



Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr.
Grand Exalted Ruler

The Order Requests Your Help!

A Fraternal Organization

Dear Lodge Secretary,

You may ask why? The Order is within 5,200 of having a membership gain for the first time in 30+ years. How can we get that elusive gain? By reinstating just over 10% of the 51,965 Members who were dropped for non-payment of dues by May 31, 2018. Can we count on your Lodge to make that one final push??

As Grand Exalted Ruler, I am personally reminding you about Section 14.180 of the Order's Statutes. A Member dropped from the rolls of a Lodge for non-payment of dues has a 60-day grace period. During this time, the former Member may be reinstated without payment of a reinstatement fee or loss of consecutive membership. All they must do during this grace period is to apply for reinstatement, pay his/her delinquent dues as well as the dues for the current dues period. After doing this, his/her reinstatement is effective upon a simple majority vote of his Lodge.

The Order has found that many times, Members were dropped without them realizing they were delinquent. These tragedies may occur because of a change of address, the Member's absence from the city or in these busy times, the days pass by before the member realizes they forgot to pay. In many instances though, the Member wanted to retain his membership. Thus, the sixty (60) day grace period was adopted to provide a means of relief for such instances.

To assist you and help in expediting this process, Grand Lodge has already generated the letter and a demonstration on making mailing labels in CLMS2PC for your Lodge. The basic instructions are:

1. Open CLMS2PC
2. Select: Mail Merge
3. Select: 60 Day Reinstatement Letter
4. Enter date range for dropped members (best March 1 to March 31)
5. Select: Print/Send Letter

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Malcolm J. McPherson, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style.

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CC: Advisory Committee
Board of Grand Trustees
Special Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers
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