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1. Meeting Place :

Under the authority granted by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, a lodge under the name and style of "Salem Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners No.25" shall be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Suramangalam, Salem - 636 005.

2. Membership :

The Members shall comprise only two classes viz, Members and Honorary Members (Under Rule 103 of BOC). Honorary Member would be a brother who has done good service to a daughter R.A.M.Lodge or the Order. An Honorary member may attend the Lodge as such but he

shall not hold any office therein, or vote, or propose or second any resolution, provided that if he is a Past Commander NOAH of the Lodge he may propose or second a candidate.

3. Meetings :

(a) The Lodge shall meet on the 1st Saturday in the months of April (Installation), July and October (Election) at the Freemasons' Hall, Suramangalam, Salem.636005 at 6.00 p.m. or at such hour as the Worshipful Commander Noah may fix.

(b) An Emergency Meeting may be held at any time when duly summoned by command of Worshipful Commander Noah.

(c) Summons for a Regular Meeting or for an Emergency Meeting shall be sent by post or by any electronic mode by the Scribe to all the members of the Lodge seven clear days before the day of Regular meeting and one day before the Emergency Meeting.

(d) The Summons shall contain an agenda of all the business to be transacted at such meeting. At an Emergency Meeting only the business set forth in the Summons shall be transacted. At a Regular Meeting, the Worshipful Commander, may at this discretion, permit any business not given notice of, in the Summons to be transacted if it appears to him to be of urgency or importance.

4. Election :

The Worshipful Commander Noah and Treasurer shall be elected annually by ballot and the Warder chosen by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in the month of October.

5. Installation :

The Worshipful Commander elect shall be installed and he shall appoint and invest the following officers at the next Regular (Installation) Meeting in April.

Senior Warden; Junior Warden; Chaplain; Treasurer (Elected); Scribe; Director of Ceremonies; Senior Deacon; Junior Deacon; Assistant Scribe; Guardian, Stewards and Warder (Chosen).

6. Management :

a) The affairs of the Lodge shall be managed by a General Committee or Permanent Committee consisting of the Worshipful Commander Noah who shall be the President of the Committee, the Wardens, the Treasurer, the Scribe and two members elected by the Lodge. The election of two members shall take place at the installation Meeting in April.

b) This Committee shall consider such matters specifically, referred to by the Lodge, deal with applications for membership and prepare an Annual Report on the state of the Lodge, which shall be submitted to the Lodge for approval at each Installation Meeting. The Committee shall meet at least once in every quarter and its proceedings shall

be read in open Lodge at the next Regular Meeting. Three members shall form a quorum.

7. Scribe :

The Scribe shall conduct all the general business and correspondence of the Lodge. He shall keep record in a Minutes Book of the business transacted at every Regular / Emergency Meeting of the Lodge and read the same for confirmatin at the next Regular Meeting. He shall maintain in a separate book of records of the meetings of the General or Permanent Committee. He shall keep register of all members of the Lodge. He shall carefully preserve all the register and records of the Lodge. He shall be entrusted with a sum not exceeding Rupees Five Hundred for contingent expenses for which he shall render periodical accounts to the Treasurer.

8. Warder : NIL

9. Treasurer :

The Treasurer shall have the charge of and be responsible for the monies and account books of the Lodge. He shall enter the details for monies received and paid out, appropriate books of accounts. He shall collect the subscription and other dues, if any, from members and deposit them in the name of the Lodge in a bank approved by resolution of the Lodge. He shall have authority to pay as and when they fall due all routine expenses of the Lodge such as

Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India and Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India dues, contributory share for conducting meetings in the Lodge premises, electricity charges, summon printing charges and sundry expenses. All other payments shall be made only on the authority of the Lodge, or the Worshipful Commander or the Officer - in - Charge of the Lodge. At the Installation Meeting he shall place before General Body the accounts written and finalized up to 31st March precise, audited and certified as correct by the Audit Committee, elected as per Bye-Law. All the Cheques must be signed by any two of the following viz. the Treasurer and either the Worshipful Commander or the Scribe.

10. Audit Committee :

An Audit Committee of two members shall be elected by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting in April who shall audit the accounts of the Lodge for the year and certify its correctness.

11. Admission of Members :

a) A Mark Master Mason desirous of being Elevated to this Degree may either be proposed and seconded at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge, or an application duly signed by his proposer and seconder may be sent to the Scribe at least fifteen days before the meeting and the proposal shall be included in the Summons for the next Regular Meeting.

b) The full name of the candidate, his date of birth, Profession or Occupation, place of abode, the name and number of the Mark Lodge of which he is or was a member, his date of Advancement and the names of the proposer and seconder and the date of proposal made in the open Lodge or by letter must appear in the Summons for the Meeting at which the ballot is to take place.

c) The candidate shall produce for inspection before the ballot is taken, his Grand Lodge Certificate as Mark Master Mason and a No Dues / Clearance Certificate from each of the Mark Lodge of which he is or was a member stating that his dues have been paid in full. He shall also pay before the ballot the fees stipulated in By-Law No.13 as well as his annual subscription.

