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BYLAWS OF
R A M LODGE GODAVERY No.89
RAJAHMUNDRY

21 MAY 1999

1. Name

The name of the daughter lodge is "ROYAL ARK MARINER LODGE GODAVERY No.89, Rajahmundry, moored to Mark Lodge Godavery No.89 Rajahmundry.

2. PLACE OF MEETING

This R A M Lodge GODAVERY No.89, Rajahmundry shall meet at the Freemason's Hall, Kirlampudi Masonic Temple, Alcot Gardens Rajahmundry.

3. DAYS OF MEETING

This RAM Lodge shall meet on the third Sunday in the months of February, May, August and November.

4. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

The WCN, the Treasurer and the Warder shall be ^{Elected} ~~acted~~ annually by ballot at the Regular Meeting to be held in the month of February.

The WCN Elect, shall be Installed and he shall appoint and invest his Officers, at the Next Regular Meeting to be held in the month of MAY.

5. OFFICERS

For the purpose of Government and proper conduct of its affairs this R A M Lodge, shall Comprise of the following Officers.

1. Worthy Commander Noah
2. Immediate Past WCN
3. Senior Warden (Japheth)
4. Junior Warden (Sham)
5. Chaplain
6. Treasurer
7. Scribe
8. Senior Deacon
9. Junior Deacon
10. Director Of Ceremonies
11. Guardian
12. Organist
13. Steward
- and 14. Warder

6. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

(a) ELEVATION: Every ~~Candidate~~ Mark Master Mason, desirous of of being ELEVATED, must be proposed and seconded, at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge or a Proposal in writing, signed by the Proposer and Seconder, may be inserted in the Summons, if such be sent to the Scribe, atleast one month before the date of the meeting.

The Name of the Candidate, in extenso, his date of Birth, the Date of Advancement in Mark, the Name and Number of Mark Lodge(s) of which he is or was a member, must be brought on the summons for the Regular Meeting, at which the Ballot is to take place.

(b) JOINING or REJOINING: If a Brother, who is or was a Royal Ark Mariner, be desirous of Joining this Lodge, he must be proposed and Seconded at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge, and Ballotted for ^{any} at ~~the~~ ^{the next} Regular Meeting. His name, Profession or occupation and place of abode, The Name, Number of the RAM Lodge of which he is or was last a member, must be set forth in the summons of the Meeting, at which the Ballot is to take place. He must produce his Grand Mark Certificate and a certificate from the RAM Lodges of which he is or was last Member, stating that his dues are paid in full. *joining*

(c) NO Brother shall be ELEVATED in or admitted as a Member of the Lodge, if on Ballot, TWO Black Balls appear against him. In the event of an unfavourable Ballot, the candidate ~~or~~ the Joining member, shall NOT be again proposed, until the lapse of One Year, from the date of ~~the~~ rejection.

(d) Before a brother can be Elevated or Admitted as a Joining Member of this Lodge, all Prescribed Fees, must have been Paid to either the Scribe or the Treasurer and a Receipt obtained.

7. SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES

The following FEES ~~and~~ shall be paid to the Lodge

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| (a) For being Elevated including the cost of B of C to be presented to him. | Rs 150/- One Hundred and Fifty PLUS all fees payable to the Regional and Grand Mark Lodges for Registration, Certificate Etc. |
| (b) For Joining or Rejoining from any Constitution | Rs 50/Fifty, PLUS all Fees Payable to the Regional and Grand Mark Lodges for Registration, Certificate Etc. |
| (c) Annual Subscription. | Rs 75/Seventy Five and all Fees Payable to The Regional and Grand Mark Lodges towards Annual Dues. |

(d) FEES of HONOUR: Payable by Officers of the Lodge are as Follow:

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| W C N..... | Rs 200 |
| Senior Warden..... | Rs 150 |
| Junior Warden..... | Rs 150 |
| Senior Deacon..... | Rs 100 |
| Junior Deacon..... | Rs 100 |
| Gaurdian..... | Rs 50 |
| Chaplain..... | Rs 50 |
| Director of Ceremonies | Rs 50 |
| Organist..... | Rs 25 |
| Steward..... | Rs 25 |

The Fees for a Higher Office, shall not include the Fees for the Lower office; PLUS all FEES of Honour, payable by the Lodge Officers, to The Regional and Grand Mark Lodges, if any.

8. ARREARS OF DUES

Members who are in arrears, on any account, for over six months are NOT Eligible for Office, Vote or Proposing and Seconding; For over one year, liable for Exclusion; and for two years, automatic cessation.

9. MEMO OF ACCOUNT

All amounts due from a Brother shall be shown on the Summons, for which purpose, the Treasurers shall give a statement of all Dues from a Brother, to the Scribe to enable him to so enter on the summons.

