

**MARK LODGE G. K. DEVARAJULU NO. 70**

**COIMBATORE**

**By Laws**

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**AMENDMENTS**

## BYE-LAWS OF MARK LODGE G. K. DEVARAJALU NO: 70

### **Preamble:**

We, the Master, Wardens and Members of Mark Lodge G. K. Devarajalu No: 70 are bringing into force, the Bye-Laws of this Lodge, with a view to preserving harmony and have, therefore, thought it proper to establish and subscribe to the following Rules and Regulations.

Date of the Charter	:	18th June, 1988
Date of consecration	:	20th August, 1988
Regular Meetings	:	First Thursdays in the months of January, April, July and October.
Place for holding the Meeting	:	Masonic Temple, Race Course, Coimbatore-641 018

### **1. MEETINGS:**

The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Temple, Race Course, Coimbatore, on the first Thursday in the months of January, April, July and October and at such time as the Master may fix from time to time.

A notice of seven clear days shall be given of all meetings, Regular and Emergency. An emergency meeting of the Lodge may at any time be called by the authority of the Master, and the business transacted thereat, shall not include any business whatsoever, except such as mentioned on the summons convening the meeting, nor shall the minutes of the previous meeting be read or confirmed.

### **2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS :**

The regular meeting in the month of April shall be the election meeting of the Lodge. The Master shall be elected annually at the election meeting in the month of April and shall be installed at the regular Meeting in the month of April and shall be installed at the regular Meeting in the month of July. The election of the Master shall be by ballot. The Treasurer shall also be elected by ballot on the same election day as that of also be elected by ballot on the same election day as that of the Master and will be invested at Installation Meeting in the month of July. The Tyler shall be elected by show of hands. The Tyler can be elected from among the members of the Lodge or from other Mark Master Masons under the provisions contained in Rule 85 of the constitutions of Grand Mark Lodge of India.

### **3. PROPOSING CANDIDATES :**

Every proposal of a candidate for advancement or for joining must be made by a member and seconded by another member, both of whom must be subscribing members of the Lodge, either in open Lodge at a regular meeting or by writing to the Master or secretary at least 14 days prior to the next regular meeting.

Candidates for advancement and candidates for joining from other constitutions shall, before the next ballot is taken, sign the declaration as provided in Rule 100 of the Book of

Constitutions of Grand Mark Lodge of India. If on ballot, 2 black balls shall appear against a candidate for Advancement, Joining or rejoining, he shall not be admitted.

In the case of unfavourable ballot, the fee paid shall be refunded.

Candidates rejected on the Ballot shall not be again eligible to be proposed until after a Lapse of 6 months from the date of rejection.

#### **4. FEES:**

The fees payable to the Lodge shall be as follows :

Fee for Advancement	Rs. 250.00	400
Fee for Joining from other Constitutions	Rs. 200.00	400
Joining fee	Rs. 150.00	400
Fee for Rejoining	Rs. 100.00	400

#### **5. SUBSCRIPTION :**

Every Member shall pay an annual Membership Subscription of Rs.200 and a Steward Subscription of Rs. 200. The GLI & RGL fees will be collected extra. The Subscriptions shall be paid in advance in the month of April.

#### **6. REMUNERATION :**

The Tyler, if he is a serving Brother, shall be paid such remuneration as may be decided by the permanent committee from time to time for each meeting. He shall be exempted from payment of subscription.

#### **7. PERMANENT COMMITTEE :**

There shall be a permanent committee composed of the Ruling Master, Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies and two elected members of the Lodge. The duty of the Permanent committee shall be to consider the proposal for advancement and joinings, check the accounts of the Lodge and present annually a report on the working of the Lodge and to consider such other matters the Lodge may refer to the committee.

#### **8. ACCOUNTS :**

The Treasurer withy the assistance of the Secretary shall receive all monies and settle all accounts of the Lodge. The annual statement of accounts and Balance Sheet as on 31st <sup>May</sup> each year shall be drawn up and after the scrutiny and approval of the Audit Committee the same shall be presented at the next Installation meeting in the month of July.

All monies of the Lodge shall be deposited in a Bank in the name of the Lodge. The Bank accounts shall be operated upon by the Treasurer jointly with Master or Secretary.

#### **9. AUDIT COMMITTEE :**

The Audit Committee shall consist of two members elected in the Installation Meeting every

year who will audit the accounts of the Lodge for the year end thereafter.

#### **10. RESIGNATIONS :**

Any member wishing to resign from the Lodge may do so in open Lodge or by letter addressed to the Secretary when on his dues being fully paid up, he shall be furnished with a clearance certificate.

If the subscription of a member to the Lodge remains unpaid for two years, at the expiration of that period he shall automatically cease to be a member of the Lodge and that fact shall be reported to the Lodge by the Secretary at the next regular meeting and recorded in the Minutes.

In either case one can re-join the Lodge by payment of arrears followed by fresh regular proposition and ballot.

#### **11. PROPERTY :**

Furniture, Regalia, Charter and other properties of the Lodge shall be vested in the care of the Master of the Lodge. An inventory of such properties shall be recorded and kept by thy Master and shall be transmitted to his successor at the Installation meeting.

#### **12. BYE-LAWS :**

The Bye-Laws of the Lodge shall be read once in a year in open Lodge in the Election Meeting. Every member on his advancement or joining shall be presented with a copy of the bye-laws.

No alterations or additions to these Bye-Laws shall be made unless the same is duly proposed and seconded at a regular meeting and included in the agenda for the next regular meeting at which the amendment or alterations shall be confirmed and then applied for approval of the R.W. Regional Grand Mark Master and M.W. the Grand Master

Adopted at the consecration meeting of the Lodge held at Coimbatore on Saturday the 20th August, 1968.

*D.DORAIRAJ*  
JUNIOR WARDEN

*V. LAKSHMIKANTHAN*  
SENIOR WARDEN

*N. R. DORAI SAMY*  
WOR. MASTER

*T. K. SHANMUGANANDAM*  
SECRETARY

Approved by the R.W. The Regional Mark Master, Madras

*V. RAJENDRAN*  
18-10-88  
Regional Mark Master

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master

New Delhi :- 6-1-1989

*H. P. GUPTA*  
Grand Secretary