



## Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, A.F. & A. M. Sioux Falls, South Dakota

A proposed Amendment of Section VI of the By-Laws of Minnehaha Lodge No. 5, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of South Dakota.

“The annual dues of each member shall be \$180, payable in 12 equal installments of \$15 per month beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and ending on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Annual payment may be made in advance on or before the last day of January 2025, payable by cash, check or bank ACH.”

Further, “The dues of \$15 per month per member shall be divided and distributed in the following manner:

- \$11 per member per month will be deposited into the already established Lodge’s General Fund for payment of Masonic Building Association Per Capita Dues, Grand Lodge of South Dakota Per Capita Dues, and Lodge operating expenses.
- \$1 per member per month will be deposited into a “Junior Warden’s” Fund that will be established by the Trustees of the Lodge beginning January of 2025, but will not be used for meals until January of 2026.
- \$1 per member per month will be deposited into the already established Elmer C Anderson Scholarship Fund.
- \$1 per member per month will be deposited into already established Good Works and Outreach Fund to contribute to the relief of poor, distressed, worthy Brother Master Masons, and their widows and orphans, and to assist the Lodge in its Community Involvement Projects.
- An additional \$1 per member per month (in addition to the regular dues) will be deposited into the already established General Fund.”

Further, “If a member chooses to pay dues annually, they will be divided and distributed in a like manner as those that are paid monthly.”

Further, “If a member has attained the age of 65 or 20 years of membership, they will no longer be asked or required to pay for their meals at stated meetings.”

Further, “Dues shall increase every year by \$1 per member per month in the following manner:

- 2026 - \$12 for dues, \$1 for the Junior Warden’s Fund, \$1 for the Elmer C Anderson Scholarship Fund, \$1 for Good Works and Outreach, an additional \$1 for the General Fund.
- 2027 - \$13 for dues, \$1 for the Junior Warden’s Fund, \$1 for the Elmer C Anderson Scholarship Fund, \$1 for Good Works and Outreach, an additional \$1 for the General Fund.
- 2028 - \$14 for dues, \$1 for the Junior Warden’s Fund, \$1 for the Elmer C Anderson Scholarship Fund, \$1 for Good Works and Outreach, an additional \$1 for the General Fund.
- 2029 - \$15 for dues, \$1 for the Junior Warden’s Fund, \$1 for the Elmer C Anderson Scholarship Fund, \$1 for Good Works and Outreach, an additional \$1 for the General Fund.
- 2030 - \$16 for dues, \$1 for the Junior Warden’s Fund, \$1 for the Elmer C Anderson Scholarship Fund, \$1 for Good Works and Outreach, an additional \$1 for the General Fund.”

Further, “The total dues schedule charged by Minnehaha Lodge No. 5 shall be:

- \$100 to \$180 beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- \$180 to \$192 beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- \$192 to \$204 beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027
- \$204 to \$216 beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2028
- \$216 to \$228 beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2029
- \$228 to \$240 beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2030.”

Further, “Any money left over in the General Fund at the end of the calendar year, shall be divided and distributed in a manner and proportion voted on by Lodge members:

- Earmarked for Lodge Purposes
- Given to the Trustees for investment
- Allowed to accumulate in the General Fund”

Further, “Should an increase in per capita dues be duly voted on and approved in the Grand Lodge of South Dakota or the Masonic Building Association of Sioux Falls South Dakota, the annual dues for each member will be increased automatically in like manner to ensure the per capita increase is paid.”

Further, “In the event of unforeseen extenuating circumstances, and by the recommendation of the Lodge Trustees, and with the approval by vote of the Lodge Members, the accounts that are funded may be changed.”

By-law change proposed in writing September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the regular communication of the Lodge.