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**BYE-LAWS
OF
R. A. M. LODGE SABARIDESAM NO. 147**

PATHANAMTHITTA

**Warranted on 29th December 2015
Consecrated on 17th January 2016**

Members:

1. The Lodge shall comprise of :-
 - a. Subscribing Members
 - b. Honorary Members

Meetings:

2. The Regular Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at Freemasons' Hall, Pathanamthitta Masonic Trust, Swamipadi, Thegumkavu P. O, Pathanamthitta - 689 646 on the Third Sunday in January, April, July and October of the English Calendar Month at such hour as the Worshipful Commander decides.
3. Summons convening the Regular Meeting shall be issued at least seven days before the Meetings. Emergency Meetings however may be convened at shorter notice.

Fees and Dues:

4. The fees and subscription shall be as follows payable in advance.

a. Annual Subscription for Membership:

Lodge Fund	Rs. 250.00
Steward Fund	Rs. 250.00
GMLI & RGMLI Fee	(as applicable)

b. Elevation

Advancement fee	Rs. 1,500.00
Reserve Fund	Rs. 5,000.00
Lodge Fund	Rs. 250.00
Steward Fund	Rs. 250.00
GMLI & RGMLI Fee	(as applicable)

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c. Joining Fee (from any constitution)	Rs. 500.00
Reserve Fund	Rs. 5,000.00
Lodge Fund	Rs. 250.00
Steward Fund	Rs. 250.00
GMLI & RGMLI Fee	(as applicable)
d. Re-joining Fee	Rs. 500.00
Lodge Fund	Rs. 250.00
Steward Fund	Rs. 250.00
GMLI & RGMLI Fee	(as applicable)

5. The expenses of any Emergency Meeting and Dispensation shall be defrayed by the Brother or Brethren at whose instance the meeting is held.

Admission & Retirement of Members:

*for Elevation
Joining
Re-Joining
simple
majority*

- 6. No candidate for Elavation or Joining shall be accepted as a Member of the Lodge, unless if on ballot, *simple majority* of the members present and voting in Lodge approves the proposal of such candidature. No rejected Candidate shall again be proposed until six months have lapsed since the balloting.
- 7. Any Member whose subscription is unpaid for at the end of the Lodge accounting year (31st December) will automatically cease to be a Member of the Lodge. Such excluded Member will have to go through the usual procedure of proposal and balloting after having paid the dues to get readmitted and will have to pay the Rejoining Fees as put down in Bye Law No. 4 (d).

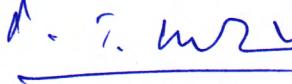
Election of Officers and Installation:

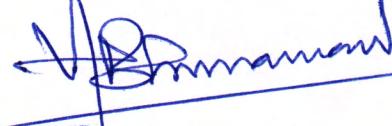
- 8. The Worshipful Commander, the Treasurer and the Tyler shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Meeting in October. The Worshipful Commander Elect shall be Installed at the Regular Meeting in January and will appoint and invest his Officers.

Standing Committee:

- 9. A Standing Committee shall be constituted at the Installation Meeting consisting of the Worshipful Commander, I.P.C., two Wardens, D. of C., Treasurer, Scribe and two Members who do not hold any regular office and elected by the Lodge at the Installation Meeting in January.


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The duties of the Standing Committee shall be :-

- a. To scrutinize the monthly financial statements.
- b. To scrutinize proposals of candidate for Advancement or Joining.
- c. To take inventory of the Lodge property and report its condition.
- d. To present the Annual Report at the Installation Meeting.
- e. To consider and suggest any manner tending to promote the welfare of the Lodge.

Audit Committee:

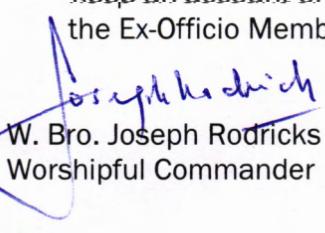
10. A committee of two (who are not members of the Standing Committee) shall be appointed by the Lodge at the October Meeting for auditing the Accounts of the year. The audited statement shall form a part of the Annual Report.
11. The control of the property of the Lodge shall be as provided in the Book of Constitution-2009 of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India Rule 142.

Duties of Treasurer:

12. The Treasurer shall collect subscription and other dues and shall issue receipts for such collection made. He shall be in charge of all meetings and shall make payments for current routine expenses with the permission of the Worshipful Master. The Treasurer shall maintain the Account Books. All monies shall be deposited in a bank approved by the Lodge and in the name of the Lodge. All bank accounts shall be opened and operated by and the cheques must be signed by any two of the following:- viz: the Worshipful Commander or Scribe and the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall submit a financial statement at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge.
13. The disbursement of any amount exceeding Rs. 1,500.00 otherwise than the routine expenses requires the previous sanction of the Lodge, under notice.

Duties of Scribe:

14. The Scribe shall be in charge of the Lodge records and books other than the Account Books. The Scribe shall conduct all general business and correspondence of the Lodge. The Scribe shall record minutes of all meetings of the Lodge and separately of any Lodge committees. He shall issue summonses for all Lodge meetings, at least seven days in advance to every member of the Lodge. He shall also preserve all other necessary records and keep an account of all money passing through his hands. The Scribe shall be the Ex-Officio Member and Convener of all Committees appointed by the Lodge.


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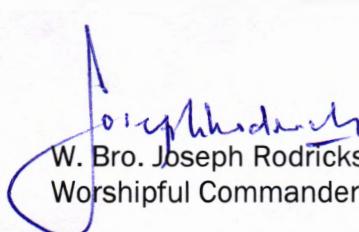
Alteration of By-laws:

15. No alteration or addition to these Bye-Laws shall be made except by a motion at a Regular Meeting after due notice and approved at the next Regular Meeting and thereafter confirmed at the following Regular Meeting of the Lodge and approved by R. W. The Regional Grand Mark Master and M. W. The Grand Master.

General:

16. In all matters, the members shall abide by and strictly confirm to the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Mark Lodge of India and in all matters not expressly herein before provided for, the directions contained in the Book of Constitutions so far as they are applicable there to.

The copies of the Bye-Laws were circulated and were read and proposed at the Consecration Meeting held on 17th January 2016 as per the Agenda No.12., and was duly approved and adopted.


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Bro. K. P. Suresh
Scribe

Approved by R. W. THE REGIONAL GRAND MARK MASTER

Place : CHENNAI

Date : 20-01-2017


REGIONAL GRAND MARK MASTER

Approved by M. W. THE GRAND MASTER

Place : NEW DELHI

Date : 20.02.2017


GRAND SECRETARY
