

# **Hillah Shriners**

## **Membership Policy and Procedures**

**Prerequisite for Membership:** A Temple may not accept a petition from a candidate unless he is in good standing as a Master Mason of a lodge recognized by or in amity with the Conference of Grand Masters of North America.

**1. Initiation:** The fee for initiation and membership will be **two hundred twenty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$222.50)**. The breakdown of this fee is as follows: Initiation fee = \$5.00; Imperial per capita = \$15.00; Hospital assessment = \$5.00; Hillah annual dues = \$70.00; Imperial Certificate \$2.50; single jewel Hillah fez = \$125.00. (See 7 below)

**2. Affiliation:** The fee for affiliation will be **ten dollars (\$10.00)**. Dues will be charged for the balance of the current year (see 7 below). The affiliate will be *encouraged* to purchase a single jewel Hillah fez.

**3. Associate Member:** There is **no fee** to become an associate member. The Noble shall be required to pay Hillah dues (see 7 below). Imperial per capita tax and hospital assessment fee will be paid to the home Temple.

**4. Life Membership:** The fee to purchase a Life Membership shall be twenty times the annual dues for members under the age of 65 and ten times for those over 65 years of age. Life members must continue to pay their hospital levy and per capital tax or be a Life Permanent Contributing Member of the Hospitals and a Life Per Capita Member.

**5. Fifty-Year Members:** Members who have maintained fifty years of continuous membership, of which ten years have been in Hillah, shall have their dues relieved for life. Fifty-year members must continue to pay their hospital levy and per capital tax or be a Life Permanent Contributing Member of the Hospitals and a Life Per Capita Member.

**6. Restoration:** Restoration fee for non-payment of dues shall be **thirty dollars (\$30.00)** plus the current year dues, per capita tax and hospital assessment. There is no fee for restoration if a Noble holds a Demit but he must pay the current year dues, per capita tax and hospital assessment.

**7. Dues:** Dues shall be **seventy dollars (\$70.00)**. Dues, per capita tax and hospital assessment fee shall be paid in advance before January 1<sup>st</sup> by all members. At this time a member is considered delinquent and is subject to be dropped for non-payment of dues (NPD) on December 31<sup>st</sup>.

a. Candidates initiated and members restored or affiliated during the following periods pay dues in at least these proportions; January 1–June 30 = 100%; July 1–December 31 = 50%.

b. Neither per capita nor hospital assessment is collected for candidates initiated during the months of November and December of the then current year per General Order # 1, Series 2012-2013.

**8.** In February the Recorder shall provide the Membership Chairman and Shrine Club Secretaries a list of Nobles who have not paid their current year's dues. The Shrine Clubs shall then contact those Nobles who reside in their area, or are known to them, to determine if there is a problem and ascertain if they are eligible to have their dues remitted. Club Secretaries will report their findings/recommendations to the Membership Chairman and Hillah Recorder for further action.

**9.** Based on the findings reported per paragraph 8 above, the Recorder will mail *dues notice reminders* during the months of April, June and October to Nobles who have not paid and/or make a recommendation at a stated meeting of dues to be remitted. The Recorder will also keep the Membership Chairman and Club Secretaries informed of continued NPDs so that necessary follow up contact can be made.

a. In November a letter will be mailed to each member who has not paid his dues and assessments for the current year advising him to show why he should not be dropped for NPD effective December 31. Shrine Clubs will be asked to once again contact delinquent members in an effort to get them to pay and report back to the Membership Chairman. After this diligent inquiry into the member's status, a recommendation may be made that a member's dues be remitted.

b. At the December stated meeting the delinquent member list will be read and a motion made to remit or drop for NPD.

I certify that this Policy was adopted by the Nobility of Hillah Shriners at a stated meeting held Jan 11, 2013

Approved: /s/ Robert E Mallory, Potentate

Date: Jan 14, 2013