



ROYAL ARK  
**MARINERS LODGE GIBBS**  
**NO:94**  
BANGALORE

**BYE LAWS**

Under the authority granted by the Grand Mark Lodge of India, a Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners under the name and style of **Royal Ark Mariners Loge GIBBS** will meet at the Freemason's Hall, No.2, Primrose Road, Bangalore 560 025.

**1. Membership:**

The Members shall comprise only of two classes viz., Subscribing Members & Honorary members.

**2. Meetings:**

- (A) Regular Meetings of the Lodge shall be held at the Freemason's Hall, No.2, Primrose Road, Bangalore 560 025 on the First Thursday in the months of March, July & December as may be directed by the Commander Noah for each Meeting.
- (b) Emergency Meetings of the Lodge may at any time be called by the authority of the Commander Noah and the business be strictly in accordance with Rule 90 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Mark Lodge of India.
- (C) Summons convening the Regular/Emergency Meetings shall be dispatched by the Secretary to all members of the Lodge at least Seven days before the date of such Meeting.

**3. Election and Installation Meetings:**

The Commander Noah shall be elected annually at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge in March and shall be installed at the next regular meeting in July. The Treasurer and the Tyler shall be elected and chosen respectively each year at the regular meeting of the Lodge in March and invested at the Installation meeting in July.

**4. Admission of Members:**

- (a) A Mark Master Mason desirous of being Elevated or a Royal Ark Mariner desirous of joining or rejoining may either be proposed and seconded at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge or on application duly signed by the proposer and seconder and sent to the Secretary. Such a proposal/ proposals shall be included in the Summons for the next regular meeting giving full particulars of the Candidate/ Candidates in accordance with Rule No; 98 of the Book of Constitution of Grand Mark Lodge of India.
- (b) A Candidate for Elevation or joining not already registered in the books of the Grand Mark Lodge of India shall, before the ballot is taken, sign the Declaration As provided in rule 100 of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Mark Lodge of India.

- (C) Before the ballot for Elevation/Joining/Re-joining is proceeded with, the Secretary of the Lodge shall satisfy himself that he has taken care of the provisions of Rule 99 of the Book of Constitution of the Grand Mark Lodge of India.

## 5. Ballot and Voting.

- (a) No Brother shall be Elevated or admitted as a joining or re-joining member of the Lodge if, on the ballot, more than two black balls shall appear against him. In the event of an unfavorable ballot, the candidate shall not be re-proposed until after the lapse of one year from the date of rejection.
- (b) In all cases where the votes of brethren on any proposition are equal, the Commander Noah shall have a second or casting vote.

## 6. Fees and Subscription

- (a) The following shall be the scale of admission fees:

i.	Fee of Elevation	Rs. 500.00
ii.	Fee of joining from a Lodge under Grand Mark Lodge of India	Rs. 300.00
iii.	Fees for joining from a Lodge Under othe Constitution	Rs. 500.00
Iv.	Re-Joining Fee	Rs. 300.00

- (b) The above fees are payable before Elevation, Joining or Re-joining.

## (C) Membership subscription will be as follows:

- i. Rs.500.00(Five Hundred) payable to the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge per year divided into the following:-

General Fund	Rs.400.00
Benevolent Fund	Rs. 50.00
Steward Fund	Rs. 50.00
TOTAL	Rs.500.00

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- ii. Such annual dues payable to the Grand Mark Lodge of India as may be fixed from time to time.

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- iii. Such annual dues payable to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India as may be fixed from time to time. And the above subscription shall be payable in advance each year in the month of July.
- iv. A Candidate for Elevation, Joining/Re-joining at any part of the year shall pay the full annual subscription together with the fees for Elevation, or Joining/ Re-joining as the case may be, Honorary Members are not liable to pay any Fees.

**7. Exclusion:**

In any Brother allows his subscription to be in arrears for a year, the Secretary shall advise him of the amount due by Registered post to the last known address and if the full amount is not paid within thirty days thereof, he shall be liable to exclusion under Rule 109 of the Book of Constitution.

**8. Resignation:**

Any Brother desirous of resigning from the Lodge may notify the same by letter to the secretary, and such notice unless withdrawn, shall take effect from the date on which it is given. Any member who has resigned or excluded will be permitted to rejoin on Payment of Re-joining Fees and any arrears due, but shall be subject to fresh ballot.

