



Royal Ark Mariners Lodge
Techcity No.111

BANGALORE

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**(Warranted on the Eighth day of
February, 2006 corresponding to the
Nineteenth day of Magha 1927 Saka Era)**

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**Under the authority granted by the Grand
Mark Lodge of India, a Lodge of Royal Ark
Mariners under the name and style of
Royal Ark Mariners Lodge Techcity No. 111
will meet at the Freemasons' Hall, No. 2,
Primrose Road, Bangalore — 560 025.**

1. MEMBERSHIP:

The Members shall comprise only of two classes viz., Members and Honorary Members

2. MEETINGS:

(a) Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemasons Hall, No.2, Primrose Road, Bangalore — 560 025 on the Second Saturday in the months of January, April, July and October as may be directed by the Commander Noah for each Meeting.

(b) Emergency Meetings of the Lodge may at any time be called by the authority of the Commander Noah and the

business be strictly in accordance with Rule 90 of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Mark Lodge of India.

(c) Summons convening the Regular/ Emergency Meetings shall be despatched by the Secretary to all members of the Lodge at least Seven days before the date of such meeting.

3. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION MEETINGS:

The Commander Noah shall be elected annually at the regular election meeting of the Lodge in April and shall be

installed at the regular installation meeting in July. The Treasurer and the Tyler shall be elected and chosen

respectively each year at the regular election meeting of the Lodge in April and invested at the installation meeting in July.

4. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS:

(a) A Mark Master Mason desirous of being elevated or a Royal Ark Mariner desirous of joining or rejoining may either be proposed and seconded at a regular meeting of the Lodge or on application duly signed by the proposer and seconder and sent to the Secretary. Such a proposal / proposals shall be included in the Summons for the next regular meeting giving full particulars of the candidate / candidates in accordance with Rule No. 98 of the Book of

Constitution of the Grand Mark Lodge of India.

- (b) A candidate for elevation or joining not already registered in the books of the Grand Mark Lodge of India shall, before the ballot is taken, sign the Declaration as provided in rule 100 of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Mark Lodge of India.
- (c) Before the ballot for elevation / joining / re-joining is proceeded with, the Secretary of the Lodge shall satisfy himself that he has taken care of the provisions of Rule 99 of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Mark Lodge of India.

5. BALLOT AND VOTING:

- (a) No brother shall be elevated or admitted as a joining or re-joining member of the Lodge if, on the ballot, more than two black balls shall appear against him. 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.
- (b) In all cases where the votes of brethren on any proposition are equal, the Commander Noah shall have a second or casting vote.

6. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTION

(a) The following shall be the scale of admission fees:

(i) Fee of advancement	Rs. 500.00
(ii) Fee for joining from a Lodge under Grand Mark Lodge of India	Rs. 300.00
(iii) Fees for joining from a Lodge under other Constitution	Rs. 500.00
(iv) Re-Joining Fee	Rs. 200.00
(b) The above fees are payable before advancement, joining or rejoining.	

(c) Membership subscription will be as follows:

(i) Rs. 500.00 (Five Hundred) payable to the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge per year shall be divided as follows:-

General Fund Rs. 400

Benevolent Fund Rs. 50

Refreshment Fund Rs. 50

Total Rs. 500

Plus

(ii) Such annual dues payable to the Grand Mark Lodge of India as may be fixed from time to time

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(iii) Such annual dues payable to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India as may be fixed from time to time. The above subscription shall be payable in advance each year in the month of July.

(iv) A candidate for elevation, joining / re-joining at any part of the year shall pay the full annual subscription together with the fees for elevation, 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 subscription to be in arrears for a year, the Secretary shall advise him of the amount due by Registered post to the last known address

and if the full amount is not paid within thirty days thereof, he shall be liable to exclusion 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 Secretary and such notice unless withdrawn, shall take effect from the date on which it is given. Any member who has resigned or excluded will be permitted to rejoin on payment of rejoining 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 and shall keep record of the proceedings of the regular and emergency meeting of the Lodge in the minutes book and read the same at the next regular meeting for confirmation. He shall maintain in a separate book a record of meetings of permanent committee. He shall maintain a Membership Register and preserve all records, files, documents etc., of the Lodge.

(b) 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 payment 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.

The Lodge shall maintain three Bank accounts namely (1) General Fund Account (2) Benevolent Fund Account and (3) Refreshment Fund Account. Such Bank accounts shall be operated jointly by any two of the following i.e., Treasurer with either W.C. Noah or Scribe as recommended by the Grand Mark Lodge of India.

All payments above the sum of Rs. 200.00 (Rs. Two Hundred only) shall be generally made by cheque. He shall have authority to pay all routine expenses of the Lodge such as dues to 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. The Treasurer shall at every regular meeting submit and read in open Lodge the Statement of Accounts.

(c) Tyler

The Tyler shall prepare the Lodge for the meeting, and see that every brother whether a member or visitor, is properly clothed before entering the Lodge.

10. PERMANENT COMMITTEE

There shall be a permanent committee composed of the Commander Noah, Immediate Past Commander Noah, Past Commander Noahs of and in the Lodge. Present Wardens, Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Director of Ceremonies. The duties of the permanent committee shall be to consider the application of candidates / members for joining or re-joining, check the accounts of the Lodge, check all the properties of the Lodge and report on matters leading to the improvement of the Lodge

11. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

An audit committee consisting of three members who, whether or not members of the permanent committee, shall be elected at the regular election meeting in April every year. The audit committee shall verify and audit the annual statement of accounts of the Lodge and submit their report before being circulated to the members

12. ACCOUNTS

The audited statement of accounts made upto June 30 every year shall be adopted at the installation meeting of the Lodge in July.

13. 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 has been given at the previous meeting or forwarded in writing to the Secretary in advance for inclusion in the summons of the meeting at which the proposition is to be considered.

14. PROPERTY:

Furniture, Regalia, the Charter and other properties of the Lodge shall be vested in the care of the Commander Noah and Wardens. An inventory of such property

shall be recorded by them in a book kept for that purpose and such inventory shall be presented at the installation meetings signed by the Commander Noah and Wardens. The Commander Noah and Wardens, if they so desire, may entrust the properties mentioned above to the Secretary, on their behalf, for proper care and custody.

15. BYELAWS:

(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 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 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 Constitution Meeting of Royal Ark Mariners Lodge Techcity No.111 held on Saturday, February 25, 2006.

Sd/-
W.Bro S Ravinder
W. Comma der Noah

Sd/-
Bro G S Sunder
Senior Warden

Sd/-
Bro Gangadhar V Yavagal
Secretary

Sd/-
Bro Dr KG Ghorpade
Junior Warden

Approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Mark Master

Chennai
20-08-2006

Sd/-
G.K. Selvarajan
Regional Grand Mark Master

Approved by M. W The Grand Master

New Delhi
03 -04-2006

Sd/-
Grand Secretary
Grand Mark Lodge of India