



**BY-LAWS**  
**OF**  
**REGIONAL**  
**GRAND MARK LODGE**  
**OF**  
**NORTHERN INDIA**  
**2020**

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## **PREAMBLE**

Whereas under the Constitution of the Grand Mark Lodge of India, the Regional Grand Mark Lodge has the power of framing and revising Bye-Laws, for its own government, and Regulations to be observed by the daughter Mark Lodges and Brethren in the Region, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the Landmarks and Constitution of the Order; the following Bye-Laws approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Mark Master and by M.W. the Grand Master, shall be binding on all Mark Lodges and brethren under the Grand Mark Lodges of India, in the Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Northern India.

(By Order)  
**T.N. SAKLANI,**  
Regional Grand Secretary,

Place : New Delhi,  
Dated : 26th March, 1965.

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# **Bye-Laws**

**OF**

## **Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Northern India**

In these Bye-Laws the expression Regional Grand Master whenever occurring shall be deemed to include the Officer-in-Charge of the Region for the time being unless such inclusion be repugnant to the context.

### **Rank and Precedence :**

1. The Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Northern India meets under a Regional Grand Mark Master duly authorised and appointed by the Grand Master, Mark Master Masons of India and consists of the Brethren specified in the Book of Constitutions Rule 41. Its members, rank in the following order :-
  1. Regional Grand Mark Master
  2. Past Regional Grand Mark Masters
  3. Deputy Regional Grand Mark Master
  4. Past Deputy Regional Grand Mark masters
  5. Asstt. Regional Grand Mark Master
  6. Past Asstt. Regional Grand Mark Masters
  7. Regional Grand Senior Warden
  8. Past Regional Grand Senior Wardens
  9. Regional Grand Junior Warden
  10. Past Regional Grand Junior Wardens

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11. Regional Grand Master Overseer
  12. Past Regional Grand Master Overseers
  13. Regional Grand Senior Overseer
  14. Past Regional Grand Senior Overseers
  15. Regional Grand Junior Overseer
  16. Past Regional Grand Junior Overseers
  17. Regional Grand Chaplain
  18. Past Regional Grand Chaplains
  19. Regional Grand Treasurer
  20. Past Regional Grand Treasurers
  21. Regional Grand Registrar
  22. Past Regional Grand Registrars
  23. President of Regional General Board
  24. Past Presidents of Regional General Board
  25. Regional Grand Secretary
  26. Past Regional Grand Secretaries
  27. Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies
  28. Past Regional Grand Directors of Ceremonies
  29. Regional Grand Senior Deacon
  30. Past Regional Grand Senior Deacons
  31. Regional Grand Junior Deacon
  32. Past Regional Grand Junior Deacons
  33. Regional Grand Inspector of Works
  34. Past Regional Grand Inspectors of Works
  35. Deputy Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies
  36. Past Deputy Regional Grand Directors of Ceremonies
  37. Assistant Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies
  38. Past Asstt. Regional Grand Directors of Ceremonies
  39. Regional Grand Sword Bearer
  40. Past Regional Grand Sword Bearers
  41. Regional Grand Standard Bearer
  42. Past Regional Grand Standard Bearers
  43. Regional Grand Organist
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44. Past Regional Grand Organists
  45. Assistant Regional Grand Secretary
  46. Past Asstt. Regional Grand Secretaries
  47. Regional Grand Inner Guard
  48. Past Regional Grand Inner Guards
  49. Regional Grand Steward
  50. Past Regional Grand Stewards
  51. Regional Grand Tyler
  52. Past Regional Grand Tylers

Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Overseers of Daughter Mark Lodges.

**Meetings:**

2. The Regular Communication of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge shall be held in the first half of the calander year along with the Annual Meeting of the Regional Grand Lodge.

Special Communications of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge or Area Communications of Mark Lodges in the Region may be held at the discretion of R.W. The Regional Grand Mark Master, or in his absence the Regional Grand Officer-in-Charge.

