

**Endowed Membership Information can be located in Chapter 77 of the North Carolina Masonic Code.**

<http://www.grandlodge-nc.org/center-for-members/masonicCode/chapter-77>

**REG. 77-25 ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS.**

Endowed Memberships may be purchased from the Grand Lodge on the following terms and conditions.

**1.** Any member in good standing and possessing a current dues card in a particular lodge of this grand jurisdiction may become an endowed member in that lodge pursuant to the provisions of this section.

**2.** The minimum payment for an endowed membership shall be twenty-one (21) times the annual dues of the applying member's subordinate lodge effective on January 1st following the date of the application.

*(this section amended, effective 1/1/2014)*

**3.** Regardless of the annual dues of the applying member's subordinate lodge the minimum payment for an endowed membership shall be based on annual dues of not less than thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$37.50). The minimum payment for an endowed membership shall not be less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). The minimum annual installment payment for an endowed membership under Regulation [77-25.5](#) shall not be less than one hundred sixty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$169.50).

**4.** The member desiring an endowed membership shall apply to the secretary of this lodge for such membership on forms prescribed by the Grand Lodge either the minimum payment described in Regulation [77-25.2](#) or the initial installment described in Regulation [77-25.4.A](#).

**A.** The lodge secretary shall complete his part of the application and shall forward the same together with the full fee due, to the Grand Secretary.

**B.** The date of the application shall be the date the Grand Secretary certified he received the application.

**C.** The endowed membership shall be effective for the succeeding calendar year.

*(this subsection amended, effective 1/1/2008)*

**5.** The endowed membership fee may be paid in five (5) equal annual installments.

**A.** The annual installment shall be 5.25 times the annual lodge dues effective on January 1st following the date of application. *(This section amended, effective 1/1/2014)*

**B.** When purchased under the five (5) year option, a membership becomes perpetual based on the date of the application as provided in Regulation 77-25.4.C and continues as such, provided each of the four remaining installments is paid by December 31 in successive years.

**C.** After enrolling under this option, a member may not revert to the single payment method, but may remit any or all unpaid installments provided no installment is past due.

**D.** A member enrolled under the installment option may withdraw from the endowed membership program at any time.

**E.** A member withdrawing from the installment option reverts to the membership status held before joining the program and shall remit dues to his lodge for the current year and for successive years unless otherwise exempted.

**F.** Failure to pay any installment due by December 31 of each successive year constitutes voluntary withdrawal from the program, and regular dues in this lodge for the same year are payable.

**G.** A member who has withdrawn from the installment payment option may re-enroll in the program in the same status held when he withdrew. The remaining installments due from the re-enrolling brother shall be determined under Regulation 77-25.4.A based on the dues of his lodge at the time of his re-enrollment.

**6.** The application shall be signed by the applicant and have the certification of the Lodge secretary.

**A.** The application shall not become effective until the applicant's record has been certified by the Grand Secretary.

**B.** The application shall contain thereon the computations upon which endowed membership fee is predicated.

**C.** If the Grand Secretary determines that the minimum fee, tendered by the applicant is in excess of that required, he shall have the power to correct the application and the Lodge secretary's computations of the fee, accept the application as corrected and refund any excess fee to the applicant through the particular lodge secretary.

**D.** If the fee tendered is insufficient, the Grand Secretary shall return the application and fee to the constituent lodge secretary for correction.

**E.** A copy of the completed and accepted endowed membership application and a certificate of endowed membership shall be furnished to the applicant and his Lodge by the Grand Secretary.

7. After the endowed membership application and fee have been received and accepted by the Grand Secretary, the endowed membership fee shall not be refundable except under circumstances determined by the Grand Secretary to be mistakes of fact rendering the applicant ineligible for endowed membership as of the date of application.

8. After the applicant's endowed membership has been accepted by the Grand Secretary, the endowed membership fee shall be paid over to the Grand Treasurer. The funds shall be placed collectively in the Permanent Fund.

*A.* These funds shall be accounted for on an individual lodge basis.

*B.* The amount paid shall be apportioned between the Subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge in the ratio of the per capita tax in effect on the date of the application to the subordinate lodge dues on the date of the application.

*C.* To protect subordinate lodges from future Grand Lodge per capita tax increases on endowed members, the per capita tax on endowed memberships will be replaced by the apportionment of the endowed membership payment provided in Regulation [77-25.8.B](#).

