Report to Masonic Lodge 758 Membership on:

Financial Status and Considerations - September, 2025

Brothers:

On September 17th, your Finance Committee met to discuss concerns which had arisen recently regarding the financial status of the Lodge and to consider actions needed. Following are the primary points which were discussed.

1. **The last dues adjustment was for FY-2023, when they were adjusted upward from $150 to $200.**

2. **Since that time, probably even before, there has been a steady creep in discrepancy between dues income and lodge expenses. This creep has been masked and difficult to quantify due to the In-flows and out-flows related to our many charity projects as well as the insurance coverage and expenses associated with the fire event recovery.**

3. **By separating and setting aside the Charity and other "static" funds, we have a clearer understanding of the current level of discrepancy. It is stated as follows, for the "Rolling 12-Month" Period 1-Oct-24 -to- 30-Sep-25:**

   Discrepancy -- Between Income and Expenses

   Total of Income Sources without Donations -less- Lodge Expenses:

Lodge-wide, per annum	**-$3,775**	**(Shortage)**
Per-member, per annum	**-$54**	**(Shortage)**

4. **All expenses have been rising all along due to continuing inflation, however, the most, percentage-wise, has been from the NCIUA Wind & Hail policy, which went up 24% this year.**

Based on the afore-mentioned facts, your Finance Committee is recommending, and has proposed, an immediate increase of dues from $200 to $300 per annum.

It is impossible to predict how our expenses will grow over the coming years or how soon we might need to revisit this conversation.

OKI-758 Finance Committee

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