

BY-LAWS  
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**Meetings :**

1. The Lodge shall meet on the First Tuesdays in the months of February, May, August & November, at the St. John's Hall, Secunderabad at 6.30 p. m., or at such time as the Worshipful Commander may fix.
2. An Emergency Meeting may be held at any time when duly summoned by command of Worshipful Commander or the officer-in-charge of the Lodge.
3. Every Summons for a Regular Meeting or for an Emergency Meeting shall be sent by the Scribe to all the members of the Lodge seven clear days before the day of the Regular Meeting and three clear days before the day of the Emergency Meeting.
4. The Summons shall contain a notice of all business to be transacted at such meeting. At an Emergency Meeting only the business set forth in the Summons shall be transacted.

### **Management :**

5. The affairs of the Lodge shall be managed by a General Committee consisting of the Worshipful Commander (who shall be the President of the Committee), the Wardens, all Installed Noahs in the Lodge, the Treasurer, the Scribe and two members elected by the Lodge. The election of members to the General Committee shall take place at the Election Meeting in August.
6. This Committee shall consider such matters specifically referred to it by the Lodge, deal with applications for membership and prepare an Annual Report on the state of the Lodge, which shall be submitted to the Lodge for approval at each Enthronement Meeting. The Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter and its proceedings shall be read in open Lodge at the next Regular Meeting. Three members shall form a quorum.
7. The Scribe shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall keep a record in a Minutes Book of the business transacted at every Regular Meeting and

Emergency Meeting of the Lodge and read the same for confirmation at the next Regular Meeting. He shall maintain in a separate book a record of the meetings of the General Committee. He shall keep a register of all the members of the Lodge. He shall carefully preserve all the registers and records of the Lodge. He shall be entrusted with a sum not exceeding Rupees twenty-five for contingent expenses for which he shall render periodical accounts to the Treasurer.

8. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the moneys and account books of the Lodge. He shall enter the details of moneys received and paid out in appropriate books of account. He shall collect the subscriptions and other dues, if any, from members and deposit them in the name of the Lodge in a Bank approved by resolution of the Lodge. He shall have authority to pay, as and when they fall due, all routine expenses of the Lodge such as G.M.I. and R.G.M.L. dues, rent and electricity charges, Warder's fees and other sundry expenses. All other payments shall be made only on the authority of the

Lodge. The account with the Bank shall be operated by the Treasurer countersigned by the W.C.N. or Scribe. At the Enthronement Meeting he shall place before the Lodge, the accounts written upto 30th September previous duly audited and certified as correct by the Audit Committee.

9. The Worshipful Commander shall be elected annually by ballot and the Warder chosen by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in August. The Worshipful Commander-elect shall be enthroned and he shall appoint and invest the following officers at the Regular Meeting in November, Senior Warden/(J) Junior Warden/(S) Chaplain, Treasurer. Scribe, Director of Ceremonies, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Organist, Guardian, Stewards and Warder (elected).

10. An Audit Committee of two members shall be elected by the Lodge at the Enthronement Meeting who shall audit the accounts of the Lodge for the year and certify its correctness.

#### **Membership :**

11. The Lodge shall consist of Resident, Non-Resident, & Honorary Members.

- (a) Resident Members shall be members who reside within a radius of 30 Kilometers of St. John's Hall, Secunderabad.
- (b) Non-Resident Members shall be members who reside outside the limit prescribed in (a) above and have notified in open Lodge or in writing to the Scribe their desire to be placed on the list of Non-Resident Members.
- (c) Honorary members shall be elected in accordance with Rule 103 of the Book of Constitutions 1969 Edition.

#### **Admission of Members :**

12. A Mark Master Mason desirous of being Elevated to this Degree may either be proposed and seconded at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge, or an application duly signed by his proposer and seconder may be sent to the Scribe at least fifteen days before the meeting and the proposal shall be included in the Summons for the next Regular Meeting. The full name of the candidate, his age, calling, place of abode, the name and number of the

Mark Lodge of which he is or was a member and the names of the proposer and seconder must appear in the Summons for the Meeting at which the ballot is to take place. He shall produce for inspection before the ballot is taken his Grand Lodge Certificate as Mark Master Mason and a Clearance Certificate from each of the Mark Lodges of which he is or was a member stating that his dues have been paid in full. He shall also pay before being balloted, the fees stipulated in By Law 17 as well as his Subscription for the current quarter.

