

BYE-LAWS

OF THE

LANKA ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

No. 107.

UNDER THE

Grand Charter of Ireland.

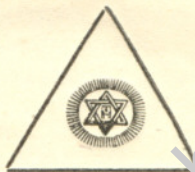
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B Y E - L A W S  
O F T H E  
LANKA ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,

ATTACHED TO THE  
SPHINX LODGE,

No. 107, I. C.

COLOMBO, CEYLON.

1. The regular Quarterly Convocations of this Chapter shall be held on the 1st Wednesdays in the months of February, May, August, and November, in each year, at the place of Meeting of the Sphinx Lodge, No. 107, I. C. *Place and date of meeting.*

2. The 1st Principal may convene Chapters of Emergency when necessary. The particular reason for assembly shall be expressed in the Summons and no other Business transacted on that occasion.

3. The Fee for Exaltation to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason shall be £5 5s. for Members of the Sphinx Lodge, and £6. 6s. for Brothers of other Lodges, which sums shall include the fee for Registration in the Grand Chapter, and cost of Royal Arch Certificate. *Fees and Dues.*

4. The Dues shall be £1 per annum, payable in advance.

5. The Fee for Affiliation of a Royal Arch Mason hailing under the Irish Constitution shall be £2. 10s., which sum shall include Grand Chapter Registration and Royal Arch Certificate.

6. The Fee for Affiliation of Royal Arch Mason of a Foreign Constitution shall be £3. which sum shall include his Grand Chapter Transfer Fee, Registration, and Royal Arch Certificate.

7. Any Member of this Chapter who shall have allowed his Fees or Dues to fall into arrears for six months shall, after being summoned, be liable on the non-payment of them, to be excluded, and have his name struck off the Roll of the Companions, and thereupon be reported to the Grand Chapter. *Arrears.*

8. Such Companions will not be allowed to return to the Chapter without having paid all arrears due to date.

9. Any Companion of this Chapter, non-resident in the Island, who may be desirous of retaining his name on the Chapter Books, may do so by an annual payment of Half-Dues. *Members non-resident in Ceylon.*

*Proposal of  
Candidate.*

10. Every Candidate for Exaltation—who must be a subscribing member of a Craft Lodge at the time of proposal—shall be proposed and seconded in open Chapter. The Companion who proposes his name shall furnish the Registrar with all information according to the following form :—

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Name in full,  
Profession,  
Residence,  
In what Lodge Raised,  
When raised,  
Of what Lodge now a Member,  
Proposed by,  
Seconded by,

TO THE REGISTRAR OF

THE LANKA R. A. CHAPTER, No. 107, I, C.

*Dear Sir and Brother.*—Having been duly raised to the high and sublime Degree of Master Mason for more than 6 months, I beg you will submit to the Most Excellent and the Excellent Principals, and Companions of the Chapter, this my humble request to be exalted to the Degree of P. M. Mason, should I be deemed worthy of that mark of their confidence.

Signature of Candidate.

11. The Companion who proposes a Candidate shall be responsible for the sum of £10s. to cover any expense the Chapter may incur, should a time be fixed for the exaltation of the Candidate and he not appear according to summons.

*Joining of  
Members.*

12. A similar course shall be followed in proposing any R. A. M. desirous of becoming a Member of the Chapter and the following Petition is to be signed :—

*To the Most Excellent and the Excellent Principals, and Companions of  
the Lanka R. A. Chapter, No. 107 of Ireland.*

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I  
being a P. M. Mason do declare that I was duly exalted in the R. A.  
Chapter  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of  
and that I am now a subscribing Member of Lodge  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ that I am in good standing as a Mason, and that I am  
desirous of becoming a Member of this Chapter, and will cheerfully  
conform to all its Bye-Laws and Regulations.

Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. L. 58  
Witnessed and recommended by

*Ballotting.*

13. The Ballotting for a Candidate must be unanimous and shall not take place without the production, in open Chapter, of his Grand Lodge Certificate, or, if a joining Companion, without his Grand Chapter Certificate, or the want of the same solemnly accounted for to the satisfaction of the Companions present.

14. No rejected candidate shall be re-proposed until after the expiration of six months.



15. Seven days' notice in writing, in open Chapter, shall be given of all motions upon matters to be brought before the Chapter, except such as, in the unanimous opinion of the Companions present, are of an immediately urgent nature.

*Motions.*

16. All motions must be duly seconded.

17. No Companion shall be allowed to address the Chapter more than once on any matter under discussion, except the mover in reply, and the 1st Principal, but any Companion may again speak by way of explanation or when called upon by the 1st Principal.

18. Any Companion may rise to order. No motion on a new subject shall be made after 11 o'clock at night unless by the unanimous consent of the Companions.

