Washington Lodge 776
Proposed Bylaw Changes

Proposed changes are in italics and underlined.

Article III: LIFE AND HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Currently reads: The Lodge, by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, may elect a Member in good standing to Life Membership who has paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than 30 years preceding application, and who shall have attained the age of not less than 65 years.

Proposed change would read:

- *who shall have attained the age of not less than 51 years.*

Article X: FEES AND DUES

Section 1. Currently reads: The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant who has passed his twenty-sixth birthday shall be $25.00, which shall be paid when the candidate presents himself for initiation.

The fee for initiation in this Lodge for an applicant making application prior to his twenty-sixth birthday shall be $25.00, which shall be paid when the candidate presents himself for initiation.

The Lodge waives the fee for military members as allowed by GLS Section 14.310.

Proposed change would read:

- *passed his twenty-sixth birthday shall be $15.00, all of which should accompany the proposition.*
- *prior to his twenty-sixth birthday shall be $15.00, all of which should accompany the proposition.*
- **Adding:** *The Lodge waives the initiation fees for first responders.*

Section 2.(a) PER CAPITAS

On or before April 1st of each year, all Members, including Life Members, shall pay the Grand Lodge per capita fee, Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues, in addition to the appropriate regular or Life Member dues as specified in the remainder of this Section.

(b) REGULAR LODGE DUES Currently reads:

All Lodge dues hereafter specified shall be payable: annually, in advance, on or before April 1st of each year.

The regular Lodge dues shall be $43.25 per year, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.

(c) LIFE MEMBERSHIP Currently reads:

In addition to the amounts set forth under (a) above, each Life Member and/or Honorary Life Member shall pay $9.25 towards Lodge administration expense

Proposed change would read:

NOTE: With these changes the dues will be remaining at $80 and $46 - this revision adjusts fees with the Grand Lodge changes.

b) REGULAR LODGE DUES

- *The regular Lodge dues shall be $47.00 per year, which shall **not** include the Grand Lodge per capita fee, the Grand Lodge per capita insurance assessment, and State Association dues.*

(c) LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- *In addition to the amounts set forth under (a) above, each Life Member and/or Honorary Life Member shall pay $13.00 towards Lodge administration expense.*
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Section 3. The fee for affiliation for an unaffiliated Elk holding a Certificate of Release from another Lodge shall be $15.00 dollars.

Proposed change/addition would read:

- **Adding**: *The Lodge reserves the right to waive the fees for an unaffiliated Elk holding a Certificate of Release from another Lodge.*

Section 4. **Section 4. Currently reads**: Upon application for reinstatement, a Member whose name has been stricken from the rolls of this Lodge for non-payment of dues or debt may have his name restored to the rolls of the membership of the Lodge upon a secret ballot at a regular meeting of the Lodge taken upon such application. If the applicant receives a number of white balls at least equal to two-thirds of the votes cast, he shall be declared reinstated; but if he receives a number of white balls less than an amount equal to two-thirds of the votes cast, he shall be declared to be rejected, without prejudice to a future application after a lapse of six months thereafter. Before such reinstatement, the applicant shall pay to the Lodge a reinstatement fee of $25.00, and in addition thereto, a proportionate share of the current dues, prorated in the same manner as the dues of a new Member, together with any indebtedness owing to the Lodge or Club.

Proposed change would read as follows

- *Before such reinstatement, the applicant shall pay to the Lodge a reinstatement fee of $15.00,*