3. The Office of the Regional Grand Mark of Northern India will be situated and function at Freemasons' Hall, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001.

**Appointment of Officers:**

4. The appointment of Officers shall take place at the Annual

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Meeting of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge, and such Officers whenever practicable shall be then invested; in all other cases, they may be invested in a daughter Lodge within the Region.

**Regulations for Meetings:**

5. The rule for the conduct of Business appearing in the Book of Constitutions shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to all meetings of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge and the Regional General Board.

In absence of any rule, the decision of the Chairman of the meeting in all matters of procedure or conduct shall be final.

6. No motion shall be made or discussed at any meeting of Regional Grand Mark Lodge unless notice thereof shall have been issued by the Regional Grand Secretary to Brethren entitled to vote in Regional Grand Mark Lodge, at least one month previous to the date of such meeting.

This shall not apply to any matter contained in any Report of the Regional General Board, or any other matter which the Regional Grand Mark Master may bring before the Regional Grand Mark Lodge.

**Notice of Motion :**

7. Every notice of motion shall be given in writing, at one Regular meeting of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge, for consideration at the next Regular Meeting, or shall be transmitted to the Regional Grand Secretary in time to reach his hands at least six weeks before the date of the meeting at which such motion is to be considered.

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Regional Grand Mark Lodge meetings are normally held in March and October in each year and notices of motion for inclusion in the agenda for those Meetings must be sent to the Regional Grand Secretary by the fifteenth day of January or August respectively.

8. No notice of a motion shall be placed on the agenda or otherwise issued or published if the Regional Grand Mark Master shall deem it to be of a nature improper for discussions in Regional Grand Mark Lodge.

**Regional Grand Treasurer :**

9. The Regional Grand Treasurer shall receive and pay all monies due to and from Regional Grand Mark Lodge, keep correct accounts of receipts, disbursements, liabilities and outstandings and produce them for audit whenever required to do so by these Bye-Laws, or by any order of the Regional Grand Mark Jjvlaster of Regional General Board or any resolution of Regional Grand Mark Lodge.

**Audit:**

10. The Regional Grand Treasurer shall prepare a Statements of Receipts and Expenditure annually as on 31st March each year, and after his Books and Vouchers shall have been audited by some brother or brethren appointed for such purpose by the Regional Grand Mark Lodge, he shall submit such statement to the Regional General Board at its meeting together with a list of all outstanding sums due from Lodges, the same then shall be presented to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge at its Annual Meeting.

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**Returns :**

11. The Regional Grand Secretary shall receive the Returns of all Lodges and such dues and other monies as may be sent to him and deposit the same in the Regional Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Bank Account and shall forward receipts to the payees as early as possible.
12. The Regional Grand Secretary shall summon all meetings whether of Regional Grand Mark Lodge or of the Regional General Board and shall keep a proper record of the proceedings of such meetings.
13. All communications intended for submission to the Regional Grand Mark Master of Regional Grand Mark Lodge, shall (unless otherwise ordered by the Regional Grand Mark Master) and except as provided in Bye-Law 19, be addressed to the Regional Grand Secretary, who shall in due course submit them to the Regional Grand Mark Master.
14. Regional Grand Secretary shall be responsible for the prompt promulgation of all Orders, Mandates, Decisions or Notifications by the Regional Grand Mark Master, and of all resolutions of Regional Grand Mark Lodge or of Regional General Board.

**Regional General Board:**

15. There shall be a Regional General Board which shall be appointed annually.

The Regional General Board shall consist of The President, who shall be appointed annually by the



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Regional Grand Mark Master and 6 Ex-Officio members namely :-

The Regional Grand Mark Master Deputy Regional Grand Mark Master Asstt. Regional Grand Mark Master (if any) Regional Grand Secretary Regional Grand Treasurer Regional Grand Registrar 3 members shall annually be nominated by the Regional Grand Mark Master and 3 members elected by the Daughter Mark Lodges.

