



**BYE-LAWS OF
DAKSHIN R.A.M. COMMANDERS'
LODGE NO. 100**



PREFACE TO THE 2013 EDITION

The Bye-Laws of Dakshin RAM Commanders Lodge No.100 were last printed at the time of Consecration of the RAM Lodge in 2002.

In the years since the last printing of the Bye-Laws, which had some typographical errors, the stock of available copies of the same were exhausted. It was thus imperative to re-print these Bye-Laws incorporating the necessary corrections. This 2013 edition of the Bye-Laws incorporates them all.

I hope that the members of Dakshin RAM Masters Lodge No.100 will find this edition useful.

Chennai

28th July 2013

V.W. Bro. BHARAT V. EPUR

Worshipful Commander Noah

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OF
DAKSHIN R.A.M. COMMANDERS' LODGE NO. 100

Under the authority granted by The Grand Mark Lodge of India, a Lodge of Commander Noahs of RAM Lodges under the name and style of DAKSHIN RAM COMMANDER NOAHS No. 100 LODGE shall be held by rotation at the Freemasons' Hall, Chennai, Freemasons' Hall, Bangalore, Goshal Mahal Baradari, Hyderabad or St. John's Hall, Secunderabad, Freemasons' Hall, Trivandrum or at any other venue or place as may be decided by the RAM Lodge and by dispensation from the R. W. The Regional Grand Mark Master of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India.

1. Membership:

Membership consists of present WCN or past WCNs of any RAM Lodge.

The Membership shall consist of two classes.

- (i) Subscribing Members,
- (ii) Honorary Members

Honorary Members are those who are elected as such by the Lodge having regard to the good service done by them to the RAM Degree and the Order.

2. Meetings:

- (a) Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held on the THIRD SUNDAYS of MARCH, JULY and NOVEMBER

at such time as may be directed by Worshipful Commander Noah for each Meeting.

- (b) Emergency Meeting, of the Lodge at any time may be called by the authority of Worshipful Commander Noah and the business be strictly in accordance with the Book of Constitutions of Grand Mark Lodge of India as applicable to RAM Lodges. If any Emergency Meeting is to be held on account of any person, the fee may be charged to his account for the Meeting.
- (c) Summons convening the Regular/Emergency Meeting of the Lodge shall be despatched by the Scribe to the Members of the Lodge at least ten days before the date of Meeting.

3. Election and Installation Meetings:

- (a) The WORSHIPFUL COMMANDER NOAH shall be elected annually at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in JULY and shall be installed at the next Regular Meeting in NOVEMBER.
- (b) The TREASURER and the WARDER shall be elected and chosen respectively every year at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in JULY and invested at the Installation Meeting in NOVEMBER.

4. Admission of Members:

- (a) Any Commander Noah or Past Commander Noah of RAM Lodge owing allegiance to the Grand Mark Lodge of India or any Constitution recognised by the Grand Mark Lodge of India desirous of joining or re-joining shall be proposed

and seconded at a Regular Meeting and balloted for at the next Regular Meeting. The Summons in respect of this shall clearly spell out the full particulars as required by the Book of Constitution.

- (b) Any proposal for Joining or Rejoining may also be made by letter addressed to the Scribe of the Lodge and received by him at least 15 days before any Regular Meeting and the same may be incorporated in the Agenda of Regular Meeting for balloting as Joining or Re-joining as the case may be.

5. Ballot and Voting:

No Brethren shall be admitted as a Joining or Rejoining Member of the Lodge unless, on the ballot, not less than 2/3rd of the Members present and voting are in favour. In the event of an unfavourable ballot, the candidate shall not be re-proposed until after the lapse of one year from the date of rejection.

6. Fees and Subscription:

- (a) The following shall be the scale of admission fees:
 - i. Fee for Joining from a Lodge under Grand Mark Lodge of India - Rs. 250.00 plus GMLI and RGML of SI fees.
 - ii. Fee for joining from a Lodge under other Constitution - Rs. 300.00 plus GMLI and RGML of SI fees.

iii. Rejoining Fee plus GMLI and
RGML Joining fees. - Rs. 250.00

(b) Membership fees are payable before Joining or Rejoining.

(c) Subscription:

i. Subscription per year payable
to the Lodge - Rs. 300/-

ii. In addition such Annual dues payable to the Grand Mark Lodge of India as may be fixed from time to time as well as such dues payable to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of SI as may be fixed from time to time. The above subscription shall be payable in advance every year.

Note 1 : Candidates for Joining or Re-joining during any part of the year shall be liable to pay the full Annual subscription together with fees as the case may be.

