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MARK LODGE STAR OF THE SOUTH, No.138

FREEMASONS' HALL, #19, Primrose Road

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PREAMBLE:

As it is necessary for the good Governance and well being of every Institution & lawfully organised Society that Rules and Regulations be framed for the guidance of its Members, the Master, Wardens and the Members of MARK LODGE STAR OF THE SOUTH No.138 for the purpose of preserving that harmony which shall always distinguish Freemasons, do establish and hereby agree to the following Bye-laws which contain nothing inconsistent with the Laws contained in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.

Under the authority granted by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, a Mark Lodge under the name and style of **Mark Lodge Star of the South** is founded in Bengaluru. The Warrant of this Lodge is granted by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, New Delhi, dated 17th February 2014, and is assigned the Number **138**, on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.

1. VENUE:

The Meetings of the Lodge will be held at Freemasons' Hall, No.19, Primrose Road, Bengaluru - 560 025.

2. MEMBERS:

There shall be two classes of Members:

- a) Subscribing Members
- b) Honorary Members:

3. MEETINGS:

- a). The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the second Fridays in the months of March, June, September and December at such hour as the Worshipful Master may fix.
- b). Emergency meetings of the Lodge may be called at any time by the authority of the Worshipful Master and the business be strictly in accordance with Rule 90 of the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.

3.1. SUMMONS:

- (i) The Summons convening the Regular / Emergency meetings shall be dispatched atleast 10 days prior to the date of such Meeting.

- (ii) For the convenience and conservation of resources, the Summons shall be sent by e-mail to all members. If required, printed copies shall be sent to the designated officers of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India (GLMMMI) and Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India (RGML of SI).

4. ELECTION AND INSTALLATION:

- (a) The Annual Election of the Master, Treasurer and Tyler shall be held at the Regular Meeting in the month of March.
- (b) The Installation of the Master shall take place at the next Regular Meeting of the Lodge in the month of June.
- (c) The Treasurer and Tyler shall be invested at the Installation meeting of the Master.

5. BALLOT AND VOTING:

- (a). No candidate shall be advanced or admitted as a Joining or Re- joining Member of the Lodge, unless if on ballot, two thirds of the members present and voting in the Lodge approve the proposal for such candidature. However if the voting is not favorable, then the rejected candidate can be proposed again in the open Lodge after twelve months from the date of such Ballot.

(b) A collective Ballot for two or more candidates for Advancement or Joining may be taken with the approval of the Lodge. However, should there be even one Black Ball, each candidate should be balloted individually. A Collective Ballot for Exaltation and a Joining Member is irregular.

6. FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The Fees and Subscriptions are inclusive of Annual Membership/Subscription to the GLMMMI and RGML of SI.

(a) Advancement Fee with the application form: Rs. 2,500-00.

(b) Joining Fee payable with the application form: Rs. 2,500-00.

(c) Re-joining Fee payable with the application form: Rs. 1,000-00 plus arrears due if any as on date of cessation/resignation of membership.

(d) Annual Subscription: Rs. 1500.00.

(e) If the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of India so provide & permit, then the revisions in Fees & Subscription approved by the members of a Lodge do not need the sanction / approval of the GLMMMI.

The Lodge shall take collection for the Benevolent Fund at every meeting. The Benevolent Fund shall be utilized to

make contributions to Masonic Charities and to aid a distressed member or the dependents of a deceased brother. The merits of each case shall be investigated by the Permanent Committee.

7. EXCLUSION:

Under Rule 110 of the Book of Constitution, if the subscription of a member remains unpaid for one full year, at the expiration of the period, he shall cease to be a member, provided such a member has been duly served with a notice by Registered post with acknowledgement due of being in arrears of the subscription amount and the member fails to make payment within 30 days of receipt of such notice.

8. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:

a). SECRETARY:

(i). The Secretary shall conduct all the General business and correspondence of the Lodge.

(ii). He shall prepare and issue Summons and shall record the Minutes of the regular and emergent meetings.

(iii). He shall read the same at the next meeting for confirmation.

(iv). He shall maintain a membership register and preserve all records, files, documents etc., of the Lodge.

(v). He shall make due returns and remit the Annual Fees payable to GLMMMI and RGML of SI.

(vi). He shall also be the Ex-Officio Secretary of the Permanent Committee.

The Secretary shall be exempt from paying the Lodge subscription.

b). TREASURER:

(i). Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues and shall issue official receipts for the same. He shall deposit them in the Lodge's accounts at any of the branches of any of the Public Sector Banks in Bengaluru.

(ii). The Treasurer shall maintain separate books of accounts and bank accounts for the General Fund, Benevolent Fund, and the Refreshment Fund of the Lodge.

