Subscription for Membership for each quarter	Rs. 12-50

Note: A Member Exalted or joining in any month of any quarter shall pay his subscription for the entire quarter, the quarters comprising of January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December.

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

ARREARS

10. (a) A Member, whose subscription remains unpaid for six months, shall not be permitted to vote or submit any proposition to the Chapter or be elected to any office. Nor shall he be allowed to propose or second the candidates.

(b) If any member is in arrears of subscription 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 date he shall be excluded in accordance with Rule 75 R.A. Regulations.

RESIGNATIONS

11. Any member wishing to resign, must do so in open Chapter or by letter addressed to the Scribe E. when his dues being fully paid up he shall be furnished with a cleatance certificate.

PROPOSITION ETC.

12. No proposition or motion shall be entertained, unless it be duly pro-

posed by one member and seconded by another. Every proposition shall be determined by the majority of votes of Companions present and voting. In case where the votes are equal, the residing Z. shall have a casting vote.

13. No motion shall be brought forward for consideration, of which notice has not been given at the previous Regular Convocation or in writing to Scribe E in time to be circulated with the Summons for the Convocation

PROPERTY

14. Such Furniture, Regalia, etc. as may be the property of the Chapter, shall be and are hereby vested in the three Principals for the time being in trust for the sole use and benefit of the Companions. An inventory of such property shall be recorded in a book kept for that purpose which after examination, shall be signed by the three Principals at, or as soon as practicable after, the Chapter, meeting in April of each year.

BY-LAWS

15. No resolution, for alteration or addition to these By-Laws shall be introduced or discussed in the Chapter until notice of the same shall have been given in writing in open Chapter at a Regular Convocation, and afterwards circulated with the Summons for the next ensuing Regular Convocation. All such alterations must be passed at one Convocation, be confirmed at the next Regular Convocation and receive the approval of the Grand Superintendent and the First Grand Principal.

16. All matters not especially provided for by the Royal Arch Regulations, or these By-Laws shall be decided according to the General Constitutional Laws of Craft Masonry.

The By-Laws shall be inscribed in the Minute Book. Moreover they shall be printed and every Companion provided with a copy of the same.

Adopted at the Consecration Convocation held on 11th March, 1969.

(Sd.) K. VEERASWAMY,
M.E.Z.

(Sd.) T. RAMAPRASADA RAO,
H.

(Sd.) C. SANTAMURTI NAIDU,
J.

(Sd.) R. KRISHNAMOORTHY,
Scribe E.

Approved by M.E. Grand Superintendent of Southern India.

MADRAS (Sd.) (C. A. RAMAKRISHNAN
12th Mar., 69 Grand Superintendent.

Approved by M.E. First Grand Principal.

MADRAS (Sd.) (P. M. SUNDARAM)
12th March 69 Grand Scribe E.

