

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR REMISSION OF GRAND LODGE DUES

The following sets out the rules that Grand Lodge uses in approving the requests by individual lodges for remission of Grand Lodge dues.

Grand Lodge dues are the responsibility of the lodge not the individual member. The lodge may pass on to its members Grand Lodge Dues, that is, add the amount of Grand Lodge dues to the Lodge's dues. Please see Sec330 of The Grand Constitutions.

Grand Lodge Dues are computed for each lodge as of September 1, of each year based on its membership as recorded in the MORI Data Base. A bill for 50% of the dues is mailed to the lodge in September or October with a second bill for 25% mailed in January. The final bill of 25% is mailed in May. It is from this billing, the third bill that we expect the requests for remissions for financial hardship and for non-payment by members who passed away without paying their dues. The request for remission must be in writing and signed by the Master of the lodge, stating the member's name and reason for the request. The remission by lodges should be in accordance with the by-laws of the Lodge.

Grand Lodge dues will be remitted only for a financial hardship or a brother having past away without paying his current year lodge dues.

In February 2011 the Grand Secretary issued a letter to all Lodge Secretary's outlining a new procedure concerning the suspension for non payment of dues and for the issuing of demits. Please contact the Grand Secretary's Office with any questions concerning this procedure. In addition, please forward, to the Grand Treasurer's Office a separate list of Brothers, suspended for non payment of Dues, including the brothers name, and date of suspension. This credit is limited to grand lodge dues for one year only.

The Grand Lodge reserves the right to deny a request and or require additional documentation from the Lodge.

DEMITTS:

Demits require the member to be "current" on the books of the lodge, thus there is no remission of Grand Lodge Dues during the year in which the demit is granted. Special demits may be issued for "Lost" brothers, "address unknown". Upon written request to the Grand Treasurer's office the Grand Lodge will allow the remission of Grand Lodge Dues for up to 1 years for a "Lost" brother. No other remissions will be allowed for demitted brothers.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

No deduction is allowed. As an example: a brother, born on June 1 of 1961 requests life membership on June 10, 2010. The Grand Lodge dues for 2009 - 2010 were due and payable on September 1st of 2009. When the Dues Status Report is prepared for September 2010 to August 2011 the member will appear in the life membership section, that is the member will not appear in the section of those paying Grand Lodge Dues.