

RAISE DUES TO 10.00 per year. (would require amendment to by-laws)

The 10.00 would include current dues card and 4 activity tickets worth 1.25 each.

Instead of SMOKERS - change to Post Activity parties - these could include cards, canasta, pinochle, bridge, pool, darts or any other games desired by those attending. Set up tournaments with prizes in each category - high person at end of season and an all time high at end of a series of 3, 4 or 5 years.

Public also invited at 1.25 per person.

191 members at \$6.00	brings in \$1146.	(per capita 649.40)	to Post	496.60
120 " at 10.00	"	1200.	"	408.00
			"	792.00

Could lose 71 members and still be ahead - those with high consecutive years of membership would continue to pay. (District, Department and National would be hurting)

### THREE, FOUR OR FIVE YEAR MEMBERSHIPS.

Sell 3 years for \$27.50 (save \$2.50) with four activity tickets mailed each year with the paid up card - could allow credit of 25¢ for each activity ticket used during the current year - to be applied on payment of dues for following year - could reduce cost \$1.00 - either single years or multiple years.

Sell 4 years for 35.00 (with tickets same way) (save \$5.00)

Sell 5 years for 40.00 " " " save 10.00.

All of the above could be paid on deferred payment plan - 10.00 when applying for card and balance divided into three equal installments. (I could set up record system to keep the books on this - all money over the first years dues to be kept in a separate account until subsequent years cards are due)

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND 50 YEAR CARDS.

We will have to do something about this in four years when 41 members of WWI will have 50 years consecutive membership - if they keep up payments for 4 years.

Pay the remaining four years in full in 1966 - 35.00 - receive Life Card and 50 year card at once and 4 activity tickets each year from then on - if they do not live the full 4 years - post gains and who loses when they are dead.

We have two 45 year members - they could pay 40.00 with same benefits. (five years)

With this many activity tickets in circulation and paid for, might bring out many more members who do not participate now - if they could be brought out for fun a few times they might like it and keep coming - also become interested in other Post functions or committees - giving them something free will get us no where - paying for it they might use it.

Members could sell their post activity tickets for 1.25 each and save 5.00 on dues each year - thus reducing the cost per year instead of raising same.

The tournament feature might be built up to better than the four contests per year - at 1.25 per head - the extra 25¢ could be used for prizes or awards - if enough attend, say 40 or more - cash door prize could be given - using the 25¢ this would be 10.00 - no more soliciting for prizes - if more than 40 then the door prize could be larger or split in two for two winners.

All of this would require quite a selling job - a lot of publicity by letter, etc. before presenting to a meeting - to carry at a regular meeting where advance notice had been given - this would require a majority vote of those in attendance. If presented in a manner that would convince those present that each member was carrying part of the load instead of a few - where they would not be bothered to pay dues for an extended period - where they could have unique entertainment a few times per year at a nominal cost - where they could meet their buddies now and again - time is getting shorter for this for all of them - the importance of the Legion to all veterans - especially now that they are all getting older and their national programs are being threatened more and more each year, what the Legion has accomplished for them to this date - how important it is to keep up the membership and keep each post strong - as well as the National organization - should be proud to be a part of all this. How they have ridden the gravy train for years at a cost of less than 1 1/2 ¢ per day - while others have done so much of the work and still well.

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