(iii). He shall allocate from the annual subscription of every member, Rs.200 towards the Benevolent Fund, Rs.600 towards the Refreshment Fund and the balance to the General Fund from which the Annual Fees for GLMMMI and RGML of SI will be paid.

(iv). The Lodge, by resolution, may also invest its funds in Government and other recognized securities, may sell or borrow against such securities.

(v). All the financial transactions including the Bank Accounts of the Lodge shall be operated by the Treasurer jointly with either the Mark Master or the Secretary.

(vi). He shall at every Meeting, submit and read in open Lodge the Statement of Accounts.

(vii). He shall present at the Installation Meeting, the accounts of the Lodge drawn upto the last day of May duly audited and certified by the Audit Committee.

c). TYLER:

The Tyler shall prepare the Lodge for the Meeting and see that every brother whether a Member or a Visitor, is properly clothed before entering the Lodge. He shall be in charge of Warrant, Regalia, etc., of the Lodge.

9. PERMANENT COMMITTEE:

(a) The Permanent Committee shall consist of Worshipful Master (who will be Ex. Officio President), all Past Masters in and of the Lodge, the Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary and two members to be appointed by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting.

(b) The Permanent Committee shall meet at No.19, Primrose Road, Bengaluru - 560 025 on the regular meeting day by half an hour prior to the Meeting, or on any day and time the Worshipful Master may order.

(c) The Permanent Committee shall check the Treasurer's Accounts, inspect and report on the Lodge property, consider and report on the proposals for membership of the Lodge and to transact any other business brought forward.

(d) The Permanent Committee shall have the authority to propose the amendments to the fee structure including Subscription fee, if need arises. The same has to be approved in the open Lodge by majority of brethren present, as an item of the Agenda appearing in the summons.

10. PROPOSITIONS:

(a) No motion shall be put to the Lodge assembled unless duly proposed by one Member and Seconded by another.

(b) Any amendment to any proposition maybe made duly Proposed and Seconded. Each amendment shall be to vote first; if negative, the original proposition shall be then put to the vote, but if the amendment is carried, the original proposition shall be declared to be lost.

(c) No proposition of importance shall be brought forward for consideration, unless notice thereof, has been given, at the previous Regular Meeting or in writing to the Secretary, well in advance and in time to be circulated with the Summons of the Meeting.

11. BYE-LAWS:

(a) These Bye-Laws shall be printed at the expense of the Lodge and a copy presented to every member. Every Member on his Advancement or Joining shall receive a copy of the Bye-Laws. His acceptance shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them.

(b) These Bye-Laws shall be read in open Lodge at least once a year.

(c) In any case, for which the foregoing Bye-Laws do not provide, the Laws and Regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Mark Lodge of India shall be binding on all concerned.

(d) The Mark Lodge has the power of framing bye-laws for its governance, provided that they are not inconsistent with the Book of Constitutions of GLMMMI. But neither bye-law nor any alteration thereof except any change / amendments to the Subscription or any clause of Para 6 of these bye

laws shall come into operation until approved by the Regional Grand Mark Master of SI and for subsequent transmission to the Grand Secretary.

(e) When finally approved by the Grand Mark Master, bye-laws must be printed, a copy sent to the Grand Secretary and the Regional Grand Secretary.



Certified that these Bye-Laws have been duly adopted at the Consecration and Constitution Meeting held on 26th February 2014 at Bengaluru

(D.P. Kathiresan)

(V.G.T. Anasu)

(M. Anand)

Founder Worshipful Master

Founder Senior warden

Founder Junior Warden

Date: 26th Feb 2014.

(V. Suresh Babu).

Place: Bengaluru.

Founder Secretary.

Approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Mark Master

Date: 05th March 2014.

(R.W. Bro. Retnaraj Sushil Raj)

Place: Chennai.

Regional Grand Mark Master.

Approved by M.W. The Grand Mark Master

Date: 15th March 2014.

(B. Kamakoti)

Place: New Delhi.

Grand Secretary.

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Founder Officers

D. P. Kathiresan	Worshipful Master
V. G. T. Arasu	Senior Warden
Anand M. Rao	Junior Warden
G. Prasanna	Immediate Past Master
V. S. Jayashankar	Chaplain
V. S. Hanumanthu	Director of Ceremonies
R. Narayan Rao Jadhav	Master Overseer
D. P. K. Muthukumaraswamy	Senior Overseer
Ramesh Prabhu	Junior Overseer
V. Suresh Babu	Secretary
Jinny K. George	Treasurer
Manoj Thazhepurayil	Inner Guard
V. S. Ramakrishna	Tyler