



BY-LAWS

OF

REGIONAL GRAND
CHAPTER

OF

NORTHERN INDIA

2020

PREAMBLE

Whereas under the Constitution and Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, the Regional Grand Chapter has the power of framing and revising Bye-Laws, for its own government, and Regulations to be observed by the Daughter Chapters and Companions in the Region, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the Landmarks and Constitution of the Order, the following Bye-Laws approved by M.E. The Grand Superintendent and by M.E. The First Grand Principal, shall be binding on all Chapters and Companions under the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, in the Regional Grand Chapter of Northern India.

(By Order)
T.N. SAKLANI,
Regional Grand Scribe "E"

Place : New Delhi,
Dated : 14th December, 1963

Bye-Laws

of Regional Grand Chapter of Northern India

Authority

1. The Regional Grand Chapter of Northern India meets under Grand Superintendent, duly authorised and appointed by M.E. The First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India.

Territorial

2. At present, and subject to any **Jurisdiction** exercise by M.E. the First Grand Principal of his powers under Rule 25, Royal Arch Regulations, the territorial jurisdiction of the Regional Grand Chapter extends over the whole of Delhi, the States of Rajasthan and Punjab, west U.P., Himachal Pradesh, Utrakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Nepal. All Royal Arch Chapters meeting within this area under and constituted by Charters from the Supreme Grand Chapter of India shall be within the jurisdiction of the Regional Grand Chapter.
3. The Office of the Regional Grand Chapter of Northern India will be situated and function at Freemasons' Hall, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001.

Officers and Members

4. The Public interests of the ROYAL ARCH in this Region are managed by a general representation of all Private Chapters within the Region holding their Charter under

the Royal Arch Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India, together with the present and past Regional Grand Officers, being subscribing members of a Chapter within the Region, with the Grand Superintendent as their head. The collective body is styled the Regional Grand Chapter of Northern India and its members rank in the following order :-

1. Grand Superintendent.
2. Past Grand Superintendents.
3. Second Regional Grand Principal.
4. Past Second Regional Grand Principals.
5. Third Regional Grand Principal.
6. Past Third Regional Grand Principals.
7. Regional Grand Scribe E.
8. Past Regional Grand Scribes E.
9. Regional Grand Scribe N.
10. Past Regional Grand Scribes N.
11. President, Regional Committee of General Purposes.
12. Past Presidents, Regional Committee of General Purposes.
13. Regional Grand Treasurer.
14. Past Regional Grand Treasurers.
15. Regional Grand Registrar.
16. Past Regional Grand Registrars.
17. Deputy Regional Grand Registrar.
18. Past Deputy Regional Grand Registrars.
19. Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies.
20. Past Regional Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
21. Principal Regional Grand Sojourner.
22. Past Principal Regional Grand Sojourners.
23. First Assistant Regional Grand Sojourner.
24. Past First Assistant Regional Grand Sojourners.
25. Second Assistant Regional Grand Sojourner.

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26. Past Second Assistant Regional Grand Sojourners.
 27. Regional Grand Sword Bearer.
 28. Past Regional Grand Sword Bearers.
 29. Deputy Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 30. Past Deputy Regional Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
 31. Assistant Regional Grand Scribe E.
 32. Past Assistant Regional Grand Scribes E.
 33. Deputy Regional Grand Sword Bearer.
 34. Past Deputy Regional Grand Sword Bearers.
 35. Regional Grand Standard Bearer.
 36. Past Regional Grand Standard Bearers.
 37. Assistant Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies.
 38. Past Assistant Regional Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
 39. Regional Grand Organist.
 40. Past Regional Grand Organists.
 41. Regional Grand Steward.
 42. Past Regional Grand Stewards.
 43. Regional Grand Jantior.
 44. Past Regional Grand Janitors.
 45. The three Principals of daughter Chapters.
 46. Past First Principals of daughter Chapters.

Convocations

5. The Annual Convocation of the Regional Grand Chapter shall be held in the first half of the Calender Year along with the Annual Meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge.

Half Yearly or Special Convocations of the Regional Grand Chapter or Area Convocations of Chapters in different areas of the Region may he held at the discretion of M.E. The Grand Superintendent, or in his absence, the Regional Grand Officer-in-Charge of the Region for the time being.

Appointment of Officers

6. The Regional Grand Officers, shall be appointed annually by the Grand Superintendent.

Vacancies in Regular Offices

7. If any office in the Regional Grand Chapter be rendered vacant at any time, the Grand Superintendent may at once fill such vacancy by the appointment of some other Companion who shall from the date of his appointment take rank in the same manner as if he had been appointed at an Annual Convocation, and the report of such an appointment shall be entered in the minutes of the following Regional Grand Chapter convocation.

