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OF**

**MARK LODGE
VIJAYANAGAR NO. 84
HOSPET.**

1994

CONSECRATION CEREMONY

CONSECRATION OFFICER

M. W. BRO. GUTTAM RAMANLAL DIVAN

M. W. The Grand Mark Master

assisted by

R. W. Bro. N. T. Kapadia	as I. P. M
R. W. Bro. K. L. Reddy	as S. W
R. W. Bro. V. Saragapani	as J. W
R. W. Bro. D. Dorairaj	as M. O
W. Bro. S. Ramaswamy	as S. O
W. Bro V. G. Ramamurthy	as J. O
R. W. Bro. I. V. S. S. Murthy	as Chaplain & Oration,
W. Bro. S. Chintopanth	as Secy
W. Bro. B. A. Krishnan	as D of C
W. Bro. T. K. Shanmuganandam	as S. D
W. Bro. M. A. Hug	as J. D
W. Bro. Arun Chintopanth	as Swd Br
W. Bro. Dr. P. S. Huitgol	as St Br
W. Bro. N. S. Baitmangalkar	as St Br
W. Bro. K. A. Kurian	as A. D of C
W. Bro V. G. Joshi	as I G

Installation of Master Designate and address to Master by

R. W. Bro. N. T. Kapadia, Dy. G. M. M.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF INDIA

TO ALL AND EVERY MOST WORSHIPFUL, RIGHT
WORSHIPFUL, WORSHIPFUL AND LOVING BRETHREN

WE

GAUTAM RAMANLAL DIVAN GRAND MASTER
OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF INDIA

Send Greetings : Know ye that we by the authority and under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India bested in us for that purpose and at the humble Petition of Brothers Patthikonda Gurunathappa Nagabushan, Mukkami Venkatasarma, Kolagal Venkanna, Murugesu Subramaniam, Chennabasappa Kotambri, Manathattai Ratnam Venkataratnam, Katta Subramanyam Setty, Baldota Narendra Kumar, Devarkonda Vasudeva Krihsnamurhi, Sushil R. Morarka and achuthadevaraya and others who are Regularly registered Mark Master Masons do hereby constitute the said 11 Brethren into a regular Lodge of Mark Master Masons under the title of the Mark Lodge Vijayanagar No. 84 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons to be holder under the Grand Master and his successor's in office for ever and appoint Brother P. G. Nagabushan to be First Master, Brother, Mukkami Venkatasarma to be the First Senior warden and Brother Kolgal Venkanna to be the First Junior Warden of the said Lodge giving to them and their successors regularly elected and installed authority to convene a Lodge of Mark Master Masons at the FREEMASONS HALL.

Hospet Sir M. Visveswaraya Centenary Hall upon the Fourth Wednesday in the month of February, May, August & November or such other time as they may appoint. It is hereby Declared that these three Brethren and their successors in office on behalf of themselves and the said Lodge by the acceptance of of this Warrant become bound now and hereafter to preserve the land marks of the Order, to observe its antient usages and established customs, and to obey and conform to all the regulations from time to time made by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Government of the Mark Degree and strictly to enforce them within their own Lodge, upon these conditions only this Chapter or Warrant is granted and it is revocable in default of strict compliance therewith. Lastly the Grand Master for himself and his successors declares that on due compliance with these conditions and the Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons which may from time to time be promulgated he will protect and uphold this Lodge and every Mark Master Masons lawfully Advanced therein.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons at the Freemasons Hall, New Delhi this thirtieth day of May, 1994 corresponding to Ninth day of Jaistha, 1916 Saka Era.

Sd.

N. L. DUGGAL,
GRAND SECRETARY.

Sd.

G. R. DIVAN,
GRAND MASTER:

By-Laws
of
MARK LODGE VIJAYANAGAR NO. 84
HOSPET

1. NAME :

The Name of this daughter Institution is "MARK LODGE VIJAYANAGAR No. 84, under the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.

