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The Regional Grand Secretary,  
Regional Grand Mark Lodge of S.I.,  
Freemasons' Hall,  
14 Ethiraj Salai,  
Chennai-600 008.

Dear Sir and W.Bro.,

With reference to your letter No.ML-173/2016 dated 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016, I return herewith two copies of bye-laws of Mark Lodge Nishan E Hyderabad No.173 duly approved by M.W.the Grand Master.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

(V.K.GUPTA)  
Grand Secretary

Bro. Mohd Abdul Muneem  
Colors  
5-8-602  
Mubarak Bazar  
Abids  
Hyderabad

**Mark Lodge Nishaan-e-Hyderabad No.173**

**Hyderabad**

**Warranted on: 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

**Consecrated on: 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**

**Bye Laws**

**2016**



# Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India

Freemasons' Hall, 14 Ethiraj Salai, Chennai - 600008

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22 December 2016

To  
Bro.Mohd.Abdul Muneem  
Secy., Mark Lodge Nishaan E Hyderabad No.173  
Colors  
5-8-602 Mubarak Bazar  
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Dear Sir and Brother,

## **SUB:BYE-LAWS OF MARK LODGE NISHAAN E HYDERABAD NO.173, HYDERABAD**

Please find enclosed a copy of the bye-laws of Mark Lodge **NISHAAN E HYDERABAD NO.173, Hyderabad** duly approved by R.W.The Regional Grand Mark Master(22-10-2016) and M.W.The Grand Master(13-12-2016).

Kindly print the bye-laws and send two copies each to the Grand Mark Lodge of India and Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India for our records.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,

(L.SUKUMAR)  
Regional Grand Secretary.

Encl:Bye-laws



# Mark Lodge Nishaan-e-Hyderabad No. 173

## HYDERABAD

NOTE: The following Bye-Laws supplement the Constitutions and Regulations of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, latest edition, hereinafter referred to as Constitutions and Regulations.

### BYE-LAWS

1. **The language of the ritual shall be Urdu** (*Subject to approval by the Regional Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India*). Transliterated copies of the ritual shall be available in English Script. The language in which the Minutes, Summonses are kept shall be in Urdu with a English version also circulated. All other communications shall be in English.
2. **Meeting:**
  - 2.1 The Regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held at Goshamahal Baradari Freemasons' Hall, Hyderabad on the **Second Friday** in the months of **April, July and October**.
  - 2.2 An Emergency Meeting may be held at any time in accordance with Regulation 90 of Constitutions & Regulations
3. **Members:**
  - 3.1 The Lodge shall consist of (a) Resident (b) Non-Resident and (c) Honorary Members.
    - a. Resident Members shall be those who reside within the limits of Hyderabad Metro Development Authority (HMDA), hereinafter referred as "Limits".
    - b. Non-Resident Members shall be those who reside outside the "Limits", and notify the Secretary, in writing or in open meeting of the Lodge, their desire to be placed in the list of Non -Resident Members.
    - c. Honorary Members shall be elected as such in accordance with the regulation 103 of the Constitutions and Regulations.
4. **Election & Installation:**
  - 4.1 The Lodge shall elect the Master, by ballot, in its regular meeting in July, subject to the provisions of Regulation 68, of Constitutions and Regulations. The Treasurer and Tyler of the Lodge shall also be elected at the same meeting.
  - 4.2 The Worshipful Master shall appoint the following officers:  
Senior Warden; Junior Warden; Master Overseer; Senior Overseer; Junior Overseer; Chaplain; Registrar of Marks; Secretary; Director of Ceremonies; Senior Deacon; Junior Deacon; Assistant Director of Ceremonies; Almoner; Assistant Secretary; Inner Guard and Stewards.
  - 4.3 The Installation of Master Elect and investiture of Officers appointed and/or elected shall take place at the regular meeting in October.

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## **5. Admission:**

- 5.1 The admission of the candidates for Advancement and Joining shall be regulated by the provisions of Regulation 98 to 102, of the constitutions and Regulations.

## **6. Fees &Subscriptions:**

- 6.1 The following are the fees and annual subscription of the Lodge:

Advancement	Rs. 2200
Joining from a lodge under the Grand Lodge	Rs. 2000
Rejoining	Rs. 500
Joining from a Lodge not under the Grand Lodge	Rs. 2500

Annual subscription shall be paid at the beginning of the Masonic year.

(a) Resident Members	Rs. 1500 ( Rs 500 per meeting)
(b) Non-Resident Members	Rs. 300 (Rs100 per meeting)
(c) G.L.M.M.I and R.G.M.L of S.I Dues	at actuals

- 6.2 A candidate who becomes a member during the Masonic year shall pay annual subscription pro rata for the balance months of the Masonic year.

## **7. Arrears:**

- 7.1 A member, whose annual subscription remain unpaid for one Masonic year, shall not be permitted to vote or submit any propositions to the Lodge or be elected to any office. Nor will he be allowed to propose or second candidates or take part in any discussion.
- 7.2 If any member be in arrears of his subscription to the Lodge for one year, the Treasurer shall inform the Secretary. The Secretary shall advise him of the amount due by registered post, and if the FULL amount be not paid within thirty days from the date thereof, the Lodge may exclude the member in accordance with Regulation 110, of the Constitutions and Regulations.

## **8. Resignation:**

- 8.1 A member wishing to resign must inform the Secretary accordingly in writing or tender such resignation in open Lodge in accordance with Rule 107 of the

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Constitutions and Regulations. He shall be responsible to pay up all his dues before such resignation becomes effective.

