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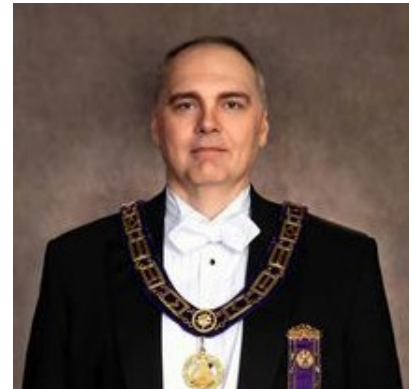
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W.H. "Bill" Guy
Worshipful Master
2025/2026



David Elliott Lodge # 364
Chartered June 09, 1873



Most Worshipful
Jim Rumsey
2026/2027

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NEXT STATED MEETING: March 03, 2026 @ 7:00 PM MEAL AT 6:15 PM

1. The Stated Meeting meal for February 2026 was provided & served by Rex & Carole McGee. The March 2026 meeting meal will be provided by OES.
2. Please remember your sick brothers and their families and pray for them. Remember our bereaved brethren and pray for God's caressing hands upon them.

3. LEO Training for February is scheduled for February 16, 2026, @ 6:30 pm. Items to be covered are DDGM reception and Open/Close of MM Lodge. If you will be working in a position that receives the DDGM the WM requests that you attend this training.

4. The second Fundraiser was held on **Saturday, January 31, 2026, from 8:00 am until 11:00 am.** We served a total of 73 people. We had 8 Masons working at the Fundraiser and had 4 visiting Masons from other Lodges and one Omaha OES member. Carole McGee carried the table covers to cleaners that were soiled and got them cleaned for the Lodge as well as donating enough plastic throw-away table covers for the next fundraiser to prevent soiling the linen table covers.

The third Pancake Fundraiser will be on Saturday, April 25, 2026. The Lodge will also present the Community Builders Award to this year's recipient as well as present the Community Grant Award to the 2026 recipient on the same day. The local newspaper will be present to cover the activities, and the WM is requesting that all members and families attend these events to support the Lodge in meeting its community goals.

5. **The Annual Grand Communication was held in Waco, Texas January 15-17, 2026.**

Summary of 2026 Resolutions

Holdover resolution from 2025 adopted.

- 1 Through 4. Withdrawn
5. Amended & Adopted
6. Amended & Adopted
7. Amended & Adopted
8. Adopted
9. Adopted
10. Adopted
11. Amended & Adopted
12. Adopted
13. Tabled
14. Postponed
15. NOT Adopted
16. Adopted
17. Postponed
18. Adopted
19. Postponed
20. Withdrawn.
21. Adopted
22. Withdrawn.
23. Adopted
24. Adopted

Grand Lodge Elected Officers:

Jim Rumsey-MWGM

Justin P. Duty-RWDGM

Chip Green-RWGSW

John Wilkerson-RWGJW

Richard Townsend-RWGT

Brad Billings-RWGS

Right Worshipful Bryan Vaught is the new District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District # 6 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas

6. TXMCF notified the Secretary that his request for matching funds for the scholarship, Community Grant & Honorarium Program has been approved for MY 2026.
7. The new sign at the intersection of Hwy. 67 & Big-League Bend has been completed. Many thanks to Brothers Betts & Cason for the work put in on this project. The Naples **Monitor** had a nice article about our new sign and our activity in the community.

LEO TRAINING

The Junior Warden in Masonic lodges is responsible for overseeing the lodge during refreshment, meals, and ensuring the conduct of members aligns with Masonic principles.

Key Responsibilities (These responsibilities are common to Lodges. Each Lodge through practice, tradition, & by-laws may stipulate other duties to meet lodge goals)

The Junior Warden is the 3rd in line within the Masonic lodge hierarchy and helps the lodge to run smoothly, both at labor and at refreshment.

ASSISTANT OFFICER: In Freemasonry, Junior Warden is an elected officer in the Lodge. His position is similar to a Vice-President.

JEWEL: His Jewel of Office is the Plumb, which is a stonemason instrument used for ascertaining the alignment of a vertical surface. It symbolizes upright behavior among Masons.

REFRESHMENT: He sits in the South (symbolic of the position of the sun at midday) and is responsible for the brethren while the Lodge is at ease or refreshment.

It is his to arrange all meals for the lodge, and, typically, the 2 Stewards act as his assistants in this regard. Symbolically, it is also his duty to make certain that the members do not convert their refreshment into intemperance or excess.

Which Officers Can Open the Lodge? The Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden or a Past Master may open the lodge if the ranking officer is unable to attend the meeting.

JUNIOR WARDEN DUTIES

The term Warden is derived from the Middle English word "wardein" and from the Anglo-French word wardein, gardein, from warden to guard dated around the 13th century.

The word Warden has many different meanings in today's world. Its basic meaning is one having care or in charge of something with supervisory duties or with the enforcement of specified laws or regulations.

1. To assist the Worshipful Master in the performance of his duties.
2. To discharge those duties which ancient usage has assigned to the station of the Junior Warden.
3. During the absence of the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden, to succeed and be in charge with all the powers and duties of the Worshipful Master.
4. To prefer charges against a Mason guilty of un-Masonic conduct and present such charges to the Master of the Lodge.
5. To be responsible for all refreshments served at the Lodge.
6. To keep an attendance record for all Lodge functions whereby refreshments are served. (an ongoing count which is necessary to plan for future events in order to ensure there is the correct amount of food and supplies ordered).
7. Entertainment Committee along with the Senior and Junior Stewards.
8. To serve either as a Committee Chairman or Member of any committee that the Worshipful Master may request his services.
9. To assist the Senior Warden with the execution of his duties as required.
10. To attend all Lodge functions (Stated or Called, Lodge social events and other Lodge Functions).
11. To attend the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

Like all other officers of the Masonic lodge, Junior Warden's understanding and performance of his duties creates harmony within the lodge and promotes the brotherhood of its members.

*Support the Shriners Children Hospital System,
The Scottish Rite Hospital, and the St. Jude
Children's Hospital System with a monthly
contribution.*

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