

# GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF INDIA



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No.185(M)

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

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

Dear Sir and VW Brother,

With reference to your letter No.ML.185/2024 dated 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024, I  
return herewith two copies of bye-laws of Mark Lodge Tirupur No.185 duly  
approved by MW the Grand Master.

With best wishes

Yours fraternally

**AJAY BHARGAVA**  
Grand Secretary

# MARK LODGE TIRUPUR NO: 185

LODGE BY-LAWS – 2024

## PROPOSED BY-LAWS OF MARK LODGE TIRUPUR NO:185

### 1. Members:

The members of the Lodge shall comprise of two categories.

- (a) Members
- (b) Honorary Members

Explanation:

- a) Members shall pay the subscription as prescribed in the by-laws.
- b) Honorary Members are those who are elected as such for services rendered to masonry in general or to this Mark Lodge Tirupur No. 185 in particular.

### 2. Days of Meeting:

a) The regular quarterly meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the First Thursdays in the months of February (Installation), May, August, and November (Election) and at such times as the Master may fix from time to time at the Masonic Temple, Sundamedu, Tirupur.

b) A notice of seven clear days shall be given for all meetings, regular & emergency. An Emergency meeting of the Lodge may at any time be called by the authority of the Master and the business transacted thereat shall not include any business whatsoever except such as mentioned in the summons convening the meeting, nor shall the minutes of the previous meeting be read and confirmed.

### 3. Subscription and Fees:

a) Every member shall pay an annual membership subscription of Rs. 400/- and a steward subscription of Rs.400/- and the prevailing dues payable to Grand Mark Lodge of India & Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India. The subscription shall be paid before February every year, otherwise it will be treated as arrears.

The fees payable to the Lodge shall be as follows:

Fee for advancement	: Rs.3000/-
Fee for joining from other recognized Constitutions	: Rs.3000/-
Fee for joining or re-joining from Indian Constitutions	: Rs.3000/-

### 4. Admission of Members:

a) Every proposal for advancement or joining or re-joining shall be made by a member and seconded by another member of the Lodge, either in open Lodge at a Regular meeting or by writing to the Master or Secretary at least 14 days prior to the next regular meeting.





b) Candidates for advancement and candidates for joining from other constitutions shall sign the declaration as per rule 100 of the book of constitution of Grand Mark Lodge of India before the ballot is taken.

c) Ballot: No person shall be admitted as a member unless if on ballot for advancement, Joining/Re-joining, a simple majority of members present and voting approve the proposal for such candidate.

d) Candidates rejected by the ballot shall not be proposed until six months have elapsed after the date of the unfavourable ballot

e) In the case of unfavourable ballot, the fee paid shall be refunded.

#### **5. Resigned and Defaulting Members:**

(e) Any member desirous of resigning from the Lodge shall signify the same in writing to the Secretary before the regular meeting or announce in open lodge.

(f) A brother resigning his membership shall be re-admitted only on payment of arrears if any and re-joining fees subject to passing the ballot.

(g) If the subscription of a member remains unpaid for ONE full year, at the expiration of the period, he shall cease to be a member of the lodge provided such a member has been duly served with a notice by Registered Post with acknowledgement due of being in arrears of the subscription amount and the member fails to make payment within 30 days of receipt on the notice. The fact of cessation shall be reported to the lodge at the next regular meeting and recorded in the minutes and shall be forthwith notified to the Grand secretary.

#### **6. Election of Master and Treasurer:**

The Master and Treasurer shall be elected at the regular meeting in the month of November by balloting and with a simple majority of the members present and voting in favour.

#### **7. The Tyler:**

The Tyler shall be chosen by show of hands. The Tyler can be chosen from among members of the lodge or from other Mark Master Masons under provisions contained in Rule 85 of the Book of Constitution of G.L.M.M.I.

#### **8. Installation Meeting:**

The Master shall be installed at the Regular meeting in the month of February.

