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1. Members :

The members of the Lodge shall comprise of two Categories.

a). Members

b). Honorary Members

Explanation : i) Members shall pay the subscription as prescribed in the bylaws.

ii) Honorary Members are those who are elected a such for services rendered to Masonry in general or to this Mark Lodge No. 79 in particular.

2. Days of Meeting :

a) The regular Quarterly Meeting of the Lodge shall be held on the first Tuesday in the months of March, June, September and December and at such times as the Master may fix from time to time at the Masonic Temple, Race Course, Coimbatore.

B) A notice of seven clear days shall be given of all Meetings, Regular and Emergency.

c) An Emergency Meeting of the Lodge may at any time be called by the authority of the Master and the business transacted there at shall not include any business whatsoever, except such as mentioned on the summons convening the meeting, nor shall the minutes of the previous meeting be read and confirmed.

3. Subscription and Fees :

A) Every member shall pay an annual membership subscription of Rs. 90/- and a steward subscription of Rs. 60/-. The subscription shall be paid before December every year, otherwise it will be treated as arrears.

b) The fees payable to the Lodge shall be as follows :

Fee for advancement ... Rs. 300.00

Fee for joining from other
Constitutions ... Rs. 300.00

Fee for joining or re - joining
from the Indian constitutions ... Rs. 300.00

4. Admission of Members :

a) Every proposition of Advancement or Joining or Rejoining shall be made by a member and seconded by another member of the Lodge, either in open Lodge at a Regular Meeting or by writing to the Master or Secretary atleast 14 days prior to the next Regular meeting.

b) Candidates for Advancement and candidates for Joining from other constitutions shall sign the declaration as per rule 100 of the Book of Constitution of Grand Mark Lodge of India before the ballot is taken.

c) If at ballot, two or more black balls appear, the proposition shall be rejected, but if there is only one or none at all appearing against him, the

Candidate shall be declared duly elected.

d) Candidates rejected by the ballot shall not be proposed until six months have elapsed after the date of the unfavourable ballot.

e) In the case of unfavourable ballot, the fee paid shall be refunded.

5. Resigned and Defaulting Members :

a) Any member desirous of resigning from the Lodge shall signify the same in writing to the Secretary before the Regular Meeting or announce in open Lodge.

b) A brother resigning his membership shall be re-admitted only on payment of arrears if any and rejoining fees subject to passing the ballot.

c) Any member of the Lodge who is in default of the payment of his subscription for one year after its becoming due shall be debarred from exercising rights of voting or seconding of candidates or being appointed or elected to any office.

d) A member whose subscription remains unpaid for full two years, shall cease to be a member of the Lodge as per rule 100 of the Book of Constitution of G.L.M.M.M.I.

6. Election of Master and Treasurer

The Master and Treasurer shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in the month of June by balloting.

7. The Tyler :

The Tyler shall be chosen by show of hands. The Tyler can be chosen from among members of the Lodge or from other Mark Master Masons under provisions contained in Rule 85 of the Book of Constitution of G.L.M.M.M.I.

8. Installation Meeting :

The Master shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in the month of September.

9. **Property and Funds of the Lodge :**

Property of every kind belonging to the Mark Lodge (including the warrant, Jewels, Regalia and Archives) shall be considered as vested in the Master for the time being in the Trust of Lodge, and a regular inventory of the whose shall be entered in a separate book and examined and signed by each Master after his installation. No property of the Lodge shall be sold or otherwise disposed of, except by resolution of Brethren in open Lodge.

10. **Charity Fund :**

- a) The Charity Fund of the Lodge shall be maintained by the Quarterly Charity collection.
- b) Voluntary contributions may also be made to the fund by members and other brethren.
- c) Charity Fund is intended for the purpose of giving such relief as decided from time to time in the Lodge.

11. **Permanent Committee :**

The permanent committee shall consist of

The Master, wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies and Two members to be elected at the installation meeting.

- b) The Permanent Committee shall examine the Secretary's books, check the Treasurer's account, inspect and check all the property of the Lodge atleast once a year and also present an Annual Report at the Installation Meeting.
- c) The Permanent Committee shall also scrutinise the eligibility of every candidate proposed for advancement.
- d) The Permanent Committee shall also consider any other such matters the Lodge may refer to the Committee from time to time.
- e) The Permanent Committee shall meet early at each quarter at such place, date and time as the Master decides.

12.

Administration :

- a) Secretary:
 - i) The Secretary shall transact all the general business and conduct all the correspondence of

the Lodge.

- ii) He shall issue summons / notices for all meetings of the Lodge or committee, record minutes of the meeting and keep a register of members and all other register and records, except the accounts kept by the Treasurer.
- iii) The Secretary shall be the ex-officio Secretary to all committees appointed by the Lodge.
- b) Treasurer
 - i) The Treasurer shall keep a Bank account in the name of "Mark Lodge Coimbatore No. 79" to be operated upon by the Treasurer.
 - ii) The Treasurer shall not retain in his hands at any time a sum of more than Rs. 50/- for current expenses.
 - iii) Investments belonging to the Lodge shall be kept in the name of the Lodge and the relative documents shall remain in the custody of the Bank.

- iv) The account of the Lodge shall be audited annually in June before the Annual Installation Meeting by an Audit Committee of the Lodge and the Audited Statement of Accounts with the Balance Sheet shall be circulated to the members at the Annual Installation Meeting.

c) Tyler

He shall be incharge of all paraphernalia belonging to the Lodge and be responsible for the proper preservation thereof and shall keep an inventory of it, countersigned by the Master once a year after his installation.

13. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall consist of two members elected in the Installation Meeting every year and will audit the accounts of the Lodge for the year and thereafter.

By - Laws :

- a) Every Brother shall be presented by the master

with a printed copy of the by-laws of Mark Lodge Coimbatore No. 79 when he becomes a member and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission.

b) The By- Laws shall be read in the open Lodge once every year.

c) It shall not be competent to the Brethren to abrogate, amend or alter these By-Laws unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration shall have been duly proposed and passed at one Regular Meeting and inserted in the summons and read and confirmed in the next Regular Meeting and subsequently approved by the Regional Grand Master and the Grand Master. The By-Laws then must be printed and a copy sent to the Grand Secretary and Regional Grand Secretary.

Worshipful Master (Sd.) **T.K.Shanmuganandam**

Senior Warden (Sd.) **K.Rathinaswamy**

Junior Warden (Sd.) **K.Sathianathan**

Secretary (Sd.) **D.Dhamodharaswamy**

Approved and Adapted in Open Lodge on 22.03.1992

(Sd.) **D.Dhamodharaswamy**
Secretary

Approved by R.W.The Regional Grand Mark Master

Place : Secunderabad (Sd.) **K.L.Reddi**

Date : 11.8.1992 R.W.The Regional Grand Mark Master

Approved by M.W. The Grand Master

New Delhi (Sd.) **N.L.Dugal**
27.8.1992 Grand Secretary