

Pertaining to Dues and Fees

Whereas, we have received dispensation from the Grand Master to hold our Annual Meeting in November, and are so doing this evening, and,

Whereas, we have effectively communicated this date and venue change to our members, noting that October's required business as outlined in our Bylaws was to be shifted to our November meeting, and,

Whereas, the bylaws of Sir Winston Churchill Lodge #351 presently contain this section:

*Article VI*

*Finances*

*Section 1. The initial fees for the conferring of degrees on a candidate shall be: \$45 petition fee, \$25 Entered Apprentice Degree fee, \$50 Fellowcraft Degree fee, and \$50 Master Mason Degree fee. The fees for conferring of degrees for each upcoming year shall be determined and voted on by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at the regular stated meeting each October. Similarly, the regular yearly dues for a member of the Lodge shall initially be \$50 annually. The dues amount for each upcoming year shall be determined and voted on by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at the regular stated meeting in October. Degree fees and annual dues will become effective when they have been communicated to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota.*

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And Whereas, no Bylaw amendment for the change of Fees or Dues is necessary, as the amounts stated in our Bylaws are the 'initial' dues and fees, that is, they were the dues and fees levied for our inaugural year and continuing until today, and,

Whereas, our budget discussion tonight, our several planning meetings, and the interests of the majority of members have led us to adoption of a program of operations that requires additional funding, and as further, it is likely that we would, at some future period, receive a Petition for degrees,

Therefore, I move that we adopt the following Dues and Fees for the coming year, 2011, and these to be continued until such time as they are again reviewed and adjusted according to our Bylaws:

**2011 Dues: \$100 plus the Grand Lodge's per capita assessment.**

**2011 Degree Fees: \$350, divided as follows: \$120 Petition Fee, \$70 Entered Apprentice Degree Fee, \$80 Fellowcraft Degree Fee, and \$80 Master Mason Degree Fee.**

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas C. Jackson, PGM