2. PLACE OF MEETINGS :

The Regular and Emergency meetings of this Mark Lodge will be held at ~~Sir Visweswaraya Centenary Hall, Munirabad~~ *Vijayanagar Freemasons' Hall, Kalahalli Road, Hospet.*

3. DAYS OF MEETINGS :

The Regular Meetings of this Mark Lodge will be held on the ~~FOURTH~~ ^{SECOND} WEDNESDAY in February, May, August and November, at such time as will be notified in the summons.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS :

The Master and the Treasurer of the Mark Lodge, to be Elected by Ballot, and the Tyler Chosen at the Regular Meeting to be held in the month of May.

5. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS :

The Officers so elected and other officers appointed by the Worshipful Master, will be Installed and invested at the Regular Meeting in the month of August.

6. OFFICERS :

For the purpose of Government and proper conduct of its affairs, the MARK Lodge will have the following Officers:

1. **W M** Worshipful Master
2. **I P M** Immediate Worshipful Master
3. **S W** Senior Warden
4. **J W** Junior Warden
5. **M O** Master Overseer
6. **S O** Senior Overseer
7. **J O** Junior Overseer
8. **Chap** Chaplain
9. **Tres** Treasurer
10. **Rgr. Marks** Registrar of Marks
11. **Sec** Secretary
12. **D of C** Director of Ceremonies
13. **S D** Senior Deacon
14. **J D** Junior Deacon
15. **A D of C** Assistant Director of Ceremonies
16. **Almoner** Almoner
17. **A Sec** Assistant Secretary
18. **I G** Inner Guard
19. **Std** Steward
20. **Tye** Tyler

7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS :

(a) No Candidate will be **ADVANCED** and **NO** Mark Master Mason admitted as a Joining/Rejoining Member unless (i) He shall have submitted an application in the prescribed form, (ii) shall have been duly proposed and seconded at one Regular Meeting or by Notice in writing, transmitted to the Secretary by the Proposer, atleast One month before the next Regular Meeting, (iii) shall have paid in advance all fees, application in each case, (iv) and shall have produced the certificate (s) required by the Book of Constitution

- (b) No Candidate for Advancement, Joining or Rejoining, shall be deemed Elected, if at the Ballot TWO Black balls appear against him.
- (c) In case of a unfavourable Ballot, NO further application from that candidate, for Advancement, or Joining or Rejoining, shall be received within six months from the date of rejection.
- (d) A Candidate may be **ADVANCED** at the same Meeting or at any of the next four Meetings; otherwise the Election will be null and void.

8. CONSTITUTION-

- (a) The Mark Lodge will consist of (i) Subscribing Members and (ii) Honorary Members.
- (b) Honorary Members shall comprise of any Mark Master Mason, so Elected, by the **UNANIMOUS** Vote of the Mark Master Masons of the Mark Lodge, after due consent of that Mark Master Mason and after due proposal and Seconding at one regular meeting and voted at the next Regular Meeting, after due notice in the summons convening the meeting.

9. FEES : : ADVANCEMENT : : JOINING/REJOINING:

- (a) For being **ADVANCED** (including the cost of Book of Constitution and By-laws to presented) Rs 750/- PLUS all fees payable to The Regional Grand Mark Lodge of South India, for Registration, Certificate etc.

- (b) For Joining / Rejoining (including the cost of By-Laws) Rs. 200/- PLUS all fees payable to The Regional Grand Mark Lodge and The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, for Registration, Certificate etc.

10. SUBSCRIPTION :

- (a) The year of accounting, for Payment of Annual Subscription, is from 1st of September to 31st of August.
- (b) The Annual Subscription is Rs. 80/- per year, PLUS all Annual Fees payable to Regional Grand Mark Lodge of South India, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India for every Mark Master Mason on the rolls.

