

Bylaw Clarification – Pro-rated Dues Payments

Whereas, new brethren may join our lodge by Affiliation at various points during the year, and,

Whereas, it is reasonable to ask new Affiliate brothers to pay for a pro-rated portion of that year's Dues, and,

Whereas, our current Bylaws allow for pro-rating of Dues, but do not spell out the manner, as is shown in the following Section:

*Article VI*

*Finances*

*Section 3. Dues shall be payable to the Lodge by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the Lodge year. A new member who has affiliated into the Lodge during the Lodge year shall be assessed a pro-rated dues amount based on the proportion of the Lodge year remaining.*

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Therefore, I move that the aforementioned Article VI, Section 3 be REPLACED in our Bylaws with the following, subject to approval by the Grand Lodge:

*Article VI*

*Finances*

*Section 3. Dues shall be payable to the Lodge by January 1<sup>st</sup> of the Lodge year. A new member who has affiliated into the Lodge during the Lodge year shall be assessed a pro-rated dues amount based on the proportion of the Lodge year remaining, as follows:*

*For each full quarter of the year remaining from the date of the affirmative vote by the Lodge to grant a new member's Petition of Affiliation, he will be assessed one fourth (25%) of Annual Dues, not including the per capita portion. The amount assessed will be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar, for convenience.*

*During the remainder of their first partial year of membership, new members who join the Lodge via Degrees (i.e: not by Affiliation) are exempt from paying Dues until January 1 of the next full calendar year.*

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Respectfully submitted,

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