

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### 1. Does my plastic dues card ever expire?

No. Your card is only invalid when dues go unpaid (subject to Lodge policy) or membership is terminated or suspended.

### 2. Why is my card a different color than my Brethren?

Three colors have been used for these dues cards to signify the status of; Master Mason (blue), Past Master (silver), and Past Grand Master (gold). Whichever color of card you have received corresponds to the category you fall into.

### 3. What are the round icons on my card? Why don't they match those of my Brethren?

These are called badges. They're used to signify qualified Masonic milestones including Life Membership, 50+ years of membership, Past Master and Past Grand Master status. Your Lodge Secretary should report any new qualifying achievements to Grand Lodge. Please allow 2-6 weeks for processing. Once received and processed by Grand Lodge, a new dues card will be issued. In order to receive your new card, you will need to submit your old one to your Lodge Secretary. Old, invalid cards should be forwarded to the Grand Lodge office.

### 4. What are "qualified Masonic milestones"?

Qualified Masonic milestones include:

- Purchase of Life Membership
- Membership milestone: 50, 60, 65, 70 or 75 years of membership
- Past Master status
- Past Grand Master status

### 5. Am I going to get a new one every year?

No. The plastic cards were created as a more durable, long-lasting solution for members. The only time you will be issued a new one is if it is; a) lost, b) damaged beyond use, or c) you've achieved a qualifying Masonic milestone, earning a new badge that will be printed on a new card for you (see #9).

### 6. How do I prove my card is current or that I'm "in good standing"?

a) If attending a Lodge you belong to, the Lodge Secretary should have the quarterly report available at each Stated Communication to verify your "good standing."

b) If visiting a Lodge you do not belong to, the visited Lodge Secretary can go to the Grand Lodge website and utilize the Member Lookup tool that allows you to search by Member i.d. online to prove you're "in good standing." Additionally, you can call the Grand Lodge office at (503) 357-3158 during regular business hours for verification.

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c) You can request a travel letter from your Lodge Secretary proving your status if you are to travel within a few days of the dated letter.

### **7. Where is my Member i.d. located on the card?**

You will find your member i.d. printed on the back of your card directly below the bar code.

### **8. What if I lose my card? How do I get a replacement?**

If your dues card is lost or damaged beyond use, you may request a new one for \$1.00, by contacting your Lodge Secretary. Please allow 2-6 weeks for processing. Once issued from the Grand Lodge, you will receive your new dues card directly from your Lodge Secretary.

### **9. What if I pay for a Life Membership or achieve any other “qualified Masonic milestones”?**

Your Lodge Secretary should report any paid Life Memberships and other qualified Masonic milestones (see #4) to Grand Lodge. Please allow 2-6 weeks for processing. Once received and processed by Grand Lodge, a new dues card will be issued noting your achievements. In order to receive your new card after reprinting, you will need to submit your invalid card to your Lodge Secretary. Old, invalid cards should be forwarded to the Grand Lodge office.

### **10. Do I get just one card, though I belong to 10 Lodges?**

No. You will receive one card for each Lodge you belong to. Once you have achieved the status of Past Grand Master, Past Master or 50+ years of membership, that badge will be applied to all your dues cards. Only the Life Membership badge is specific to the Lodge. i.e. If you have a Life Membership with Lyon Lodge but not Union Lodge, only the Lyon Lodge dues card will include the Life Member badge.

### **11. Who do I contact with further questions?**

The first person to contact is your Lodge Secretary. Secondly, if further clarification is needed you may call the Grand Secretary at (503) 357-3158 during normal business hours.

### **12. How do I sign on my plastic card?**

We've made sure to include a signature strip on the back of the card. *Tip: Sign with a permanent felt tip pen and place a strip of Scott tape over the top to prevent smudging.*

### **13. When will a dues card be issued for new members?**

A plastic dues card will be issued when the Master Mason Proficiency has been reported (using form 69.1) to Grand Lodge.