## SECTION 3.1 PLEDGES

Pledges are a personal commitment to help maintain the facility for the Dakota Alano Society, Inc. Pledging is giving something "extra" to keep the doors of the House open.

The benefits of being a pledging member are being able to express your gratitude in recovery and helping others to do the same.

The amount of your pledge is not important. An amount of \$0.50 per month is just as important as \$10.00 per month. We do ask one thing: when you make a pledge, try to meet it. Pledges are a private matter. No names of individuals or amounts are published.

Should you wish to become a pledging member, complete the Pledge Form, which may be found in the kitchen mail area, and place it in the Board's Treasurer's mail slot

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Are my donations tax-deductible?

Donations to The Dakota Alano Society, Inc may be tax deductible. Dakota Alano is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Consult your tax advisor for your eligibility.

### Should I discontinue making contributions at group meetings?

Pledges are intended to be above and beyond what you give at your individual meetings. According to AA's 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, each group must be self-supporting. Your pledge is to assist the house in supporting all meetings held there.

#### What's the purpose of the pledges?

Pledges from AA members provide benefits to the house and to the member:

Benefits to the House:

Reliable source of defined contributions and cash flow

Ability to plan for needed growth in the reserve funds

Increase the funds in prudent reserve

Benefits to the AA Member:

Planned giving based on helping the house to meet A.A.'s primary purpose: to help alcoholic who still suffers

Contributions may be tax deductible

IRS Reporting requirements will be met by Dakota Alano Society, Inc

Anonymity of contributions will be maintained

#### What if I need to discontinue my pledge?

Simply contact the Treasurer of Dakota Alano who will be happy to immediately discontinue your pledge commitment.

#### If I put a check in the basket, will that be tracked for a tax-deductible statement?

No, it is not practical to track contributions made by check outside the pledge drive. We have to assume this was a check written on behalf of a group.

#### Will I get an end of year statement?

Yes, by Jan. 31, you will get a summary of all your giving. If you need one at any other time, simply contact the Treasurer of Dakota Alano, who will supply you with a summary.

### Who can I contact if I have additional questions?

You may talk to any Board Member, or feel free to contact the Treasurer of Dakota Alano Society.