*D.* The funds shall be audited annually.

9. A endowed member shall owe no further dues to the lodge of which he is an endowed member. A dues receipt card shall be issued by the lodge secretary.

10. When purchased under the five (5) year option, the subordinate lodge shall receive from the endowed membership installment payment each year not less than the difference between the subordinate lodge dues and the per capita tax on the date of the application. The Grand Lodge shall receive from the endowed membership installment payment each year not less than the per capita tax on the date of the application. These payments shall be made to the subordinate lodge when the installment is received by the Grand Lodge.

*A.* The payments to the subordinate lodge and the Grand Lodge mandated by this [Regulation 77-25.11](#) shall be made regardless of the income earned by the Permanent Fund.

*B.* Beginning the year after the final installment payment is made the endowed member's dues shall be paid as provided in Regulation [77-25.9](#).

**11.** The Grand Secretary shall, at the time of the annual income distribution under Regulation [77-25.9](#), submit a statement to the subordinate lodge showing the apportionment of income from the endowed membership between the subordinate lodge and the Grand Lodge.

**12.** The obtaining of endowed membership in one subordinate lodge by a dual member shall have no effect on his membership in the other subordinate lodges to which he belongs. Dual memberships are permitted.

**13.** An endowed member may transfer his endowed membership to another lodge of which he is a dual member.

**A.** If the lodge to which the endowed membership is transferred has lower dues, including per capita tax, than the lodge from which the endowed membership is transferred, the entire amount paid for the endowed membership shall, nevertheless, be transferred.

**B.** If the lodge to which the endowed membership is transferred has higher dues, including per capita tax, than did the originating lodge on the date of the application for endowed membership, the member shall remit an amount equivalent to the difference between the original cost of the existing endowed membership and the cost of a endowed membership in the lodge to which it is transferred, computed as of the date of the transfer.

**C.** If the member wishes to retain his dual membership in the lodge from which he transfers his endowed membership, he shall pay that lodge's regular dues and per capita tax for the year in which the transfer is made and any subsequent years so long as he retains his dual membership.

**14.** An endowed member may affiliate with another subordinate lodge as provided in [Chapter 75](#) of The Code. If the affiliation is within this grand jurisdiction, the entire endowed membership fee he originally paid shall be transferred to the account of the lodge to which he affiliates. If the affiliation is outside this grand jurisdiction, the entire endowed membership fee shall remain with the lodge of which he was an endowed member.

**15.** Any certificate of good standing issued to a endowed member shall be endorsed thereon the fact that the holder is a endowed member and the amount of the endowed membership fee shall be transferred to the particular lodge in North Carolina with which he affiliates.

**16.** If an endowed member shall be suspended, expelled or demits and is subsequently restored to good standing, or re-affiliates from out of state, his endowed membership shall be deemed to also be restored.

17. If a lodge consolidates, surrenders its charter or has its charter arrested, the funds credited to that lodge in the endowed membership fund shall follow the members according to the relevant sections of The Code.

18. A Brother, at a future time, may add any amount to his endowed membership fee through his local lodge secretary.

19. If an endowed member has not been heard from for more than seven (7) years, the Master shall direct the lodge secretary to report the name of the missing brother to the Grand Lodge as deceased. The name shall then be transferred to the rolls of deceased endowed membership . This action shall have no effect on the amount of money paid the subordinate lodge and Grand Lodge for that endowed member as provided in Regulation 77-25.9.

**REG. 77-26 VETERAN'S ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS.**

A Veteran's Endowed Membership may be purchased by any Master Mason of a North Carolina lodge who has received his Veteran's Award (80-3). The purchase fee for a Veteran's Endowed Membership is five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The proportionate ratio distribution for a Veteran's Endowed Membership is fixed at seventy-five per cent (75%) for the subordinate lodge and twenty-five per cent (25%) for the Grand Lodge.

*(This regulation amended, effective 1/1/2008)*

**REG. 77-27 MEMORIAL ENDOWED MEMBERSHIPS.**

A Memorial Endowed Membership may be purchased by any person for a deceased Master Mason of a North Carolina lodge . The purchase fee for a Memorial Endowed Membership is five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The proportionate ratio distribution for a Memorial Endowed Membership is fixed at seventy-five per cent (75%) for the subordinate lodge and twenty-five per cent (25%) for the Grand Lodge.

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