

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA

Secretary Quick Reference Guide

<p>What do we do about the membership dues when a member demits?</p>	<p>A brother desiring to demit shall be required to pay dues only for the time he is a member of the lodge, that is, to the end of the month in which he is demitted, but he shall be required to pay in full all special assessments. <i>Sec. 2-601 GL Bylaws</i></p>
<p>When are dues considered late?</p> <p><i>Secretary's Handbook – Page 3-1</i></p>	<p>Dues are payable to subordinate lodges on January 1 of the year for which they are assessed and become <i>delinquent</i> on the 1st day of March of the same year, if not paid by that date.</p> <p>If a member fails to pay his dues on or before April 30 of such year, he shall stand <i>suspended for non-payment of dues</i>, upon approval of the Grand Master . . . <i>Sec. 2-605, 2-513 GL Bylaws</i></p>
<p>Reinstatement after Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues within Three Years</p> <p><i>Secretary's Handbook – Page 3-5</i></p>	<p>Any member suspended for non-payment of dues for less than three years from the date of his suspension, may be reinstated to good standing by <i>bringing his dues current</i>. No action or approval is required by the lodge, and the Master shall announce the member's restoration at the next regular meeting of the lodge.</p> <p>The per capita for each year of suspension (except the current year) <u>must</u> be submitted to the Grand Lodge Office. The per capita for the current year will be included on the Annual Return for the year of reinstatement. <i>Sec. 3-912 GL Bylaws</i></p>
<p>Reinstatement after Three Years of being Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues</p> <p><i>Secretary's Handbook – Page 3-6</i></p>	<p>If the dues for which a brother shall have been suspended shall not be paid or remitted within three years from date of suspension, reinstatement shall not be had except upon favorable secret written ballot of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the subordinate lodge and approval by the Grand Master.</p> <p>Each application for such reinstatement shall be accompanied by the dues for the year for which suspended and the dues for the current year, and the fee associated with the mandatory public records criminal history check referenced in Section 2-808.</p>
<p>Accepting a Petition for Affiliation</p> <p><i>Secretary's Handbook – Page 4-1</i></p>	<p>A subordinate lodge cannot consider a petition for affiliation unless accompanied by a <i>Certificate of Good Standing</i> and a Public Records Criminal History Check. <i>Sec.2-1302 & Sec. 2-808 GL Bylaws</i></p> <p>Any brother desiring to affiliate with another subordinate lodge of Freemasons and to transfer his membership thereto must make a request to his subordinate lodge for the purpose of securing a certificate of good standing. If the brother is in good standing and clear on the books; if no charges are preferred against him; if he has complied with Section 2-402 of the Bylaws, and if he is not an installed officer of the lodge, the Secretary shall issue a certificate of good standing to said brother and shall make a record of such issuance.</p> <p>A petitioner who presents with his petition a Certificate of Good Standing from a parent lodge of this or another Grand Jurisdiction authorized by law shall be subject to the mandatory public records criminal history check and fees associated therewith referenced in Section 2-808.</p>
<p>Petition for Dual/Plural</p> <p><i>Secretary's Handbook – Page 4-5</i></p>	<p>As is the case with a petition for affiliation, a certificate attesting to the brother's good standing in his parent lodge and a Public Records Criminal History Check must be obtained before it can be received and read in lodge.</p> <p>If the brother is a member of a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, it is mandatory the request for a certificate of good standing be routed through the Grand Lodge office. Not all jurisdictions allow plural memberships. If they do, their laws may differ from Nebraska law. Therefore, the Grand Secretary of the appropriate jurisdiction needs to be notified of this brother's intent.</p> <p>A petitioner who presents with his petition a Certificate of Good Standing from a parent lodge of this or another Grand Jurisdiction authorized by law shall be subject to the mandatory public records criminal history check and fees associated therewith referenced in Section 2-808.</p>
<p>An Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft wishes to advance after 5 years has lapsed</p> <p><i>Secretary's Handbook – Page 2-20</i></p>	<p>An Entered Apprentice Mason or a Fellow Craft Mason who has not advanced for a period of five years after taking such degree, must file a petition for advancement to the next degree. <i>Sec. 2-910 GL Bylaws</i></p> <p>Note: The petition for advancement must be done in the original lodge. He will need to be on the lodge rolls as a member after all three degrees are obtained in the original lodge, whether courtesy work is done or not.</p>

