

**BYELAWS**  
**ROYAL ARK MARINER LODGE ATHALIA No:176**  
**TUMMAKUR, KARNATAKA**

**1) REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Lodge shall be held at Hotel Shilton Royale, Bangalore and Citria Star Hotel, Tumakkur. The Regular meetings shall be held on 3rd Saturday of January, April, July and October at such hour as the Worshipful Commander Noah may direct.

**2) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

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

**3) FEES**

A. Members shall be required to pay an annual subscription as under:

General Fund: Rs. 500/-, Steward Fund: Rs.300/-, Charity Fund: Rs.100/- and Regional Grand Mark Lodge and Grand Mark Lodge dues at actual as applicable and payable.

All dues as indicated above shall become payable in full during the month of July each year or in the month of elevation / joining / re-joining as applicable.

B. Fees for elevation / joining shall be as follows

In addition to the Annual Subscription as mentioned in Byelaw 3A.

- i. Fees for elevation including registration & certificate Rs.1000/-
- ii. For joining from Indian Constitution Rs.500/-
- iii. For joining from other Constitutions Rs.800/-
- IV. For re-joining every Royal Ark Mariner shall pay Rs.500/-

**4) 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 R.A.M. Lodge.

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

- I. Subscribing Members
- II. Honorary Members

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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 "RAM Lodge Athalia No.176" in the following fund accounts:

- i. General Fund
- ii. Charity Fund
- iii. Steward Fund

B) The bank accounts shall be operated jointly by the Treasurer along with either The Worshipful Commander Noah or The Scribe.

C) The General Fund shall cover all expenses and receipts towards the Mark Lodge not covered under the Charity Fund and Steward Fund.

D) The Charity Fund shall be devoted solely for the purpose of charity. Monies collected from the following sources shall form this fund.

- i. Collection for charity fund at regular, emergency and special meetings.
- ii. Voluntary contributions expressly made for this purpose.
- iii. Rs.100/- p.a. from the subscription of each subscribing member.

E) Steward Fund: The candidate(s) shall pay an amount of Rs. 500/- each towards the Steward Fund to cover the cost of the Banquet/Dinner. Additional funds, if any required, shall be paid out of the Steward Fund of the Lodge. In the event of meetings with no ceremonies/no candidates, the banquet/dinner will be shared by the members present on actuals. During the installation meeting, the banquet/dinner will be paid for by the Worshipful Commander Noah Elect. For special events the banquet/dinner may be paid out of the Steward Fund in part/full.

## 6) SCRIBE

A) The Scribe 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 Scribe shall be responsible for all the correspondence, issue summons for the meetings, record minutes of the Proceedings and the maintenance of all the registers and books that are necessary for the R.A.M. Lodge.

C) The Scribe shall be responsible for the submission of all the routine and special reports and returns to The Regional Grand Mark Lodge and The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India as per the instructions on the subject.

## 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 the Scribe all cases of arrears.

## **8) ACCOUNTS**

- A) The financial year of the R.A.M. Lodge shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June. The accounts of the R.A.M. Lodge shall be closed on the 30th of June 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, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, past W.C.N. of and in the R.A.M. Lodge, Scribe, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies 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 of two members shall be appointed annually at the election meeting to audit the Treasurers books of accounts for the ensuing year and to report thereon at the next Installation meeting.

The Audit Committee shall audit the accounts for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June to enable the Treasurer to prepare the audited statement of accounts to be presented on the installation day.

## **11) ADDITION/ALTERATION TO BYELAWS**

No resolution for addition or alteration to these Byelaws 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 a regular meeting and afterwards circulated with the summons for the next regular meeting unless introduced by the report of the Permanent Committee. These additions/alterations shall come into force only after approval by Right Worshipful the Regional Grand Mark Master of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India and Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of India.

All matters not specifically provided by the Grand Mark Lodge regulations or these byelaws shall be decided according to the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of India.

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## **12) GENERAL**

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A) The candidate(s) being advanced shall be charged the cost of an Apron and a Breast Jewel in addition to the Elevation Fees and 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 advancement/ joining shall be presented with a copy of these byelaws and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed a pledge of his strict adherence and submission to the byelaws contained therein.

e. In the event of any abrogation, amendment or revision of any by-law or byelaws the Secretary shall provide each member with a copy thereof after approval by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of India.

Adopted at the consecration and constitution of the R.A.M. Lodge held on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

  
W.C.N.  
Senior Warden  
Junior Warden  
Scribe

Approved by:

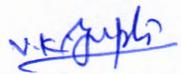
**Grand Mark Master**  
Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India:

Place:  
Date :



**Regional Grand Mark Master**  
Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Southern India:

Place: CHENNAI  
Date : 09.02.2017

  
**Grand Secretary**  
Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India:

Place: NEW DELHI  
Date : 10.03.2017