

M.4/2010

30 August 2010

To
W.Bro.D.K.Ravi
Secy., Mark Lodge Hiram No.4
Krishna
114 Mico Layout
Mahalakshmipuram
WCR II Stage
Bangalore-560 086

Dear Sir and W.Brother,

**SUB:AMENDMENT TO BYE-LAWS OF
MARK LODGE HIRAM NO.4, BANGALORE**

Please find enclosed a copy of the amendments to bye-laws of Mark Lodge Hiram No.4, Bangalore duly approved by R.W.The Regional Grand Mark Master and M.W.The Grand Master.

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

Yours fraternally,

(N. SURYANARAYANA MOORTY)
Regional Grand Secretary.

Encl:Amendment to Bye-laws

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REGIONAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOUTHERN INDIA

Mark/BAAM Lodge HIRAM No. 4 Place Bangalore

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO /REVISED BY-LAWS

(To be Submitted in Triplicate)

Existing By-Laws	Amended By-Laws
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By-Law No.	Existing Eye-law	Proposed amendment	Re:marks
1.	<p>Membership / Members</p> <p>Members of the Lodge will generally be residents of the Metropolitan area of Bangalore.</p> <p>Those residing this territory will be equally be eligible to be advanced/to join/rejoin.</p> <p>Any person who is a Mark Master Mason and a member of any Mark Lodge warranted under the Grand Lodge of India is eligible to be admitted as a member of the Lodge. There will be only one class of membership.</p>	<p>Membership / Members</p> <p>Members of the Lodge will generally be residents of the Metropolitan area of Bangalore.</p> <p>Those residing this territory will be equally be eligible to be advanced/to join/rejoin.</p> <p>Any person who is a Mark Master Mason and a member of any Mark Lodge warranted under the Grand Lodge of India is eligible to be admitted as a member of the Lodge.</p> <p>The Lodge membership shall comprise of the following categories.</p> <p>a/ Subscribing members</p> <p>b/ Life members</p> <p>Brethren who have been subscribing members continuously for 25 years and have attained 60 years of age are eligible to become Life members on payment of twelve times the current subscription and also they will be required to pay annually prorata to the Benevolent Fund, Stewards fund as well as the dues to the Regional Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge.</p> <p>Brethren who are recipients of 40 years Long Term Service Jewel are exempted from payment of Subscription. Their Regional Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge dues shall be borne by the Lodge.</p> <p>c/ Honorary Member</p> <p>The Lodge may, if it deems fit acknowledge the services of a member to Mark Masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular, by electing him as an Honorary Member in accordance with the provisions of rule 103 of the Book of Constitution.</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>new clause added to augment Lodge finances</p> <p>Clause added to honour senior brm.</p> <p>Part of the earlier bye-law no.11 is added here for convenience.</p>
2.	<p>Days of the meeting</p> <p>The regular meetings shall be held on the second Friday in the months of January, April, July and October at Freemasons Hall, Bangalore.</p>	<p>Days of the meeting</p> <p>The regular meetings shall be held on the second Friday in the months of January, April, July and October at Freemasons Hall at such time as the Master directs.</p>	Retained
3.	<p>Election</p> <p>The annual election of the WCM, Treasurer and Tyler shall be held at the regular meeting in October. The mode of election shall be by ballot for the WCM and Treasurer. Tyler can be elected either by ballot or by a show of hands.</p>	<p>Election</p> <p>The annual election of the WCM, Treasurer and Tyler shall be held at the regular meeting in October. The mode of election shall be by ballot for the WCM and Treasurer. Tyler can be elected either by ballot or by a show of hands.</p>	<p>No change</p> <p>Mode of election specified as per RGL directive.</p>

The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting held on 5th Oct 2009 Passed at a Regular Meeting held on 8th January 2010 and confirmed at a Regular Meeting held on 9th April 2010

Place Bangalore

Date 24/4/2010

W.Master/WCM B.S. Chandrasekhar Rao Senior Warden K.R. Tander Junior Warden R. Shivaramu Secretary/Scribe D.K. Ravi

APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MARK MASTER

VISAKHAPATNAM

12-08-2010

Regional Grand Mark Master

APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

NEW DELHI
26.08.2010

Grand Secretary.

REGIONAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOUTHERN INDIA

Mark/By-Law Lodge HIRAM No. 4 Place Bangalore

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO / REVISED BY-LAWS

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By-Law No.	Existing bye-law	Proposed amendment	Remarks
4.	Installation The Master Elect shall be installed at the next regular meeting in the month of January. <i>OK</i> The Master shall invest his team of Officers at this meeting.	Installation The Master Elect shall be installed at the next regular meeting in the month of January. <i>October</i> The Master shall invest his team of Officers at this meeting.	Retained.
5. a.	Fees for Advancement, Joining and Rejoining The fees to be paid for advancement including Grand Mark Registry and Certificate and also for joining shall be as follows. Advancement from GLJ Rs.500/- From other constitutions Rs.750/- amended fees and subscription w.e.f. January 1999. Joining fees From GLJ Rs.400/- From other constitutions Rs.600/-	Fees for Advancement, Joining and Rejoining The fees to be paid for advancement including Grand Mark Registry and Certificate and also for joining shall be as follows. Advancement from GLJ Rs.1000/- From other constitutions Rs.1500/- Joining fees From GLJ Rs.800/- From other constitutions Rs.1500/- Rejoining Fees Rs.1000/-	previous bye-law 10 renumbered as 5 to augment the Lodge funds ditto ditto previous bye-law 10 renumbered as 5
b.	Subscriptions The yearly subscription shall be as under Towards membership Rs.100/- p.a. Towards Stewards Fund Rs.30/- p.a. The Stewards Fund may be revised every year in the month of October by the Permanent Committee. Out of the membership amount a sum of Rs.20/- per member per year shall be transferred to Benevolent Fund in a separate account.	Subscriptions The yearly subscriptions shall be as under Towards membership Rs.400/- per year out of which Rs.60/- shall be towards Stewards Fund and Rs.40/- shall be towards Benevolent Fund and Rs.50/- shall be towards Sesquicentenary fund PLUS Regional Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge dues extra as applicable and payable. All fees and subscription as mentioned above shall become payable in full during the month of January each year or in the month of elevation/joining/rejoining	Present subscriptions existing from 1998 is now grossly inadequate due increase cost of printing, postage, hall rent, dining hall charges and other admin expenses. Already we have a cost overrun. Lodge will be celebrating Sequicentenary 150th Jubilee in the year 2015.
c.	The Secretary and Tyler shall be exempted from payment of Lodge subscription.	The Secretary and Tyler shall be exempted from payment of Lodge subscription. However they shall pay the Benevolent Fund contribution and also Regional Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge annual dues as applicable and payable.	Part of previous bye-law no.6 and no.8 are reclassified under the present bye-law. No material change
d.	The Lodge subscription shall be reviewed once in THREE YEARS by the Permanent Committee and will become effective after being approved by the GMLJ	The Lodge subscription shall be reviewed once in THREE YEARS by the Permanent Committee and will become effective after being approved by the GMLJ	No change

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Place B'lore
Date 24/4/2010

W.Master W. N. A.
B. S. Chandrashekar Rao

Senior Warden.
K. R. Tandon

Junior Warden.
K. S. V. Prasad

Secretary/Scribe.
D. K. Ravi

APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MARK MASTER

VISAKH APATNAM
12-08-2010

V. N. Aravind
Regional Grand Mark Master.

APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER

NEW DELHI
26.08.2010

Sh. N. S.
Grand Secretary.

REGIONAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOUTHERN INDIA

Mark/RAAM. Lodge. HIRAM

No. 4

Place Bangalore

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Existing By-Laws		Amended By-Laws <u>pg 3 of 5</u>	
By-Law No.	Existing bye-law	Proposed amendment	Remarks
6.	Treasurer	Treasurer	
a.	The Treasurer shall in such book of accounts as are necessary under Rule 96 of the B of C.	The Treasurer shall maintain such book of accounts as are necessary under Rule 96 of the B of C.	Existing bylaw elaborated for clarity.
b.	All payments exceeding Rs.200/- shall ordinarily be paid by cheque only.	All payments exceeding Rs.500/- shall ordinarily be paid by cheque only.	amount limit enhanced from Rs.200/- to Rs.500/-
c.		The Treasurer shall intimate the secretary all cases of arrears under rule 110 and 110 A of the B of C.	clause added for clarity.
d.	All monies shall be deposited in bank in the name of the Lodge in the following accounts. i. General Fund ii. Benevolent Fund / Charity Fund iii. Stewards Fund / Refreshment Fund	All monies shall be deposited in bank in the name of the Lodge in the following accounts. i. General Fund ii. Benevolent Fund / Charity Fund The Benevolent Fund shall be devoted solely for the purpose of charity. iii. Stewards Fund / Refreshment Fund	Existing bylaw elaborated for clarity. new clause added to augment Lodge finances
	Payment to WM for defraying the cost of refreshments,	Payment to WM for defraying the cost of refreshments, fellowship and dinner during the regular meetings shall be made out of this fund account. The amount payable is the actual receipt during the year towards the Stewards Fund and subsequent receipts out of the arrears of subscription for the Masonic year.	
e.	The Lodge bank accounts shall be jointly operated by Treasurer along with either the WM or the Secretary	The Lodge bank accounts shall be jointly operated by Treasurer along with either the WM or the Secretary	retained
7.	Secretary	Secretary	
	The secretary shall keep such books and make such entries as are prescribed under Rule 92, 93 and 94 of the B of C and shall also collect all dues and fees and transmit all monies to the Treasurer.	The scribe shall be in charge of all Lodge books, records and registers other than the books of accounts which are maintained by the Treasurer. The scribe shall make such entries as are prescribed under Rule 92, 93 and 94 of the B of C. The secretary shall be in charge of all correspondence, issue summons for the meeting, record minutes of the proceedings and maintain all records and registers.	elaborated for clarity.
8.	Registrar of Marks	Registrar of Marks	
	The Registrar of Marks shall maintain the prescribed register.	The Registrar of Marks shall maintain the prescribed register.	No change

