

**By-Laws
of the
..... Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No.**

1. **Dates and Places of Meetings**

The Lodge shall meet at the on the.....

2. **Election of Officers and Installation**

The Commander and Treasurer shall be elected in accordance with Rule 14 in the Book of Constitutions.

The Commander-elect shall be Installed at the regular meeting in and will appoint and invest the Officers.

3. **Candidates**

The election of candidates for Elevation, Joining or Re-joining shall be by ballot. black balls shall exclude.

4. **Annual Subscriptions and Fees**

The amount of the annual subscriptions, payable in advance on the, the fees for Elevation, Joining and Re-joining, shall be such sums as determined by resolution in open Lodge after due notice on the summons. The amounts shall include all fees and dues payable to Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge and any other payment or financial liability incurred by the Lodge and/or candidate for membership.

5. **Country Membership**

A member of the Lodge may, on his request, and by resolution of the Lodge, be given the status of a country member, in which case his annual subscription shall be reduced at the end of the current financial year. He may resume ordinary membership, at any time, on payment of the full subscription for the current year.

6. **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall receive all fees, dues, etc., and shall deposit them in the name of the Lodge, in a bank approved by the Lodge. He shall pay all accounts, and shall, at the regular meeting in present an audited balance sheet of the Lodge accounts, made up to.....

7. **Arrears of Subscription**

A member "A" months in arrears shall not hold Office in the Lodge. If he be "B" months in arrears, he shall be excluded.

"A" must be six months, or more (Rule 116)

"B" must be twelve months, or more, but twenty-four months is a maximum (Rule 145(i))

8. **Scribe**

The Scribe shall keep Minutes of proceedings of the Lodge, and separately of any Lodge committee. He shall issue summonses for all Lodge meetings, at least fourteen days in advance to every member of the Lodge. His services may be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription if he so desires.

9. **Lodge Committee and Auditors**

The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Commander, Wardens, Treasurer, Scribe, subscribing Past Commanders, and brethren elected at the regular meeting in Two auditors shall be elected annually at the installation meeting.

10. **Resignation**

A brother wishing to resign from the Lodge shall give notice, either in open Lodge or by letter to the Scribe and, on payment of all dues, shall be entitled to a certificate of clearance.

11. **Honorary Members**

A brother who has given distinguished service to the Degree in general, or to the Lodge in particular may be elected an honorary member of the Lodge.

12. **Lodge Effects**

The jewels and furniture of the Lodge are the property of the Commander and Wardens for the time being, in trust for the members. The Warrant of Constitution is the property of the Grand Master, and the Commander shall be responsible for its safe custody, and shall produce it at every meeting of the Lodge.

13. **Alteration of By-Laws**

Notice of motion of any alteration of, or addition to, these By-Laws must be given at one meeting. They shall appear on the summons for the next meeting and if approved the alteration or addition shall be submitted for the approval of the *[Provincial/District Grand Master and] Grand Master's Royal Ark Council.

14. **Presentation of By-Laws**

A copy shall be presented to each new member of the Lodge, and to the W. Commander at his Installation.

Adopted in open Lodge on the (date)

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W. Commander

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Scribe

*[Approved on the..... (date)

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Provincial/District Grand Master

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Provincial/District Grand Secretary]

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Approval - 75mm x 25mm

NB - *Words in square brackets to be omitted in respect of Unattached Lodges