



# Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India

Freemasons' Hall, 14 Ethiraj Salai, Chennai - 600008

ML.43/2015

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*Amendment to  
Bye-law  
File*

Dear Sir and W.Brother,

## **SUB:AMENDMENT TO BYE-LAWS OF MARK LODGE SRINIVASA NO.43**

I am forwarding herewith a copy of the amendments to bye-law No. 2,3,4, 9,17, 19, 21, 23 of **MARK LODGE SRINIVASA NO.43** duly approved by R.W.The Regional Grand Mark Master(24-09-2015) and M.W.The Grand Master(9-12-2015).

The Amendment will be effective from the date of approval by M.W.The Grand Master.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

*Yusuf*  
(L.SUKUMAR)  
Regional Grand Secretary.

Encl:Amendment to Bye-law No.2,3,4, 9,17, 19, 21, 23

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 Mark / ~~Ram~~ Lodge: Srinivasa No: 43 Place: Tiruchirapalli

PROPOSED AMENDANTS TO / REVISED BY LAWS  
 (To be submitted in Triplicate)

Existing By Laws	Proposed By Laws
<p><u>Bye-Law No. 2:</u>-The regular meeting of the lodge shall be held at the Masonic temple, Tiruchirapalli on the Friday preceding the third Saturday in the months of March (Installation), June, September &amp; December (Election) and at such time as the Worshipful Master may fix from time to time.</p>	<p><u>Bye-Law No. 2:</u>-The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the Masonic temple, Tiruchirapalli on the <u>Third Sundays</u> in the months of March, June, September (Election) &amp; December (Installation) and at such time as the Worshipful Master may fix from time to time.</p>
<p><u>Bye-Law No. 3:</u>-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 Worshipful Master, and the business transacted there at, 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 except in so far as any such minutes relate to or affect the validity of the business so mentioned.</p>	<p><u>Bye-Law No. 3:</u>-The Summons convening the Regular Meeting shall be issued at least seven days in advance by email and to those without email, by ordinary post. Emergency meetings, however, may be convened at shorter notice. An emergency meeting of the lodge may at any time be called by the authority of the Worshipful Master, and the business transacted there at, 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 except in so far as any such minutes relate to or affect the validity of the business so mentioned.</p>
<p><u>Bye-Law No. 4:</u>-The regular meeting in the month of December shall be the election meeting of the Lodge. The Master shall be elected annually at the election meeting in the month of December shall be installed at the regular meeting in the month of March. 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 the Master and will be invested at Installation meeting in the month of March. The Tyler shall be chosen by show of hands. The Tyler can be chosen from among the members of the lodge or from other Mark Lodge under the provisions contained in Rule 85 of the Constitutions of Grand Mark Lodge of India.</p>	<p><u>Bye-Law No. 4:</u>- The regular meeting in the month of September shall be the election meeting of the Lodge. The Master shall be elected annually at the election meeting and he shall be installed at the regular meeting in the month of December. The election of the Master shall be by ballot under Rule 68 of the Book of Constitutions of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India. The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot on the regular day of the election of the Master and will be invested at Installation meeting in the month of December under Rule 69 of the Book of Constitutions of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India. The Tyler can be chosen from among the members of the lodge or from other Mark Lodge under the provisions contained in Rule 85 of the Book of Constitutions of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India. The Tyler shall be elected on the regular day of election of the Master and will be invested at Installation meeting in the month of December under Rule 84 of the Book of Constitutions of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.</p>
<p><u>Bye-Law No. 9:</u>- If on a ballot, 2 black balls shall appear against a candidate for advancement, joining or rejoining, he shall not be admitted. In case of an unfavourable ballot, the fee paid shall be returned.</p>	<p><u>Bye-Law No. 9:</u>- If on a ballot, 3 black balls shall appear against a candidate for advancement, joining or rejoining, he shall not be admitted. Provided that if less than 5 members vote when the ballot is taken a single black ball shall exclude - under Rule</p>

