

# **ROYAL ARK MARINERS LODGE KAKINADA NO.124**

## **KAKINADA**



**By Laws  
Freemasons Hall  
Surya Jagapathi Rajah Bahudur  
Memorial Mesonic Temple  
Kakinada.**

# **BYLAWS OF R.A.M. LODGE**

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1. **NAME :** The name of this daughter institution is Royal Ark Mariner Lodge Kakinada No.124, Kakinada moored to Mark Lodge Kakinada No.124, Kakinada.
2. **PLACE OF MEETINGS :** This R.A.M. Lodge Kakinada No.124, Kakinada shall meet at the Freemason's Hall Surya Jagapathi Rajah Bahudur Memorial Masonic Temple, Vallabhai Street, Kakinada, 533 001.
3. **DATES OF MEETING :** This Lodge shall meet on every 2nd Sundays in the months of May (Election), August (Installation), Nov and February.
4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS :** The Master, the Treasurer, of this. R.A.M. Lodge to be elected by Ballot and the Tyler Chosen at the Regular Meeting in the month of May.
5. **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS :** The Officers so Elected and other Officers appointed by the Worshipful Commander Noah will be Installed and invested at the regular meeting to be held in the month of August
6. **OFFICERS :** For the purpose of Government and proper conduct of its affirs, this Mark Lodge will have -the following officers :  
(1) Worshipful Commander Noah (2) IWCN, (3) Senior Warden, (4) Junior Warden, (5) Scribe, (6) Chaplain, (7) Treasurer, (8) Director of Ceremonies, (9) Senior Deacon, (10) Junior Deacon, (11) Assistant Director of Ceremonies. (12) Almoner, (13) Assistant Secretary (14) Guardian, (15) Steward and (16) Warden.

## 7. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- (a) No Candidate will be Elevated unless (i) He shall have submitted an application in the prescribed Form (ii) he shall have been duly proposed and seconded at one Regular Meeting or by notice in writing, transmitted to the Scribe by the Proposer, atleast one month before the next Regular Meeting (iii) He shall have paid in advance all Fees, applicable in each case, (iv) and shall have produced the certificates required by The Book of Constitution.
- (b) No Candidate for Elevated, Joining / Rejoining shall be deemed elected, if at the Ballot, Not more than Two Black Balls appear against him.
- (c) In case of an unfavourable ballot No further Application from that candidate, for Elevated, Joining/ Rejoining, shall be received, within one year from the date of rejection.
- (d) A Candidate may be elevated at the same meeting or at any of the next four meetings; otherwise the Election will be null and void.

## 8. CONSTITUTION :

- (a) This R.A.M. Lodge will consist of (i) Subscribing Members and .(ii) Honorary Members.
- (b) Honorary Members shall comprise of any Royal Ark Mariners, so Elected by the Unanimous Vote of the Members of the R.A.M.Lodge present at the Meeting, after the consent of that Royal Ark Mariners and after

due proposal and seconding at one Regular Meeting, after due notice in the summons convening the Meeting.

**9. FEES : Elevation / Joining / Rejoining :**

- (a) For being Elevated including the cost of the B of C and Bylaws to be presented, Rs. 200/- Plus all Fees payable to The Regional Grand Mark Lodge of South India and The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, for registration, Certificate etc.
- (b) For Joining / Rejoining, including the cost of Bylaws to be presented, Rs. 100/- Plus all Fees payable to Regional Grand Mark Lodge of South India and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, for registration, certificate etc.

Fees Payable	to G M L	to R G M L
Advancement	Rs. 80/-	Rs. 50/-
Joining/Rejoining	Rs. 50/-	Rs. 20/-

subject to change from time to time.

**10. SUBSCRIPTION :** (a) The Year of Accounting, for payment of subscription, is from 16th August to 31st July (b) The Annual Subscription, will be Rs. 150/- per year, Plus all fees and dues payable to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of South India, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, for every Royal Ark Mariners on the Roll.