Fees of Honour

8. The following shall be the scale of Fees of Honour to be paid before appointment to any of the offices (Present or Past) severally specified below :-

Second Regional Grand Principal	5000/-
Third Regional Grand Principal	4000/-
Regional Grand Scribe'E'	3500/-
Regional Grand Scribe'N'	3300/-
Pres. Regional Committee of G.P.	3000/-
Regional Grand Treasurer	2800/-
Regional Grand Registrar	2600/-
Dy. Regional Grand Registrar	2400/-
Regional Grand Dir. of Ceremonies	2200/-
Principal Regional Grand Sojourner	2000/-
1st Asstt. Regional Grand Sojourner	1800/-
2nd Asstt. Regional Grand Sojourner	1600/-
Regional Grand Sword Bearer	1400/-

Dy. Regional Grand Dir. of Ceremonies	1200/-
Asstt. Regional Grand Scribe 'E'	1000/-
Dy. Regional Grand Sword Bearer	1000/-
Regional Grand Standard Bearer	900/-
Asstt. Regional Grand Dir. of Ceremonies	800/-
Regional Grand Organist	600/-
Regional Grand Steward	500/-
Regional Grand Janitor	400/-

Officer's Subscription

- 8 A (a) Regional Grand Chapter Officers on conferring the first Past or Active Rank shall pay a subscription of Rs. 400/- as life members subscription. (Non Refundable)

All other Past Regional Grand Chapter Officers and all other Past & Reigning First Principals of daughter Chapters shall pay a subscription of Rs. 20/- each year. The Annual subscription of Rs. 20/- shall be recovered (i) through the Chapter of which the officer is a subscribing member and is considered for Regional Ranks; (ii) if not holding Regional Rank through the Chapter in which the Officer was installed as First Principal, (iii) And if the officer ceases to be a subscribing member of the Chapter in which he was installed as First Principal, then through the Chapter opted by him. The Annual subscription shall be remitted by the Chapter along with the dues payable in the Half Yearly Return for the period ending 30th June every year.

- (b) Reigning 1st.Principal, 2nd.Principal and 3rd.Principal of daughter Chapters shall pay Rs.100/- as yearly subscription. This fee shall be paid by the daughter chapter along with installation return.

9. A Regional Grand Officer who has once paid a fee of

honour shall not be liable for further payment unless he be promoted to a higher grade, when he shall pay the difference between the amount leviable and such an amount or amounts as he may have paid a fee of honour on previous appointment or appointment to Regional Grand Rank.

Annual Installation of Officers Return

10. Each Chapter shall, as soon as may *be* practicable, and within thirty days after the Annual Installation of its Officers furnish the Regional Grand Scribe E with a list of the Officers, Past First Principals of the Chapter and such other Members as are entitled to membership of the Regional Grand Chapter.
11. No Companion shall be permitted to attend Regional Grand Chapter, except as a visitor, unless his name shall have been communicated to the Regional Grand Scribe E, either in the last Annual Return of Officers, or subsequently.
12. Changes that may occur during the year in the list referred in Bye-law No. 9 shall be reported immediately to the Regional Grand Scribe E.

COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Constitution

13. The Regional Committee of General Purposes shall consist of the following :—

The President, appointed annually by the Grand Superintendent, Six Ex-Officio Members, namely :—

The Grand Superintendent.
The Second Regional Grand Principal.
The Third Regional Grand Principal.
The Regional Grand Scribe E.
The Regional Grand Treasurer.
The Regional Grand Registrar.

Four members appointed by M.E. the Grand Superintendent and four Members Elected by the Daughter Chapters.

14. The Committee may elect one of its members to be Vice-President.

Members

15. (a) The Committee shall meet once every year in conjunction with the Annual Convocation. Other meetings may be called by the President at his discretion for despatch of business.

(b) Five members shall form a quorum and proceed to business. All questions shall be decided by a majority of votes, the Presiding Companion, in the case of equality, having a second or casting vote.

(c) The Property, Funds and affairs of the Regional Grand Chapter shall be under the immediate control and direction of the Committee.

(d) The Committee may recommend or report to the Regional Grand Chapter whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the welfare and good government of the Royal Arch, and may originate plans for the better regulation of the Regional Grand Chapter and the

arrangement of its general transactions.

(e) Any special matter referred to the Committee for investigation or disposal by the Grand Superintendent or by the Regional Grand Chapter shall take precedence of all other business.

