

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN A
“NON-AFFILIATED”
AND A
“WILLFULLY NON-AFFILIATED”
MASON?

§ 3.1.178 Dimitted and non-affiliated brethren, unless willful non-affiliates, though living in utter violation of their duty, and neglect of their rights and privileges, are not of that unworthy class who have forfeited all claim upon the sympathy, assistance and charity of the members of the Fraternity -Pro. 1852, p. 12.

§ 3.1.179 Each and every nonaffiliated Mason shall be deemed to be willfully nonaffiliated who shall have acquired a residence, and resided for a period of twelve months within the jurisdiction of any Lodge in this State, and does not make, or has not made, application to some Lodge to affiliate therewith within twelve months after such residence has been acquired. -Pro. 1880, p. 67; Pro. 1904, p. 92.

§ 3.1.180 A dimitted Mason does not become a willful nonaffiliate, in this Grand Jurisdiction, until he has resided, after the issuance of the dimit, twelve months within the jurisdiction of some Lodge. If he continues his residence in the jurisdiction of the Lodge granting the dimit, then the time is to be counted from the date it was granted. But, if he moves from the jurisdiction of that Lodge the time is to be counted, not from the date of the issuance of the dimit, but from the time he acquired a residence within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, in which he continued to reside as long as twelve months. -Pro. 1885, as modified Pro. 1904, p. 92.

§ 3.1.181 All Masonic communications and conversations shall be, and the same are hereby, interdicted and prohibited between the members of the Lodge of this jurisdiction and willfully nonaffiliated Masons. If that applies to nonaffiliated Masons it only makes good sense that it would apply to those who have been expelled and suspended. Visiting at Masonic functions only leads to Masonic conversations, which is strictly prohibited by Law. -Pro. 1880, p. 67; Pro. 1904, p. 92; Pro. 2006, p. 49-50.

§ 3.1.184 A dimitted Mason who fails to apply for affiliation within twelve months is in the attitude of a willfully nonaffiliated Mason, and under the ban of nonintercourse, but is not thereby debarred from applying for affiliation; but on the contrary, all Masons should be encouraged to cease to be drones, become affiliates and thereby remove the ban of nonintercourse. -Pro. 1881, as amended Pro. 1904, p. 92.