11. FEES OF HONOUR -

Payable to the Mark Lodge by the Officers Annually ;

Worshipful Master	Rs. 150/-
Senior Warden	Rs. 100/-
Junior Warden	Rs. 100/-
Master Overseer	Rs. 50/-
Senior Overseer	Rs. 50/-
Junior Overseer	Rs. 50/-
Senior Deacon	Rs. 25/-
Junior Deacon	Rs. 25/-
D of C	Rs. 25/-
Chaplain	Rs. 25/-
Registrar of Marks	Rs. 25/-
A D of C	Rs. 25/-
Almoner	Rs. 25/-
Steward	Rs. 25/-
Inner Guard	Rs. 25/-

- (a) The FEES for a Higher Office shall NOT include the FEES for the Lower Office.
- (b) The FEES so collected shall, as far as possible shall be utilised for the maintenance and acquiring of Regalia, Furniture and other properties of the Mark Lodge.
- (c) In addition, all FEES of Honour payable by any of the Officers of the Mark Lodge, to Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India and The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, are to be paid by them individually.

12. MEMO OF ACCOUNT -

All amounts due from a Member, shall be shown on every summons conveying a Regular Meeting, for which purpose, the Treasurer shall give a statement of all dues to the Secretary, to enable him to enter on every summons.

13. ARREARS OF DUES -

Mark Master Masons who are in arrears on account of subscription for (1) over three months are NOT eligible for office, proposing, seconding and vote. (2) over six months liable for Exclusion (3) one full year AUTOMATIC CESSATION.

14. TREASURER -

- (1) He shall have charge of and responsible for all monies and account books of the Mark Lodge.
- (2) He shall receive all monies and deposit them in a Bank approved by the Mark Lodge for (a)

- (3) He shall operate the Bank accounts together with the Secretary or worshipful Master.
- (4) He shall pay all usual expenses, such as printing and stationery, postage and all monies payable to Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India and The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.
- (5) He shall close the accounts once in a quarter to the end of January, April, July and October and read a statement of Receipts and payments during that quarter, at the Regular Meetings in February, May, August and November.
- (6) The year of accounting be from 1st September to 31st August. The Annual Statement of accounts, Balance sheet and the Report of the Audit Committee, showing the state of finances of the Mark Lodge shall be made ready for enclosing to the Summons for the Meeting of The Mark Lodge in November, for approval and adoption by the open Mark Lodge.

15. SECRETARY -

- (1) He shall be exempted to pay the annual subscription to the Mark Lodge, if he so prefers but he shall pay all annual dues payable to The Mark Lodge of Southern India and The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.
- (2) He shall issue summons for the Regular and any Emergency Meetings of The Mark Lodge, not less than 15 days previous for the Regular Meeting and for all Emergency Meetings, as much notice as possible, but not less than five days, should be given.

- (3) He shall record minutes of all Regular and Emergency Meetings of the Mark Lodge and of all Committee Meetings of which he shall be Ex-officio Secretary.
- (4) He shall conduct all correspondence between the Mark Lodge and its Members, other daughter Mark Lodges, Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India and The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.
- (5) He can also collect all dues and fees from the members and candidates and remit the amounts in the Bank.
- (6) He can keep an imprest of Rs. 100/- and submit vouchers for the payments made by him, to the Treasurer, once in a quarter.
- (7) He shall at each installation Meeting, lay a Report, duly approved by the Permanent Committee, reviewing the progress during the year before the Mark Lodge, duly enclosing such Report to the Summons for the Installation Meeting.
- (8) He shall regularly submit in time, all returns due to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India and to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.
- (9) He shall at every Regular Meeting of the Mark Lodge, read out for confirmation, the minutes of the Preceding regular meeting and of any emergency meeting, that might have taken place, since the last regular meeting.
- (10) He shall carefully preserve all books and records of the Mark Lodge in general and the register of Members and the Register of Marks upto date.

16. TYLER ;

He shall have the charge of all the property, Regalia and Furniture of the Mark Lodge. He shall see, that previous to each Meeting, the room is properly arranged and everything made ready. He shall guard the entrance to The Mark Lodge and admit only well known Mark Master Masons and shall not admit strangers until examined and proved by The Junior Warden and permitted by the Worshipful Master.

