



Gaston County Republican Party Century Club Protocol

Effective January 1, 2019

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Century Club is to raise money for the work of the Gaston County Republican Party.

LEVELS: There are four levels of the Century Club.

1. Member - Contribution of \$100.00
2. Silver Member - Contribution of \$250.00
3. Gold member - Contribution of \$500.00
4. Platinum member - Contribution of \$1,000.00

PERIOD:

- a. A Century Club membership lasts for one year from January 1st through December 31st.
- b. Every calendar year starting in January, a new Century Club membership list will begin.

HOW TO ATTAIN A CENTURY CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

- a. In order to become a member, a citizen must donate a minimum of \$100.00 to the Gaston County Republican Party.
- b. If a person wants to become a Silver Level member or higher, he/she can pay the entire amount at one time or can start at the \$100.00 membership level and increase in no less than \$10.00 increments.

RIGHTS OF ACCUMULATION:

- a. A person can donate amounts not less than \$10.00 that will be combined and, when the total contribution equals \$100.00, they will be added to the Century Club list.
- b. A person can also donate amounts during the year to be accumulated toward Silver, Gold, or Platinum member status. No member will be elevated to the higher level until the accumulated amount donated reaches the required level.
- c. The treasurer will make every effort to keep track of these accumulated amounts but, since there is no secondary system to check for mathematical errors, those members using this accumulation method of Century Club status are asked to keep track of their accumulate amounts, and notify the Treasurer if their name is left off the list in error.

RULES:

- a. Donations must be made in U.S. currency only via check or credit card. No cash donation in excess of \$50.00 is allowed by state law.
 1. The best way to donate to the Century Club ensuring 100% of your donation will be used for GOP issues is to donate by check.

- b. All those making a donation must provide the following information which is required by election law:
 - a. Full name
 - b. Mailing address
 - c. Phone Number
 - d. E-mail address
 - e. Occupation
 - f. Employer (or state you are retired)
- c. If a person makes a donation through a digital source, such as Square, that person will get full credit for their donation even though a service fee is charged to the Party.
 - 1. It is encouraged but not mandatory that a person making a Century Club donation via the Internet add to his/her contribution in order to cover the service fee. This allows the Party to raise more money for GOP efforts.
- d. Can a person donate items of value to become a Century Club member? **YES, IF:**
 - a. the Party has requested the "In-Kind Donation" and/or
 - b. the "In Kind Donation" has been approved by the officers and
 - c. the value of the "In-Kind Donation" is at least \$100.00 and such value is verifiable.
- e. Can a person purchase an item at the Lincoln Day Dinner auction to become a Century Club member? **NO.** Lincoln Day auction items do not count for Century Club.
- f. Does the \$10.00 annual county convention or any other convention fee go toward century club membership? **NO.** Convention fees and other dues do not count for Century Club.
- g. Can a person donate services to become a Century Club member? **NO.** Only donations of currency or approved items of verified monetary value will count for the Century Club.
- h. Can a person ask for a return of his/her donation to the Century Club? **NO.**
- i. Can a person make a donation to the Century Club on behalf of another person: **YES;**
 - a. While this is allowed, the person making the donation must provide their personal information in accordance with state election laws.
- j. Can a person become an honorary member without a donation? **NO.** Only those citizens who make a donation or have a donation made on their behalf will be included.

BENEFITS:

- a. Members get the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping Republican issues.
- b. Members' names will be announced in the monthly Executive Committee meeting via the Treasurer's report, showing their friends and colleagues that they openly and proudly support the Republican Party and its mission.
- c. Members' names will be included in the Lincoln Day Dinner event program.
- d. Members' names will be included on other literature published by the Gaston GOP.
- e. Members' names will be included on the Gaston GOP website at www.gastongop.org.