

## **CHARGES FOR PRIVATE PRAYER CEREMONIES**

In order to inspire the present, as well as future generation of Mobeds to continue to serve our community, it is necessary to make it worthwhile for them to invest their time and energy needed to perform various ceremonies. At the November 2012 Board meeting, Mobeds serving the Chicago area unanimously presented the ZAC Board with their concerns about this issue. It was pointed out that compared to ministers of other faiths, and even other Zoroastrian associations, payments for the priestly services performed by our Mobeds were unpardonably low.

In order to preserve our religious ceremonies, traditions and to encourage our younger Mobeds, the ZAC Board unanimously agreed to accept the recommendations proposed by the Mobeds for charges for various prayers performed by Chicago area Mobeds for private prayer ceremonies. These following proposed rates are to be effective immediately for all new services going forward.

### **Weddings and Navjote Ceremonies:**

- \$375 per Priest
- Traveling out of Chicago includes:
  - Pre-paid plane ticket plus hotel accommodation
  - If traveling by car – pay per mileage (It will be at the discretion of individual Priests as to how far they are willing to drive)

### **Nahn Ceremony**

Wedding and Navjote: \$101.00 per Priest

### **Jashan Ceremony**

- \$201 per Priest plus \$75 to ZAC for sukhad, loban, and use of aalat
- Traveling out of Chicago includes:
  - Pre-paid plane ticket plus hotel accommodation
  - If traveling by car – pay per mileage (It will be at the discretion of individual priests as to how far they are willing to drive)

### **Funeral Ceremonies:**

Done at a local Chicago area Funeral Home and at the Darbe Mehr

**4 day Ceremonies** including Geh Sarnu, Sarosh Nu Patru, Uthamnas, and Chahrum ceremonies including Satum - \$1,000/ per Priest (for Priests invited by the family members)

- Geh Saarna: \$250 per Priest
- Sarosh Nu Patru: \$125 per Priest per Sarosh prayer
- Day Uthamna: \$150 per Priest
- Night Uthamna: \$175 per Priest
- Chahrum ceremonies: \$250 per Priest
- Satum Karda: \$ 50 per Priest
- Any other ceremonies like Afringan for Dasmu, Masiso, Chamsi and Varasi - \$201/Per Priest (for Priests invited by the family members)
- Traveling out of Chicago includes:
  - Pre-paid plane ticket plus hotel accommodation
  - If traveling by car – pay per mileage (It will be at the discretion of individual Priests as to how far they are willing to drive)

### **Tandorosti Prayer at ZAC**

- \$21 for ZAC
- \$21 Ashodad for Mobed who prays

### **Muktd Prayers at ZAC**

- For private ceremonies – 5 Gatha days - \$500 – Maximum of 5 names
- For general Anjuman prayers - \$50 per name for 5 days

### **Use of ZAC Sukhad, Loban and Aalat**

Per prayer ceremony performed either at the Darbe Mehr or at other locations, a fee of \$75 to be paid to ZAC in addition to the fees paid to the Mobeds for their services.

### **ZAC Cemetery Lot, For Use of or Reservation of**

- \$750 to be paid to ZAC.