19. The election of Principals shall take place at the regular convocation held in August. In the event of the Chapter disapproving of the 2nd Principal becoming 1st Principal, it will proceed to elect to that office a Companion, who must be either the Actual or Past Master of a Lodge.

*Election of  
Principals*

20. The election shall be conducted as follows:— Each Companion present shall write the name of the Companion he proposes on a slip of paper and place it in the Ballot Box. The M. E. shall then examine the votes and announce to the Chapter the result of the Ballot. The Companion who obtains the majority of votes shall be elected.

21. The Officers of the Chapter shall be elected by the Chapter at the regular convocation in August. In case of the absence of the 1st Principal his immediate predecessor shall preside, or in his absence the senior Past 1st Principal present. A past 1st Principal only can preside.

*Election of  
Officers.*

22. Any Companion of this Chapter having paid his Dues and being desirous of withdrawing, shall make application at a regular convocation, either personally or in writing, for a certificate, which, if he be in good standing, shall then be granted by the Chapter as follows:—

*Withdrawal  
of Members.*

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Colombo, Ceylon.

This is to certify that the Companion who has written his name in the margin hereof, this day retired in good standing from the membership of the Lanka Chapter, No. 107, on the Registry of the Grand Chapter of Ireland, at the Town of Colombo, in the Island of Ceylon, and that his dues are fully paid.

In testimony whereof we hereunto sign our names and affix the seal of the Chapter, at the said Town of Colombo, this                      day of                      A. L. 58—

Most Excellent 1st Principal.

Registrar.



*Attendance  
of Officers.*

23. As great inconvenience necessarily arises from the absence of the Officers of the Chapter, it is expected that all Officers punctually attend every Chapter night, and should any of them be unavoidably prevented from being present, notice must be given to the Registrar of the name of a Companion whom they have engaged to act for them at convocation.

*Furniture of  
the Chapter.*

24. All furniture, books, and other property of the Chapter shall be considered as vested in the three Principals for the time being, in trust for themselves and the Companions of the Chapter.

25. A regular Inventory of the whole shall be entered in a book kept for that purpose and examined and vouched for by the Royal Arch Captain.

*Accounts,  
&c.*

26. The Treasurer's accounts shall be produced when called for at any regular convocation, and shall be audited by a Committee of three Companions, to be elected by the Chapter, who shall make their report at the regular convocation in August.

*Charity.*

27. The three Principals shall jointly have a power to bestow temporary relief, not exceeding £5, to distressed Companions whose cases require immediate help.

*Honorary  
Members.*

28. Honorary Members may be admitted by the unanimous vote of the Chapter, they shall not be charged with any Fees or Dues, and shall not vote.

*Alteration  
of Bye-Laws*

29. The M. E. 1st Principal, the Excellent Principals, Officers, and Companions of the Chapter, shall have power to amend or add to these Laws and Regulations, as may seem advisable for the welfare of the Chapter, but one month's previous notice must be given in open Chapter of any proposition to that effect, and such amendments or additions, if carried by a majority, must remain in abeyance until approved of by the Grand Chapter.

30. A book of the Bye-Laws shall be kept by the Registrar to be signed by every Companion now a member of the Chapter, and every Brother or Companion who may hereafter be exalted or affiliated.

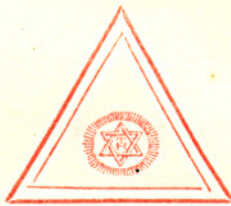
31. These Bye-Laws shall come into operation on the day on which the confirmation thereof by the Grand Chapter of Ireland, shall be announced by the Most Excellent the 1st Principal in open Chapter.

Passed in open Chapter the 28th day of February, 1865.

STEPHEN W. RAINS,  
Most Excellent 1st Principal.

J. MAITLAND,  
Registrar.

Freemasons' Hall,  
Colombo, Ceylon.



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NO. 107, I. C.

Colombo, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 1872.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION,

*An Emergency Convocation of this Chapter will be held on Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> Instant at half-past eight p.m., punctually at which your attendance is particularly requested.*

*By Command of the M.E.K.*

J. D. SELLAR,

*Registrar.*

[P.T.O.]



*Comptroler of the Lodge*  
*18th Dec 1881*

Business.

BALLOT.

Candidate.	Proposed by	Seconded by
David McIntosh. M. M. Leinster 115 I.C.	Compn. Guthrie.	Compn. Sellar.

To Install the M. E. 1st Principal and Officers.

To collect Fees and Dues.

Amount Rs. \_\_\_\_\_

Companion \_\_\_\_\_

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Comps Morgan C. of H.  
" Lellan S. of I.  
" Rosemabeoga R. of C.  
" Ludlens Capt. S. V.  
" Watkins " P. V.  
" Ludlow " B. V.  
" Ferdinands Treasurer  
" Jackson Registrar  
" Shankland Janitor.