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RULING AND DECISION NO. 2

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At the 185th Annual Grand Communication the Craft voted to amend Regulation 24.05, By-Law Section 4.01 Dues. The amendment to this Regulation separated the amount of dues from the amount of the Grand Lodge per-capita assessment; however, members are invoiced through the dues notices for the total combined amount of Lodge dues plus Grand Lodge per-capita.

Regulation 26.05.1 referencing Perpetual Membership states in part: “(b) The member desiring a Perpetual Membership shall apply to the Secretary of his Lodge for such a membership on forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge and shall tender therewith a minimum sum of twenty (20) times the annual dues of his Lodge at the time of the application, but in no event less than twenty (20) times the minimum dues prescribed in Regulation 24.05, Section 4.01 of the Uniform Code of By-Laws.....”

The question has been asked: “Does the term “annual dues” include the Grand Lodge per-capita assessment when purchasing a Perpetual Membership?”

Therefore, it is my Ruling and Decision that the term “annual dues” with reference to the purchase of a Perpetual Membership is defined as the total amount of dues owed to the Lodge PLUS the Grand Lodge per-capita assessment. In making this Ruling and Decision I have taken into consideration that if only the Lodge portion of the annual dues were considered in purchasing a Perpetual Membership a short fall to the income distributed to the Lodge would be created.

Fraternally submitted,



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