

GRAND LODGE OF INDIA



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To

- (a) Secretaries of all Craft Lodges
- (b) Scribes E of all R A Chapters
- (c) Secretaries of all Mark Lodges
- (d) Scribes of all R A M Lodges

Dear Sir and R/V/W/Bro./M/E.Comp.,

It has been brought to the notice of MW the Grand Master that many Lodges are not implementing our Circular No.32/16 dated 10th April 2018 related to the display of National Flag and National Anthem. Hence, the same Circular is being re-issued.

The Board of General Purposes at its meeting held on 4th March, 2005 accepted the recommendations of the Protocol Committee in respect of display of National Flag.

The following procedures must be followed by all Lodges/Chapters/Mark/RAM Lodges these procedures are also applicable to Regional Grand Lodge/Chapter/Mark Lodge Meetings/Convocations, Area Meetings, Joint Meetings etc. Kindly implement these with immediate effect.

1. The National Flag should be displayed in all our Masonic as well as Public Meetings.
2. The National Flag should be displayed on the pedestal in the corner at the right of the Worshipful Master.
3. All Charters etc. in the Hall should be at a lower level than the National Flag.
4. The National Flag should remain displayed throughout the meeting.

5. After the meeting is closed, the brethren should turn facing the Flag and sing the National Anthem.
6. After the National Anthem, the Director of Ceremonies and the I P M should proceed to the Flag and with all respect lower the Flag, fold it and place the folded Flag on the Master's pedestal.

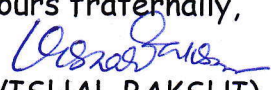
During this process all the brethren would remain standing and only after the Flag is deposited on the Worshipful Masters pedestal, should the brethren retire.

The Committee has not recommended the size of the Flag as it will depend on the Hall. However, the ratio of the length to the width of the Flag should be 3:2. The Flag should be made of hand spun and hand woven wool/cotton/silk khadi bunting.

You are requested to read this Circular in the next meeting of your Lodge in the First Rising and also circulate the same to Members/Companions of your Lodge/Chapter by e-mail/post.

With greetings,

Yours fraternally,


(VISHAL BAKSHI)
Grand Secretary

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 2) Regional Grand Secretary, RGL of EI/NI/SI/WI
 3) All Members of Board of General Purposes/Committee of
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