

Duly Adopted at the Consecration Meeting of the Lodge held on
Sunday the 18th March, 2012.

APPROVED BY R.W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER.

Place : Chennai

Sd/-

Date : 21st November 2012

Regional Grand Mark Master

APPROVED BY M.W. THE GRAND MASTER.

Place : New Delhi

Sd/-

Date : 06-12-2012

Grand Secretary

ROYAL ARK MARINERS LODGE KRISHNA NO. 96

Anakapalle

BY LAWS

"Freemasons' Hall"
Pudimadaka By-Pass Road
Anakapalle

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(Warranted : 15-2-2012 and Consecrated on 18-3-2012)

- 1 **Name :** The name of this daughter Institution is "Royal Ark Mariners Lodge Krishna, No. 96 Under The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India Moored to Mark Lodge Sarada No. 96 Anakapalle.
2. **Place of Meetings :** The Regular and Emergency Meetings will be held at Freemasons Hall, Pudimadaka By-Pass Road, Anakapalle.
3. **Date of Meeting :** The regular Meetings of this RAM Lodge will be held in the Month of October (Election), January (Installation), April and July on the 2nd Sunday of that Month.
4. **Election of Officers :** The WCN, the Treasurer, and the Warder of this RAM Lodge to be elected by ballot at the regular Meeting in the month of October.
- 5) **Installation of Officers :** The Officers so elected and other Officers appointed by the WCN will be installed and invested at the regular meeting to be held in the month of January.
- 6) **Officers :** For the purpose of Government and proper conduct of its affairs, this RAM Lodge will have the following Officers :
 - 1) Worshipful Commander Noah 2) Immediate Past Commander Noah 3) Senior Warden (Japeth) 4) Junior Warden (Shem) 5) Chaplain, 6) Treasurer 7) Scribe 8) Dictor of Ceremonies 9) Senior Deacon 10) Junior Deacon 11) Organist 12) Guardian 13) Two Stewards and 14) Warder
- 7) **Election of Members :**
 - a) No Candidate will be Elevated and No RAM Lodge Members admitted as Joining / Rejoining member, unless

(i) he shall have submitted an application in the prescribed Form
 (ii) he shall have been duly proposed and seconded at one Regular Meeting or by notice in writing, transmitted to the Scribe by the Proposer atleast one month before the next Regular Meeting (iii) he shall have paid in advance all Fee, Applicable in each case (iv) and shall have produced the certificates required by the Book of Constitution.

(b) No Candidate for Elevation, Joining / Rejoining Shall be deemed elected, unless if on ballot, two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such Candidature.

(c) In case of an unfavourable ballot no further application from that candidature, for Elevation, Joining / Rejoining Shall be received withing one year from the date of rejection.

(d) A Candidate may be elevated at the same meeting or at any of the next four meetings, otherwise the Election will be null and void.

- 8) **Constitution** : This RAM Lodge will consist of (i) Subscribing members and (ii) Honorary Members.

Honorary Members shall comprise of any Royal Ark Mariner so elected by the unanimous voting of the members of the RAM Lodge Present at the Meeting, after the consent of the RAM Lodge member and after due proposal and seconding at one Regular Meeting, after due notice in the summons convening the Meeting.

- 9) **Fees** : Elevation / Joining / Rejoining : (a) For being Elevated including the cost of the Book of Constitution and Bylass to be presented, Rs. 200/- Plus all Fee payable to The Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, for Registration, Certificate etc.,

- (b) For Joining / Rejoining, including the cost of By Laws to be presented, Rs. 100/- Plus all Fee payable to Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Massons of India, for Registration, Certificate etc.,

Fee Payable to	GMLI	RGMLSI
Elevation	Rs. 80/-	Rs. 50/-
Joining / Rejoining	Rs. 50/-	Rs. 20/-
Subject to Change from time to time.		

- 10) **SUBSCRIPTION** : (a) The Year of accounting, for Payment of Subscription, is from 1st January to 31st December (b) The Annual Subscription will be Rs. 150/- per year, Plus all fee and dues payable to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, for every RAM Lodge Member on the Roll.

- 11) **FEE OF HONOUR** : Payable to this RAM Lodge by the officers annually :

Worshipful Commander Noah	Rs. 200/-
Senior Warden	Rs. 150/-
Junior Warden	Rs. 150/-
Senior Decon	Rs. 50/-
Junior Decon	Rs. 50/-
Gaurdian	Rs. 25/-
Chaplin	Rs. 25/-
Director of Ceremonies	Rs. 25/-
Warden	Rs. 25/-
Organist	Rs. 25/-
Steward	Rs. 25/-

(a) The Fee for a Higher Office shall not include the fee for the Lower Office.

(b) The Fee so collected, as far as possible, shall be only utilized for the maintenance and acquiring Regalia, Furniture and other Temple Properties of the RAM Lodge.

(c) In addition, all Fee of Honour, payable by any of the Officers of this RAM Lodge, to the Regional Grand Lodge of Southern India and the Grand Mark Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the India, are to be paid by them Individually, through this RAM Lodge.

