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### Practical Suggestions for the Management of a Masonic Lodge.

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#### (CONCLUSION.)

The fifth and most important suggestion is the financial management as an element of success. For the proper financial management of a Lodge we must first consider the sources of revenue, and as nearly as possible compute what they presumably may be from all channels; then our legitimate and unavoidable expenditure. In my calculations, I refer specially to city Lodges, though my remarks may be modified to suit any Lodge. I also base my reckonings on an average membership of 75 members, which will be nearly correct, these 75 being paying members. First then our revenue:—

75 Members at \$5.00 per year.....	\$375 00
10 Initiations at \$40.00 each.....	400 00
5 Affiliations at \$5.00 per year.....	25 00

Making a total of.....\$800 00

Lodges do not average more than 10 Initiations and 5 Affiliations each year.

Then we have to consider our expenses:—

1st. Rent.....	\$150 00
2nd. Grand Lodge dues, 75 Members at 50c per year.....	37 50
3rd. 75 Members at 10 cents per month to Benevolent Board.....	90 00
4th. To Register 10 Members and Certificates.....	30 00

5th. Refreshments, 12 meetings, averaging \$10.00.....	120 00
6th. Tyler's fees, 14 meetings, at \$1.50.....	21 00
7th. Presentation and expenses to Grand Lodge.....	100 00
8th. Printing, &c.....	30 00
9th. Secretary for Stamps, Stationery, &c.....	20 00
10th. Registering 5 Affiliations at 50c.....	2 50
11th. Incidentals, Funerals, &c.....	50 00
Total.....	\$661 00

Thus making a revenue from all sources of \$800.00, and our expenses, at lowest amount, \$661.00, and to secure so much revenue we must have a tolerably successful year. For a Lodge to average ten Initiations it must be well and favorably known, its officers, brethren of influence and high Masonic standing, with their business energies and faculties well developed. Brethren, there is a way to secure good material for our building, without personal canvass, yet it is better for a Lodge to suffer financially than to use material not fit for the great Masonic Temple. By our calculations, based as near as possible on the existing state of affairs, we have only a balance of \$140 per year. If we are stock-holders on Hall furniture, or have a debt for furniture to liquidate, years must elapse before we are free of debt, as no Lodge can