

Important Information – Please read!

Dear Members:

There is an old saying – “Time is of the Essence” and right now for our Lodge that is so true.

As many of you know, we decided to do the automatic membership billing from Grand Lodge. The paperwork was filled out by me, and all was ready to go and it had to be done before December 31, 2023. This method saves us a lot of money in postage, envelopes, paper and time for myself, the office staff and all those volunteers who stuff the envelopes. After I went to mid-term, the State membership chair said every Lodge should be on automatic billing.

During Covid, we lowered our dues for our members because our Lodge was not open but we still had to pay the bills and we thought we could give our members a break since they could not come into our Lodge and enjoy the social quarters.

FAST FORWARD TO TODAY – time does that – it flies! Many of you got your dues statement from Grand Lodge and it has the old membership rate of \$ 60.00 on it but our new rate of \$100.00 was voted on January 11, 2024 and passed on the floor of the Lodge. The statement says you owe \$100.00 which is the old rate of \$60.00 plus the per capita from Grand Lodge and the State. It should read Lodge dues are \$100.00 and the per capita is \$40.00 for a total of \$ 140.00.

We made a mistake by not voting until this year and the membership statements went out on the old rate. We would like to ask our members to please pay the \$140.00 rate.

As your Secretary, I am sorry for any inconvenience or confusion regarding your dues.

Jerrie Dahlen, Secretary