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**THE STEWARD FORGOT TO REMIND ME I WAS GOING TO EXPIRE.**

If the steward was reminding you, then she was doing you a favor. It is your responsibility to remember your dues, just like it is your responsibility to remember when your rent is due, and your electric bill, too.

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**THERE WASN'T AN EVENT, SO I COULDN'T PAY.**

There may not have been an event, but there was a post office. Dues are not tied to events, even though it may be more convenient to pay at an event.

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**DID MY MEMBERSHIP REALLY LAPSE?**

There is a 30-day grace period after your expiration date. Are you expired past that 30 days? If you are expired past that 30 days, then, yes, you have lapsed.

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**DOES A LAPSE REALLY MATTER?**

Yes. Please see FAQ 10 for more information on returning after a lapse.

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**WHAT IS THE JULY 1 DATE?**

In 2002, the Imperial Estates decided to have everyone expire on July 1.

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**WHAT IF I JOINED IN DECEMBER?**

You would have paid a pro-rated membership (for the time between December and July). Your expiration date would have been July - the same as the rest of the Empire.