**ARMINIUS #25 – BYLAWS AMENDMENT**

**Article IV - Membership**

**As Reads:**

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Membership

Section 1) Any person can become a member of this lodge who meets the basic tenants of freemasonry, and whose membership would not be in violation of any tenet of the Grand Lodge of The District of Columbia, or has duly affiliated and signed these by-laws.

Section 2) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to see that every brother, upon attainment of the Master Mason(3rd) degree of freemasonry, receives and signs a copy of these by-laws.

Section 3) This lodge can elect to honorary membership through a unanimous ballot, any Mason, who has by service in the cause of freemasonry in general, or this lodge in particular, distinguished himself. Honorary members are not entitled to vote or to be voted for and are exempt from the payment of all dues.

Section 4) Life Membership is available to all members of Arminius Lodge #25 and incoming candidates. Incoming candidates will have to pay the fee for the degree work in addition to a lifetime membership, if they choose the life membership option. To determine one’s cost, simply multiply the yearly dues by your age factor (see table below) to determine the cost of a lifetime membership. Lifetime memberships can also be paid in installments if that option is chosen.

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| **Age** | **Factor** | **Age** | **Factor** | **Age** | **Factor** |
| 18-50 | 20 | 60 | 16.1 | 70 | 12.4 |
| 51 | 18.5 | 61 | 15.7 | 71 | 12.0 |
| 52 | 18.3 | 62 | 15.4 | 72 | 11.5 |
| 53 | 18.1 | 63 | 15.1 | 73 | 11.1 |
| 54 | 17.8 | 64 | 14.8 | 74 | 10.7 |
| 55 | 17.6 | 65 | 14.5 | 75 | 10.3 |
| 56 | 17.3 | 66 | 14.1 | 76 | 9.8 |
| 57 | 17.0 | 67 | 13.6 | 77 | 9.2 |
| 58 | 16.7 | 68 | 13.2 | 78 | 8.7 |
| 59 | 16.4 | 69 | 12.8 | 79 | 8.2 |
|  |  |  |  | 80 & older | 7.7 |

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| ~~18-50~~ | ~~20~~ | ~~60~~ | ~~16.1~~ | ~~70~~ | ~~12.4~~ |
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| ~~55~~ | ~~17.6~~ | ~~65~~ | ~~14.5~~ | ~~75~~ | ~~10.3~~ |
| ~~56~~ | ~~17.3~~ | ~~66~~ | ~~14.1~~ | ~~76~~ | ~~9.8~~ |
| ~~57~~ | ~~17.0~~ | ~~67~~ | ~~13.6~~ | ~~77~~ | ~~9.2~~ |
| ~~58~~ | ~~16.7~~ | ~~68~~ | ~~13.2~~ | ~~78~~ | ~~8.7~~ |
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**Rationale:**

Life membership, especially where life members do not pay Grand Lodge dues and assessments, is not financially viable or stable for this Lodge. Current life members will retain their memberships, but this Lodge does not wish to pursue life memberships going forward.