



# Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India

Freemasons' Hall, 14 Ethiraj Salai, Chennai - 600008

M.183/2021

22 February 2021

To

W.Bro.Suresh Khemani

Secy., Telangana Mark Masters Lodge No.183

Plot No.38, Gunrock Enclave

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Dear Sir and W.Brother,

## **SUB: BYE-LAWS OF TELANGANA MARK MASTERS LODGE NO.183**

Please find enclosed a copy of the bye-laws of **TELANGANA MARK MASTERS LODGE NO.183** duly approved by R.W.The Regional Grand Master(28-1-2021) and M.W.The Grand Master(9-2-2021).

Kindly print the bye-laws and send two copies each to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India and Regional Grand Mark Lodge for records.

Thanking you

With regards

Yours fraternally,

**D.R.CHANDRAMOULI**  
Officer on Special Duty

Encl:Bye-laws

22 FEB 2021

# GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF INDIA



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**RW Bro. VISHAL BAKSHI**  
Grand Secretary

No.183(M)

16<sup>th</sup> February 2021

The Regional Grand Secretary,  
Regional Grand Lodge of SI  
Chennai.

Dear Sir and RW Brother,

With reference to your letter No.ML.183/2021 dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021, I return  
herewith two copies of bye-laws of Telangana Mark Masters Lodge No.183 duly approved  
by MW the Grand Master.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

VISHAL BAKSHI  
Grand Secretary



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**TELANGANA MARK MASTERS LODGE No.183**

**Hyderabad**

**Warranted on: 14-01-2020**

**Consecrated on: 27-01-2020**

**By Laws**

**2020**



## **Telangana Mark Masters Lodge No.183**

### **HYDERABAD**

**NOTE:** The following By-Laws supplement the Constitutions and Regulations of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, latest edition, hereinafter referred to as Constitutions and Regulations.

### **BY-LAWS**

#### **Officers:**

1. The officers of the Lodge shall consist of the Worshipful Master, Immediate Past Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Master Overseer; Senior Overseer, Junior Overseer, Chaplain, Registrar of Marks, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, Almoner, Assistant Secretary, Inner Guard, Tyler and Stewards.

#### **Meetings:**

2. The Regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held Three times in a year Scheduled on Third Tuesday of March, Third Thursday of August and Third Tuesday of December at Goshamahahal Baradari Masonic Temple, Goshamahahal, Hyderabad, Telangana.
3. Mark Masonic Education Programmes and other related Events/activities will be taken up during the Regular Meetings held in the months of March and August.
4. Emergency meeting/s of the Lodge may be held at any time in accordance with Regulation No. 90, of Constitutions and Regulations.

#### **Members and Jurisdiction:**

5. The Lodge shall consist of (a) Resident Member (b) Absentee Member and (c) Honorary Member.
  - a. Resident Members shall be those who reside within the limits of State of Telangana, hereinafter referred to as "Limits".
  - b. Absentee Member shall be those who reside outside the "Limits", and notify the Secretary, in writing or in open meeting of the Lodge, of their desire to be placed in the list of Absentee Members.
  - c. Honorary Members shall be elected as such in accordance with the regulation 103 of the Constitutions and Regulations after notice of such election is placed in the summons. However, the consent in writing/email of the brother on whom the Honorary Membership is to be conferred should be received by the Lodge prior to balloting.



### **Candidates:**

6. Every Candidate Proposed for Joining / Rejoining must be an Installed Master of Mark Lodge of Mark Masters Masons of India and must be proposed and seconded by members in good standing either in the Regular Meeting of the Lodge or a written application duly filled and received by the Secretary of the Lodge at least Fifteen days Prior to the Regular Meeting of the Lodge to enable the Lodge to take up the Ballot in accordance with the Regulation No. 101 of Constitutions and Regulations. If the Master is of the opinion that a mistake may have occurred in the Ballot, he may order a second ballot to be taken forthwith which shall be final.
7. A rejected candidate shall not be proposed in the Lodge until six months shall have elapsed from the date of such rejection.

### **Election & installation:**

8. The Lodge shall elect in its Regular Meeting in the month of August, the Master by ballot, subject to the provisions of Regulation 68, of Constitutions and Regulations. The Treasurer and Tyler of the Lodge shall also be elected at the same meeting. The Installation of Master Elect and investiture of Officers appointed and/or elected shall take place at the regular meeting in the month of December.