No Representative of a Lodge can exercise the privilege of voting in the Regional General Board if such a Lodge be in anyway in arrears in submission of Returns or payment of Dues to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge.

**Quorum of Regional General Board :**

16. Five (5) members of the Regional General Board present in person shall form a quorum.
17. All question of finance as well as matters of general interest, which the Regional Grand Mark Master shall so determine, shall be referred to the Regional General Board, for consideration and report.

**Submission of Half Yearly Returns :**

18. The Returns of Lodges to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge shall be submitted Annually. The Return shall be made upto 31st December and shall be forwarded to the Regional Grand Secretary together with all fees and dues payable thereon not later 31st.January.
19. The Returns shall be made out by the Secretaries of all Lodges in such form or forms as may from time to time

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be issued by the Regional Grand Mark Lodge, and all particulars and information called for therein shall be strictly, fully and accurately rendered.

**Summons :**

20. It shall be the duty of the Master / Secretary of every Lodge within the Region to forward a copy of every Summons for every Regular or Emergency meeting of his Lodge to the Regional Grand Mark Master, Deputy Regional Grand Mark Master, Deputy Regional Grand Mark Master , President of the Board, Lodge in Charge (if any) and Regional Grand Secretary at the same time as such Summons is issued to the members of his Lodge, being not less than seven days before the date of the meeting.

**Installation Returns :**

21. The Installation Return of every Lodge within the Region shall be submitted to the Regional Grand Secretary IMMEDIATELY after the Installation Meeting in duplicate.

**Submission of Report and Accounts :**

22. Each Lodge once in every year within three months from the close of its accounting year shall submit annual accounts and get approved in open Lodge after the same being audited and immediately submit a copy of the same to the Regional Grand Secretary.

**23. Fees**

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The following shall be fees and dues to be paid by the Lodge to the funds of Regional Grand Mark Lodge of Northern India. Such dues are to be forwarded with the Returns :

**(a) Fees and dues payable by Mark Lodges :-**

For Registration of a New Lodge or renewal of Warrant.	1000/-
For Registration of Bye-Laws	200/-
For Amendments to Bye-Laws	100/-
Annual dues for each Brother	50/-
Foreign Constitution	80/-

**(b) Fees and Dues payable by R.A.M. Lodges :**

For Registering a New Lodge	500/-
For every brother elevated during the Annually	50/-
For every brother joined during the Annually	50/-
Annual dues for each Brother	40/-
For Registering of Bye-Laws	100/-
For amendments to Bye-Laws	80/-
Joining & Rejoining	50/-

The Annual dues from Mark Lodges shall not be leviable in respect of any Brother for the year in which he shall have joined the Lodge making the Return, or shall have been advanced therein, but must be paid for every other Brother whose name shall have been borne on the Roll for any portion of the year.

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The fees for Dispensation shall be as :-

All Mark Dispensations	100/-
All R.A.M. Dispensations	100/-

N.B. : The above fees do not include any money payable to the Grand Mark Lodge.

**Board Meetings :**

24. The Regional General Board shall meet once every year in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Other meeting may be called by the President at his discretion for the better despatch of business.

**Dispensation :**

25. No Dispensation shall be issued until the fee for it shall have been paid to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge. The reason for such dispensation shall be distinctly specified in the application thereof.