Regional Grand Treasurer

16. The Regional Grand Treasurer shall submit his accounts made up to the last day of March in each year to the Regional Grand Scribe *E*, after they have been audited for circulation to the Members of the Committee of General Purposes.

Audit

17. (a) The accounts shall be audited once in each year by the professional Auditor elected by the Regional Grand Lodge, if a Royal Arch mason. If he is not, the Regional Grand Chapter shall elect a professional auditor who must be a member of the Order. Such accounts must be produced at the Annual Convocation of the Regional Grand Chapter situated at Freemasons' Hall, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001

(b) A printed copy of the audited accounts shall be sent to the Scribe *E* of every Chapter in the Region, seven days at least before holding the Annual Convocation.

Returns

18. The Returns of Chapters to Regional Grand Chapter shall be rendered yearly. This Return shall be made up to 31st December every year. The returns shall be forward together

with all fees, and dues thereon shown to be payable, to the Regional Grand Scribe E, not later than the 31st.January.

19. The Returns shall be submitted in such Form or Forms as may from time to time be issued by the Regional Grand Chapter, and all particulars and information asked for on the forms shall be strictly and accurately rendered.

Summons

20. It shall be the duty of the First Principal, or Officer in Charge of every Chapter within the Region, to cause a copy of every Summons for all Regular or Emergency Convocations to be sent to the following Regional Grand Officers :—

M.E. The Grand Superintendent.
The Second and Third Regional Grand Principals.
The Regional Grand Scribe E.

Installation

21. The Installation Return of every Chapter within the Region shall be submitted to the Regional Grand Scribe E., immediately after the Installation Convocation.

Submission of Report and Accounts

22. Each Chapter once in every year with in three months from the close of its accounting year shall submit annual accounts and get approved in open Chapter after the same being audited and immediately submit a copy of the same to the Regional Grand Scribe 'E'.

23. The following shall be the fees and dues to be paid to the

funds of Regional Grand Chapter:

	Rs.
For each Companion exalted	80/-
For each Companion joining	40/-
For each Companion joining from other Constitution	50/-
Capitation fee for each Companion Annually.	30/-
For registering a New Chapter	200/-
Registration of Bye-Laws	80/-
Registration of amendments to Bye-Laws	50/-

24. The following shall be the scale of fees for Dispensations which shall in every case, be payable strictly in advance :

Dispensation to exalt extra Companion	Rs. 100/- per Candidate
All other Dispensations (each)	Rs. 100/-

General

25. In all matters not herein specially provided for, Regional Grand Chapter shall be governed by the General Regulation, practice and procedure of the Supreme Grand Chapter of India and the Bye-Laws of the Regional Grand Lodge of Northern India so far as they may be applicable to Royal Arch Masonry.
26. No alternation, amendment, addition to or repeal of any part of these Bye-Laws shall be permitted until notice of motion specifying such alteration, amendment, addition to or repeal shall have been given in writing to the Regional Grand Scribe E. at least 8 weeks before the date of Convocation of Regional Grand Chapter. The notice shall

then be inserted by the Regional Grand Scribe E. in the Agenda for that Convocation and if carried by the majority of members of Regional Grand Chapter then present, such alteration, amendment, addition or repeal shall take effect, if and when approved by the Grand Superintendent and Most Excellent The First Grand Principal.

27. There shall be a Council of Past Preceptors of which Grand Superintendent will be the chairman and 2nd. Regional Grand Principal will be the Vice Chairman and all the past preceptors shall be its members. The Scribe 'E' shall be elected every year by the Council. The Council will have the powers to regulate all the Chapters of Instructions within the Region including Roving Chapters of Instructions and also nominate preceptors of these Chapters.

Adopted by the Regional Grand Chapter on
14th December, 1963

New Delhi Approved by M.E. The Grand Superintendent
14-12-63

T.N. Saklani
R.G. Scribe E.

Approved by M. E. The First Grand Principal

26-12-1963
26-3-65.

P.M. SUNDARAM
Grand Scribe E.

Bye-Laws amended upto 31st May, 1990, approved by
M.E. The Grand Superintendent and M.E. The First Grand
Principal.

J.N. JOLLY,
Officer on Special Duty

By-Laws amended upto 31st May, 2002 approved by M.E.
The Grand Superintendent and M.E. The First Grand Principal.

**Bye Laws amended upto 1st.March 2020, approved by
M.E.The Grand Superintendent and M.E.The First Grand
Principal.**

Ashok Sharma

Regional Grand Scribe 'E'