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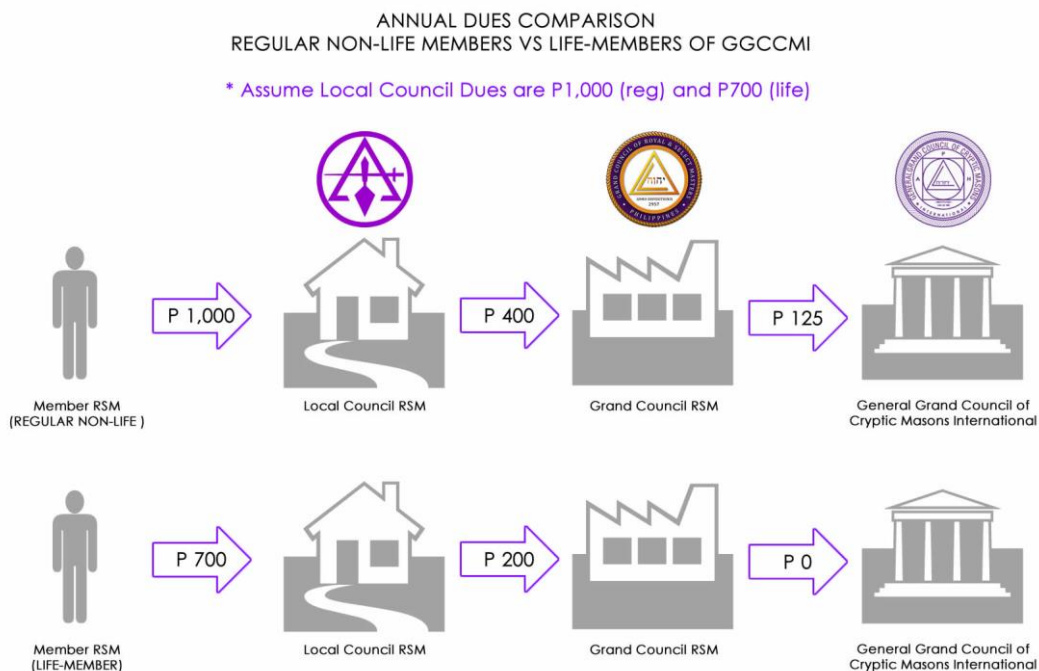
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TO: GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS, COUNCIL ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS AND RECORDERS
FROM: THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF THE PHILIPPINES
SUBJECT: REGARDING LIFE MEMBERSHIP
DATE: 07 APRIL 2021

We have received complaints regarding companions who are refusing to pay their dues because the supposedly have “life membership” purchased from the General Grand Council. We in the Grand Council 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 COUNCIL OF CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL (GGCCMI) is only applicable to the per capita that the Grand Council of the Philippines pays to the GGCCMI. 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 Council) and NATIONAL level (Grand Council 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 Council TO the GGCCMI is P200 (\$4) PER MEMBER. IF you are a life member, you WILL be able to subtract the P200 or \$4 to the dues that you pay your Local Council. Please see the diagram below and see the difference:





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

That is why, same as the one in the General Grand Chapter, the same provision applies:

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

To recap:

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

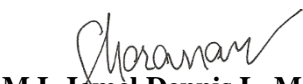
Please be guided accordingly.

Fraternally,


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