

## **ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX**

### **BENEFITS**

#### **SECTION 1**

The death benefit of an active member in good standing shall be six hundred dollars (\$600.00), less any indebtedness to the Lodge by said member. Payable to the beneficiary named by the said member and recorded with the Financial Secretary of the Lodge.

#### **SECTION 2**

In case the Financial Secretary does not have ample funds to pay the above benefits to a deceased member in good standing, an assessment shall be made and each member required to pay his or her proportion of the benefit which is payable following the death of said deceased member to his or her beneficiary.

#### **SECTION 3**

The death benefit paid by the Lodge for death of any active member, shall terminate any and all obligations of this Lodge by virtue of such membership.

#### **SECTION 4**

All active members of the Lodge will submit to the Financial Secretary the names of his or her beneficiary with their addresses.

#### **SECTION 5**

In case of the death of an active member and no beneficiary is named, then the Lodge reserves the right to pay the said benefit to any member or members of the deceased member's immediate family, which the executive board shall select.

#### **SECTION 6**

Any active member, after having been a member in good standing of Ben K. Perry Lodge #61 for a period of thirty (30) years, shall have the privilege of receiving from Ben K. Perry Lodge #61 four hundred dollars (\$400.00) in lieu of death benefit, conditioned that the payment of such benefit shall terminate any and all rights such member may have toward any death benefit payable by Ben K. Perry Lodge #61.

#### **SECTION 7**

Any active member, after having been a member in good standing for a period of thirty (30) years, may at his or her own discretion decline to receive the in lieu of death benefit. Such members declining to take the benefit shall be eligible to receive the six hundred dollar (\$600.00) death benefit payable to the beneficiary named by such member.

#### **SECTION 8**

A member who is an active police person at the time of retirement shall receive a retirement gift as recommend by the Board of Trustees.