

# Blazing Star Lodge No. 26

## Plinth



Year 1, no. 1

4 September 1998

### Lodge Officers:

- **Worshipful Master**  
Robert Ellis
- **Senior Warden**  
Robert Hall
- **Junior Warden**  
Roderick Hooker
- **Treasurer**  
Charles B. Beane
- **Secretary**  
Thomas B. Ross

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## Jurisprudence Committee recommends Increase in Lodge dues and assessments!

Present:

The Committee on Jurisprudence of Blazing Star Lodge No. 26 met on the afternoon of May 9, 1998 at the Loge Gebouw of Jacob van Campen Lodge in Amersfoort, the Netherlands. The By-Laws of Blazing Star Lodge were critically analyzed to see if they continue to conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of the MWPB Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Discussion was held on the need to modify certain Sections of the By-Laws to make them more applicable to the present situation of Blazing Star Lodge No. 26.

The proposed changes to the By-Laws of Blazing Star Lodge No. 26 are as follows:

Section 6: A member whose name has been dropped from the rolls of the Lodge for non-payment of dues may be restored only upon written application, re-investigation, the payment of a sum of money equivalent to one year's dues, taxes and assessments, the payment of a reinstatement fee of \$25.00, the advance payment of Lodge dues and assessments for the ensuing twelve (12) month period commencing on the month of restoration, and by a unanimous vote of acceptance of the members present at the communication at which the application for restoration is acted upon.

Proposed change: Change reinstatement fee to \$35.00.

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## New Plinth Format Instituted

It has been a long time since you have seen a Plinth. It has been decided that the Plinth will take a new form.

It will be published in the future as a newsletter. This is our first effort. We hope to make it a quarterly effort.

This decision is partially due

to the recommendations of the Jurisprudence Committee to increase the dues and assessments paid by the members of the Lodge. The present Administration has come to the conclusion that should this recommendation be

passed by the Lodge that it will be necessary for the Lodge to significantly increase communication with it's members. This newsletter is the first step. We will also be communicating via Internet.

## Recommendations Jurisprudence Committee (2)



*"Each member of this Lodge shall pay into the treasury the sum of \$8.50 per month as dues."*

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Present:

Section 34: After the petition is read and accepted by the Lodge, turned over to the Investigation Committee for the required time and purpose; reread and favourably balloted upon, the Secretary shall inform the applicant and provide him the appointed time and place for initiation.

Proposed change: Clarify the language of this section.

Section 34: Once the applicant is favourably balloted upon, the Secretary shall inform the applicant and provide him the appointed time and place for initiation.

Present:

Section 37: Each member of this Lodge shall pay into the treasury the sum of \$2.00 per month as dues.

Proposed change: Increase the dues sufficiently to cover our Lodge rent and other fixed costs of the Lodge each year. Change \$2.00 per month to \$8.50 per month. The total amount of dues, District Fund, and Grand Lodge Taxes will be \$142.00 per year.

Section 37: Each member of this Lodge shall pay into the treasury the sum of **\$8.50** per month as dues.

Blazing Star Lodge #26 has done well since the closing of Camp New Amsterdam. We have had a lot of support from Volkel and NATO. Depending on these sources causes us to be very dependent on the political decisions of the US Government. We must try to grow within the Dutch community. In order to do this and to continue our tradition of charitable giving we need a solid financial base. We cannot have this if the proceeds from all of our fund-raising activities are used for rent, Grand Lodge fees, etc. If the dues that we collect each year pay all of our fixed fees we can utilize our fund-raising activities to help the community and encourage Dutch membership.

## Blazing Star Lodge Holds Elections Worshipful Master Re-elected for New Term

Blazing Star Lodge #26 held its Annual Election on Saturday, September 11, 1998. The results of the Election were as follows:

Worshipful Master:	Robert R. Ellis
Senior Warden:	Roderick Hooker
Junior Warden:	Kenneth Grant
Treasurer:	Charles Beane
Secretary:	Thomas B. Ross



Check our web-site at: (In construction - will be available soon)!!!

We just started, so send any ideas or suggestions to: [blazingstar26@hotmail.com](mailto:blazingstar26@hotmail.com)