



**BYE-LAWS  
OF  
MARK LODGE HIRAM NO.4 GMLI**

**2010**

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**1. MEMBERSHIP / MEMBERS**

Members of the Lodge will generally be residents of the Metropolitan area of Bangalore.

Those residing beyond this territory will equally be eligible to be <sup>elevated</sup> ~~admitted~~ to join/rejoin.

Any person who is a Master Mason and a member of any Craft Lodge warranted under the Grand Lodge of India is eligible to be admitted as a member of the Lodge.

The Lodge membership shall comprise of the following categories.

a. Subscribing members

b. Life members

Brethern who have been subscribing members continuously for 25 years and have attained 60 years of age are eligible to become Life members on payment of twelve times the current subscription and also they will be required to pay annually prorata to the Benevolent Fund, Stewards fund as well as the dues to the Regional Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge.

Brethern who are recipients of 40 years Long Term Service Jewel are exempted from payment to Stewards Fund. Their Regional Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge dues shall be borne by the Lodge.

**c. Honorary Member**

The Lodge may, if it deems fit acknowledge the services of a member to Mark Masonry in general or to this Lodge in particular, by electing him as an Honorary Member in accordance with the provisions of rule 103 of the Book of Constitution.

**2. DAYS OF THE MEETING**

The regular meetings shall be held on the second Friday in the months of January, April, July and October at Freemasons Hall at such time as the Master directs.

**3. ELECTION**

The annual election of the WM, Treasurer and Tyler shall be held at the regular meeting in July. The mode of election shall be by ballot for the WM and Treasurer. Tyler can be elected either by ballot or by a show of hands.

**4. INSTALLATION**

The WM elect shall be installed at the next regular meeting in the month of October.

The WM shall invest his team of Officers at this meeting.

**5. FEES FOR ADVANCEMENT, JOINING AND REJOINING**

- a. The fees to be paid for advancement including Grand Mark Registry and Certificate and also for joining shall be as follows.

Advancement from GLI	Rs.1000/-
From other constitutions	Rs.1500/-

**Joining fees**

From GMLI	Rs.800/-
From other constitutions	Rs.1500/-
Rejoining Fees	Rs.1000/-

### 5.b. Subscriptions

The yearly subscriptions shall be as under  
Towards membership Rs.400/- per year out of which

Rs.60/- shall be towards Stewards Fund

and

Rs.40/- shall be towards Benevolent Fund

PLUS

Regional Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge dues extra as applicable and payable.

All fees and subscription as mentioned above shall become payable in full during the month of October each year or in the month of advancement / joining / rejoining.

5.c. The Secretary and Tyler shall be exempted from payment of Lodge subscription. However they shall pay the Benevolent Fund contribution and also Regional Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge annual dues as applicable and payable.

5.d. The Lodge subscription shall be reviewed once in THREE YEARS by the Permanent Committee and will become effective after being approved by the GMLI.

### 6. TREASURER

6. a. The Treasurer shall maintain such book of accounts as are necessary under Rule 96 of the B of C.

6. b. All payments exceeding Rs.500/- shall ordinarily be paid by cheque only.

6. c. The Treasurer shall intimate the Secretary all cases of arrears under rule 110 and 110 A of the B of C.

6.d. All monies shall be deposited in bank in the name of the Lodge in the following accounts.

i.General Fund

ii.Benevolent Fund / Charity Fund

The Benevolent Fund shall be devoted solely for the purpose of charity.

iii.Stewards Fund / Refreshment Fund

Payment to WM for defraying the cost of refreshments, fellowship and dinner during the regular meetings 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.e. The Lodge bank accounts shall be operated by Treasurer jointly with either the WM or the Secretary.

## **7. SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall be in charge of all Lodge books, records and registers other than the books of accounts which are maintained by the Treasurer.

The Secretary shall make such entries as are prescribed under Rule 92,93 and 94 of the B of C.

The Secretary shall be in charge of all correspondence, issue summons for the meeting, record minutes of the proceedings and maintain all records and registers.

## **8. REGISTRAR OF MARKS**

The Registrar of Marks shall maintain the prescribed register.

## **9. TYLER**

The Tyler shall be paid for his attendance at each meeting held for superintending the preparation of Lodge rooms a Fee of Rs.10/-. It shall be the Tyler's duty to keep the Tyler's Book and to see that all the Brethren

who enter the Lodge sign their names in it, to examine carefully all visitors, to see that the Brethren are properly clothed and that the candidates are properly prepared.

## **10. PERMANENT COMMITTEE**

The Permanent Committee shall consist of the WM, Wardens PMs, of and in the Lodge, Treasurer and the Secretary. The WM shall preside at such meetings and in his absence the IPM and in the absence of both these brn., the PMs in the order of Lodge seniority shall preside

## **11. ARREARS**

Any member whose dues shall remain unpaid for a period of six months shall receive due notice of the same from the Secretary and should they not be paid within one month from the date of such notice the member shall be liable to be dealt with under rule 88,109 of the B of C for exclusion and 110 for cessation.

## **RESIGNATION**

Any brother wishing to resign shall intimate the same either by letter to the Secretary or in the open lodge.

### 13. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Every year at the election meeting an audit committee of three brn. shall be appointed to audit the Treasurer's books of accounts and report on the Lodge's working during the year and such report and audited statement of accounts shall be placed before the open lodge in the ensuing Installation meeting for approval and adoption.

The Treasurer and the Secretary shall assist the audit committee in preparing the report and statement of accounts.

### 14. EMERGENT MEETING

Should an emergent meeting be summoned for the express purpose/ at the request of any candidate/candidates on any day other than a regular meeting day the cost of the meeting including the hall rent, dining hall, fellowship, lunch/dinner expenses and any other allied/incidental expenses shall be borne by such candidate/candidates.

### 15. GENERAL

- a. The Lodge year shall be from October to September.

- b. Any cost/expense incurred by the Lodge towards the date they become due and payable shall be recovered from such members whose subscription are in arrears.

- c. Every member on his advancement or joining shall be presented with a copy of these bye-laws and his acceptance thereof shall be demed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the bye-laws contained therein.

All matters not specially provided by the GMLI regulations or these bye-laws shall be decided according to the B of C of GLI - Craft.

### 16. ALTERATION TO BYE-LAWS

It shall not be competent for the brethren to abrogate, amend, revise, add, delete or alter these bye-laws in any manner unless due notice of the same has been given in writing

- a. to be circulated along with the summons for discussions in the open lodge for passing and
- b. to be circulated with modifications, if any, along with the summons in the next meeting for approval and

c. to be circulated with modifications, if any, alongwith the summons for confirmation in the ensuing meeting and forward the same to RGML and GMLI for approval.

The change shall not become effective until subsequently approved by the RGM and MWGM.

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These amendments were regularly proposed and seconded in the open Lodge at the regular meeting on 5th October 2009, passed at a regular meeting held on 8th January 2010 and confirmed at the regular meeting held on 9th April 2010.

W. Bro. B. S. Chadrashekar Rao	- WM
Bro. K. R. Tandur	- SW
Bro. R. Shivaprabhu	- JW
W. Bro. D. K. Ravi	- Secretary

Approved by the R. W. The Regional Grand Mark Master.

Visakhapatnam  
12-08-2010

Sd/-  
R.W. Bro. V Narasimham  
Regional Grand Mark Master

Approved by the M.W. The GMM of the GMLI

New Delhi  
26-08-2010

Sd/-  
R.W. Bro B. Kamakoti  
Grand Secretary