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VIJAYANAGAR NO. 84
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1. **NAME :** The name of the daughter institution is ROYAL ARK MARINER LODGE VIJAYANAGAR No. 84, HOSPET, moored to Mark Lodge Vijayanagar No.84, Hospet.
2. **PLACE OF MEETING :** This RAM Lodge Vijayanagar No.84, Hospet shall meet at vijayanagar Masonic Hall, Opposite to Little Flower English Medium School, Kalahalli Road, Hospet.
3. **DAYS OF MEETING :** This R.A.M. Lodge shall meet on the second Wednesday in the months of January, April, July (Election) and October (Installation).
4. **ELECTION & INSTALLATION :** The W.C.N., the Treasurer and warder shall be elected annually by ballot at the Regular meeting to be held in the month of July. The W.C.N. Elect, shall be INSTALLED and he shall appoint and invest his officers, at the next Regular Meeting to be held in the month of October.
5. **OFFICERS :** For the purpose of Governance and proper conduct of its affairs, this R.A.M Lodge shall comprise of the following officers.
 1. Worshipful commander Noah
 2. Immediate Past W.C.N
 3. Senior Warden (Japhet)
 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 Mark Master Mason, desirous 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 proposal be sent to the scribe at least 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 the 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, at 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 Lodge(s) of which is he or was last a member, stating that his dues are paid in full.
- 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 Unfavorable Ballot, the candidate or the joining member, shall NOT be again proposed until the Lapse of one year from the date of his 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 Scribe or Treasurer and a receipt obtained.

7. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTION :

The following FEES shall be paid on the Lodge.

- (a) For being Elevated including the ⁵post : Rs.500/- (Rs.Five hundred only)
of the B of C to be presented to him
- (b) For joining or re-joining from any : Rs. 250/- (Rs.Two hundred
constitution & Fifty only)
- (c) Annual Subscription : Rs.80/- (Rs.Eighty only) PLUS
all fees payable to the Regional
and Grand lodges towards
Annual fees.

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

W.C.N.	..	Rs. 200
Senior Warden	..	Rs. 150
Junior Warden	..	Rs. 125
Senior Deacon	..	Rs. 100
JuniorDeacon	..	Rs. 100
Guardian	..	Rs. 50
Chaplain	..	Rs. 25
D of C	..	Rs. 25
Organist	..	Rs. 25
Steward	..	Rs. 25

The Fees for a Higher Office, shall not include the fees for the Lower Officer ; PLUS all FEES of HONOUR payable by Lodge Officers, to Regional and Grand 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 treasurer shall give a statement of all dues from a member, to the Scribe, to enable him to so enter on the summons:

10. PERMANENT COMMITTEE :

- (a) The WCN, IPWCN, all Past WCNs in the Lodge, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Treasurer and 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 Permanent Committee, to consider all matters connected with the welfare of this lodge, scrutinising and recommending the applications for membership - Elevation or Joining - and submit an annual report at end of Sept. upon the working of the Lodge, which shall be enclosed to the summons for the Regular Meeting (Installation) to be held in OCTOBER, for approval and adoption.
- (c) All Meetings of the permanent committee, shall be held under notice with

Agenda, sent to all members of the Permanent 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 4th Wednesdays of January, April, July and October, and a copy of the minutes of such meeting shall be sent to all members, of the Lodge immediately, and, which shall be read in open Lodge at its next Regular 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 WCN, for any special expenses; He shall close the accounts, quarterly to end of January, April, July and October and read the statement of Receipts and Expenses, in that quarter, at the Regular Meetings to be held in January, April, July, and October.

The Annual Accounts shall be from 1st Oct. to 30th Sept. 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 August for Approval and adoption. All payments as far as possible and Practising, shall be made by cheques.

An Account shall be opened in a Schedule Bank and the account shall be operated any two of the following, viz., the Master, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

12. AUDIT COMMITTEE : It shall consist of TWO members, elected annually at the Election Meeting in July, they shall prepare the statement of Accounts, Balancesheet 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 amy also look into the quarterly statement of Receipts and payments, which the treasurer is to read at every Regular Meeting.

13. SECRETARY :

(a) He shall be exempted to pay the Annual Lodge subscription, if he so prefers; but he is to pay the annual dues to Grand and Regional Grand Mark Lodge.

- (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 Proceedings of Regular Meeting and of any Emergent Meeting that may have taken place, since the last Regular Meeting.
- (d) He shall issue, under the command of WCN, summonsses for the Regular and Emergent Meetings, in time, so as 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, uptodate.

14. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS : Brethern wishing to resign from the lodge, shall notify the same verbally in Open Lodge, or by letter to the 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 from paying the Annual Subscription, but shall pay all annual dues payable to Grand and Regional Grand Mark Lodges. He shall have charge of all the furniture, regalia and other properties belonging to the Lodge and shall be responsible for the 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 brethren to abrogate, amend or alter and of these By-laws, unless they are proposed and seconded at a Regular Meeting, approved at the next 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, They will come into effect after the final approval by the Grand Lodge.

Hospet

28th September, 1998.

W.C.N.	-	W.Bro. P.G.Nagabhushan
S.W.	-	W.Bro. M.Venkatasarma
J.W.	-	W.Bro. K.Venkanna
Scribe	-	W.Bro. M.R.Venkataratnam

APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MARK MASTER

Place : CHENNAI

Date : 30-12-1999

Sd/-

R.W.The Regional Grand Mark Master

APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

Place : NEW DELHI

Date : 19-1-2000

Sd/-

Grand Secretary