

Resolution on Excess Per Capita

Whereas, many of our brethren hold plural membership in two or more lodges, and,

Whereas, all Minnesota lodges are required to collect per capita fees as part of annual dues and do so without distinction between 'primary' lodge dues and 'plural' lodge dues, and,

Whereas, this annual dues collection results in 'overpayment' of per capita funds for such plural members, as the Grand Lodge of Minnesota only requires that members pay this fee once per year, with the remainder – overpayments - being eligible for refund, and,

Whereas, these overpayments may be left with the Grand Lodge, OR kept by the brother, OR donated to some other purpose, OR given to Churchill Lodge, and,

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota has provided a procedure to allow Plural Members to request and receive a refund on such overpayment of per capita fees, and,

Whereas, Sir Winston Churchill Lodge #351 maintains a separate fund for the Good and Welfare of the brethren, and such other causes that it deems of merit, which for the purpose of this Resolution will be termed the "Charitable Fund," therefore,

Be it Resolved, that henceforward, until such time as the Lodge may direct otherwise:

It is understood that Excess Per Capita Refunds that are donated back to our Lodge are expressly and thankfully to be known as gifts of the brethren. As such these donated refunds are NOT to be used for our general operating expense. Rather, these will be deposited to our Charitable Fund, unless otherwise specifically directed by the donor. It is further understood that the donor's wishes in this matter are paramount.

Further, all Lodge brethren who are plural members of more than one lodge within Minnesota, and who are therefore eligible for such refunds, are encouraged to make such application, having the effect of directing the monies toward "Lodge Charitable" versus "Grand Lodge General Operating" usage.

Finally, Lodge officers will recommend this action tactfully, and without an overzealous pursuit.

Respectfully submitted,

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