



Oneonta Lodge No. 466, F. & A. M.

Oneonta Masonic Temple

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June 1

Dear Brother _____

We hope this note finds you and yours well. We have not heard from you in awhile, and with the summer beginning we thought that we would cordially and fraternally invite you to the summer events that *Oneonta Lodge No. 466, F&AM* has planned. Attached is our schedule.

The Membership Loss Prevention team has been informed by the secretary of the Lodge that you have not yet paid the last two years' dues. If this is just an oversight please remit your dues at your earliest convenience. You have been a Brother Mason for years, having been raised on _____ in *Oneonta Lodge No. 466*. Your petition lists _____ as your Masonic sponsor and the Master when you were raised was _____.

Our Brothers are the most important asset of *Oneonta Lodge No. 466*. Without you there is no Lodge. We are looking forward to the coming year and invite you to participate as often as you can. Our Membership Loss Prevention Team will be contacting you shortly to touch base with you. Please be open with them about the status of your membership.

Drop me a line or call me to give the Lodge some news about your life. We will read it in Lodge. We would really like to hear from you. Feel free to contact me at _____. Do not hesitate to inform the Lodge of anything that we might be helpful with.

For out of town Brothers the letter should have this insert: "Do you know that as a Master Mason you have the right to visit Lodges in your area? Call me if you need assistance in this regard."

You may be reinstated by sending a letter requesting reinstatement. If you are unemployed or having health or financial problems which preclude you from paying your dues please explain your circumstances. A vote of lodge is required to forgive some or all of your dues and to reinstate you. If you are able please pay all back and current year dues. You may make partial payments by mailing it to the lodge or by going to the website and use Pay Pal.

By-Laws
ARTICLE V
Fees and Dues

Section 4- A member in arrears for dues for the period of one year shall be duly summoned at the next Stated Communication of the Lodge at the expiration of that one year, to appear not later than thirty days thereafter and to pay said arrears of dues. Upon the failure of the member summoned to pay said arrears, said member shall be unaffiliated if so determined by a vote of the lodge.

Section 5- A member unaffiliated in accordance with the provisions of Section 4 shall pay the arrears to the Secretary together with an application for re-instatement. Said member may be re-instated at the next Stated Communication by a majority vote, taken by a show of hands, except that such unaffiliated brother who shall have been unaffiliated for five years or more, shall not again become a member of any Lodge except by unanimous vote by ballot.



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If you wish to affiliate with another lodge you need to pay the dues you owe Oneonta Lodge and receive a clearance from us before you can submit a petition. If you are a member of a concordant body such as Royal Arch, you have one year to get reinstated in a lodge before being dropped from the concordant body.

There are benefits to remaining a member. Please contact the Master or a brother you are comfortable speaking with about the matter.

Cordially and fraternally,

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Treasurer & Assistant Secretary
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W.: Ronald L. Wood, Jr.
Master

W.: Ronald L. Wood, Sr.
Secretary

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Attachments:
Schedule,