10. PERAMANENT COMMITTEE

(a) The WCN, IPWCN and all Past WCNs of the Lodge, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Treasurer and the Scribe, and two members other than WCNs, Elected by The Lodge at the Installation meeting shall be the members of the Peramanent Committee.

(b) It shall be the duty of this Peramanent Committee, to consider all matters connected with the welfare of this Lodge scrutinising and recommending the applications for Membership - Elevation. Joining or Rejoining and to submit an Annual Report to end of MAY, upon the working of the Lodge, which shall be enclosed to the Summons for the Regular Meeting of the Lodge to be held in August, for approval and adoption.

(c) All meetings of the Peramanent Committee shall be held under Notice with Agenda, sent to all members of the Peramanent Committee, so as to reach them, atleast seven days before the date of the Meeting.

(d) The Committee shall meet atleast once in a quarter, preferably in the first week of February, May, August and November; a Copy of the minutes of such meeting shall be sent to all members of the Lodge immediately, which shall be ~~read~~ read in Open Lodge at the next meeting, approved and adopted or otherwise.

(e) FIVE members of the Committee shall form a Quorum

11. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for all monies and account books of the Lodge. He shall receive all monies and deposit them in a Bank approved by the Lodge. He shall pay all usual expenses, such as Printing, Stationery, Postages and all monies payable to Regional and Grand Mark Lodges; but shall have the prior permission of the WCN, for any special expenses; he shall close the Accounts, quarterly to the end of January, April, July and October and read the statement of Receipts and Payments, in that Quarter, at the Regular Meetings to be held in February, May, August and November.

The Annual Accounts shall be from 1st June to 31st May. The Annual Statement of Accounts, Balance sheet and The Report of the Audit Committee, shall be enclosed to the Summons for the Regular Meeting to be held in the month of August, for Approval and adoption. All payments, as far as possible and practicable, shall be made by Cheques. All cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz. the W.C.N, the Treasurer and the Scribe.

12. AUDIT COMMITTEE

It shall consist of TWO Members, Elected annually at the Election Meeting in February; they shall ~~be~~ prepare the statement of Accounts, Balance Sheet and submit the Auditors Report. One of the two Audit Committee members, may be a practising auditor, if there is one among the members. If it is so desired, they may also look into the Quarterly statement of Receipts and Payments, which the Treasurer is to read at every Regular Meeting.

13. SCRIBE

(a) He shall be Exempted to pay the Annual Subscription, in lieu of his services, if he so prefers; but he is to pay the Annual Dues to the Regional and Grand Mark Lodges

(b) He shall conduct all general business and attend to all Correspondence.

(c) He shall at every Regular Meeting of the Lodge, read out for Confirmation, the minutes of the preceeding Regular Meeting and of any Emergent Meeting, that might have been held, since the last Regular Meeting.

(d) He shall issue, under the command ~~and~~ of WCN, summonsses for The Regular and Emergent Meetings, in time, so as to to be received by the Members atleast TEN days before the date of the Meeting.

(e) He shall keep the Register of Members of the Lodge upto date.

(f) He shall submit all returns to The Regional and Grand Mark Lodges, together with the dues thereon, in time.

14. RETIREMENT OF MEMBERS

Brethern wishing to RESIGN from the Lodge, shall notify the same verballi or in Open Lodge, or by letter to Scribe. If a member fails to adhere to this rule, he shall be liable for paying full subscription and all other dues, till such notice is given.

15. DUTIES OF WARDER.

If he so prefers, he shall be exempted paying the Annual Subscription, but shall pay all annual dues payable to Regional Grand and the Grand Mark Lodges. He shall have charge of all the Furniture, Regalia and other properties belonging to to the Lodge and shall be responsible for proper arrangements at all Meetings,

16. BY-LAWS

Every Member on admission shall be presented with a copy of the By-Laws, free of cost. It shall not be competent for the brethern to abrogate, amend or alter any of these By-Laws, unless they are proposed and seconded at a Regular Meeting, approved at the next ~~Meeting~~ Regular Meeting and finally confirmed at the next Regular Meeting. Such alterations regularly proposed and seconded, approved and then confirmed, shall be submitted to The Regional and Grand Mark Lodges and finally approved by the Grand Mark Lodge.

The above By-Laws are circulated, individually to all the Founder Members, who approved. The same are adopted at the Consecrating held on 17th APRIL 1999.

W.Bro. K.Ramabrahman..... WCN

Bro. P.Shanmukha Rao..... S.W

Bro.P.Kanaka Raju J.W.

R.W.Bro. I.V.S.S.MURTY..... Scribe

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APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MARK MASTER

Place:

Date:

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Chennai
30/4/2000

Regional Grand Mark Master

APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

NEW DELHI
10.5.2000

Grand Secretary