

# GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF INDIA

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No.86(RAM)

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2024

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

Dear Sir and VW Brother,

With reference to your letter No.RAML.86/2024 dated 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024, I  
return herewith two copies of bye-laws of RAM Lodge Victoria No.86 duly  
approved by MW the Grand Master.

With best wishes

Yours fraternally

**AJAY BHARGAVA**  
Grand Secretary

**05th July 2024**

**BY LAWS.**

Under the authority granted by The Grand Masters Royal ARK Council a Lodge of Royal ARK Mariners under the name and style of Royal ARK Mariners Lodge Victoria No. 86 shall be held at the Freemasons Hall, Camp, Belgaum.

**1. MEMBERSHIP**

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

**2. MEETINGS**

- a) Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at Freemasons Hall, Camp, Belgaum on the fourth Saturday in the month of December March, June and September every year at such hour as may be directed by the commander for each meeting.
- b) Emergency meetings of the Lodge may at any time be called by the authority of the Commander and the business to be strictly in accordance with Rule 90 of the book of Constitution of the Grand Mark Lodge of India. Any fee charged shall be to the account of the person / persons on whose behalf the emergency meeting is to be held.
- c) Summons convening the Regular / Emergency meeting shall be dispatched by the secretary to all members of the Lodge at least TEN days before the date of such meeting.

**3. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION MEETINGS**

The Commander 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 Treasures and Warder shall be elected and appointed, respectively, each year at the regular meeting of the Lodge in September and invested as such at the Installation meeting in December.

**4. ADMISSION OF MEMBERS**

- a) A Mark Master Mason desirous of being Elevated may either be proposed and seconded at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge or an application duly signed by the Proposer and Secunder may be sent to the secretary. Such a proposal / proposals shall be included in the summons of the next Regular Meeting giving full particulars of the Candidate / Candidates in accordance with Rule 98 of the book of Constitution.
- b) In case of a Joining / Rejoining member he shall be proposed and seconded at a Regular meeting, and Ballotted for at the next Regular meetings the summons in respect of which shall clearly spell out the full particulars as required by Rule 98(C) of the Book of constitution.

**5. BALLOT AND VOTING.**

- a) No person shall be Elevated a member, of a daughter Royal Ark Mariners Lodge unless if on Ballot for Elevation, Joining / Rejoining simple majority of members present and voting in the RAM Lodge approve for the proposal for such candidate

## **6. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTION.**

### **a) The following shall be the Scale of admission fees**

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| 1) Fee for Elevation.  | Rs.4000/- |
| 2) Fee for Joining from a RAM Lodge under Grand Counsel of India | Rs.4000/- |
| 3) Fee for joining from a Lodge under other Constitution.        | Rs.4000/- |
| Rejoining Fee.   | Rs.4000/- |

### **b) Membership subscription will be as follows.**

- 1) Payable to RAM Lodge every year Rs.1000/-

#### **PLUS**

- 2) Such Annual Fees payable to the Grand Mark Lodge / Grand Council of India as may be fixed from time to time.

#### **PLUS.**

- 3) Such Annual Fees payable to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India as may be fixed from time to time

The above fees are payable before Elevation, Joining / Rejoining as the case may be.

The above subscription shall be payable in advance each year.

## **7. RESIGNATION.**

Any brother desirous of resigning from Lodge my notify the same verbally in the open Lodge or by letter to the Secretary and such notice unless withdrawn shall take effect from the date on which it is given.

## **8. DUTIES of OFFICERS.**

### **SECRETARY**

Scribe shall record all minutes of the Lodge under the direction of W.C and all committee proceedings under the direction of the W.C. He shall issue summons conveying the meeting specifying the business to be transacted, Submit all the returns and conduct the correspondence of the Lodge.

### **TREASURER.**

The treasurer shall collect all funds from the members and pay all demands against the Lodge. He shall deposit all amounts received in a Bank, in the name of the Lodge approved by the resolution. No moneys other than nominal - expenses of recurring nature shall be spent without proper approval of PC / sanctioned in open Lodge. Bank account shall be operated JOINTLY by TREASURER along with WC or SCRIB.

The accounting year of the Lodge will be 1st April to 31st March.

## **9. PERMENANT AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

There shall be Permanent Committee composed of Commander, IPC, Past Commanders of RAM Lodge Victoria No. 86, Wardens Treasurer, Secretary Director of Ceremonies and Two other Brethren elected at the Installation meeting.



There shall also be an Audit committee of two Brethren who are not members, of permanent Committee. elected at the Installation Meeting.

## 10. PROPERTY.

Lodge Properties, shall be vested with the Commander and his Wardens and shall be transmitted to their successors after due inventory.

## 11. BY LAWS.

- a) "Every member on admission shall be presented with a copy of the By Laws of Lodge and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed as his submission There to.
- b) The by-Laws shall be read in the 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 By-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 Mark Lodge of India and R.W. The Regional Grand Mark Master of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India.

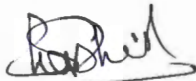
Approved and Adopted at the Consenation on 5.7.2024



**W. Bro. Abhiman B. Bhalerao**  
W. Commander



**Bro. Koustubh A. Gosavi**  
Senior Wardn



**Bro. Sashikant P. Chandgadkar**  
Junior Wardn



**Bro. Dinesh Kale**  
Scribe



Approved by R.W.Regional Grand Master

Place: Chennai

Date: 14.8.2024



Regional Grand Master

Approved by M.W. Grand Master

Place: NEW DELHI

Date: 21.08.2024



Grand Secretary