

## BY - LAWS OF R.A.M.LODGE COIMBATORE No.70

### 1. Meetings

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

A notice of seven clear days shall be given of all meetings, Regular and Emergency. 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 or confirmed.

### 2. Election of Officers

The regular meeting in the month of December shall be the election meeting of the Lodge. The Commander shall be elected annually at the election meeting in the month of December shall be installed at the regular meeting in the month of March. The election of the Commander shall be by ballot. The Treasurer shall also be elected by ballot on the same election day as that of the Commander and will be invested at Installation Meeting in the month of March. The Warden shall be chosen by show of hands. The Warden can be chosen from among the members of the Lodge or from other Mark Master Masons under the provisions contained in Rule 85 of the constitutions of Grand Mark Lodge of India.

### 3. Proposing Candidates :

Every proposal of a candidate for Elevation or for joining must be made by a member and seconded by another member, both of whom must be subscribing members of the Lodge, either in open Lodge at a regular meeting or by writing to the Commander or Secretary at least 14 days prior to the next regular meeting.

Candidates for Elevation and candidates for joining from other constitutions shall, before the next ballot is taken, sign the declaration as provided in Rule 100 of the Book of Constitutions of Grand Mark Lodge of India. If on ballot, 2 black balls shall appear against a candidate for elevation, Joining or Rejoining, he shall not be admitted. In the case of unfavourable ballot, the fee paid shall be refunded.

Candidates rejected on the Ballot shall not be again eligible to be proposed until after a Lapse of 6 months from the date of rejection.

#### 4. Fees :

The fees payable to the Lodge shall be as follows :

Fees for Elevation	:	Rs. 500 - 00
Fee for Joining from other Constitutions	:	Rs. 500 - 00
Joining Fee	:	Rs. 500 - 00
Fee for Rejoining	:	Rs. 500 - 00

Along with the actual GLI and RGL Dues payable.

#### 5. Subscription :

Every Member shall pay an annual membership of Rs.125/- and a steward subscription of Rs. 75/- along with the actual GLI and RGL Dues payable. The subscription shall be paid before December every year. Otherwise it will be treated as arrears. Further any change required in item No. 4 & 5 of this By-Laws may be effected by a suitable resolution in a regular meeting of the Lodge.

#### 6. Remuneration :

The Warden, if he is a serving Brother, shall be paid such remuneration as may be decided by the permanent committee from time to time for each meeting. He shall be exempted from payment of subscription.

#### 7. Permanent Committee :

There shall be a permanent committee composed of the Ruling Commandar Wardens, Scribe, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies and two elected members of the Lodge. The duty of the Permanent committee shall be to consider the proposal for Elevation and joinings check the accounts of the Lodge and present annually a report on the working of the Lodge and to consider such other matters the Lodge may refer to the Committee.

#### 8. Accounts :

The Treasurer with the assistance of the Scribe shall receive all monies and settle all accounts of the Lodge. The annual statement of accounts and Balance Sheet as on 31st December each year shall be drawn up and after the scrutiny and approval of the Audit Committee the same shall be presented at the next Installation meeting in the month of September.

March.

January

All the monies of the Lodge shall be deposited in a Bank in the name of the Lodge. The Bank accounts shall be operated upon by the Treasurer individually.

#### 9. Audit Committee:

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

#### 10. Resignations:

Any member wishing to resign from the Lodge may do so in open Lodge or by letter addressed to the Scribe when on his dues being fully paid up, he shall be furnished with a clearance certificate.

If the subscription of a member to the Lodge remains unpaid for two years at the expiration of that period he shall automatically cease to be a member of the Lodge and that fact shall be reported to the Lodge by the Scribe at the next regular meeting and recorded in the Minutes.

In either case one can rejoin the Lodge by payment of arrears followed by fresh regular proposition and ballot.

#### 11. Property:

Furniture, Regalia, Charter and other properties of the Lodge shall be vested in the care of the Commandor of the Lodge. An inventory of such properties shall be recorded and kept by the Commander and shall be transmitted to his successor at the Installation Meeting.

#### 12. By - Laws:

The By - Laws of the Lodge shall be read once in a year in open Lodge in the Election Meeting. Every member on his Elevation or Joining shall be presented with a copy of the By-laws.

No alterations or additions to these By-Laws shall be made unless the same is duly proposed and seconded at a regular meeting and included in the agenda for the next regular at which the amendment or alterations shall be confirmed and then applied for approval of the R.W.Regional Grand Mark Master and M.W.the Grand Master.

*W.Com.Noah*

*(M.R.VENKATRAMAN)*

*Sr.Warden (J)*

*(N.R.DORAI SWAMY)*

*Jr. Warden (S)*

*(D.DORAIRAJ)*

*Scribe*

*(T.K.SHANMUGANANDAM)*

*Treasurer*

*(DORAI JOHN PILLAI)*

Approved and adapted in open Lodge on the 11th October 1992

*Sd. T.K.Shanmuganandam*

*Scribe*

Approved by R.W.The Regional Grand Mark Master

Place : Coimbatore

Date : 5 - 11 - 93

*Sd.D.Dorairaj*

*Regional Grand Mark Master*

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Mark Master

Place : New Delhi

Date : 4 - 4 - 94

*Sd.N.L.Duggal*

*Grand Secretary*