13. If a Brother who is a Royal Ark Mariner is desirous of joining the Lodge, he must be proposed and seconded at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge. His full name, profession or occupation, place of abode, the name and number of the R. A. M. Lodge of which he is or was a member, must be set forth in the Summons for the Meeting at which the ballot is to take place. He must produce his Royal Ark Mariner's Certificate and a Clearance Certificate from each of the R.A.M. Lodges of which he is or was a member stating that his dues have

been paid in full. He must also pay before ballot, the fees stipulated in By-law 17 as well as his subscription for the current quarter.

14. The Lodge shall not proceed with the ballot for Elevation or Joining unless the Scribe has reported that the documents mentioned in the foregoing By-laws have been produced.

15. No brother shall be Elevated in, or admitted a member of the Lodge if on the ballot three blackballs shall appear against him. In the event of an unfavourable ballot, the candidate shall not be proposed again until after the lapse of six months from the date of his rejection.

16. In all cases where the vote of the Brethren on any proposition are equal, the Worshipful Commander shall have a second or a Casting vote.

**Fees, Subscriptions, Etc :**

17. The following fees shall be payable to the Lodge :

For Elevation (inclusive of cost of Apron and Breast Jewel)	Rs.
100.00	

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For Joining from a Lodge under the Constitution	25.00
For Re-joining	20.00
For joining from a Lodge of a Recognised Constitution	40.00
For Emergency Meeting (payable by the Brother(s) for whose convenience the meeting is held	As decided by the Lodge.
Quarterly subscription payable in advance by Resident Members	10.00
Quarterly subscription payable in advance by Non-Resident Members	6.00

The Resident Member's subscription of Rs. 10/- is inclusive of Rs. 5/- to cover stewards account. A sum of Rs. 5/- per guest shall be charged extra to members inviting guests.

### Retirement of Members :

18. If any Brother allows his subscription to remain in arrears for four quarters, the Scribe shall advise him of the amount due by Registered post and if the full amount is not paid within thirty days from date thereof he shall be liable for Exclusion under Rule 108 of the book of Constitutions.
19. Brethren desirous of retiring from the Lodge may notify the same either verbally in open Lodge or by letter to the Scribe. If a brother fails to observe this rule he shall be liable for his subscription until such notice is given.

### Propositions :

20. Every proposition for consideration by the Lodge shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another, both in good standing.
21. Amendments, duly proposed and seconded, may be moved to any proposition. Amendments shall be put to vote first, and if negatived, the original proposition shall be put

to vote; but if the amendment is carried, the original proposition shall be deemed to have been lost.

22. Every member must address the Worshipful Commander standing and in the manner usual amongst Royal Ark Mariners. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject. The proposer shall have the right to reply.
23. It shall not be competent for the Lodge to abrogate, alter or amend these By-laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been moved in open Lodge at one meeting, considered and passed at the next Regular Meeting and confirmed at the subsequent Regular Meeting. Approval must then be obtained in accordance with Rule 87 Book of Constitutions.
24. Every member, on admission, shall be presented with a copy of the By-laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed as submission thereto.

25. At every Regular and Emergency meeting of the Lodge, the charity bag shall be circulated.

(Sd.) E. P. B. Manian, W.C.N.  
 (Sd.) A. K. V. Madhavan, S.W.(J)  
 (Sd.) T. Adisesh Iyer, J.W.(S)  
 (Sd.) B. A. Krishnan, Scribe.

Approved by on behalf of the R.W. the  
Regional Grand Mark Master of Southern  
India on 11th August 1972.

**P. Panini Rao**  
*Dy. Regional Grand Mark Master*

Approved by the Most Worshipful the  
Grand Master.

New Delhi  
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**P. M. Sundaram**  
*Grand Secretary*