What is a Budget?

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Estimate

A budget is an estimate of money to be received and spent during a specific time period.



What expenses do you expect to pay for this year?

$ Rent
Official Visits
Receptions / Installations

$ Grand Assembly Expenses
Fun Trip Expenses
Grand Service Donations

$ Per Capita
Fund Raising Expenses
Gifts / Donations

Need to know...

What did you spend last year on the expenses?

- Use your term reports to help determine your new costs
- Once you have determined the total cost for the year, you can now begin planning on your income.
- A balanced budget is when the income equals the expenses.



Let’s talk about income



- How many members pay dues?
- Do you get donations?
- Hope’s Fundraiser?
- Grand Assembly Fundraiser?

Now the fun begins . . .

You adjust the expenses and the income to balance the budget.

Don’t worry . . .

Remember, the budget is an estimate of what you expect to earn and spend.

Sample of a Balanced Budget

Estimated Income		
Dues	6 @ $35.00	$210.00
Initiation Fee	4 @ $15.00	$60.00
Charity Projects	2 @ $100.00	$200.00
Hope Fundraisers	2 @ $350.00	$700.00
Misc. Fundraisers (Escrip, etc.)		$408.00
Chicken Dinner	Grand Assembly Fund	$1,000.00
Coffee Cakes	Grand Assembly Fund	$1,500.00
Total		**$4,078.00**

Estimated Expenses		
Grand Assembly	Per Capita 6 @ $30.00	$180.00
Supreme Assembly	Per Capita 6 @ $20.00	$120.00
Supreme Assembly	Initiate Fee 4 @ $2.00	$8.00
Supreme Assembly	Annual Usage Fee - Software	$25.00
Official Visit	Our Share for District OV	$150.00
Official Visit - Love Gift	GWA & Supreme Deputy 2 @ $50.00	$100.00
Grand Assembly	Hotel	$1,901.00
	4 line lunch/2 MA Dinner/2 POG Lunch	$180.00
Installations	2 @ $200.00	$400.00
Mascots - WA	2 @ $20.00	$40.00
Service Projects - WA	2 @ $25.00	$50.00
Refreshments	24 meetings @ $10.00 ea.	$240.00
Rainbow U, Etc.	3 girls/3 adults @ $8.00	$48.00
Assembly Supplies	Service Bars, etc.	$200.00
	Kitchen Locker	$200.00
Pot of Gold	6 subscriptions @ $6.00	$36.00
Membership Event	2 @ $50.00 per term	$100.00
WA Fun Trip	2 @ $50.00 per term	$100.00
Total		**$4,078.00**

Estimated Grand Officer Expenses for the Year

Amount Assemblies should budget: $1,302.00

Orientation Dinner	$52.00
Grand Officer Retreat	$100.00
First Dress Payment	$150.00
Total	$302.00

Grand Officer Fund:	
Name Badge	$11.00
Booklets & Postage	$5.00
Mascot	$22.00
GWA's Birthday	$1.00
Total	**$39.00**

Grand Assembly Presentations:	
Supreme Officer	$3.00
Grand Director	$3.00
Asst. Grand Director	$3.00
Song Book (GWAA)	$2.00
GWA Quilt	$8.00
First OV Dinner & Breakfast	$15.00
Last OV Dinner & Breakfast	$15.00
GWA Recep Dinner & Breakfast	$15.00
Mid-Year Retreat	$100.00
GA Informal Opening Prop	$6.00
Hair Bow	$5.00
Grand Installation Lunch	$31.00
Total	**$206.00**

Reception Presentations:	
GWA	$3.00
Mother Advisor for GA	$3.00
State Rainbow Dad	$3.00
Total	**$9.00**

Final Dress Payment	$150.00
GA Hotel	$175.00
Recepton Food & Decorations (estimate)	$250.00
Quilt Material (estimate)	$100.00
Quilt Maker (if needed)	$100.00
Total	**$775.00**

These expenses may vary for each assembly

	Optional	Recommended Range
Homecoming	$50.00	$50.00 - $100.00
Sleeping Bag/Gift	$25.00	$25.00 - $75.00
Farewell Meeting	$50.00	$50.00 - $75.00
Travel - includes out of state	$500.00	$250.00 - $500.00?
PGO Pin	$86.00	Parents/assembly/board?
Camp Donation to Grand Service (Should be part of grand service budget)	$25.00	$25.00 - $100.00
Total	**$736.00**	

Questions?

For more assistance . . .

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Thank you for your attention!