

**FRATERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE ENDOWMENT FUND (F.A.E.F.)
COMMITTEE PROGRAM 2023-2024**

The principal in the Fraternal Administrative Endowment Fund (F.A.E.F), commonly referred to as FA-100 provides revenues through investments to offset the administrative costs of Grand Lodge. The goal is, that the monies in the FA-100 Fund increase to such a point, that the return on the investments will eventually be sufficient to equal, or be greater than the operating costs of Grand Lodge. If successful, these fund dividends could reduce the need for a per capita charge to the membership. The increase in principal is realized through the sales of the Grand Master's neckties, bow ties, vests and donations from the particular Lodges. The remaining products are distributed to the individual District Deputies for sale to the Craft. These allotments typically sell very quickly. In the recent past, manufacturers, in some cases, have had a difficult time acquiring materials needed to meet production demands.

A special thanks goes out to the District Deputies, Zone Chairmen and the District Committeemen and the Craft for their all-out efforts supporting this endeavor. Without the support of the Craft for FA-100, nothing would ever be accomplished.

Zone Chairmen: Your responsibility is to:

1. Coordinate efforts of the District Chairmen and District Deputy Grand Masters
2. Act as a conduit for dissemination of information pertaining to FA-100
3. Maintain inventory accountability
4. Report quarterly on sales and donations to the State Chairman

Obtain from the D.D.G.M. for each District, the Brother's contact information who has accepted the appointment of District Chairman for FA-100. Ask that these Brothers advise you of any and all donations to the Fraternal Administrative Endowment Fund (F.A.E.F.) so that proper documentation and recognition can be given to the Zones, Districts, Lodges, and Brothers. You will report directly to the State Chairman to ensure this system performs efficiently and all donations are received and documented so we can provide an accurate report to our Grand Master and the Brothers of our Fraternity.

District Deputy Grand Masters: Each District Deputy Grand Master is asked to promote the FA-100 Program and the need for additional funding through donations in addition to the sale of the Grand Master's Ties and other opportunities that are introduced. Each District Deputy Grand Master should ensure that his District Chairman tracks and turns over all monies received throughout the year. A form will be provided at the Annual Grand Communication to indicate how many items he will initially require and for tracking purposes. He will subsequently follow an established practice if he requires more items as the year progresses. It is critical that protocol be followed to allow for accountability and to ensure that adequate supplies are available.

District Deputy Grand Masters should encourage the Lodges and the Brothers of his District to set aside funding in their budgets for the Fraternal Administrative Endowment Fund as well as encouraging individual Brothers to assist where possible. As other programs throughout the year will be put into the budget for funds from each Lodge, please don't forget a provision for this special program and place a special emphasis on the aspect of the program and what it entails. Funding from donations should far exceed any monies derived from the neckwear portion of this initiative.

District Chairmen: Work with your Zone Chairman and District Deputy Grand Master; seek their support and visit the Lodges in your District. It is your responsibility to educate the Brothers about this program and of its importance to our Fraternity. Education is the key. Brothers want to know what and why they are donating to a program that many of them are not familiar with. Many Brothers do not know much about the Fraternal Administration Endowment Fund or its purpose. On your visits to the individual Lodges, encourage each Lodge to put the FA-100 Program in their budget. Push and promote the ties as well as any other items that are presented by this program. Ask for a donation at the end of your presentation. It is also your responsibility to keep meticulous records of all donations and proceeds from the sale of ties and other items and to report quarterly to your District Deputy Grand Master and Zone Chairman all revenues received.

Worshipful Masters: Consider having a fundraiser to support the Fraternal Administrative Endowment Fund (F.A.E.F.) in your Lodge or make it a charity one month. Have a talk or use one of your monthly educational talks to explain the purpose of this program. I know you hear a lot of talk about donating money to all the activities we support; however, would our philanthropy be of the same quality without our Grand Lodge support and administrative assistance? Give the FA-100 Program a high priority and include it in your annual budget.

Brothers All: In Summary, as we established the per capita tax we acknowledge that each year Brothers gladly and humbly support our respective Lodges by paying our annual dues. These dues afford us a safe haven, a Lodge to call home, and a place to have fellowship with our Brethren. The per capita tax is no less than our dues to our Grand Lodge so that it can function and support the Craft; for with no Grand Lodge, there can be no Craft, and without the support of the Craft, there can be no Grand Lodge.

Once this fund reaches its goal, these administration costs could be funded from investment income provided by this endowment fund. This would allow the current per capita tax to be kept in **your** Lodge and we would reduce the importance of this program as it would be self sustaining. Consider making a donation today or provide something in your will that would help Grand Lodge when you are gone. Your help and commitment will make this work and our Fraternity will be better for your efforts. We are all in this together and our future relies on us to provide a stable financial environment for years to come.

I wish to personally thank Most Worshipful Glen Bishop, Grand Master, for the honor of serving our Grand Lodge. Finally, it is only through the leadership of our Grand Lodge Officers and the support of the Craft, that again, the FA-100 Program will be successful.

Continued support of FA-100, is instrumental in strengthening our Fraternity. Thank you for all you do to demonstrate the fundamentals of Freemasonry.

**Please make sure all checks are made out to The Grand Lodge of Florida and in the memo section write Fraternal Administrative Endowment Fund (FA-100) so Grand Lodge can properly account for the donations.*

Example submission:

FA-100 Tie Sales

D.D.G.M.: _____ District: _____ Zone: _____

Zone Chairman: _____

District Committeeman: _____

Amount: _____

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you in any way.

Please copy me on all emails and submissions as accountability will be essential.

Fraternally Submitted,

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