# **Oregon Freemasonry: Frequently Asked Questions on DUES CARDS**

### 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. Membership can be confirmed by any Lodge or member by entering the member ID at <a href="https://oregonfreemasonry.com/verify/">https://oregonfreemasonry.com/verify/</a>.

### 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. I thought Oregon membership cards had round icons on them? Why doesn't my card have those?

Previously, our membership cards had badges on them to signify statuses such as Life Member, 50-Year, etc. In 2025, these were replaced with text for clarity. If you still have a card with the round icons, please request a new dues card from the Grand Lodge office.

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

Qualified Masonic milestones include:

- Purchase of Life Membership
- Membership milestones recognized by Resolution: 50, 60, 65, 70 or 75 years
- 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 label 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"?

The Lodge Secretary should be able to confirm your membership status within Grand View. No matter if you're visiting in or out of state, you may also confirm your membership with the Member Verification tool at <a href="https://oregonfreemasonry.com/verify/">https://oregonfreemasonry.com/verify/</a>.

Additionally, you can login to the Grand View membership database to access a virtual card to present to the Lodge. Should help be needed, you can call the Grand Lodge office at (503) 357-3158 during regular business hours for verification.

Finally, you may also request a travel letter from your Lodge Secretary proving your status if you are to travel within a few days of the dated letter. This is often reserved for out-of-jurisdiction travel.

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### 7. Where is my Member i.d. located?

You will find it printed on the front of your card, just below your name.

# 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. Old, invalid cards should be destroyed.

### 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 label will be applied to all your dues cards. Only the Life Membership label 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 label.

#### 11. 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.

## 12. Why is MasonicAid listed on the back of my dues card?

By printing this on the back of your card, you now have the **MasonicAid helpline (888) 811-3199** at your fingertips. Should you or your family find yourselves in need of case management, information and referral, or financial assistance, you can contact the MasonicAid team to learn more about the member benefits available to you and your loved ones. You can also learn more online at MasonicAid.com.

Have questions? The first person to contact is your Lodge Secretary. Secondly, if further clarification is needed you may call the Grand Lodge office at (503) 357-3158.