

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**STATE CONVENTION MAY, 2008**

**RESOLUTION NO. 8**

- WHEREAS:** The Frank Fougere Raffle was instituted to keep the State Per Capita at a respectable level and as such has been a reasonable success with Per Capita either being steady or slightly decreased except for one year where the per capita was increased because of a resolution passed by the delegates at a State Convention and
- WHEREAS:** This success has been accomplished over the last fifteen years with less than a majority of councils participating and
- WHEREAS:** This group of councils although somewhat changing throughout the years has been responsible for this success and may not be able to sustain this success into the future due to increased costs to everything from gas to the price of a hotel meal and
- WHEREAS:** The State Council of Massachusetts has spent the last seven years becoming an efficient management organization with savings in mailing, cost of products produced in house as opposed to outside vendors who provided printing, copying, and other services, the cost of supplies, labor and other necessary services and
- WHEREAS:** The State Council has reached a limit on what can be done more efficiently except for the constant search to find sources of less expensive but equal quality supplies and services and
- WHEREAS:** The State Council is currently able to produce for the membership good programs and services based upon the current per capita and current ability to raise a certain amount of funds to offset expenses above the current amount of money raised by per capita and
- WHEREAS:** The State Council can only raise money by assessing per capita, having a raffle or producing fund raisers that do not affect other fund raisers necessary to increase the amounts of money raised for both the Charity Fund ( mainly Tootsie Roll Drives by the Councils ) and the Foundation and
- WHEREAS:** The State Council has the desire to fund existing programs and services into the future and feels that such programs reward all members throughout all our councils and that every council and member should equally assist in the task of keeping the per capita at a low level and
- WHEREAS:** Since the per capita is at a level that the State Council feels is adequate, and since the State Council feels that additional fund raisers would cause issues to existing fund raisers and may prove to be a burden to councils and the State Council feels that a higher rate of participation by councils in the Frank Fougere State Raffle is the best method of increasing available funds and
- WHEREAS:** The State Council has asked, occasionally pleading and has strived to the best of their ability to convince every council to participate in the raffle and
- WHEREAS:** The State Council asks that a resolution be enacted that imposes an assessment on each council who makes a decision to not participate in the Frank Fougere State Raffle and
- WHEREAS:** This assessment shall be implemented in the fraternal year starting July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and

**WHEREAS:** The definition of active participation is the sale of a minimum of ten books per council for those councils having less than one hundred ( 100 ) members as of the July 1<sup>st</sup> date of the Fraternal year; and councils having greater than one hundred ( 100 ) members will be the sale of a book for every member equal to ten percent of the membership with any fraction of a number raised to the next highest number ( i.e.: 103 members equals 11 books, 257 members equals 26 books ) and

**WHEREAS:** The definition of membership in a council will be the number of associate members plus insurance members plus in-active insurance members. No deduction for life or honorary life members or disabled members and

**WHEREAS:** This definition of membership is based upon the thought process that all members and their families receive benefits from the State Council programs and services and

**WHEREAS:** The assessed amount will be one dollar ( \$1.00 ) per member as defined above and

**WHEREAS:** The State Council acknowledges there may be reasons for not participating and will provide a method so that councils prohibited from the raffle or who do not reach the assessed quota can ask that the assessment be reviewed. The Council writing a letter requesting a review will initiate this process. A review for not participating will be done in September for Councils that are not allowed to participate and in April/May for councils not reaching the assessed amount of raffle books and

**WHEREAS:** The State Council has no desire to raise per capita or to assess councils who are participating in the State Raffle to keep per capita at a reasonable amount and

**WHEREAS:** The State Council in striving to be an effective management team, attempts to fulfill their fiduciary responsibility to the members and councils and are attempting to plan for future financial needs and

**WHEREAS:** The State Council wishes to thank every council that has participated in the past resulting in the State Council's ability to keep the per capita at the current level and who continue to participate in the future at their current level and those councils who will participate in the future; and therefore let it be

**RESOLVED:** That an assessment assessed amount will be one dollar ( \$1.00 ) per defined member will be assessed on each council that makes a decision not to participate in the annual Frank Fougere Raffle.

Submitted by:  
The State Officers

**State Convention voted for ADOPTION.**