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# BYE-LAWS

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**BY-LAWS**  
**OF**  
**ROYAL ARCH MARINER LODGE RAJAJI No: 157.**  
**HOSUR**

### **1) REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held at Venkateshwara Mini Meeting Hall, 19-Step colony, Dharga, Hosur. The Regular meetings shall be held on 3rd Friday of February, July, and October at such hour as the Worshipful Commander Noah may direct.

### **2) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Worshipful Commander Noah of the Royal Arch Mariner Lodge shall be elected annually at the regular meeting in October. The mode of election shall be by ballot. The Treasurer and Warder may be elected by a show of hands in the October Meeting.

The Worshipful Commander and officers shall be installed and invested at the next regular meeting in February.

### **3. FEES**

A. Members shall be required to pay an annual subscription of: Rs.500/- Which shall be allotted as follows;

General Fund: Rs. 300/-, Stewards Fund: Rs.150/-, Charity Fund: Rs.50/-

PLUS

Regional Grand Mark Lodge and Grand Mark Lodge dues at actual as applicable and payable.

B. All dues as indicated above shall become payable in full during the month of February each year or in the month of elevation /joining /rejoining as applicable.

C. Fees for elevation/joining shall be as follows

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- i Fees for elevation including registration & certificate Rs.1000/-
- ii. For joining or rejoining from Indian Constitution Rs.500/-
- iii. For joining from other Constitutions Rs.800/-

PLUS

Annual subscription as above

AND

All other uncleared arrears and dues

#### 4) MEMBERS/MEMBERSHIP

Any Brother who is a Mark Master Mason desirous of being elevated in the R.A.M. Lodge and a member of any Craft Lodge warranted under the Grand Lodge of India is eligible to be admitted as a member of the Mark Lodge.

The R.M. Lodge shall comprise of the following categories of members;

W.L.  
I. Subscribing Members  
II. Honorary Members

The Lodge may, if it deems fit acknowledge the services of a brother to the order in general or to this Lodge in particular, by electing him as an Honorary Member in accordance with the Provisions of Rule 142 of Book of Constitutions.

#### 5) FUNDS

All monies shall be deposited in a nationalized bank in the name of the Lodge and the record of files shall be maintained as

- i. General Fund ii. Charity Fund

W.M. Lodge

B) The bank accounts shall be operated jointly by the Treasurer along with either

- i. Worshipful Commander Noah
- ii Secretary

C) The Charity Fund shall be devoted solely for the purpose of charity.

D) Monies collected from the following sources shall form this fund.

i. Collection for charity fund at regular, emergence and special meetings.

ii. Voluntary contributions expressly made for this purpose.

iii. Rs.50/- p.a. from the subscription of each subscribing member.

E) Stewards Fund/Refreshment Fund

Payments to the Worshipful Commander Noah to defray the cost of banquets including refreshment, fellowship & dinner during the installation meetings & meetings without ceremonies shall be made out of this fund account. The amount Payable is the actual receipt during the year towards the Stewards Fund and subsequent receipts out, of the arrears of subscription for the Masonic year.

6) SECRETARY

A) The Secretary shall be in charge of all R.A.M. Lodge records and books other than the accounts books which are maintained by the Treasurer.

B) The Secretary shall be in charge of all the correspondence, Issue summons for the meetings, record minutes of the Proceedings and maintain all the registers and books that are necessary for the R.A.M. Lodge.

7) TREASURER

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A) The Treasurer shall maintain such books of accounts as are necessary.

B) All payments exceeding Rs.1500/- shall ordinarily be paid by cheque only.

C) The Treasurer shall intimate to Secretary all cases of arrears.

## 8. ACCOUNTS

a. The financial year of the R.A.M. Lodge shall be from February to January. The accounts of the Mark Lodge shall be closed on the last date of January every year.

b. The Treasurer shall have the annual accounts made for the year and present it to the Audit Committee for their Comments and report thereon.

c. The annual accounts together with the Audit Committee report shall be placed before the open Lodge on the Installation meeting for consideration, approval and adoption.

## 9) PERMANENT COMMITTEE

The Permanent Committee shall consist of the Worshipful Commander Noah, S.Warden & J.Warden, past W.C.N. of and in the R.A.M. Lodge , Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremony and two brethren elected on the Installation day. The Worshipful Commander Noah shall be the Chairman of the committee. The quorum for the permanent Committee shall be three members.

## 10) AUDIT COMMITTEE

A committee shall be appointed annually at the election meeting in October to audit the Treasurers books of accounts and to report thereon at the ensuing Installation meeting in February.

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The Treasurer and Secretary shall assist the Audit Committee in preparing the annual report and statement of accounts.

## 11) ALTERATION TO BYE-LAWS

No resolution or alteration in or addition to these Bye-laws shall be introduced or discussed in the R.A.M. Lodge until due notice of the same shall have been given in writing, In the open R.A.M. Lodge at regular Meeting and afterwards circulated with the summons for the next ensuing regular meeting unless introduced by the report of the Permanent Committee. *These be applicable only after approval by the R.W. the Regional Grand Mark Master and M.W. the Grand Master.* VAG

All matters not specifically provided by the R.A.M. Lodge regulations or these bye-laws shall be decided according to the Book of Constitutions of the Craft.

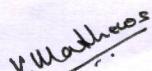
## 12) GENERAL:

- a. The candidate(s) being elevated shall get the Apron/Breast Jewel by paying the cost along with the payment of subscription.
- b. The cost of the meeting including the hall rent, dining hall charges, and any other allied/incidental expenses shall be borne by the candidate/candidates, If any meeting held at the specific request of any candidate/s for elevation on any day other than a regular meeting.
- c. Any cost incurred by the R.A.M. Lodge towards the reminders for subscription in arrears beyond six months from the date they become due and payable shall be recovered from such members whose subscription is in arrears.
- d. Every member of the R.A.M. Lodge on his elevation/ joining shall be presented with a copy of these bye-laws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the bye-laws contained therein.
- e. In the event of any abrogation, amendment or revision of any bye-law or bye-laws the Secretary shall provide each member with a copy

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thereof after the approval by the M.W. The Grand Master of the Grand Mark Lodge of India.

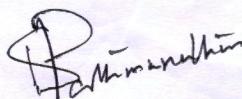
Adopted at the consecration and constitution of the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge Rajaji No: 167 held on 2nd June 2016.



W.C.N.



Senior Warden

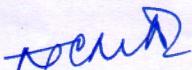


Junior Warden



Secretary / SCRIBE.

Approved by

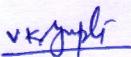


Regional Grand Master  
Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern

Place : CHENNAI  
Date : 23-06-2016

Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India

Place :  
Date :



Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India

Place : New Delhi  
Date : 23-08-2016