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<p>Petition for Advancement Secretary's Handbook – Page 2-20</p>	<p>An EA or FC Mason who has not advanced for a period of five years after taking such degree, must file a petition of advancement to the next degree.</p> <p>The petition for advancement must be done in the original lodge.</p>
<p>Demit Secretary's Handbook – Page 4-10</p>	<p>A demit is completed for a Brother who is either terminating his dual/plural membership with a lodge or is transferring his membership to another lodge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An installed officer of the lodge may not demit until his term has ended • All outstanding dues to be collected <p>Demits from other Grand Jurisdictions <i>must</i> be requested through the Grand Lodge office.</p> <p>➤ All demits require the signature of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Lodge Seal and must be routed through the Grand Lodge office.</p> <p><i>The date of affiliation by transfer is the date on the demit. Sec. 2-1401 GL Bylaws</i></p>
<p>New Candidate Not Initiated after One Year</p>	<p>One who is not initiated within one year after his election must present a new petition which must follow the same course as an original petition. In no case shall a petitioner be required to pay the same fee more than once. <i>Sec. 2-911 GL Bylaws</i></p> <p>If a petitioner has a lawful Masonic residence at the time his petition is received, the subordinate lodge retains jurisdiction of such petitioner for a period of three years from and after the date such petition has been formally accepted. A lodge does not lose jurisdiction, during said three year period of time, by a petitioner's removal, though permanent, previous to receiving the degrees, unless it waives such jurisdiction. It may waive such jurisdiction over a petitioner, Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, who has permanently moved from the jurisdiction. <i>Sec. 2-804 GL Bylaws</i></p>
<p>New Petition after Rejection</p>	<p>After a petition for initiation has been rejected, no petition can be received from the petitioner within six months from the date of the ballot rejecting him. After rejection of a petition for affiliation the petitioner may petition the same lodge or any other subordinate lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction at any time following such rejection. <i>Sec. 2-908 GL Bylaws</i></p> <p>Petitions for Initiation must be in the same lodge if within three years unless a waiver is obtained. <i>Sec. 2-904 GL Bylaws</i></p> <p>Note: Rejections should be reported to the Grand Lodge.</p>
<p>Request for Dispensation to Move Lodge Meeting Day or Time</p>	<p>A change of date and time for the regular communication can only be changed by an amendment to a subordinate lodge's bylaws with approval by the Grand Master. <i>Sec 2-104 GL Bylaws</i></p>
<p>Change in Location of Meeting</p>	<p>Subject to the approval of the Grand Master, a subordinate lodge may move from one building to another in the same town by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, provided that prior notice of the proposed move has been given to all resident members at least one week prior thereto.</p> <p>Subject also to the approval of the Grand Master, a subordinate lodge may move from a building in one town to a building in another town if approved by a majority vote of the members of such lodge present at a regular meeting. Notice of the proposal to move must be given to all members of the lodge at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote to move is taken. <i>Sec. 2-502 GL Bylaws</i></p>
<p>No Longer Wants to be a Member</p>	<p>A member cannot quit. The only options to end a membership in Nebraska are to withdraw for religious scruples, be suspended for non-payment of dues or transfer to another lodge.</p>
<p>Work on Sunday</p>	<p>Degree work is considered a meeting and cannot be conducted on Sunday. <i>Sec. 2-1204 GL Bylaws</i></p>
<p>Waivers of Jurisdiction for Residents of Neighboring States</p>	<p>Nebraska has concurrent jurisdiction with the states of Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming relative to neighboring lodges located in each state. In all other cases, a request for waiver of jurisdiction must be made by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to the Grand Lodge of the state where the potential member has legal residence.</p> <p>Even when concurrent jurisdiction exists, please notify the Grand Lodge, so a courtesy notice can be made to the other Grand Lodge. <i>Sec. 2-805 GL Bylaws.</i></p>