



# The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines

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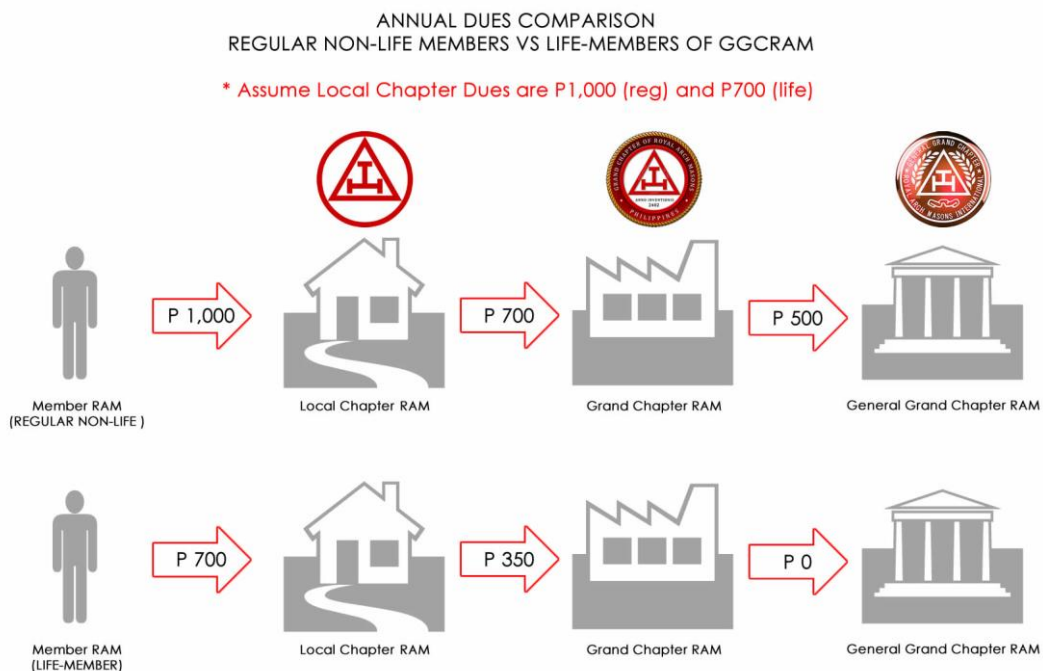
## CIRCULAR NO. 05-2021-GCRAM

**TO: GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, CHAPTER HIGH PRIESTS AND SECRETARIES**  
**FROM: THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
**SUBJECT: REGARDING LIFE MEMBERSHIP**  
**DATE: 07 APRIL 2021**

We have received complaints regarding companions who are refusing to pay their dues because the supposedly have “life membership” purchased from the General Grand Chapter. We in the Grand Chapter are aware of this confusion and we would like to clear up this matter with this circular.

The Life Membership that you have paid/purchased from the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL (GGCRAMI) is only applicable to the per capita that the Grand Chapter of the Philippines pays to the GGCRAMI. It does NOT mean that you do not pay dues anymore. It means that you still have to pay dues on the LOCAL level (your own Chapter) and NATIONAL level (Grand Chapter of the Philippines). The purchase of “Life Membership” means that your dues amount will be LESSENERD ONLY because you still have to pay your local and national dues.

The per capita paid by our Grand Chapter TO the GGCRAMI is P400 (\$8) PER MEMBER. IF you are a life member, you WILL be able to subtract the P400 or \$8 to the dues that you pay your Local Chapter. Please see the diagram below and see the difference:



*The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International*

*"So long as he remains a member in good and regular standing of a recognized Master Mason Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter"*



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The fact is: that there is no “LIFE MEMBERSHIP” provision in the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Philippines. It is left up to the Individual local Chapters to establish their own “life membership” program if they so desire and if they can afford to do so.

That is why there is a provision in the Life Membership Certificate of the GGCRA MI:


*“The name and signature appears hereon is a recognized Perpetual Life Member of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International So long as he remains a member in good and regular standing of a recognized Master Mason Lodge and Royal Arch Chapter”*

To recap:


1. You have to pay your Local Dues to your own local Chapter and Grand Chapter LESS the dues to the International Bodies.
2. Suspension for non-payment of dues in your local body will void the life membership you purchased in the GGCRA MI.
3. Your membership in good standing is decided by your local body and NOT by the Grand Chapter or the General Grand Chapter. It starts at home.

Please be guided accordingly.

Fraternally,

  
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