

TRADITION 7: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

In order for Dakota Alano Society, Inc. to meet expenses (i.e. rent, electricity, heat, and provide coffee supplies, etc.), the Board of Directors requires that a minimum of 75% of the meeting collections be donated to its treasury. The remaining 25% of the contributions are for the group to use at their discretion. There are some suggestions below.

The group's treasurer is responsible for dividing money collected in the basket, with 75% going to the Dakota Alano and 25% going to the group. Any money collected for purchased literature and medallions from the DAS supply cabinet should then be added to the collection for the House.

Payment is best made by check payable to **The Dakota Alano Society, Inc.**

1. Write a check to "Dakota Alano Society, Inc." for the entire amount going to the House.
2. Put the check in the pre-printed envelope found in the group's mail slot in the kitchen.
3. Indicate on the envelope the dollar values of:
 - Donations (Rent)
 - Literature and Medallions

Also indicate on the envelope the group making the donation by checking the appropriate meeting day and time. Indicate the meeting date(s) to which the amount applies.

An example follows:

Total contributions from the group meeting	\$50.00
Total donation to Dakota Alano Society, Inc @ 75%	\$37.50
Total literature and medallions purchased from cabinet	<u>\$10.50</u>
Total enclosed in envelope	\$48.00

Group retains 25% of total contributions ($50.00 \times .25 = \$12.50$)

With the monies kept aside, each group may support the various A.A. service organizations; and/or buy books, newcomer packets and medallions for the group's use.

One recommended distribution for A.A. services is:

- 50% - Intergroup (Minneapolis and/or St. Paul)
 - 30% - General Service Office (GSO)
 - 10% - District 19 Committee
 - 10% - Southern Minnesota Area Assembly
- (See Section 4.1 for addresses)