**11. FEES OF HONOUR : Payable to this R.A.M. Lodge by the officers annually :**

WCN	Rs.	200
Senior Warden	Rs.	150
Junior Warden	Rs.	150
Senior Deacon	Rs.	50
Junior Deacon	Rs.	50
Guardian	Rs.	25
Chaplain	Rs.	25
Director of Ceremonies	Rs.	25
Assistant Director of Ceremonies	Rs.	25
Almoner	Rs.	25
Steward	Rs.	25

- (a) The Fee for a Higher Office shall not include the Fees for the Lower Office.
- (b) The Fee so collected, as far as possible, shall be only utilised for the maintenance and acquiring Regalia, Furniture and other Temple properties of the R.A.M. Lodge.
- (c) In addition, all Fees of Honour, payable by any of the Officers of this R.A.M. Lodge, to The Regional Grand Mark Lodge of South India and the Grand Mark Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, are to be paid by them individually, through this R.A.M. Lodge.

12. **MEMO OF ACCOUNT** : All amounts due from a Member, shall be shown on every summons convening a Regular Meeting for which purpose, the Treasurer will give a statement of all dues to the Scribe, to enable him to enter on every summons.
13. **ARREARS OF DUES** : The Members who are in arrears, on account of subscription for (a) Over three months are NOT eligible for office, Proposing, seconding and Vote, (b) for over six months liable for exclusion and (c) for one full year Automatic Cessation.
14. **TREASURER** :
  - (1) He shall have charge of and responsible for all monies and account books of the R.A.M. Lodge,
  - (2) He shall receive all monies and deposit them in a Bank approved by this R.A.M. Lodge for (a) General Account, (b) Charity Account.
  - (3) He shall operate the Bank Accounts together with the Scribe or WCN.
  - (4) He shall pay all usual expenses, such as Printing and Stationery, Postage and all monies payable to Regional Grand Mark Lodge of South India and Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.
  - (5) He shall close accounts once in a quarter to the end of October, January, April and July and read a statement of Receipt and Payments during that quarter, at the Regular Meetings in May, August, November, February.

(6) The year of accounting shall be from 1st August to 31st July. The statement of accounts, Balance Sheet and the report of the Audit Committee, showing the state of finances of the R.A.M. Lodge, shall be made ready for enclosing to the summons of the Meeting in May, for approval and adoption by the Open R.A.M. Lodge.

#### **15. SCRIBE :**

- (1) He shall be exempted to pay the annual subscription, to this R.A.M. Lodge, if he so prefers; but he shall pay all annual dues to The Regional Grand Mark Lodge of South India and to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Mason of India.
- (2) He shall issue summons for the Regular and Emergency Meetings of The R.A.M. Lodge, not less than 15 days previous for the Regular Meetings and for all Emergency Meetings, as much notice as possible, but not less than 7 days.
- (3) He shall record Minutes of all Regular and Emergency Meetings of this R.A.M. Lodge and of all committee meetings of which he shall be the Ex-officio Scribe.
- (4) He should conduct all correspondence between this R.A.M. Lodge and its members, other daughter R.A.M. Lodges, The Regional Grand Lodge of South India and The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.
- (5) He can also collect all dues and fees from the members and candidates and remit the amounts in the Bank.

- (6) He may keep a imprest of Rs. 200 and submit vouchers for the payments made by him, to the treasurer, once in a quarter.
- (7) He shall, at each Installation Meeting, lay a Report, duly approved by the Permanent Committee, reviewing the progress during the year, before the R.A.M. Lodge, duly enclosing such report to the summons for The Installation on Meeting.
- (8) He shall regularly submit in time, all Returns due to The Regional Grand Mark Lodge of South India and to the Grand lodge of Mark Master Masons of India.
- (9) He shall at every Regular Meeting of the R.A.M. Lodge, read out for confirmation, the minutes of the preceeding Regular Meeting, and of any Emergency Meeting that might have taken place, since the last Regular Meeting.
- (10) He shall carefully preserve all Books and Records of the R.A.M. Lodge in general and the Register of Members.

