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WOW, can you believe it? We have already completed half of the year and The Blue Lanterns are accomplishing all their task of completing their Re-Writes of By-Laws is an extreme speed. Thank you.

As you all know that at the National Convention last year it was voted on that National will be increasing the Dues for the 2018-2019 year. The following is some of the questions that have been asked. (November 2017- Parliamentarian Bulletin #2)

1. Where do we insert the wording "as prescribed in the Standing Rules" for member's dues? – **Unit Bylaws Article IX Section 2**
2. What is required to do this? – **This standing rule requires notification to all Senior members as of date, time and place of the meetings, 2 readings and 2/3 affirmative vote on said change.**
3. Do we still have to have two readings? - **Yes**
4. At our Fun Event on Friday I had a few copies of the Parliamentarian Bulletin #2 on my table, for your reference when updating your C&B.
5. Another thing that has come up is District Per Capita's, please remember the District's cannot be more than what the Department has in their By-Laws (currently it is .50). So, a District can indicate not less than .02 cents up to .50 cents. It was also asked if a District could insert the same statement for their Per Capita – Article III – Section 3 "District per capita \$ **per standing rules** to be paid following the first District Meeting after Department Convention" – **Yes, they can as long as the same statement that it requires the same notice and 2/3 vote. They also need to insert that they cannot be more than the Dept. Bylaws allow.**

Also, please remember – the final due date for any Re-Writes or Amendments is May 5th. This is very important to remember you will need to allow mailing time, for both you are sending it to me, Me sending it to President Loretta, President Loretta sending it back to me and Me notifying you that it has been approved. This all must be completed before convention, so you will be able to be seated with your District.

I want to thank each District and Unit Constitution and Bylaws Chairman's for their dedication in accomplishing the task of updating their C&B's in such a timely matter. I wait for all of the others, that I know are being worked on now. Let's have a 100% update for all Districts and Units this year.

Also, please remember that End of Year Reports are coming up fast, reports are on the Department Website for your convenience. Please remember your deadlines – Unit to District - April 13th/District to Me – May 1st. I am hoping to receive some supplements too.

So, Blue Lanterns – “In fearful day, in raging night. With strong hearts full our, souls ignite. When all seems lost in the war of light, look to the stars – For hope burns bright!”.

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