d) If a brother who is a Royal Ark Mariner is desirous of joining the Lodge, he must be proposed and seconded at a Regular Meeting of the Lodge. His full name, Profession or Occupation, place of abode, the name and number of the R.A.M. Lodge of which he is a member must be set forth in the Summons for the Meeting at which the ballot is to take place. He must produce his Royal Ark Mariner's Certificate and a No dues Certificate of the names of proposer and seconder and the date of proposal made in open lodge or by a Clearance Certificate from the Lodge of which he is or was a member stating of that his dues have been paid in full. He must also pay before ballot the fees stipulated in Bye-law No.13.

e) A candidate for joining or rejoining shall also produce to the Scribe before the ballot is taken place a clearance certificate from every regular Mark Lodge of which he or he has been a member, provided that such Lodge is still working.

f) The Lodge shall not process with the ballot for Elevation or Joining or Rejoining unless the Scribe has reported that the documents mentioned in the foregoing Bye - Laws have been produced and verified.

12. Balloting and Voting :

No person shall be admitted a member of a R.A.M.Lodge, unless if on the ballot for Elevation, Joining / Rejoining with simple majority of members present and voting in the R.A.M.Lodge approved the proposal for the such candidate. In the event of an unfavourable ballot, the candidate shall not be proposed again until after the lapse of six months from the date of his rejection.

13. Fees and Subscription :

The following shall be payable to the Lodge :

a) Fee for Elevation :

Rs.5,000/- plus the Elevation fees payable to the Grand Mark Lodge of India & Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India as applicable from time to time.

b) Fee for Joining or Rejoining : Rs.2,500/- plus the Elevation fees payable to the Grand Mark Lodge of India & Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India as applicable from time to time

c) Fees for Joining from a Lodge of recognized constitution : Rs.2,500/- plus the Elevation fees payable to the Grand Mark Lodge of India & Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India as applicable from time to time

d) Annual Subscription : Rs.250/- every year for the subscribing members.

e) Steward Fund : Rs. 250/- every year for the subscribing members to remit towards Steward Fund along with his Annual Subscription.

14. Cessation :

If any brother allows his subscription to remain in arrears for one year, the Scribe shall advise him of the amount due by Registered Post and if the full amount is not paid off within thirty days from the date thereof he shall be cease to be a member Under Rule 110 of the Book of Constitutions of Grand Mark Lodge of India.

15. Resignation :

Brethren desirous of resigning from the Lodge may notify the same either verbally in open Lodge or by letter to the Scribe. If a Brother fails to observe this rule he shall be liable for his subscription until such notice is given. Any member who has resigned will be permitted to rejoin on

payment of re-joining fees and any arrears due but shall be subject to fresh ballot.

16. Propositions :

a) Every Proposition for consideration by the Lodge shall be proposed by one member and seconded by another member.

b) Amendment to any proposition can be move after duly proposed and seconded.

c) No proposition shall be considered at a meeting unless notice of it had been given at the previous Regular Meeting or forwarded in writing to the Scribe for inclusion in the summons at least fifteen days before the date of the meeting at which the proposition is to be considered; but the Worshipful Commander Noah shall have power to admit a proposition for consideration if he considers it of importance or urgency or merely formal and routine, even though previous notice as aforesaid had not been given.

d) Every member must address the Worshipful Commander standing and in the manner, usual amongst Royal Ark Mariners. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject. The proposer shall have the right to reply.

17. Properties :

Furniture, Regalia, the Charter and other properties of the Lodge shall be vested in the care of the Worshipful Commander 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 Meeting signed by the Worshipful Commander and Wardens. The Worshipful Commander and Wardens, if they so desire, may entrust the properties mentioned above to the Scribe on their behalf for proper care and custody.

18. Alteration of By-Laws :

a) It shall not be competent to the Lodge to abrogate, alter to amend these Bye-Laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alternation shall have been moved in open lodge at one regular Meeting and duly considered passed and confirmed at the Regular Meeting. Approval must then be obtained in accordance with Rule 87 of Book of Constitutions of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.

b) Every member, on admission shall be presented with a copy of the Bye-Laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a submission thereto.

19. Charity Box :

At every Regular and Emergency Meeting of the Lodge, the Charity box shall be circulated and the collection shall be maintained under Charity Fund account.

The above Bye-laws, as approved by the Founders, were passed at the Consecration and Installation Meeting held on 20th August, 2000.

Approved by the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India



Regional Grand Secretary
(R.W.Bro. V.Sivakumar)



Regional Grand Mark Master
(R.W.Bro. T.N.Manoharan)

Place : Chennai

Date : 10.05.2023

Approved by M.W. Grand Master



Grand Secretary
(R.W.Bro. Vishal Bakshi)

Place : New Delhi

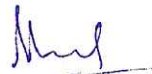
Date : 09.10.2023



(W.Bro. S.Venkatappan)
W.C.N.



(V.W.Bro. S.R.Soundararajan)
Scribe



(R.W.Bro. S.Perumal)
Treasurer