## **9. Property:**

- 9.1 The property of the Lodge shall be considered as vested in the Worshipful Master and the Two Wardens, for the time being in trust for the Lodge, and an inventory of the same shall be maintained in a register. This inventory shall be handed over to the successors soon after their Installation and so entered and signed by the incoming and outgoing Worshipful Master and the Wardens, in the inventory register.

## **10. Duties of Officers:**

### **10.1 Secretary:**

The Secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall keep a record in the Minutes Book of the business transacted at every Regular Meeting and Emergency Meeting of the Lodge and read the same for confirmation at the next Regular Meeting. He shall maintain in a separate book a record of the meetings of the Standing Committee. He shall keep a Register of all the members of the Lodge. He shall carefully preserve all the registers and records of the Lodge. He shall be entrusted with a sum not exceeding Rupees One Thousand for contingent expenses for which he shall render periodical accounts to the Treasurer.

### **10.2. Treasurer:**

The Treasurer shall have charge of and be responsible for the monies and account books of the Lodge. He shall enter the details of monies received and paid out in appropriate books of account. He shall collect the subscriptions and other dues, if any, from members and deposit them in the appropriate Bank accounts of the Lodge for Charity and General Fund duly approved by a resolution of the Lodge. He shall have authority to pay, as and when they fall due, all routine general / administrative expenses of the Lodge and Grand Lodge and Regional Grand Lodge dues. All other payments shall be made only on the approval of the Lodge. The accounts in the Bank shall be operated by the Treasurer countersigned by either the Worshipful Master, or the Secretary. At the Installation Meeting, he shall place before the Lodge, the accounts up to the end of the Month of June, duly audited and certified as correct by the Audit Committee.

### **10.3 Tyler:**

The Tyler shall be responsible for the safe custody of the Regalia and equipment of the Lodge, and maintain them in proper condition. He shall prepare the Lodge Rooms for meeting and in every respect discharge the duties of his office conscientiously and dutifully.

## **11. Committees:**

### **11.1 Standing Committee:**

The affairs of the lodge shall be managed by a Standing Committee of the Lodge consisting of the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Master

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Overseer, Senior Overseer, Junior Overseer, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Secretary, Treasures, Director of Ceremonies, and all Past Masters in the Lodge. Two members shall be elected to the Standing Committee in addition to the above. The Worshipful Master or in his absence the senior-most past Master present shall preside. The Worshipful Master may call the Standing Committee meeting whenever necessary to discuss any matter he deems fit. The Committee shall consider all matters referred to it by the Lodge and review the Accounts before presentation in the Lodge meeting. Three members of the committee shall constitute quorum.

#### **11.2 Audit Committee:**

The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Lodge who shall be elected annually by the Lodge at the Installation meeting. The accounts shall be made up to 30<sup>th</sup> June in each year and shall be presented to the Lodge before the Installation Meeting. A copy of the audited accounts shall be sent to all the members with the summons convening the Installation meeting.

#### **11.3 Special Committee (s):**

The Lodge may, by resolution, appoint Special committee (s) for the consideration of special subjects; such committee(s) shall consist of at least three members nominated by the Worshipful Master, besides the Worshipful Master, and the Secretary of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, or in his absence the senior member present shall preside. Three members of the committee shall constitute quorum.

#### **12. Funds:**

12.1 The monies of the Lodge shall be held under two distinct bank accounts.

(a) General Fund: Annual subscriptions paid by the members of the Lodge as well as other monies, not otherwise specifically allotted shall be credited to the General Fund.

Payments from this Fund, except for routine purpose are to be authorized by a resolution passed in open Lodge.

(b) Charity Fund: The Charity Fund shall consist of charity collections made at the Lodge meetings; voluntary contributions to the Fund by members, and such other monies as may be regularly voted by the Lodge from time to time from its "General Fund".

Monies from this Fund shall be devoted solely to Charity but no expenditure be incurred without the prior sanction of the Lodge.

#### **13. Bye-Laws:**

13.1 Each candidate at his advancement or on joining the Lodge shall be presented with a copy of the Bye-Laws of the Lodge.

13.2 These Bye-Laws will be read in the open Lodge at least once every year.

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13.3 Except as otherwise required by Rule 111 of the Book of Constitutions (Craft) any amendment of these Bye-laws may be done only in the following manner:-

- a. Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment(s) proposed shall be given in open Lodge at a regular meeting.
- b. The motion shall be set out in the summons for the next regular meeting or an Emergency meeting summoned for the purpose, and shall at such meeting be put to vote in the Lodge.
- c. A resolution for amendment shall be carried when a majority of the members present in the lodge shall vote in favour of it, and shall become effective after approval by the Regional Grand Mark Master and by the Grand Master.

The above Bye-Laws, as approved by the Founders, were passed at the Consecration and Installation meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2016.

(Sd) Vasudev Jamnabihar Masurekar

Worshipful Master

(Sd) Abu Akram

Senior warden

(Sd) Syed Ali Abbas

Junior Warden

(Sd) Mohammed Abdul Muneem

Secretary

Approved by R W the Regional Grand Mark Master of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India on the.....22.10.2016.....(Date)

Place: Chennai

22-10-2016

Sd/-

Regional Grand Mark Master

Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India

Approved by M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Of India on the.....13.12.2016.....(Date)

Place: New Delhi

Grand

Secretary

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India