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I move, the current Bylaws of ~~9/31/2008~~ be revised, to accommodate needed changes in Selama's operations and CODE modifications added since these were previously approved, and that Rick Renshaw, PM, Barry Dupré, PM, Richard Green, PM, ~~Hardy Bryant, PM~~, and David Vincent, PM, be appointed to the 2016 Bylaw Rewrite Committee by the current Monarch, Joe Griffith, who will serve on this committee as an ex-officio member, for the period needed to complete the paper work required to be submitted to our Supreme Council's J&L Committee for final approval.

Our Bylaws are out dated with respect to CODE which needs to be addressed. Also, in our anticipated growth rate in the near future, we need to prepare these Bylaws in such a way that they will work well in the *Selama* of tomorrow for all existing and future Prophets. In particular, Article VIII - Fees and Dues, this item needs major attention now that we've settled into the 21st Century with *Selama*, our increased capital maintenance expenses along with rising operational costs, and staying ahead of a total cost curve for our Prophets needs and pleasures. To expand on this issue the Article VIII only addresses a fixed initiation fee, a fixed dues fee, the mandated H-F fee of \$1.00 for no Lantern, for a nominal revenue dues total of \$31.00/yr. Thus ends the income side of the annual dues issue per Prophet.

Current annual dues expenses per CODE/pp are as listed below:

Per capital tax (\$5.85/pp/'05)	today's cost w/CPI indexing since '05;	\$11.25/pp/'16
SC Convention fund fee	today's cost has grown to;	\$2.00/pp
Memorial Properties fee (\$0.30/pp/'05)	today's cost w/CPI indexing since '05;	\$0.50/pp/'16
Magazine fee (\$2.00/pp/\$2.00/'05)	today's cost w/increases since '05;	\$3.00/pp/'16
Assessment fee (\$2.50/pp/2003)	today's cost w/"0" increases since '05;	\$2.50/pp/'16
Total SC per capita bill/pp w/Lantern credited		= \$19.25/pp/'16
Total SC per capita bill/pp w/o Lantern credited		= \$20.25/pp/'16

Thus ends the expense side of what happens with your paid dues, leaving SG with approx \$10.00 to grow our needs for operating *Selama*. These Prophets extras have been too long overlooked and need to be addressed.

Therefore, one immediate area the committee will need to rewrite is Article VII for adjustments to at least our dues, but shouldn't overlook the fee structure also mentioned in Art. VIII!

Secondly, our initiation fee has been greatly eroded away without adjustments for CPI indexing. Yesteryear the neophytes' basic Fez expense was lower than \$40.00. Today's Turin cost, w/tax added but no shipping figures included, is at or just over \$75.00, per the 126th Supreme Council Convention just concluded. Two options quickly come to mind for a proper adjustment to this cost to new initiates - (#1) we tell each Prophet to buy his own Fez, with all extras/options added including shipping (from either LAFSCo or Turin) with him prepaying for shipping to his address, or (#2) we increase initiation fees by \$40.00, for a total figure of \$140.00, and provide indexing wording to the amount above the base figure of the original \$100.00 we're currently charging. These are only mentioned as examples the committee will need to deal with in their deliberations.