17. AUDIT COMMITTEE -

- (1) It shall consist of TWO members ELECTED, annually at the Election Meeting in May.
- (2) It is preferred that one or two so elected members, be a professional, if there is one among the member.
- (3) They shall prepare the Annual Statement of Accounts, Balance sheet, for the year from 1st September to 31st August, and submit the Auditors Report, showing the financial state of affairs of the MARK Lodge, for (a) General Account, (b) Charity account, in time, so as to enclose them to the summons for the Regular Meeting in November where at the Mark Lodge shall approved and adopt.

18. PERMANENT COMMITTEE -

- (1) The Permanent Committee of the Mark Lodge shall consist of the Worshipful Master, The Senior and Junior Wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the D of C and all past masters of the Mark Lodge and Two members Elected at the Regular meeting in August.

- (2) It shall be the duty of the permanent committee to consider all matters connected with the welfare of the Mark Lodge, Scrutinising and recommending the applications for Membership, prepare and submit an annual report for the year from 1st August to 31st July at the installation meeting in August, upon the working of the Mark Lodge, which report shall be enclosed to the summons for the installation meeting in August.
- (3) To preserve and improve the property, regalia, furniture of the Mark Lodge and examine the Mark Lodge books and advise on the investment of the Funds of the Mark Lodge and report on any matter referred to them by the Mark Lodge and consider and report on the applications for relief of distressed Mark Master Masons.
- (4) 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 FIVE days before the date of the Permanent Committee meeting.
- (5) The Permanent Committee shall meet atleast once in a quarter, preferably in the first week of February, May, August and November.
- (6) The minutes of the Permanent Committee meetings shall be sent to all the members of the permanent committee, present and absent, immediately after the meeting.
- (7) An item 'To vote severally and individually on the following recommendations of the permanent committee, held after the last regular meeting of the Mark Lodge, be brought on the summons for the next Regular Meeting of the Mark Lodge.
- (8) Five or one third of the total members of the permanent committee shall form the Quorum.

19 PROPERTY -

It shall not be competent for the members of the Mark Lodge, to abrogate, amend, or alter these By-Laws, unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration is proposed and seconded at one regular meeting, brought on to the summons for the next regular meeting and approved, and again brought, on the summons for the next (3rd consecutive Meeting) Meeting and confirmed and thereafter approved by The Regional Grand Master of The Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India and by The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India. In all cases, not specially provided by these By-Laws, the members shall be bound by the decision of the Worshipful Master, the same being NOT contrary to the constitution, Every member of the Mark Lodge shall be provided with a copy of these By-Laws and every candidate on advancement shall be presented with a copy.

These above By-Laws are circulated, individually to all FOUNDER MEMBERS who approved. The same are adopted at the consecration meeting of the Mark Lodge, on 31st JULY, 1994.

Sd.	Sd.
(P. G. NAGABUSHAN)	(M VENKATASARMA)
W. Master	S. Warden
Sd.	Sd.
(K. VENKANNA)	(M. R. VENKATARATNAM)
J. Warden	Secretary

Approved by R. W. The Regional Grand Mark Master.

Sd.	
Place : Coimbatore.	(D. DORAIRAJ.)
Dated; 27-11-1995	REGIONAL GRAND MARK MASTER.
APPROVED BY M. W. THE GRANDMASTER.	
Sd.	

Place ; New Delhi.
Dated : 18 12-1995

(N. L. DUGGAL)
GRAND SECRETARY.

MARK LODGE VIJAYANAGAR No. 34**FOUNDER MEMBERS AND****OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1994-95**

W, Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Master Overseer
Sr. Overseer
J. Overseer
Chaplain
Treasurer
Secretary
Regr. of Marks
Dir of Ceremonies
Sr. Deacon
Jr. Deacon
Inner Guard
Tyler

W, Bro. P. G. Nagabushan
W, Bro. M. Venkatasarma
Bro. K. Venkanna
Bro. K. Subramanyam Setty
Bro. Baldota Narendrakumar
W, Bro. K. Chennabasappa
W, Bro. D. V. Krishnamurthi
to be elected
W, Bro. M. R. Venkataratnam

Bro. Sushil R. Morarka
to be elected