



GRAND LODGE FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF WISCONSIN



**PROCEDURE FOR
SUSPENSION OF
MEMBEERS FOR NPD.**
REV: ~ August 2013

SCOPE:

The following outline is provided to help you properly follow the procedure for the suspension of members for NPD (Nonpayment of Dues). At the 169th Annual Communication the procedure for Suspension in Chapter 81 of the WI Masonic Code was changed by the affirmative vote of M.:W.: Grand Master Siewert's recommendation.

CODE DEFINITIONS

Preamble of the WI Masonic Code

Whereas, the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin is an absolute sovereign body with inherent power to form a Constitution as its fundamental law and to enact laws for its own government and that of its constituent lodges, subject to the Ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry; Therefore, this Grand Lodge does hereby ordain, establish and promulgate this Constitution, and every Mason within this Grand Jurisdiction is obligated to obey and conform to the provisions thereof and the laws enacted pursuant thereto.

81.08 Procedure. When a member is eight months in arrears in the payment of his dues, the Secretary shall compile a list of each such member by the first Stated meeting of September and shall submit it to the three principal officers of the lodge. That month one of them shall make contact, in person or by phone with each of such member and complete a Form 81 for each. If payment of such dues has not been made by October first, the Secretary shall send to each such member an official notice of delinquency by first class mail in a sealed envelope with return address thereon. This notice shall be over the signature of the Master, attested by the signature of the Secretary and under the seal of the lodge. It shall be mailed to the last known address of the member, informing him of his indebtedness to the lodge and notifying him that unless the same is paid by November 1st, or unless he shows cause within the said time frame, either in person or in writing to the Master of his lodge why he should not be suspended for nonpayment of dues, the lodge will take action and forward his suspension to the Grand Master.

81.09 Procedure Continued. At the first stated communication of the lodge immediately following November 1st the Secretary shall certify to the lodge the names of all members upon whom a Form 81 has been completed, demand has been made and who are still delinquent. A vote of two-thirds of the members present will be required to send Form 81 on to the Grand Master to finalize the suspension. Having fully complied with the aforesaid provisions and proof of indebtedness having been duly established in each case, Form 81 for each delinquent member will be submitted to the Grand Master for approval no later than December 1st of each year. Upon approval of the Grand Master the Grand Secretary will enter the members suspension into MORI.



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1. When a member is 8 months in arrears (August 1), the Secretary will compile a list of such members for presentation at the first Stated Communication in September.
2. During the month of September one of the three principal officers will communicate with each member on the list either by phone or in person and complete Form 81 for each one.
3. For those Brethren who are not having their dues remitted, payment must be received by October 1st. If payment is not received the Secretary shall send each Brother a notice of delinquency by first class mail signed by the Master and attested to by the Secretary. This letter will indicate a due date of November 1st unless due cause is shown. Refer to §81.08 of the WI Masonic Code
4. At the first Stated Communication after November 1st the Secretary will certify to the lodge the names of all members upon whom Form 81 has been completed, demand made and are still delinquent.
5. A 2/3 vote of the lodge members present will authorize the form to be sent to the Grand Master to finalize the suspension. See §81.09 of the WI Masonic Code

END PROCEDURE