The above amendments were regularly Proposed and Seconded in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting held on 25 Oct 2009 Passed at a Regular Meeting held on 24 Jan 2010 and confirmed at a Regular Meeting held on 9 Feb 2010

Place B'lore

Date 24/12/2010

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9	Tyler The Tyler shall be paid for his attendance at each meeting held for superintending the preparation of Lodge rooms a Fee of Rs.10/-. It shall be the Tyler's duty to keep the Tyler's Book and to see that all the Brethren who enter the Lodge signs their names in it, to examine carefully all visitors to see that the Brethren are properly clothed and that the candidates are properly prepared.	Tyler The Tyler shall be paid for his attendance at each meeting held for superintending the preparation of Lodge rooms a Fee of Rs.10/-. It shall be the Tyler's duty to keep the Tyler's Book and to see that all the Brethren who enter the Lodge signs their names in it, to examine carefully all visitors to see that the Brethren are properly clothed and that the candidates are properly prepared.	No Change
10.	Permanent Committee The Permanent Committee shall consist of the WM, PMs of and in the Lodge, Treasurer and the secretary. The WM shall preside at such meetings and in his absence the IPM and in the absence of any of these the warden senior in rank.	Permanent Committee The Permanent Committee shall consist of the WM, PMs of and in the Lodge, Treasurer and the Secretary. The WM shall preside at such meetings and in his absence the IPM and in the absence of both these brn., the PMs in the order of Lodge seniority shall preside	Elaborated for clarity.
11.	Arrears Any member whose dues shall remain unpaid for a period of six months shall receive due notice of the same from the Secretary and should they not be paid within one month from the date of such notice the member shall be liable to be dealt with under rule 88, 109 of the B of C for exclusion and 110 for cessation.	Arrears Any member whose dues shall remain unpaid for a period of six months shall receive due notice of the same from the Secretary and should they not be paid within one month from the date of such notice the member shall be liable to be dealt with under rule 88, 109 of the B of C for exclusion and 110 for cessation.	No change
12.	Resignation Any brother wishing to resign shall intimate the same either by letter to the secretary or in the open lodge.	Resignation Any brother wishing to resign shall intimate the same either by letter to the secretary or in the open lodge.	retained
13.	Audit Committee	Audit Committee Every year at the election meeting an audit committee of three brn. Shall be appointed to audit the Treasurer's books of accounts and report on the Lodge's working during the year and such report and audited statement of accounts shall be placed before the open lodge in the ensuing Installation meeting for approval and adoption. The Treasurer and the secretary shall assist the audit committee in preparing the report and statement of accounts.	presently not specified, now clarified

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14.	Emergent meeting Should a lodge of emergency be summoned for the express purpose of advancing any brother/s each of such brother shall pay an additional fee of Rs.100/-. In addition the Permanent Committee may decide to collect additional funds towards Fund from all members present.	Emergent Meeting Should an emergent meeting be summoned for the express purpose/ at the request of any candidate/candidates on any day other than a regular meeting day the cost of the meeting including the hall rent, dining hall, fellowship, lunch/dinner expenses and any other allied/incidental expenses shall be borne by such candidate/candidates.	Payment of Rs.100/- deleted. Described in detail for clarity.
15.	General	General a. The Lodge year will be from October to September. b. The Lodge year shall be from January to December. c. Any cost/expense incurred by the Lodge towards the date they become due and payable shall be recovered from such members whose subscription are in arrears. d. Every member on his elevation or joining shall be presented with a copy of these bye-laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the bye-laws contained therein. All matters not specially provided by the GMLI regulations or these bye-laws shall be decided according to the B of C of GLI - Craft.	No change New clause added New clause added
16.	Bye-laws Alteration of bye-laws shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these bye-laws unless the abrogation shall have been duly proposed and passed open lodge read and confirmed at the next regular meeting of the Lodge. The change shall not become effective until subsequently approved by the RGM and MWGM.	Alteration to bye-laws shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend, revise, add, delete or alter these bye-laws in any manner unless due notice of the same has been given in writing a. to be circulated along with the summons for discussions in the open lodge for passing and b. to be circulated with modifications, if any, along with the summons in the next meeting for approval and c/ to be circulated with modifications, if any, along with the summons for confirmation in the ensuing meeting and forward the same to RGM and GMLI for approval. The change shall not become effective until subsequently approved by the RGM and MWGM.	New clause added

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