### **Masonic Year:**

9. A Masonic Year is one calendar year starting from the First of December, the month in which the Installation Meeting takes place. All Accounts, subscriptions etc will be maintained / calculated on this basis.

### **Fees & Subscriptions:**

10. The following are the fees and annual subscription of the Lodge along with GLMMMI, RGMLSI and other dues payable by the member of the lodge in advance.
  - a) Joining Rs.1,500/-
  - b) Rejoining Rs. 500/-
  - c) Joining from Recognised Constitution Rs.2,500/-
  - d) Annual Subscription for Resident Members Rs.1,500/-
  - e) Annual Subscription for Absentee Members Rs. 750/-
  - f) Annual Mark Masonic Education/Activity Fund Rs. 500/-
  - g) GLMMMI & RGMLSI Dues at actuals
  - h) The Services of the Tyler, if a Subscribing member shall be regarded as equivalent to his annual subscription and Annual Mark Masonic Education/Activity Fund to the Lodge, whereas the GLMMMI and RGLMSI Dues will be paid by respective member.
  - i) The Services of the Tyler, If a Serving member shall be decided by the Lodge at the time of appointing a Serving member as Tyler of the Lodge.
  - j) A candidate who becomes a member during the Masonic year shall pay annual subscription pro rata for the balance months of the Masonic year.

### **Funds:**

11. The monies and accounts of the Lodge shall be held and maintained fewer than two distinct bank accounts.
  - (a) **General Fund:** Annual subscriptions paid by the members of the Lodge as well as other monies, not otherwise specifically allotted shall be credited to the General Fund. All administrative and other expenses incurred in running the activities of the Lodge shall be debited to this Fund. These include Dinner expenditure during the Lodge meetings, hospitality, hall rent, Tyler's Fee, printing, postage & courier expenses, Dispensation Fees on Lodge Account, Regalia, Jewels and / or any other expense approved / ratified in open Lodge.
  - (b) **The Charity Fund:** The Charity Fund shall consist of Charity collections made at the Lodge Meetings; voluntary contributions to the Fund by members, and such other monies as may be regularly voted by the Lodge from time to time from its "General Fund". Monies from this Fund shall be devoted solely to Charity but no expenditure be incurred without the prior sanction of the Lodge.

### **Mark Masonic Education/Activity Fund**

12. Money collected from members towards Mark Masonic Education/ Activity Fund shall be spent or utilized for conducting or organizing Mark Masonic Education / Activity programmes and events by the Lodge in Telangana.

### **Arrears:**

13. A member, whose annual subscription remain unpaid for one Masonic year, shall not be permitted to vote or submit any propositions to the Lodge or hold or be elected to any office. Nor will he be allowed to propose or second candidates or take part in any discussion.
14. If any member be in arrears of his subscription to the Lodge for one year, the Treasurer shall inform the Secretary. The Secretary shall advice him of the amount due by registered post, and if the FULL amount be not paid within thirty days from the date thereof, the Lodge may exclude the member in accordance with Regulation 110, of the Constitutions and Regulations.

### **Resignation:**

15. A member wishing to resign must inform the Secretary accordingly in writing/email or tender such resignation in open Lodge in accordance with Rule 107 of the Constitutions and Regulations. He shall be responsible to pay up all his dues before such resignation become effective.

### **Property:**

16. The property of the Lodge shall be considered as vested in the Worshipful Master and the Two Wardens, for the time being in trust for the Lodge, and an inventory of the same shall be maintained in a register. This inventory shall be handed over to the successors soon after their Installation and so entered and signed by the incoming and outgoing Worshipful Master and the Wardens, in the inventory register.



### **Duties of Officers:**

#### **Secretary:**

17. The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall keep a record in the 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 a record of the meetings of the Standing Committee in separate book. 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. One Thousand for contingent expenses for which he shall render periodical accounts to the Treasurer.
18. He may send and receive the Communications, Circulars and other information in the form of emails either individually or in the specified lodge groups. He may also send or Circulate Summons, Minutes of various meetings either individually or in the specified lodge groups.

#### **E-Admin:**

19. An E-Admin of the Lodge will be appointed by the Worshipful Master at the Installation Meeting. The E-Admin will file all Returns, Reports as well as apply for Dispensations on the REGAL portal of the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India and update the data on REGAL from time to time.

