



**UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA
NOTICE OF MOTION – MEMBERSHIP FEES
SEPTEMBER 2018**

Take notice that at the Communication of Grand Lodge to be held on 19 December 2018, I will move, in accordance with Rules 133 and 134 of the Book of Constitutions:

“THAT the yearly contribution payable by Brethren to Grand Lodge be increased to \$125 inclusive of GST effective from 1st July 2019 and to \$130 inclusive of GST effective from 1st July 2020 and that annual increases thereafter be in line with the CPI rate determined for the period ended in the prior December (contribution rounded up to next dollar). The contribution will be allocated 10% to the Building Fund and 90% to the General Fund.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

As a result of recent conversations at member Forums there was a general acceptance that the broader membership agreed with an appropriate level of member contribution to support the management and operation of our organisation.

At these Forums, the members were acquainted with the revenue and cost trends affecting the organisation in recent years and the pathway that the Board and Administration are working towards in achieving a balanced financial position.

It was seen that an increase in members' contribution was required, however, there were views that these increases should be contained to the rate of CPI as soon as practicable.

By making the proposed increase effective from 1 July 2019, the fee will have remained unchanged for the previous 3 years at \$114.95 inclusive of GST.

The effect of the proposed increase will be to take the half-yearly capitation fee to \$62.50 inclusive of GST for the 2019/20 year and to \$65.00 for the 2020/21 year.

In the lead up to the December Communication, further supporting financial information will be provided to members.

These changes have been endorsed by the Board of General Purposes in accordance with Rule 133.

RWBro. Garry I. James
GRAND TREASURER