**9. Duties of Officers:**

(a) **Secretary:** The secretary shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge and he shall keep record of the proceedings of the regular and emergency meeting of the Lodge in the minute Book and read the same at the next regular meeting for confirmation. He shall maintain a Membership Register and preserve all records, files, documents etc., of the Lodge.

(b) **Treasurer:** He shall have charge of and be responsible for the money and account Books of the Lodge. He shall enter details of the money received viz., Subscriptions and others dues and of all payments made in the appropriate books of account. He shall deposit, without any delay such sums of money as have been received, in an account standing in the name of the Lodge with a Scheduled Bank duly approved by the resolution of the Lodge.

The Lodge shall maintain three Bank accounts namely (1) General Fund Account (2) Benevolent Fund Account and (3) Steward Fund Account. Such Bank accounts shall be operated jointly by any two of the following i.e., Treasurer, Commander Noah And the Secretary. All payments above the sum of Rs.200.00 (Rupees Two Hundred only) shall be generally made by cheque. He shall have authority to pay all routine expenses of the Lodge such as dues to Grand Mark Lodge of India, Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India, premises rent, etc., as and when they fall due. But all other payments shall be made by the authority of the Lodge. The Treasurer shall at every regular meeting submit and read in open Lodge the Statement of Accounts.



- (c) Tyler: The Tyler shall prepare the Lodge for the meeting, and see that every brother whether a member or visitor, is properly clothed before entering the Lodge. He shall be in charge of the Warrant, Regalla, etc of the Lodge.

10. (a) **Permanent Committee:**

There shall be a permanent committee composed of the Commander Noah, Immediate Past Commander Noah, Past Commander Noahs of and in the Lodge, Present Wardens, Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, Treasurer, Secretary and Director of Ceremonies. The duties of the Permanent Committee shall be to consider the application of Candidates/Royal Ark Mariners for Elevation/Joining or Re-joining, check the accounts of the Lodge, check all the properties of the Lodge and report on matters leading to the improvement of the Lodge.

(b) **Audit Committee:**

An Audit Committee consisting of three members who whether or not members of the Permanent committee shall be elected at the regular election meeting in March every year. The Audit Committee shall verify and audit the annual statement of accounts of the Lodge and submit their report before being circulated to the members.

- (c) The audited statement of accounts made upto May 31st, every year shall be Adopted by the lodge at the installation meeting of the Lodge. The financial year of the Lodge will be June to May.

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**Propositions:**

Every Proposition for the consideration of the Lodge shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another. No proposition shall be considered at a meeting unless notice of it had been given at the previous meeting or forwarded in writing to the Secretary in advance for inclusion in the summons of the meeting at which the proposition is to be considered.

12.

**Property:**

Furniture, Regalia, the Charter and other properties of the Lodge shall be vested in the care of the Commander Noah and Wardens. An inventory of such property shall be recorded by them in a Book kept for that purpose and such inventory shall be presented at the Installation Meetings signed by the Commander Noah and Wardens. The Commander Noah and Wardens, if they so desire, may entrust the properties mentioned above to the Secretary on their behalf for proper care and custody.

**13. Bye-Laws:**

- (a) Every member, on admission, shall be presented with a copy of the Bye Laws of the Lodge and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed his submission thereto
- (b) The Bye Laws shall be read in open Lodge at least once in a year.
- (c) It shall not be competent to the Brethren of the Lodge to abrogate, amend, or alter these Bye Laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been moved in open Lodge and are confirmed at the next regular meeting and thereafter approved by R.W The Regional Grand Mark Master. Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India and M.W.The Grand Master of the Grand Mark Lodge of India.

Duly adopted at the consecration meeting held on  
12.10.2006

APPROVED BY R.W.THE REGIONAL GRAND MASTER

PLACE: Chennai

DATE: 9-2-2009

R.W.Bro.G.K.Selvarajan

Regional Grand Master

APPROVED BY M.W.THE GRAND MASTER

PLACE: New Delhi

DATE: 28-2-2009

R.W.Bro.S.Krishnan

Grand Secretary.

