

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS

### (PURPOSE)

- To document the annual dues amount for the Valley of Akron, in our Rules and Regulations.
- To define the components of our annual dues amount.
- To document known Supreme Council per-capita increases from \$8.50 to \$12.00 for 2009, then \$3.00 per year until reaching \$27.00 in 2014.
- To allow our Valley to charge, at actual rate, for assessments that are beyond our control.
- To provide an efficient mechanism for communicating, documenting and invoicing assessments that are beyond our control.

### (CURRENT TEXT)

#### ARTICLE VI

#### Fees and Dues

#### Section 2. – DUES-

- a. The annual dues will be established by the Board of Trustees with the approval of the Valley Membership, payable on or before 31 December for the ensuing fiscal year.
- b. The annual dues may not be less than, but may be greater than the minimum dues established by the Council of Deliberation. (Art. 312-1)
- c. A Subordinate Body may provide for the remission or payment of such dues of any member for reason of financial hardship. Each Subordinate Body may remit or pay such dues of any member upon his admission to a Masonic Home. (Art. 312-2)

### (AMENDMENT TO BE ADDED TO CURRENT TEXT)

#### ARTICLE VI

#### Fees and Dues

#### Section 2. – ANNUAL DUES -

The annual dues will be recommended by the Board of Trustees with the approval of the Valley Membership, payable on or before 31 December for the ensuing fiscal year. The total annual dues are composed of the operational dues and mandatory dues (assessments).

a. The present operational dues as recommended in 2004 by the Trustees, with the approval of the Valley Membership are:

2005 - \$60  
2006 - \$63  
2007 - \$66  
2008 - \$69  
2009 - \$72  
2010 - \$75

b. All increases in mandatory dues (assessments) beginning with the Fiscal Year 2009 and going forward from Supreme Council and Ohio Council of Deliberations shall be passed on to the Membership.

c. Senior Members are exempt from the above increases in mandatory assessments from Supreme Council and Ohio Council of Deliberations. Life Members, prior to 01/01/08, are also exempt from the above increases in mandatory assessments.

d. The annual dues may not be less than, but may be greater than the minimum dues established by the Council of Deliberation. (Art. 312-1)

e. A Subordinate Body may provide for the remission or payment of such dues of any member for reason of financial hardship. Each Subordinate Body may remit or pay such dues of any member upon his admission to a Masonic Home. (Art. 312-2)

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## AEROS FUNDRAISER

May 20<sup>th</sup> was a wonderful day for fun and baseball. If you didn't attend the game with your fellow brethren and families, then you missed a great game. The Aeros won over the Altoona Curves, 4 to 1, and the all-you-could-eat picnic before the game was well attended. The weather was sunny and 62°. In fact, the only thing that was missing was a full attendance at the game. We had many unsold tickets, which were donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Orrville, the Akron Women's Shelter, Lincoln Elementary School, 32° Learning Center faculty and students, the Barberton DeMolay Chapter, and the Youth Development Center in Hudson.

The 2008 Aeros fundraiser did not raise the level of much-needed funds for our Valley's 32° Masonic Learning Center for Dyslexic Children as has been realized in previous years. Our goal was to exceed the \$3,500.00 that was raised in 2007, but only \$1,047.00 was realized from the 2008 ticket sales, mainly due to the 420 fewer baseball buddy sales this year. The Valley mailed nearly 2,000 mailers to our membership for advance ticket sales and donations with only 39 members of our Valley responding by purchasing 377 tickets, of which 142 were baseball buddy tickets. Ticket sales to Blue Lodge members yielded another 80 tickets, for a total of 457 tickets sold.

I want to commend Ill. Burt Job, 33°, for his yearly support of our event by inviting 55 members of the Summit County Ohio State Alumni Association to participate in our Aeros fundraising event. There were several other groups attending that provided an additional impetus to our fundraising efforts.

The good news is that it's still not too late to donate to our fundraising efforts. All moneys donated to the 32° Learning Center for operating expenses are considered 501(c)3 tax-deductible, and the Valley will send you a letter of thanks acknowledging your charitable contribution.

If any of you have any ideas to help raise money to support our Learning Center, please contact me at (330.854.5219) or the Valley Secretary at (330.666.8443) to discuss your ideas.

Thomas L. Spencer, 33°  
Chairman

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## Ladies' Auxiliary

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If any ladies have craft items you have created and would like to donate them for sale at the event, please contact either Esther Bond, Mary Spencer, or JoAnne Turner. Thanks, in advance, for your support with this project.

