Mawat Woakus Lodge 449

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Greetings, Brother:

We are writing to inform you that on the September 11, 2016 meeting of the Lodge Executive meeting, a motion to raise the annual membership dues in Mawat Woakus Lodge 449 from $10.00 to $15.00 beginning with the 2017 year was unanimously approved.

The rationale for this proposal is as follows:

A). The Order of the Arrow National Committee will be raising the national membership fee from $3 to $5 per member, beginning with the 2018 year.

B). Central Region Section 6B, which we, along with four other lodges in western Ohio and northern Kentucky, belong to, is currently in a process of re-developing their annual budget.. Instead of providing for yearly expenses solely off of Conclave income, they will begin assessing lodges $1.00-$2.00 per member (depending on Conclave income) as approved by the Council of Chiefs on September 25, 2016. This would also likely lower the cost of Conclave to be one of the most inexpensive section events throughout all 47 sections in the country.

C). The extra the lodge will charge with this increase is to provide that the LEC will not be forced to raise membership dues for years to come. In addition, the last time membership dues were raised was in 2006. Inflation has gradually increased 19.5 percent since then.

This change will take effect on January 1, 2017. Thus, if Arrowmen pay their lodge dues for the 2017 year *before* January 1st, they will still pay only $10 per member. Lodge dues provide members the benefits of: receiving our newsletter, *The Fox Den*; access to Order of the Arrow sanctioned trainings, fellowships, and service events; the chance to participate in Native American traditions; and attend national high adventure bases and programs at an extremely discounted rate, among so much more!

Please remember that such rights as wearing your lodge flap and attending lodge events can only be retained by continuing your membership in the lodge- which means paying annual membership dues.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Contact information, calendars, and links to pay your dues individually or collectively as a unit can all be found on our website. Thank you for your membership in this organization. We look forward to continue our legacy of cheerful service with you!

WWW Tried & True,

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