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<p>Candidates or brethren rejected on ballot shall not be again eligible to be proposed until after a lapse of 6 months from the date of rejection.</p>	<p>101 of the Book of Constitutions of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.  In case of an unfavourable ballot, the fee paid shall be returned.  Candidates or brethren rejected on ballot shall not be again eligible to be proposed until after a lapse of 6 months from the date of rejection.</p>
<p><u>Bye-Law No. 17:-</u> The secretary shall conduct the general correspondence, issue summons for all meetings, record minutes of the proceedings, keep the registers and records and the Lodge seal and maintain inventory of all furniture and property of the Lodge. He shall not keep any money with him except for postage which should not exceed Rs. Five. He shall maintain a postage account separately.</p>	<p><u>Bye-Law No. 17:-</u> The secretary shall be in charge of the Lodge records and books other than the account books maintained by the Treasurer. He shall conduct all general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall be ex-officio member and convener of all committees appointed by the Lodge. He shall keep a record of the minutes of the proceedings, maintain a register of members as required by the Book of Constitutions and be responsible for the necessary return etc., to Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge under the signature of the Master and of himself wherever is required. All letters from the members shall be addressed to him in office and with personal address so that it will be evident that they are for the secretary only.</p>
<p><u>Bye-Law No. 19:-</u> The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds and account books of the Lodge, receive all monies and make all authorised payments, all monies received shall be deposited in a Bank, in the name of the Lodge, approved by resolution of the Lodge.  At every regular meeting, the Treasurer shall make a report on the state of finances of the Lodge.</p>	<p><u>Bye-Law No. 19:-</u></p> <p>a. The Treasurer shall collect subscriptions and other dues and shall issue receipts there for. He shall be in charge of all monies make payments for current routine expenses with the permission of the Master. All monies shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Lodge and in the name of the Lodge, the Treasurer is authorised to operate on the accounts jointly with either the Master or Secretary. He shall submit financial statements to the regular meeting of the Lodge. The disbursement <sup>one</sup> Rupees Thousand otherwise than for routine expenses requires the previous sanction of the Lodge, under notice. He shall maintain separate accounts for the General funds and Charity funds. He shall also at each meeting make a report of members in arrears.</p> <p>b. <b>Concept of Mutuality:-</b> All activities of the Lodge at all times be for the common benefit of all the members and for the public at large without any distinction as to Cast, Creed or Religion. No part shall be a business activity for the individual or collective benefit of any or all the members.</p>
<p><u>Bye-Law No. 21:-</u> The Permanent committee shall consist of the Master, a Past Master nominated by Master, Treasurer, the Secretary and a member elected by the Lodge. The nomination and election of member of the committee shall take place at the Installation meeting in March.</p>	<p><u>Bye-Law No. 21:-</u></p> <p>a. <b>The Standing Committee:</b>  There shall be a Standing Committee and the Standing Committee shall consist of</p>

*J.K. Gupta*

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It shall be the duty of the committee to consider and report upon general questions affecting the Lodge, to check the inventory of the property of the Lodge, to audit the accounts of the Lodge and submit annual report presented at the Installation meeting in March, upon the working and condition of the Lodge. It shall meet not less than twice in the year.

the Master, Immediate Past Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and all the Past Masters of Mark Lodge Srinivasa No. 43 and in addition to them two members of the Lodge shall be elected every year at the Installation meeting. The duty of the Standing Committee shall be to consider the proposal for advancement and joining, 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. It shall meet before every regular meeting or at any time the Master may call for.

**b. The Audit committee:**

The Audit committee shall consist of two members elected in the Election meeting every year who will audit the accounts of the Lodge for the year and thereafter.

**Bye-Law No. 23:-**

No alteration of or additions to these By-laws shall be considered unless notice of motion has been considered at one meeting, considered at the next and confirmed at the subsequent regular meeting; nor does any change become effective until approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master.

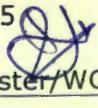
**Bye-Law No. 23:-**

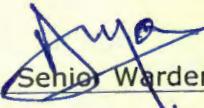
No alterations or additions to these By-laws shall be made unless the same is duly proposed and seconded at a regular meeting and included in the agenda for the next regular meeting at which the amendment or alterations with or without modification shall be adopted and confirmed at the subsequent regular meeting and then applied for approval of the R.W. Regional Grand Mark Master and M.W. the Grand Master *and shall be effective only after approval*. In all cases for which special provision is not made herein, the rules of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India as in force from time to time shall apply.

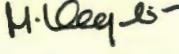
The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Lodge at a regular Meeting held on 26/03/2015 Considered and approved at a regular meeting held on 14/06/2015 and confirmed at a regular Meeting held on 18/09/2015

Place:Tiruchirapalli

Date:18/09/2015

  
W. Master/WCN

  
Senior Warden

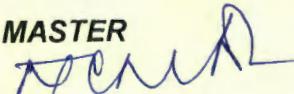
  
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Junior Warden

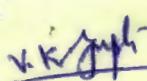
  
Secretary/Scribe

**APPROVED By RW, THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER**

Place: CHENNAI  
Date: 24-09-2015

  
Regional Grand Mark Master

New Delhi  
Date: 09.12.2015

  
Grand Secretary

**APPROVED By MW, THE GRAND MASTER**