- 12) **MEMO OF ACCOUNT** : All amounts due from a Member, shall be shown on every summon convening a Regular Meeting for which purpose, the Treasurer will give a statement of all due to the Scribe, to enable him to enter on every summons.
- 13) **ARREARS OF DUES** : The members who are in arrears on account of subscription for (a) over three months are NOT eligible for office, Proposing, Seconding and Vote, (b) for over six months liable for exclusion and (c) for one full year AUTOMATIC CESSATION.
- 14) **TREASURER** : (1) He shall have charge of and responsible for all monies and account books of the RAM Lodge, (2) He Shall receive all monies and deposit them in a Bank approved by this RAM Lodge for : (a) General Account (b) Chanty Account (3) He Shall operate the Bank Accounts together with the Scribe or WCN (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 Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India (5) He Shall close 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 January, April, July and October. (6) The year of

accounting shall be from 1st January to 31st December. The Statement of Accounts, Balance Sheet and the Report of the Audit Committee, showing the state of finances of the RAM Lodge, shall be made ready for enclosing to the summons of the Meeting in January for approval and adoption in the Open RAM Lodge.

15) **SCRIBE** : (1) He shall be exempted to pay the annual subscription to the RAM Lodge, if he so prefers, but he shall pay all annual dues to The Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India and to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.

(2) He Shall issue summons for the Regular and Emergency Meeting of the RAM Lodge, not less than 15 days prior to the Regular Meetings and for Emergency Meetings, but not less than 7 days.

(3) He shall record Minutes of all Regular and Emergency Meeting of this RAM Lodge and of all Committee Meetings of which he shall be the Exofficio.

(4) He should conduct all correspondence between this RAM Lodge and its members, other daughter Lodges, The 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 free from the members and candidates and remit the amounts in the Bank.

(6) He may keep an imprest of Rs. 200/- 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 RAM 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 RAM 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 RAM Lodge in general and the Register of Members, up - to date, in particular.

16) **WARDER** : He shall have the charge of all the Property, Regalia and Furniture of the RAM Lodge, He shall see, that prior to each meeting. the Temple is properly arranged and everything made ready. He shall guard the entrance to the RAM Lodge and admit only well known RAM Members and should not admit strangers until examined and approved by the Junior Warden and permitted by the WCN.

17) **AUDIT COMMITTEE** : (1) It shall consist of Two members elected, annually at the Election Meeting in October.

(2) It is preferred, that one of the two elected members be a professional, if there is one among the members.

(3) They shall prepare the Annual Statement of Accountants, Balance Sheet for the year from 1st January to 31st December, submit the Auditors Report, showing the financial state of affairs of the RAM Lodge for (a) General Account (b) Charity account, in time so as to enclose them to the summons for the Regular Meeting in January, Where at the RAM Lodge shall approved and adopt.

18) **PERMANENT COMMITTEE** : (1) it shall consist of the Worshipful Commander Noah, Senior Warden Junior Warden, Treasurer, Scribe the D of C, all the Past WCNS in the Lodge and Two elected members of Regular Installation Meeting in January.

(2) It shall be the duty of the premanent committee to consider all matters connected with the welfare of the RAM Lodge, Scrutinizing and recommending the Applications for Membership, prepare and submit and Annual Report for the year from 1st January to 31st December at the Installation Meeting in January upon the working of the Lodge, which report shall be enclosed to the Summons for the Installation Meeting in January.

(3) To Preserve and improve the Property, Regalia, Furniture of the RAM Lodge and examine the RAM Lodge Books and Records and advise on the investment of the Funds of the RAM Lodge and report on the applications for relief of distressed RAM Members.

(4) All meetings of the Permanent Committee shall be held under Notice with Agenda, send to all members of the Permanent Committee, so as to reach them at least Five days before the date of the Permanent Committee.

(5) The Permanent Committee shall meet atleast once in a quarter preferably in the first week of January, April, July and October.

(6) The Minutes of the Permanent Committee Meeting Shall be sent to all members of the Permanent Committee, present and absent immediately after the Meeting.

(7) An Item, " To vote severally and indiviually on the following recommendations of the Permanent Committee, held after last Regular Meeting of the RAM Lodge, he

brought on the summons for the next Regular Meeting of the RAM Lodge.

(8) Five or one third of the total Members of the Permanent Committee, shall from the Quorum.

19) **PROPERTY** : The Property of the RAM Lodge shall vest in the three Principal Officers, WCN Senior and Junior Wardens, for the time being, in trust for the RAM Lodge.

20) **GENERAL** : It Shall not be competent for the members of the RAM Lodge , to abrogate, amend or alter these Bylaws, unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration, is proposed and seconded at one Regular Meeting, brought on the Next Regular Meeting and approved and again brought on the summons for the next, (3rd consecutive meeting) Regular Meeting and confirmed and thereafter approved by the Regional Grand Mark Master Masons of Southern India, and by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, In all cases, not specially provided by these Bylaws, the Members shall be bounded by the decision of the WCN, the same being Not Contrary to the Constitution. Every Member of the RAM Lodge shall be provided with a Free Copy of these Bylaws and every candidate on Advancement shall be presented with a copy.

sd/-

Worshipful Commander Noah

sd/-

Senior Warden

sd/-

Scribe

sd/-

Junior Warden