Note 2 : Honorary Members are not liable to pay any fees or subscription.

7. Exclusion:

If any Brother allows his subscription to remain in arrears for more than one year, the Scribe shall advise him of the amount due, by Registered Post, and if the full amount is not paid within thirty days thereof, he shall be liable to be excluded under Rule 109 of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Mark Lodge of India.

8. Resignation:

Any Brother desirous of resigning from the Lodge may notify the same by letter to the Scribe, which shall take effect from the date on which it is given. The fact of the resignation shall be reported by the Scribe of the Lodge in the Meeting, which takes place next after receipt of such resignation.

9. Scribe:

The Scribe shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge and he shall keep record of the proceedings of the Regular and Emergency Meetings of the Lodge in the Minute Book and read the same at the next Regular Meeting for confirmation. He shall maintain in a separate book, a record of Meetings of Standing and Audit Committees. He shall maintain a Membership Register and preserve all records, files, documents etc., of the Lodge.

10. Treasurer: He shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and account books of the Lodge. He shall enter details of the money received viz., subscriptions and other dues and of all payments made in the appropriate books of account. He shall deposit, without any delay, such sums of money as have been received, in an account standing in the name of the Lodge with a Scheduled Bank duly approved by the resolution of the Lodge. Such Bank account will be operated by the Treasurer and by any two of the following viz. W.C.N. and the Scribe, All payments above the sum of Rs.100/- (Rupees One hundred only) shall be generally made by cheque. He shall have authority to pay all routine expenses of the Lodge such as

dues to the Grand Mark Lodge of India, Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India, premises rent, etc., as and when they fall due. But all other payments shall be made by the authority of the Lodge. At the Installation Meeting accounts of the Lodge drawn upto the end of October every year shall be the presented, duly audited and certified by the Audit Committee. The Treasurer shall at every Regular Meeting submit and read in open Lodge a Statements of Accounts up to date.

11. Warder:

The Warder shall prepare the Lodge for the Meetings, and see that every brother whether a Member or visitor, is properly clothed before entering the Lodge. He shall be in charge of the Warrant, Regalia, etc., of the Lodge.

12. Standing Committee:

There shall be a Standing Committee comprising the Worshipful Commander Noah, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Scribe, Director of Ceremonies and two brethren elected at the Installation Meeting. The duty of the Standing Committee shall be to consider the application of Candidates for Joining and Re-joining, check the accounts of the Lodge and report on matters concerning the conduct of the Lodge. The Standing Committee shall also submit an Annual Report of activities of the Lodge at the Installation Meeting.

13. Audit Committee:

There shall also be an Audit Committee elected at the

Installation Meeting. The Audit Committee shall verify the Annual Accounts of the Lodge and certify the correctness thereof for being circulated to all members at the Installation Meeting along with the Annual Report.

14. Propositions:

Every proposition for the consideration of the Lodge shall be proposed by one Member and seconded by another. No proposition shall be considered at a Meeting unless notice of it had been given at the previous Meeting or forwarded in writing to the Scribe at least 21 days ahead for inclusion in the Summons before the Meeting at which the proposition is to be considered.

15. Property:

The Scribe of the Lodge shall maintain an inventory of the properties of the Lodge such as Furniture, Regalia, the Charter, etc., and the inventory shall be handed over to the Installed Commander Noah at each Installation Meeting by the out going Commander Noah.

16. Bye-Laws:

- (a) Every Member, on admission shall be presented with a copy of the Bye - Laws of the Lodge and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be his submission thereto.
- (b) The Bye - Laws shall be read in open Lodge atleast once in a year.
- (c) It shall not be competent to the Brethren of the Lodge to abrogate, amend, or alter these Bye - Laws unless the

abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been moved in open Lodge and are confirmed at the immediately subsequent Regular Meeting and thereafter approved by the R.W. The Regional Grand Mark Master, Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India and M.W. The Grand Master of the Grand Mark Lodge of India.

CERTIFIED that these Bye Laws have been duly adopted at the CONSECRATION AND INSTALLATION MEETING held on 2nd February 2002 at Chennai.

Dr. B. Biswakumar
W.C.N

M. Himatalal
Senior Warden

M.S. Ramesh
Junior Warden

N. Pandurangan
Scribe

Approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Mark Master

Place: Chennai
Date : 04.04.2003

B. Biswakumar
Regional Grand Mark Master

Approved by M.W. The Grand Master

Place: New Delhi
Date : 15.04.2003

Harish Gupta
Grand Secretary