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Position Statement

To all members of the Western Australian Constitution

28th April 2017

Dear Brethren,

At the April Half Yearly Communications of Grand Lodge the Grand Master made reference to impending federal and state legislation which will impact on the ability of a closely aligned organization to continue to support the operational functioning of our Grand Lodge. For several decades every attempt has been made by the successive principal governing boards of Grand Lodge to minimize and subsidize membership contributions to the lowest possible levels fully utilizing the support of our benefactor.

There is no doubt that the current level of membership contribution will no longer sustain an independent Western Australian Sovereign Constitution. We have now belatedly, reached that point where Western Australian Freemasons, collectively and individually, must meet the full costs of the privilege of membership of our Fraternity.

To this end it is anticipated that at the May meeting of the Grand Lodge Board of Governors approval will be granted for an incremental increase of capitation fees for each member in three stages as follows;

- January 2017 – \$35.00
- July 2017 - \$35.00
- January 2018 - \$35.00

**Please note that contributions to the building fund will no longer be required*

It is further anticipated that all other associated costs for goods and services emanating from Grand Lodge Administration will be charged at full cost recovery.

There is no doubt that there will be some Brethren who will have genuine difficulty in meeting the proposed increase in capitation and other associated costs. In this instance those genuine cases identified and supported by their primary Lodge will be considered on a case by case basis for the appropriate assistance or exemptions.

It is hoped that each and every member will give full and honest consideration for the necessity of the measures outlined in this missive and ultimately give their full support for the continuation and progress of Freemasonry in Western Australia.

There will be an opportunity for each member to attend one of the special regional or district communications currently in planning for July-August to make constructive input and receive further and

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more detailed information on this and other important issues. A full schedule of meetings and meeting places will be made available to each member as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Guy S R Nichols", is written over a horizontal line.

Guy S R Nichols, Grand Secretary GLW

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