

Motion in Writing – Albuquerque Lodge #60 – Brother Chris Fleischer

The Secretary serves as the primary point of contact between the public and Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 and is responsible for maintaining the administrative health of the Lodge, often at personal expense. The Treasurer ensures the financial stability of the Lodge so that we may continue our charitable and fraternal work. Both roles require significant time, labor, and accountability.

This motion seeks to codify the allowances granted to these elected officers and to provide a meaningful reward for the faithful performance of their duties. Under Article VII of the Albuquerque Lodge No. 60 Bylaws, I propose the following amendment:

Proposition

Article III

Allowances

Section 1. The ~~Secretary Treasurer, and~~ Tyler may receive a stipend if deemed appropriate by the lodge for the proper discharge of their duties.

Section 2. Beginning December 1, 2026, and continuing each year thereafter, the Lodge shall credit one-fifth (1/5) of the cost of an Endowed Membership in Albuquerque Lodge No. 60, as defined in Code 395 §(b) of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, to the elected Secretary and Treasurer. This credit is granted in exchange for the successful discharge of their duties during the preceding year.

1. The Lodge shall confirm the successful discharge of duties by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual election of officers.
2. Credits toward an Endowed Membership are non-transferable to any other Lodge in any jurisdiction. If the Secretary or Treasurer fails to remain in good standing with the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, all credits previously awarded in their name shall be forfeited.
3. A payment for all credits due toward an Endowed Membership shall be made to the Grand Secretary, per Code 62(e)(1), no later than June 30, when either of the following conditions is met:

1. Completion and accreditation of five (5) years of service as Secretary and/or Treasurer; or
2. A combination of Lodge-earned credits and the Brother's personal contribution equals the full cost of an Endowed Membership.
 - i. Example: If the cost of an Endowed Membership is \$3,000 during the first year of service, a Secretary who chooses not to stand for election after three (3) consecutive years may receive \$1,800 in Lodge-funded credits (3 of 5 years), while contributing the remaining \$1,200 personally.
4. Unless the elected Secretary or Treasurer already holds an Endowed or Lifetime Membership in Albuquerque Lodge No. 60, they must continue to pay regular dues and per capita assessments as required by Code 395 §(b) until the Grand Lodge of New Mexico receives full payment for the Endowed Membership.
5. Credits toward an Endowed Membership expire two (2) years after the officer leaves office.