**Honours Fees**

26. (a) The following shall be the scale of fees of Honours to be paid on appointment to any of the Officer, Present or Past specified below :-

Deputy Regional Grand Mark Master	5000/-
Asstt. Regional Grand Mark Master	4500/-
Regional Grand Senior Warden	4000/-
Regional Grand Junior Warden	3800/-
Regional Grand Master Overseer	3600/-
Regional Grand Senior Overseer	3400/-

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Regional Grand Junior Overseer	3200/-
Regional Grand Chaplain	3000/-
Regional Grand Treasurer	2800/-
Regional Grand Registrar	2600/-
President of Regional General Board	2400/-
Regional Grand Secretary	2200/-
Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies	2000/-
Regional Grand Senior Deacon	1800/-
Regional Grand Junior Deacon	1600/-
Regional Grand Inspector of Works	1400/-
Dy. Regional Grand Director of Ceremonies	1300/-
Asstt. Regional Grand Dir. of Ceremonies	1200/-
Regional Grand Sword Bearer	1100/-
Regional Grand Standard Bearer	1000/-
Asstt. Regional Grand Secretary	900/-
Regional Grand Organist	800/-
Regional Grand Inner Guard	700/-
Regional Grand Steward	600/-
Regional Grand Tyler	500/-
(b) R.A.M. Regional Grand Officer	800/-

27. Reigning Worshipful Mark Masters, Wardens and Overseers of Daughter Lodges shall pay a yearly subscription of Rs. 50/- in advance for the year. The Annual Subscription of Rs. 50/- shall be recovered (i) through the Lodge in which the officer is a subscribing member. The Annual subscription shall be paid along with the Installation Return.

Regional Grand Mark Officer on getting its first rank shall pay a sum of Rs.400/- as life membership fee. (Non Refundable)

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All R.A.M. Regional Grand Officer shall pay in lumpsum a subscription of Rs. 500/- as Life membership.

28. A Regional Grand Officer who has once paid a fee shall not again be required to pay unless he be promoted to a higher Office, when the shall pay the difference between the fee for the highest office held by him previously and the office to which he is appointed, if the same is higher than the aforesaid office.
29. No Patent of Appointment shall b,e issued untill the fee of Honour (if any) due thereon shall have been paid to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge, and the appointment shall be cancelled it such be not paid within one month of the date thereof.
30. The decision on all matters not specifically provided for in these Bye-laws shall be regulated by the Rules or laws of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of India, so far as the same shall be applicable to the Regional Grand Mark Lodge and shall not be contrary to or inconsistent with any other provision contained in or that may hereinafter be contained in the Bye-Laws of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge.

**Amendment to Bye-Laws :**

31. No alteration, amendment, addition to or repeal of any part of these bye-laws shall be permitted unless notice of motion specifying such alteration amendment etc. shall have been given in writing to the Regional Grand Secretary atleast six week before the date of the Annual Meeting of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge. The notice shall be inserted by the Regional Grand Secretary in the

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agenda of the Annual Meeting and if carried by majority of the members of the Regional Grand Mark Lodge then present such alteration, amendment, addition or repeal shall take effect if and when approved by R.W. the Regional Grand Mark Master and M.W. The Grand Master.

32. There shall be a Council of Past Preceptors of which Regional Grand Mark Master will be the chairmen and Deputy Regional Grand Mark Master will be the Vice Chairman and all the past preceptors shall be its members. The Secretary shall be elected every year by the Council. The Council will have the powers to regulate all the Lodges of Instructions within the Region including Roving Mark Lodges of Instructions and also nominate preceptors of these Mark Lodges.

**Adopted by Regional Grand Mark Lodge  
on 26th March, 1965**

Approved by R.W. The Regional Grand Mark Master

New Delhi  
26-3-65.

**T.N. SAKLANI,**  
R.G. Secretary.

Approved by M.W., The Grand Master

7-4-65

**P.M. SUNDARAM**  
Grand Secretary

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Bye-Laws amended upto 31st May, 1990, approved by R.W.  
The Regional Grand Mark Master and M.W. The Grand Master.

**J.N. JOLLY,**  
Officer on Special Duty

By-Laws amended upto 31st May, 2002 approved by R.W.  
The Regional Grand Mark Master and M.W. The Grand Master.

Bye Laws No. 18,20,22,23,26,27 amended and Bye Laws  
No.32 added on 1st March 2020

**Ashok Sharma**  
Regional Grand Secretary



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