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FRAMED UNDER RULES 87 AND 88 OF G.L.M.M.M.I. 1989

1. Members :

The members of the Lodge shall comprise of the two categories.

- (a) Members.
- (b) Honorary members.

Explanation (i) Members shall pay the subscription as prescribed in the bylaws.

- (ii) Honorary members are those who are elected as such for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Mark Lodge Mangalore in particular.

2. Days of Meeting :

- (a) The Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the second Saturday of January, April, July and October at 6-30 p.m. at the premises of the Lodge Mangalore.
- (b) Emergency Meetings may be convened on some other Day or Place as per rule 90 of the Book of Constitution.

3. Summons :

Summons for convening the Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be issued at least Seven Days previous to such Meetings.

4. Subscription and Fees :

- (a) Every member shall pay in advance Rupees Hundred (Rs. 100/-) per year as subscription to the Treasurer.
- (b) A sum of Rupees Hundred (Rs. 100/-) per year towards Stewards fund account is to be collected from each member for the cost of the after proceedings.
- (c) The Following fees shall be payable in advance before balloting :
 - (i) for Advancement – Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred)
 - (ii) for Joining or Re-joining from the Indian Constitution – Rs. 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred and Fifty)
 - (iii) For Joining from a Recognised Constitution – Rs. 350/- (Rupees Three Hundred and Fifty)

(d) **Fee of Honour :**

- (i) The Master shall pay on Installation an Honour Fee of Rupees Hundred (Rs. 100/-) to the Charity Fund.
- (ii) The Senior and Junior Wardens on their first investment shall pay an Honour Fee of Rupees Fifty (Rs. 50/-) to the Charity Fund.

5 Admission of Members :

- (a) Every proposition for Advancement or Joining or Re-joining shall be made by a member and Seconded by another member of the Lodge, either in the open Lodge at a regular meeting or by writing to the Master or Secretary at least 14 days prior to the next Regular Meeting.
- (b) Candidates for Advancement and Candidates for Joining from other Constitution shall sign the declaration as per rule 100 of the Book of Constitution of Grand Mark Lodge of India before the ballot is taken.
- (c) If at ballot two or more black balls appear the proposition shall be rejected, but if there is only one or none at all appearing against him, the candidate shall be declared duly elected.
- (d) Candidates rejected by the ballot shall not again be proposed until six months have elapsed after the date of the unfavourable ballot.

6. Resigning and Defaulting Members :

- (a) Any member desirous of resigning from the Lodge shall signify the same in writing to the Secretary before the Regular Meeting or announce in open Lodge.
- (b) A brother resigning his membership shall be re-admitted only on payment of arrears if any and re-joining fees subject to passing the ballot.
- (c) Any member of the Lodge who is in default of the payment of his subscription for one year after its becoming due shall be debarred from exercising rights of voting or seconding of candidates or being appointed or elected to any Office.
- (d) A member whose subscription remains unpaid for full two years shall cease to be a member of the Lodge as per rule 110 of the Book of Constitution of G.L.M.M.M.I.

7. Election of Master and Treasurer :

The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in October by balloting.

8. Installation Meeting :

The Master shall be Installed at the Regular Meeting in January.

9. Property and Funds of the Lodge :

Property of every kind belonging to the Mark Lodge (including the Warrant, Jewels, Regalia and Archives) shall be considered as vested in the Master for the time being in the Trust of the Lodge, and a regular inventory of the whole shall be entered in a separate book and examined and signed by each Master after his Installation. No property of the Lodge shall be sold or otherwise disposed of, except by resolution of the Brethren in open Lodge.

10. Charity Fund :

- (a) The Charity Fund of the Lodge shall be maintained by the Quarterly charity collection and the Honour Fee paid by the Master and Wardens.
- (b) Voluntary contributions may also be made to the fund by members and other Brethren.
- (c) Charity Fund is intended for the purpose of such giving ↓ relief as decided from time to time in the Lodge.

11. Permanent Committee :

- (a) The Permanent Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies, all the past Masters and Two Members to be elected at the Installation Meeting.
- (b) The Permanent Committee shall examine the Secretary's books and check the Treasurer's account, inspect and check all the property of the Lodge at least once a year and also present an Annual Report at the Installation Meeting.
- (c) The Permanent Committee shall also scrutinise the eligibility of every candidate proposed for advancement.

12. Administration :

(a) Secretary :

- (i) The Secretary shall transact all the general business and conduct all the correspondence of the Lodge.
- (ii) He shall issue summons notices for all meetings of the Lodge or Committee, record minutes of the meeting and keep a register of members and all other registers and records, except the account kept by the Treasurer.
- (iii) The Secretary shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all Committees appointed by the Lodge.
- (iv) All letters from members of the Lodge shall be addressed to the Secretary.

(b) Treasurer :

- (i) He shall keep separate Bank accounts, one for the general funds and another for the Charity Fund in a Bank or Banks approved by the Lodge, in the name of "Mark Lodge Mangalore" to be operated jointly by the Master or Secretary and Treasurer for the time being of the Lodge.
- (ii) The Treasurer shall not retain in his hands at any time a sum more than Rupees Fifty (Rs. 50/-) for current expenses.
- (iii) Investments belonging to the Lodge shall be kept in the name of the Lodge and the relative documents shall remain in the custody of the Bank.
- (iv) The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited annually in December before the Annual Installation Meeting by an Audit Committee of the Lodge and the Audited Statement of Accounts with the Balance Sheet Shall be circulated to the members at the Annual Installation Meeting.

(c) Tyler :

He shall be in charge of all paraphernalia belonging to the Lodge and be responsible for the proper preservation thereof and shall keep an inventory of it, countersigned by the Master once a year after his Installation.

13. By-laws :

- (a) Every Brother shall be presented by the Master with a printed copy of the By-laws of Mark Lodge Mangalore, when he becomes a member and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.
- (b) The By-laws shall be read in the open Lodge once every year.
- (c) It shall not be competent to the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these By-laws unless the abrogation amendment or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one Regular Meeting and inserted in the summons and read and confirmed in the next Regular Meeting and subsequently approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master. The By-laws then must be printed and a copy sent to the Grand Secretary and the Regional Grand Secretary.

FOUNDER MEMBERS OF THE
MARK LODGE MANGALORE No. 77

1. W. Bro. S. R. Pai
2. Bro. Dr. Anand V. Shetty
3. Bro. Dr. S. R. Ullal
4. Bro. Dr. K. V. Devadiga
5. Bro. Dr. K. Paramanand Rao
6. Bro. Dr. A. Vishwanath Shetty
7. Bro. Dr. K. S. Prabhakar Rao
8. Bro. A. Umashankar Rao
9. Bro. K. C. Naik
10. Bro. M. R. Prabhu
11. Bro. U. Ramdas Mallya

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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1991

W. Master	W. Bro. S. R. Pai
Senior Warden	Bro. Dr. Anand V. Shetty
Junior Warden	Bro. Dr. S. R. Ullal
Master Overseer	Bro. Dr. K. Paramanand Rao
Senior Overseer	Bro. M. R. Prabhu
Junior Overseer	Bro. Dr. K. S. Prabhakar Rao
Treasurer	Bro. A. Umashankar Rao
Secretary	Bro. Dr. K. V. Devadiga
Director of Ceremonies	Bro. Dr. A. Vishwanath Shetty
Inner Guard	Bro. U. Ramdas Mallya
Tyler	Bro. K. C. Naik