

**Central Iowa Lodge #15  
Fraternal Order of Police  
Bylaws  
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## **Article I**

### **Dues**

- Section 1      The dues to members of the Central Iowa Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police are \$40.00 per month or \$480 per year.
- Section 2      The dues for retired active members are \$35.00 per year.
- Section 3      The dues for retired inactive members are \$10.00 per year.
- Section 4      There are no dues for Honorary Members.
- Section 5      The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all members who have paid their dues and any special assessment.

## **Article II**

### **Members, Retired Inactive, and Honorary**

- Section 1      Retired officers who have chosen, in writing, to be inactive members do not have a voice or vote in the Lodge. He or she has chosen to maintain contact with the Lodge, but seek no further involvement in the Lodge's officer business. The retired inactive member is entitled to receive the bulletins and notices sent to all members. The retired inactive member may choose to again become active and such change in status will require a vote of the board members at a board meeting and may cause an increase in dues of the part of the member affected.
- Section 2      Honorary Members have no voice or vote in the Lodge. They may receive benefits of membership as granted by the active membership at a regular or board meeting. Honorary Members are entitled to receive bulletins and notices sent to all members.

## **Article III**

### **Officers Reports**

- Section 1 All officers, with the exception of the State Lodge Trustee, are required to report to the members at the meeting designated by the President each year as to his or her activities and assignments on behalf of the Lodge.
- Section 2 The State Lodge Trustee, if applicable, is required to report to the membership upon his or her return from any Conference or Board Meeting so the membership remains knowledgeable of all activities of the FOP at the State and National level. The State Lodge Trustee will pass on to the officers and members of the Lodge all correspondence or information received from the State or Grand Lodge of interest to the general membership.
- Section 3 The President, Vice President, and the Secretary will pass on the other officers and the members all information received from the State Lodge of the Grand Lodge that is of importance to the Lodge membership.
- Section 4 The Secretary shall maintain any current relevant information on all Lodge bulletin boards.

## **Articles IV**

### **Delegate to State and National Conference**

- Section 1 If the financial conditions of the Lodge allow, the Secretary may be sent to the National Conference of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police. Consideration will be determined by the Board after reviewing the financial conditions of the Lodge.
- Section 2 Central Iowa Fraternal Order of Police Lodge is authorized one (1) delegate to the National Conference for the first 75 members. If the Lodge reaches a membership of 76 members, the Lodge will be authorized two (2) delegates, and then one more delegate will be added for every 50 members being added to the Lodge above the number 76.

- Section 3 If the Secretary unable to attend the National Conference of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police, another delegate will be elected by the membership of the Lodge prior to the conference. The delegate can be any member of the Lodge.
- Section 4 When appropriate, and subject to the availability of funds, the Lodge may authorize the expense of the delegate at any FOP related conference or event or any event with a similar mission to the FOP. The Lodge will pay reasonable travel, lodging, meals, and registration expenses as agreed upon by the membership.

## **Article V**

### **Membership**

- Section 1 At the discretion of the membership, regular active membership is open to other full-time or part-time law enforcement officers who meet the definition of the Grand Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police Constitution and Bylaws.
- Section 2 All Active Members of the Lodge shall be enrolled in the Legal Defense Plan (LDP) of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police (Retired Active Members exempt). The cost of the LDP will be paid to the Central Iowa Fraternal Order of Police Lodge for Group Enrollment in accordance with the payment plan options established by the Board. Nothing in this section prohibits a first-time member of the Lodge who had prior LDP coverage from joining the Lodge. Failure to pay the LDP costs within shall prohibit the non-compliant members from maintaining membership in the Lodge.
- Section 3 Retired Active Members have the option to enroll in the HR-218 Legal Defense Plan (LDP) of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police. Retired Active Members must individually enroll for HR- 218 coverage.

## **Article VI**

### **Standing Rules**

- Section 1 The Lodge may, at any regular or special meeting, adopt standing rules, which address all other business of the Lodge not specifically mentioned in the

Constitution and Bylaws. Those standing rules may be changed at any time and at any meeting with a majority vote of the members present.

**Article VII**  
**Grand Lodge Constitution and Bylaws**

Section 1 All rules, duties, and standards not specifically addressed or legally modified by this document, and which are covered or addressed in the Grand Lodge Fraternal Order of Police Constitution and Bylaws, then the after said becomes a part of this document.

We, the undersigned, attest this to be a true copy of the constitution and bylaws of the Central Iowa Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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President, Central Iowa Fraternal Order of Police Lodge

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Secretary, Central Iowa Fraternal Order of Police Lodge