



Moorish Science Temple of America

FOUNDED BY PROPHET NOBLE DREW ALI 1913 A.D.

Members Financial Obligations

New Member Financial Obligations

In accordance with the orders of our Prophet Noble Drew Ali, the following information, procedures, definitions and instructions are expressed and explained in written detail so there will be no doubt as to the requirements of every Officer and Member of this said Government. The following collections and funds are authorized and can be made in conjunction with the procedures provided to you. Upon submission of your membership application, please include your first month's assessment; Per Capita Tax \$20, Membership Dues \$20, Emergency Fund \$10. This amount totals \$50 for the first month and each additional month thereafter. All supply orders are also due currently. Below you will find a list of financial obligations.....

Per Capita Tax.... \$20.00 per month

This tax was implemented with the concurrence of the Grand Body during our first convention, October 1928 and placed into effect November 1, 1928, since operation expenses which were taken care of with funds received from the manufacturing department were found to be a burden on that department. Hence the tax was necessary.

Emergency Fund.... \$ 2.50 per week (\$10.00 per month)

Prophet Noble Drew Ali put in place a procedure by which every temple would have finance available to use in emergency situations. No other finances are to be used by the heads of temples in emergency situations. This fund will be sufficient for any emergency because if you are faithful Moors, it will increase to over a thousand dollars. Each Temple Head will define an emergency act.

Membership Dues.... \$20.00 per month

Prophet Noble Drew Ali put in place methods by which the heads of each Temple could support the Local Temple. In the General Laws (Tuesday, October 17, 1928) he stated that membership dues go to the support of the collecting Temple to support its domestic work.

Uplifting Fund.... Based on individual ability

During the first convention in October 1928, Noble Drew Ali specifically addressed his need for this fund by stating in part that this fund is used to finance the movement. In addition, he made it clear that only He (The Home Office) could issue uplifting fund books. In addition, in Act 2 of our Additional Laws in our Koran Questionnaire he emphasized the importance of remitting these funds to him by stating, "It takes finance to uplift a Nation". We must help our Prophet in his great uplifting work by subscribing to this fund.

Public Collection.... Based on individual ability

Prophet Noble Drew Ali has provided each Temple with various means of supporting itself. In the General Laws (October 17, 1928) our Prophet stated that the heads of each Temple are authorized to make this collection and then use it to support the temple and its domestic work. Temples that have favorable public collections have effective membership committees, visitors at every public meeting and members who are effective speakers who keep the Prophet and his words "up front".



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Sick Collection.... Based on individual ability

As a Religious Corporation, our Prophet made it possible to assist members who find themselves in need of food (due to an inability to work), Medication (due to inability to pay for it) and Transportation. Each Temple must have a sick committee, chaired by an Adept. This Chairman can be contacted by Temple Member or Committee Members to facilitate the disbursement of funds in compliance with a procedure established by the Temple Head and approved by The Home Office.

Annual Tax.... \$40.00 per year

Special Tax.... \$30.00 per year

Knowing the importance of the National Convention from October 15th – 20th of each year, the officials of the Moorish Science Temple of America have designated these two assessments to be used to off-set Convention expenses. The Annual Tax will be used by the heads of Temples and the Special Tax will be remitted by ALL Temples to the Grand National Treasurer on or before October 1st annually. Delinquent and/or late remittances will not be tolerated due to their negative effect on covering our National Convention expenses.

Prophet Noble Drew Ali's Birthday Celebration – Jan. 8th.... Based on individual ability

The Heads of ALL Temples are authorized to make a special collection among its members to raise funds to cover expenses for the celebration of our Prophet's birthday on January 8th. The amount requested of members must be within the range approved by the Grand Sheik and the chairman and the Grand Body. You must submit a request to be approved by the Grand Sheik before you begin collection. While a specific amount may be requested from the members, the collection is based on the member's ability to pay. Amounts less than the amount requested by a Temple head should not only be accepted but should be viewed as a member sincerely giving based on his or her ability to give. Traditionally, we have provided a basket on January 8th for members to give monetary funds for a birthday gift to Prophet Noble Drew Ali. If you make a collection, you must keep these funds separate from other funds and request disposition instructions from the Grand Sheik and the chairman.

National Convention... As approved by the Grand Sheik and chairman, and the Grand Body, October 15th-20th. Every Year....