



Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

RESOLUTION 2021-03 PER CAPITA INCREASE

The proponents of this Resolution seek to amend Article IX Section 35.1 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California pertaining to Per Capita by increasing the amount two dollars (\$2.00). This resolution would be withdrawn should Resolution 2021-02 fail to be adopted.

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 35.1 of the Constitution now states with the adoption of Resolution 2021-02: For each Royal Arch Mason of a Chartered Chapter, borne upon its Roll as of December 31st each year, shall be the sum of eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per year to Grand Chapter, plus the dues amount most recently approved by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

WHEREAS, costs, rents and other expenses to the Grand Chapter of California continue to rise as the membership numbers of Royal Arch Masons paying the per capita has declined, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter continues to draw upon its Grand Chapter Investment Account to supplement the amount collected from per capita to meet those expense obligations, and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2019-02 limits the withdrawal of funds from the Grand Chapter Investment Account to 5% of the previous three year average ending balance of that account, and

WHEREAS, the withdrawals from the Grand Chapter Investment Account have been, and would continue to be, from the principal of that account during times of low or no market returns, and

WHEREAS, the Grand Chapter of California has attempted to absorb the increases by cutting the programs that help with membership to ease the cost to our individual members, and

WHEREAS, we must raise the per Capita to restore and maintain those much needed programs and maintain the integrity of the Grand Chapter Investment Account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article IX Section 35.1 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California be amended as follows:

§35. Amount of Per Capita - Fees.

1. For each Royal Arch Mason of a Chartered Chapter, borne upon its Roll as of December 31st of the prior year, shall be the sum of twenty dollars (\$20.00) per year to Grand Chapter, plus the dues amount most recently approved by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

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