**16. WARDER :** He shall have the charge of all the property, Regalia and Furniture of The mark Lodge. He shall see, that previous to each meeting, the Temple is properly arranged and everything made ready. He shall Guard the entrance to the R.A.M. Lodge and admit only well known Mark Master masons and should not admit strangers until examined and approved by the Junior Warden and permitted by the WCN.

## **17. AUDIT COMMITTEE :**

- (1) It shall consist of Two members elected, annually at the Election Meeting in May.
- (2) It is preferred, that one of the two elected members be a professional, if there is one among the members.
- (3) They shall prepare the Annual Statement of Accounts, Balance Sheet for the year from 1st August to 31st July submit the Auditors Report, showing the financial state of affairs of the R.A.M. Lodge for (a) General Account, (b) Charity account, in time so as to enclose them to the summons for the-Regular Meeting in August, where at, the Mark Lodge shall approve and adopt.

## **18. PERMANENT COMMITTEE :**

- (1) It shall consist of The Worshipful Commander Noah, Senior Warden Junior Warden, Treasurer Secretary, The D of C, all the Past W.C.N. in the Lodge and Two Brethren elected at. Regular Installation Meeting in August.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the permanent of committee, to consider all matters connected with the welfare of The R.A.M. Lodge, scrutinising and recommending the applications for Membership, prepare and submit an annual report for the year from 1st August to 31st July at the Installation Meeting in August upon the working of the Lodge, which report shall be enclosed to the Summons for the Installation Meeting in August.

- (3) To preserve and improve the property, Regalia. Furniture of The Mark Lodge and examine the Mark Lodge Books and Records and advise on the investment of the Funds of the R.A.M.Lodge and report on the applications for relief for relief of distressed Royal Ark Mariners.
- (4) All Meetings of the permanent Committee shall be held under Notice with Agends, sent to all members of the Permanent Committee, so as to reach them at least Five days before the date of the Permanent Committee.
- (5) The Permanent Committee shall meet atleast once in a quarter, preferably in the first week of May, August, November and February.
- (6) The Minutes of The permanent committee Meeting shall be sent to all members of the Permanent Committee, present and absent immediately after the Meeting.
- (7) An item, "To vote severally and individually on the following recommendations of the Permanent Committee, held after last Regular meeting of the R.A.M. Lodge, he brought on the summons for the next Regular Meeting of the R.A.M. Lodge.
- (8) Five or one third of the total Members of the Permanent Committee, shall form the Quorum.

**19. PROPERTY :** The property of The R.A.M. Lodge shall vest in the three Principal Officers, WCN / Senior and Junior Wadens, for the time being, in trust for the R.A.M. Lodge.

**20. GENERAL :** It shall not be competent for the members of the R.A.M. Lodge, to abrogate, amend, or alter these Bylaws, unless the abrogation, amendment or alteration, is proposed and seconded at one Regular meeting, brought on the next regular Meeting and approved, and again brought on the summons for the next, (3rd consecutive meeting) Regular Meeting and Confirmed and thereafter approved by The Regional Grand Mark Master Masons of South India, and by the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India. In all cases, not specially provided by these Bylaws, the Members shall be bound by the decision of the W.C.N., the same being NOT Contrary to the Constitution. Every Member of The R.A.M. Lodge shall be provided with a Free copy of these Bylaws and every candidate on Elevation shall be presented with a copy.

**Adopted in Open Lodge on 02-01-2011**  
(Consecration Meeting)

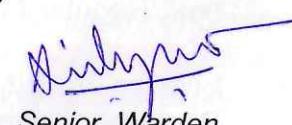
(Sd) *Worshipful Commander*  
**(W.Bro. S.R.K. Ravi Kumar)**

(Sd) *Senior Warden*  
**Bro. K.V.S. Rajanikanth**

(Sd) *Junior Warden*  
**Bro. U. Ramu**

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W.C.N.  
**W.Bro.K. Perraju**

  
Senior Warden  
**Bro. Dr. Y.Manikyam**

  
Junior Warden  
**Bro.J.K.V.M.A.Murty**

  
Scribe  
**R.W.Bro.K.V.S.Anjaneya Murthy**