

Byelaws
of
Mark Lodge Western Star
No. 60
Campanore
1983

(Amended as on 30.7.2006)

**MARK LODGE WESTERN STAR No. 60
CANNANORE**

BYE - LAWS

Under the authority granted by the Grand Mark Lodge of India, a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, under the name and style of "THE MARK LODGE OF WESTERN STAR No. 60" shall be held at T. D. Nair Memorial Freemasons' Hall, Talap, Kannur - 670 002.

1. MEMBERSHIP:

Members shall comprise only two classes, Viz: Members and Honorary Members.

2. MEETINGS:

a) The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at T.D. Nair Memorial Freemasons' Hall, Talap, Kannur-670002 on the 2nd Wednesday in the month of March, June, September and December every year, at such hour as may be directed by the Master for each meeting.

b) Emergency meetings of the Lodge may be at any time be called by the authority of the Master and the business to be transacted at such meetings shall be strictly in accordance with the Rule 90 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India.

Any fee charges shall be to the account of the person / persons on whose behalf the Emergency Meeting is to be held.

The summons convening the Regular/ Emergency Meeting shall be dispatched by the Secretary to all members of the Lodge at least Seven days before the date of such meetings.

3. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION MEETING:

The Master shall be elected annually- at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in September and shall be installed at the next Regular Meeting in December.

The Treasurer and the Tyler shall be elected and chosen respectively each year at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in September and Invested as such at the Installation Meeting in December. If a serving brother is chosen and elected as Tyler he shall be paid a remuneration of Rupees Twenty for every meeting he attends, or such other remunerations the Lodge may vote from time to time.

4. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS:

(a) A Master Mason desirous of being advanced may either be proposed or seconded at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge or an application duly signed by the proposer and seconder may be sent to the Secretary. Such proposal / proposals shall be included in the summons for the next Regular Meeting giving full particulars of the candidate /

candidates for balloting in accordance with the Rule 98 of the Book of Constitution.

- (b) In the case of joining or re-joining he shall be proposed and seconded at a Regular Meeting and balloted for the next Regular Meeting, the summons in respect of which shall clearly spell out the full particulars as required by Rule 98 (c) of Book of Constitution.
- (c) A candidate for advancement or joining not already registered in the Book of Grand Mark Lodge of India shall, before the ballot is taken, sign the declaration as in the Appendix A.
- (d) A candidate for joining or re-joining who is already registered in the Book of the Grand Mark Lodge of India shall, before the ballot is taken sign the declaration as in Appendix B.
- (e) Before the ballot for advancement/joining/ re-joining is proceeded with, Secretary of the Lodge shall satisfy himself that he has taken care of the provisions of Rule 99 of the Book of Constitutions.

5. BALLOT:

- (a) No brother shall be advanced or admitted as a member of the Lodge if, on the ballot, three black balls appear against him. In the event of the unfavourable ballot, the candidate shall not be re-proposed until the lapse of one year from the date of rejection.

- (b) In all cases where the votes of brethren on any proposition are equal, the W. Master shall have a second or casting vote.

6. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTION:

- (a) The following shall be the scale of fees

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| 1. Fee for advancement | Rs. 2000.00 |
| 2. Fee for joining from a Lodge under Grand Mark Lodge of India | Rs. 1000.00 |
| 3. Fee for joining from a Lodge under other Constitution | Rs. 2000.00 |
| 4. Rejoining Fee | Rs. 1000.00 |

- (b) The membership subscription will be Rs. 300/- (Rupees Three Hundred only) per annum. (Amended by Grand Master on 30. 07. 06). Membership subscription shall be payable in advance at the beginning of the year. A candidate for advancement or joining / re-joining at any part of the year shall pay the full annual subscription together with the fee for advancement or joining / re-joining as the case may be. Honorary members are not liable to pay any fees.

7. EXCLUSION:

If any brother allows his subscriptions to be in arrears for two quarters, the Secretary 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 Exclusion under the Rule 109 of the Book of Constitution.

8. RESIGNATION:

Any brother desirous of resigning from the Lodge may notify the same verbally, in open Lodge, or by the letter to the Secretary, and such notice, unless withdrawn, shall take effect from the date on which it is given. Any member who has resigned will be permitted to rejoin on payment of Re-joining Fees and any arrears due, but shall be subject to fresh ballot.

9. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

(a) SECRETARY:

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

He shall be entrusted with a sum of Rs.50/- (Rupees Fifty only) for the contingent expenses for which he shall render accounts to the Treasurer periodically.

- (b) **TREASURER:** He shall have the charge of and be responsible for the money and accounts books of the Lodge. He shall enter the details of the money received, Viz; subscriptions and other dues, in the

appropriate books of account and shall deposit, without any delay, such sums of moneys have been received, in an account standing in the name of the Lodge with a scheduled bank duly approved by a resolution of the Lodge. Treasurer 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, Electricity charges, Tyler's fees, as and when they fall due. But all other payments shall be made the authority of the Lodge.

At the Installation Meeting the accounts of the Lodge drawn up to 31st October shall be presented, duly audited and certified by the Audit Committee. The Treasurer shall at every Regular Meeting submit in open Lodge the statements accounts.

(c) **TYLER:**

The Tyler shall prepare the Lodge for meetings, and see that every brother, whether a member or visitor, is properly clothed before entering the Lodge. He shall be charge of the Warrant, Collars, Aprons, and Jewels etc. of the Lodge.

10. PERMANENT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE:

- (a) The Master, Immediate Past Master, Present Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, and one member for each of the Permanent and Audit Committee elected at the Installation

Meetings shall constitute the Permanent and Audit Committees.

- (b) It shall be the duty of these Committees to check the accounts, make arrangements for the meetings and Ceremonies there of and consider all matters related to the working of the Lodge, inspect and check all properties belonging to the Lodge and report on matters leading to the improvements of the Lodge. The Master shall preside at the Meetings, and in his absence the 1 P.M. and in his absence the senior most brother present. The Permanent and the Audit Committees shall meet twice in an year and, in any case, one clear month prior to date of Installation Meeting, to finalise the accounts and arrange for the presentation of the same in due time.

11. PROPOSITIONS:

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

12 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 his submission thereto.

- (b) The Bye- Laws shall be read in open Lodge at least once in a year.
- (c) It shall not 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 there after approved by M. W. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of India.

Sd/	Sd/	Sd/	Sd/
W. Master	Senior Warden	Junior Warden	Secretary

Approved by R. W.

The Regional Grand Mark Master

Amendments to the Bye - Law approved by The Rt. W.
The Regional Grand Mark Master on 19.07.2006
Amendments to the Bye - Law approved by The
M.W. The Grand Master on 30.07.2006