#### **9. Property and funds of the Lodge:**

Property of every kind belonging to the Mark Lodge (including the warrant, jewels, Regalia and Archives) shall be considered as vested in the Master for the time being in the trust of lodge, and a regular inventory of the whole shall be entered in a separate book and examined and signed by each Master after his installation. No property of the lodge shall be sold or otherwise disposed of, except by resolution of brethren in open lodge.





#### **10. Charity Fund:**

- (a) The Charity fund of the lodge shall be maintained by the quarterly charity collection.
- (b) Voluntary contributions may also be made to the fund by members and other brethren.
- (c) Charity fund is intended for the purpose of giving such relief as decided from time to time in the lodge.

#### **11. Permanent Committee:**

- (a) The permanent committee shall consist of The Master, the Immediate Past Master, Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies and two members to be elected at the installation meeting.
- (b) The Permanent committee shall examine the Secretary's books, inspect and check all the Treasurer's account, inspect and check all the property of the lodge at least once a year and also present an Annual report at the installation meeting.
- (c) The Permanent committee shall also scrutinize the eligibility of every candidate proposed for Advancement / Joining/ Re-joining.
- (d) The Permanent committee shall also consider any other such matters the Lodge may refer to the Committee from time to time.
- (e) The Permanent Committee shall meet at each quarter at such place, date and time as the Master decides.

#### **12. Administration:**

##### **(a) Secretary:**

- (i) The secretary shall transact all the general business and conduct all the correspondence of the lodge.
- (ii) He shall issue summons / notices for all meetings of the lodge or committee, record minutes of the meeting and keep a register of members and all other register and records, except the accounts kept by the Treasurer.
- (iii) The Secretary shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all committees appointed by the lodge.

##### **(b) Treasurer:**

- (i) The Treasurer shall keep a bank account in the name of "Mark Lodge Tirupur No. " to be operated upon by the Treasurer along with either the Master or the Secretary. A separate account for charity should be operated.
- (ii) The Treasurer shall not retain in his hands at any time a sum of more than Rs.500/- for current expenses.



(iii) Investments belonging to the Lodge shall be kept in the name of the lodge and the relative documents shall remain in the custody of the bank.

(iv) The account of the lodge shall be audited annually in February before the Annual Installation Meeting by an Audit Committee of the lodge and the audited statement of accounts with the balance sheet shall be circulated to the members at the annual installation meeting.

**(c) Tyler:**

He shall be in charge of all paraphernalia belonging to the lodge and be responsible for the proper preservation thereof and shall keep an inventory of it, countersigned by the Master once a year after his installation.

**13. Audit Committee:**

The Audit Committee shall consist of two members elected at the installation meeting every year and will audit the accounts of the lodge for the year and thereafter.

**By-laws:**

(a) Every brother shall be presented by the Master with a printed copy of the by-laws of Mark Lodge Tirupur No: when he becomes a member and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission.


(b) The by-laws shall be read in the open lodge once every year.

(c) It shall not be competent to the brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these by-laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one regular meeting and inserted in the summons and read and confirmed in the next regular meeting and subsequently approved by the Regional Grand Mark Master and the Grand Mark Master. The by-laws then must be printed and a copy sent to the Grand Mark Secretary and Regional Grand Mark Secretary.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT THE CONSECRATION AND CONSTITUTION MEETING OF THE  
Mark Lodge Tirupur No.185 HELD AT FREEMASONS' HALL, Sundamedu, TIRUPUR  
ON SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024

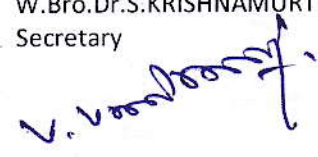
PLACE: TIRUPUR

DATE: 5/5/24

  
W. Bro. Dr. TT. SELLVARAJ  
Worshipful Master

  
Bro. P. JAGANNATHAN  
Senior Warden

  
W. Bro. Dr. S. KRISHNAMURTHY  
Secretary

  
Bro. V. VARADHARAJ  
Junior Warden




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Approved

Place: Chennai

Date: 17.5.2024


  
Regional Grand Secretary

  
Regional Grand Master

Approved by M.W. Grand Master

Place: NEW DELHI

Date: 22.05.2024

  
Grand Secretary