



Title 65 – Masonic Relief

IN THE SENSE OF THIS GRAND LODGE, MASONIC RELIEF IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO ASSIST THE SUBORDINATE LODGES IN THE JURISDICTION IN HELPING TO BURY THEIR DECEASED MEMBERS

Title 65 – Section 65.01

All Master Masons in good and regular standings in every Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge are eligible for Masonic Relief



Title 65 – Section 65.02

- ▶ **Every subordinate Lodge shall be required to collect from each Master Mason on its rolls the amount designated for Masonic Relief by the Grand Lodge;**
- ▶ **the designated amount is to be paid to the Grand Lodge each Masonic Quarter, as provided for in Title 70, Section 70.02, Part 2 of the By- Laws**

Title 65 – Section 65.03

- ▶ **All funds collected for Masonic Relief shall be placed in the Masonic Relief Fund.**
- ▶ **All applications for Masonic Relief shall be paid from the Masonic Relief Fund.**
- ▶ **All applications for Masonic Relief will be paid in the manner in which they are received – first received, first paid – as long as there are ample monies in the Masonic Relief Fund.**
- ▶ **When and if the Masonic Relief Fund becomes depleted, no further applications for Masonic relief will be paid until such time as ample monies have been received and deposited in the Masonic Relief Fund account.**

Title 65 – Section 65.04

- ▶ Upon the death of a Master Mason, the Subordinate Lodge in which he was a member shall file with the Grand Secretary a Certified Copy of the Death Certificate as soon as practicable.
- ▶ When the Death Certificate have been received by the Grand Secretary, he shall present the same to the Comptroller Board, in a regular Board Meeting and a check shall be drawn upon the account of the Masonic Relief Fund for the sum of five-hundred dollars (\$500).
- ▶ Said Check shall be payable to the Subordinate Lodge in which the deceased was a member.
- ▶ The said \$500 shall be paid for every Master Mason, upon demise, who qualifies as provided in Section 65.01 and in conjunction with 65.03 of this Title.

Masonic Relief Summary

- ▶ **When a Master Mason passes away**
 - ▶ **The Lodge obtains a *Certified Copy* of the Death Certificate (not copied on a copy machine). The family should request a copy for the Grand Lodge from the Mortician/Funeral Home. IRS requires us to have a legal copy of the death certificate.**
 - ▶ **Once the Certified Copy is received by the Lodge, the Lodge should pay the family the \$500 Masonic Relief payment. This immediate payment allows the family to cover immediate expenses related to the passing of the Master Mason.**
 - ▶ **The Certified Death Certificate is then turned over to the Grand Lodge Secretary who received approval to pay the relief from the Grand Master.**

Masonic Relief Summary Continued

- ▶ **Once the Grand Master signs approval on the Application for Reimbursement, the reimbursement will be made by the Comptroller Board to the Master Mason's Lodge.**
- ▶ **Keep in Mind that the Comptroller Board only meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month.**
- ▶ **In the event the Lodge cannot pay the \$500 Masonic Relief Benefit to the family up front, the Masonic Relief will be paid once the Certified Copy of the Death Certificate is submitted to the Grand Secretary, approved by the Grand Master and received by the Comptroller Board.**

Lodge Responsibilities



- ▶ **It is the Lodge's Responsibility to...**
 - ▶ Know who the Masonic Relief Check is made payable to
 - ▶ Understand what role does the Petition for Membership play
 - ▶ Know if their Lodge has petitions on all their members
 - ▶ Maintain current Petitions for next of kin information

- ▶ **Questions?**