#### **Treasurer:**

20. The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the monies and account books of the Lodge. He shall enter the details of monies 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 appropriate Bank accounts of the Lodge for Charity and General Fund duly approved by a resolution of the Lodge at a Regular Meeting. He shall have authority to pay, as and when they fall due, all routine general / administrative expenses of the Lodge and Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge dues. All other payments shall be made only on the approval of the Lodge. The accounts in the Bank shall be operated jointly by the Treasurer, duly signed by him and countersigned either the Worshipful Master, or the Secretary. At the Installation Meeting, he shall place before the Lodge, the accounts up to the end of the last day of the month previous to the Installation month, duly audited and certified as correct by the Audit Committee.

#### **Tyler:**

21. The Tyler shall be responsible for the safe custody of the Regalia and Property of the Lodge, and maintain them in proper condition. He shall prepare the Lodge Rooms for meeting and in every respect discharge the duties of his office conscientiously and dutifully.

## **Committees:**

### **Standing Committee:**

22. The affairs of the lodge shall be managed by a Standing Committee of the Lodge consisting of the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Master Overseer, Senior Overseer, Junior Overseer, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies, Inner Guard, All Founder Members and all past masters of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master or in his absence the Immediate Past Master or in his absence, senior-most Founder Member of the Lodge or in his absence the senior most past Master of the Lodge present shall preside. The Worshipful Master may call the Standing Committee meeting whenever necessary to discuss any matter he deems fit. The Committee shall consider all matters referred to it by the Lodge and review the Accounts before presentation in the Lodge meeting. FIVE members of the committee shall constitute quorum.

### **Audit Committee:**

23. The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Lodge who shall be elected annually by the Lodge at the Installation meeting. The accounts shall be made up to 30<sup>th</sup> November, the month previous to the Installation month in each year and shall be presented to the Lodge before the Installation Meeting. A copy of the audited accounts shall be sent to all the members with the summons convening the Installation meeting.

### **Mark Masonic Education Committee:**

24. The Lodge will constitute a Mark Masonic Education Committee consisting of a minimum of seven Members and a maximum of fourteen members to plan, organize various Masonic Activities such as conducting Workshops, Quiz Competitions, Special Lectures by eminent Masonic Scholars and Seminars for Master Masons in Craft Lodges during the year to promote Mark Masonry. The Committee Members with the assistance of the Officers of the Lodge will make regular visits to Mark Lodges in Telangana to extend assistance in terms of Rituals, conducting local Seminars, Workshops or any other event with the goal of improving the strength of Freemasonry in general and Mark Masonry in particular. This Committee will be elected in the Installation Meeting of the Lodge for a period of ONE year. The Worshipful Master, Secretary, and Treasurer will be ex-officio members of this committee. The Committee members would elect among themselves a Convener, who will coordinate such activity/ activities during the year.

### **By-Laws:**

25. Each candidate at his joining the Lodge shall be presented with a copy of the By-Laws of the Lodge.
26. These By-Laws shall be read in the open Lodge at least once in every year.
- (a) Except as otherwise required by Rule 111 Book of Constitutions (Craft) amendment of these Bye-laws or any of them may be made only in the following manner:-
  - (b) Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment (s) proposed shall be given in open Lodge at regular meeting.



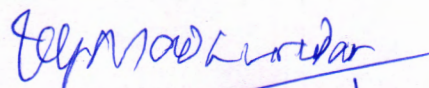
- (c) The motion shall be set out in the summons for the next regular meeting or an Emergency meeting summoned for the purpose, and shall at such meeting be put vote in the Lodge.
- (d) A resolution for amendment shall be carried when a majority of the members present in the lodge shall vote in favour of it, and shall become effective after approval by the Regional Grand Mark Master and by the Grand Mark Master.

The above By-Laws, as approved by the Founders, were passed at the Consecration and Installation meeting held on, Twenty Seventh January, 2020.

..... (W. Bn SURESH KHEMANI)	Worshipful Master
..... (W. Bn. SARARGALA)	Senior warden
V. K. Sagan ..... (W. Bn V. KSHEERA SASAR)	Junior Warden
Vijay ..... (W. Bn. VIJAY K. BEERVA)	Secretary

Approved by R W the Regional Grand Mark Master of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of the Southern India on the (Date)

Place: Chennai

  
Regional Grand Mark Master  
28/1/21

Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India

Approved by M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Of India

New Delhi

09.02.2021

Grand Secretary