



**BYE-LAWS
OF
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(Revised incorporating all amendments till 1995)

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Under authority granted by the Grand Mark Lodge of India, dated 11th February, 1969 a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, titled Mark Lodge 'Justitia' No. 45, G.M. I. shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Egmore, Madras - 600 008.

ELEGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Except for the Founder Members, Brethren who belong to legal profession or have held or hold judicial offices or have been or are Secretaries, Deputy Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries in the Law and Legislature Departments of State or Central Government or who held a degree in law are eligible to become Members of the Lodge, but the Lodge can decide to admit other eminent and distinguished Brethren who do not belong to the aforesaid categories, at its discretion.

MEETINGS

2. The Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Free Masons' Hall, Commander-in-Chief Road, Egmore, Madras - 8 on the Last Saturdays in the months of January, March, July, September and November.

A notice of seven clear days shall be given of all meetings, Regular and 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 on the summons convening the meeting not shall the minutes relate to or affect the validity of the business so mentioned.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

3. The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in January and they shall be installed and invested respectively at the next Regular Meeting in March. The Tyler shall also be elected by show of hands in January and invested along with other officers at the installation Meeting in March.
4. Every proposal of a candidte for Advancement must be made by one and seconded by another both of whom must be subscribing members of the Lodge or Honorary Members who are past Masters of the Lodge, either in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting or in writing to the Secretary atleast 14 days prior to the next Regular Meeting.
5. A Brother shall not be accepted as a candidate for joining or re-joining unless he has been proposed and seconded in open Lodge or a notice that he has

been proposed and seconded has been read out in open Lodge at a Meeting prior to that he comes up for election.

A candidate for Advancement or a candidate for joining not already registered on the books of Grand Mark Lodge, Shall before the ballot is taken sign the declaration in Appendix A and pay the Advancement fee or the joining fee as the case may be, in advance.

A candidate for joining or re-joining who is already registered on the books of Grand Mark Lodge of India shall, before the ballot is taken, sign the declaration in Appendix B.

If on the ballot, 2 black balls shall appear against a candidate for Advancement, joining or re-joining, he shall not be admitted.

In the case of an unfavourable ballot, the fee paid shall be returned.

Candidates or Brethren rejected on ballot shall not be again eligible to be proposed until after a lapse of 6 months from the date of rejection.

6. A member of the Lodge who desires to resign shall do so in open Lodge or by Letter addressed to the

Secretary, and on all amounts due from him being paid. he shall be furnished with a 'No Dues' or 'Clearing Certificete'.

7. A Member who allows his subscription to fall into arrears for two full years automatically ceases to be a member. He can become a member again only by payment of the arrears followed by regular proposition and ballot according to Rule 100 of the B of C. A member in arrears of his subscription for one year shall be liable to be excluded form the Lodge He shall not be eligible for appointment or election to office or be entitled to vote.

A Br1other who has done good service to the Lodge or to the Order may elected as Honorary Member of the Lodge. His name must be proposed and seconded in open Lodge and must appear on the Summons for the following meeting at which he must be ballotted for and three black balls shall exclude.

A Honorary member may attend the Lodge as such but he should not hold any office therein, or vote, or propose or second any resolution, provided that if he is a Past Master of the Lodge he may propose or Second a candidate. An Honorary member shall pay no subscription.

FEES

The fees payable to the Lodge shall be as under

		Existing	Proposed
a)	Fee for advancement	250	500
b)	Fee for joining from a Lodge not under the Indian Constitution	250	750
c)	Joining Fee	150	500
d)	Fee for Rejoining	150	500

In addition to the above Grand Mark Lodge and Regional Grand Mark Lodge fees payable on advancement/joining are to be paid at the prevailing rates.

SUBSCRIPTION

		Existing	Proposed
a)	Annual Subscription Per member Payable in advance	250	500

In addition to the above Annual dues payable to the Grand Mark Lodge and Regional Mark Lodge are to be paid at the prevailing rates.

CORRESPONDENCE

11. All letters from the members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

SECRETARY

12. The Secretary shall conduct the general correspondence, issue of summons for all meeting, record minutes of the proceedings, keep the Registers and records and the Lodge seal and maintain an inventory of all furniture and property of the Lodge. He shall not keep any money with him except for postage which should not exceed Rs.5/-. He shall also maintain a Postage Account separately.

REGISTRAR OF MARKS

13. The Registrar of Marks shall maintain the register of Marks of the members of the Lodge and shall produce at every meetings of the Lodge. He shall verify the entries made by him in the register with all Grand Lodge Certificates received by the Secretary.

TREASURER

14. The Treasurer shall have charge of the Funds and account books of the Lodge, receive all monies and make all authorised payments; All monies received shall be deposited in at Bank, in the name of the Lodge, approved by resolution of the Lodge. At every regular meeting the Treasurer shall make a report on the state of finances of the Lodge.

TYLER

15. The Tyler shall keep in good order and be responsible for maintenance of the Lodge furniture and Regalia. He shall prepare the Lodge before each meeting and

ensure that every Brother, whether member or visitor, previous to entering the Lodge signs the attendance book and is properly clothed.

Nothing save unavoidable circumstances shall be sufficient excuse for the absence of the Tyler from any meeting of the Lodge and timely notice shall be sent by the Tyler to the secretary in such cases.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE

16. The Permanent Committee shall consist of the Master, Senior Warden, I.P.M, Director of Ceremonies, a Past Master nominated by the Master, Treasurer the Secretary and a member elected by the Lodge. The nomination and election of member of the committee shall take place at the installation meeting in March.

It shall be the duty of the Committee to consider and report upon general question affecting the Lodge, to check the inventory of the property of the Lodge, to audit the accounts of the Lodge and submit an annual report to be presented at the Installation meeting in March, upon the working and condition of the Lodge. It shall meet not less than twice in the year.

PROPERTY OF THE LODGE

17. The Property of the Lodge shall be vested with the Wor. Master and Wardens for the time being in trust for the Lodge.

ALTERATION OF BYE-LAWS

18. No alteration of or addition to these By-Laws shall be considered unless notice of motion has been considered at one meeting, considered at the next and confirmed at the subsequent regular meeting; nor does any change become effective until approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Mark Master.

Adopted at the Consecration meeting held on 12th March 1969.

K. VEERASWAMI
Wor. Master

C.SANTAMURTHI NAIDU
Senior Warden

R. KRISHNAMOORTHY
Junior Warden

S. THIRUNAVUKARASU
Secretary

Approved by the R. W. Regional Grand Mark Master of
Southern India.

Madras
12th March, 1969

C.A. RAMAKRISHNAN
Regional
Grand Mark Master

Approved by the M.W. Grand Mark Master.

Madras
12th March, 1969

P.M. SUNDARAM
Grand Secretary