

The “Millennium Fund” Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth

A “Millennium Fund,” if established in each Nebraska Lodge, would accomplish two important goals by practicing charity among our brothers and our local community, both important Masonic teachings.

The monies received by the Millennium Fund would first, pay for the annual Grand Lodge per capita for members who, for whatever reason, have not paid their annual dues. It may be that a brother is in a care facility, has health problems, is financially distressed, or simply that he has not been brought into the fellowship of the Fraternity. It would not be considered Masonic to drop these members from the membership rolls. To do so, they would lose several important benefits: their right to apply for admission into the Nebraska Masonic Home, eligibility for membership awards, membership in appendant bodies, availability of Masonic Funeral Services, and all rights and privileges normally afforded a Master Mason in good standing.

After taking care of your own members, the remaining funds could be used to augment annual fundraising projects for the lodge to be used in the community, such as scholarships and community charities, or carried forward for future remissions.

Providing relief by practicing charity is a foundation within our Masonic teachings and establishment of a “Millennium Fund” offers that opportunity.

**Lodge Letterhead
(1st Dues Notice)**

Dear Brother _____,

(Body of Letter)

Last paragraphs -_____ Lodge has established a Millennium Fund which is used for assisting in the payment of dues for brethren of the Lodge who are unable to meet their dues obligation. The Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth should not allow a member to be dropped from the rolls for nonpayment of dues. Should funds be remaining at the end of the year, they may be used to augment charitable giving or fundraising by the lodge.

Should you desire to contribute to the fund, simply include an additional amount on your dues check. Your contribution and the names of those who are in need of assistance will be maintained in the strictest of confidence.

Fraternally,

Secretary

Your 200____ Lodge Dues are _____

Our records show arrears dues of _____

Total Outstanding _____

Please contact the Secretary if your records do not agree

**Lodge Letterhead
(Second Dues Notice)**

Dear Brother _____,

In reviewing the lodge records, I notice that I have not received your _____ dues payment.

_____ Lodge is required to send the per capita payment to the Grand Lodge prior to the tenth day of April of each year, so your cooperation in remitting payment at this time would be greatly appreciated.

If you find that you are unable to comply with your dues obligation at this time, please let me know. _____ Lodge has established a fund to assist those brothers in such a situation. It's part of our obligation as Masons to do so and will be done in strict confidence.

Thank you for your support of _____ Lodge and Nebraska Masonry.

Fraternally,

Secretary

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Our records show arrears dues of _____

Total Outstanding _____

Please contact the Secretary if your records do not agree

**Lodge Letterhead
(Third Letter Re: Dues)
From the Master**

Dear Brother _____,

I have been advised by the Secretary that you have not, for whatever reasons, responded to his notices regarding your _____ Lodge dues.

We have determined that, if we truly live by those great Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth, no member should ever be dropped from the rolls for nonpayment of dues. To do so would harm the brother by losing his right to apply for admission into the Nebraska Masonic Home, his ability to visit other lodges, his eligibility for membership awards, his membership in appendant Masonic bodies such as the Shrine, the honor of a Masonic Funeral Service, and all the rights and privileges afforded a Master Mason in good standing.

Because of this and the generosity of your brothers at _____ Lodge through the Millennium Fund, I am pleased to enclose your 200__ dues card. Be assured that this is done in the strictest of confidence.

If we can be of further assistance to you or should circumstances change that would enable you to meet your dues obligation, please contact me.

Fraternally Yours,

Master

**Lodge Letterhead
(Letter to Brother When Dues Received)**

Enclosed is your 200____ Masonic Dues Card!

Dear Brother _____,

Your remittance has been received and it is a pleasure to enclose your 200____ dues card. Sign the card and always carry it with you. It is your record of good standing in this lodge and, upon proper examination, will entitle you admission in lodges around the world.

Your support of Freemasonry, and _____ Lodge No. _____ in particular, is appreciated and we offer the best wishes and kindest regards from the officers and your fellow brethren.

If you know of a prospective member for our beloved Fraternity and don't have a petition or are uneasy in contacting him, please contact the Secretary!

Lodge meets on the _____ of each Month at _____ p.m.
Please join us for fellowship.