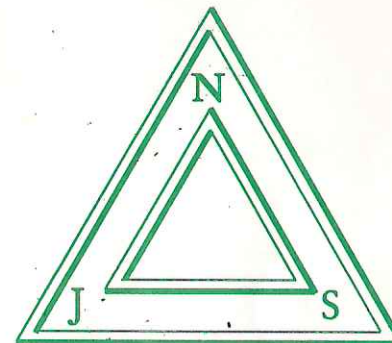


ROYAL ARK MARINERS
LODGE CHERA No.16
TIRUNELVELI



BY-LAWS
1998

**The
BY-LAWS**

of the

**ROYAL ARK MARINERS
LODGE CHERA No.16**

**on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge of India,
meeting at Tirunelveli**

1998

Grand Lodge Certificate No.....dated.....

Installed Commander's Certificate No.....dated.....

OFFICES HELD IN THE LODGE

Office	Year	Office	Year	Office	Year

	Year
RAM Regional Grand Officer	
Junior RAM Grand Officer	
Senior RAM Grand Officer	

**THE
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**ROYAL ARK MARINERS
LODGE CHERA No.16
TIRUNELVELI**

Warrant
Dated 23rd March, 1998

Consecrated
on 13th April, 1998

Presented to

Bro.....

on his Elevation in / joining the Lodge

on the.....day of.....

.....
Scribe

.....
Wor.Commander Noah

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS under the Regulations of the Grand Mark Lodge of India every daughter Lodge has the power of framing proper By-Laws for its government the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the land marks and constitutions of the order. The following By-Laws duly moved, passed and confirmed in open meetings of the Lodge and in due time approved by the R.W.The Regional Grand Mark Master of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India and by the M.W.The Grand Master and such alterations, additions and amendments as may be made from time to time in conformity with the rules and regulations governing the same shall be binding on all members of the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge Chera No.16, Tirunelveli on the roll of the Grand Mark Lodge of India under the jurisdiction of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India.

ROYAL ARK MARINERS LODGE CHERA No.16 TIRUNELVELI BY LAWS

1. PLACE AND DATES OF MEETING

The Lodge shall meet at FREEMASONS' HALL, Thiruchendur Road, Palayamkottai, TIRUNELVELI - 627002 on first Saturday of January, April, July and October. The Installation meeting will be in January a day suitable to the Commander 'N' elect.

2. EMERGENCY MEETING

An emergency meeting may be held at any time when duly summoned by command of the W.Commander or officer in charge of the Lodge.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND INSTALLATION

The Commander and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and the Warder by show of hands at the regular meeting in October. The Commander shall be installed at the January meeting and will appoint and invest the officers.

4. CANDIDATES

The election of candidates for elevation, joining or rejoining shall be by ballot. Two or more black balls exclude. No such candidates shall again be proposed until six months have elapsed.

5. YEAR

The year of the Lodge shall be from 1st January to the last day of December of the year.

6. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AND FEES

The amount of the Annual subscription shall be payable in advance on the First day of January. The fees shall be as follows.

Annual subscription	Rs. 150
Elevation Fee	Rs. 300
Joining / Rejoining	Rs. 200
Emergency meeting at whose convenience the meeting has been held	Rs. 100
Joining from other constitution	Rs. 300

7. ARREARS OF SUBSCRIPTION

A member whose subscription is in arrears for two years ie on the last day of December shall cease to be a member of the Lodge (Rule 15 RAM, rule 110 GMI)

8. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive all fees, dues etc. and shall deposit them in the name of the Lodge, in the Bank approved by the Lodge. He shall keep all accounts and shall at every meeting submit a quarterly statement of account and at the installation meeting present an annual audited statement of account of the Lodge made up to the last day of December.

8. BANK ACCOUNT

The Bank Account shall be opened in the name of R.A.M. Lodge Chera No.16 and shall be operated jointly by the Worshipful Commander Noah, the Treasurer and the Scribe. The cheques shall be signed by any two of the above officers.

9. SCRIBE

The Scribe shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Lodge and separately of any Lodge Committees. He shall issue summonses for all Lodge meetings, atleast seven days in advance to every member of the Lodge.

10. LODGE COMMITTEE AND AUDITORS

The Lodge committee shall consist of the Commander, two Wardens, Treasurer, Scribe, subscribing past Commanders and two brethren elected at the installation meeting in January. The auditors shall be elected annually at the same meeting.

11. RESIGNATION

A brother wishing to resign from the Lodge, shall give notice either in open Lodge OR by letter to the Scribe and on payment of all dues, shall be entitled to a certificate of clearance.

12. HONORARY MEMBERS

A brother who has given distinguished service to the degree in general OR to the RAM Lodge Chera No.16 in particular may be elected as an Honorary Member of the Lodge.

13. LODGE EFFECTS

The jewels and furniture of the Lodge are the property of the Commander and Wardens for the time being, in trust for the members. The Warrant of the Constitution is the property of the Grand Master and the Commander shall be responsible for its safe custody and shall produce it at every meeting of the Lodge.

14. ALTERATION OF BY - LAWS

Notice of motion for any alteration or addition to these by - laws must be given at one regular meeting and they shall appear on the summons for the next regular meeting and if approved, the alteration or addition shall be submitted for approval of the Grand Master's Grand Royal Ark Council.

15. PRESENTATION OF BY - LAW

A copy of the By-law shall be presented to each new member of the Lodge on his elevation and to the Commander at his installation.

Adopted at the Consecration and Constitution meeting held on 13th April, 1998.

W.Bro.D.D.Sargunar
Worshipful Commander Noah
Bro.R.Subramaniam
J.W.(S)

Bro.P.V.Jambukesan
S.W.(J)
Bro.O.S.Kashivysvanathan
Scribe

Approved by R.W.The Regional Grand Mark Master.

Place : Trivandrum
Date : 31.10.1998

R.W.Bro. K.R. Rajasekharan Nair
Regional Grand Mark Master

Approved by M.W.The Grand Mark Master

Place : New Delhi
Date : 19.11.1998

S. KRISHNAN
Grand Secretary
