

David Elliott Lodge # 364 Newsletter

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NEXT STATED MEETING June 07, 2022 @ 7:00 PM

MEAL AT 6:15 PM

1. Right Worshipful Bill Guy, DDGM--Dist 6., of the MWGLofTX honored our Lodge with an informal visit.
2. We just completed our third and final fundraiser for this Masonic Year. The three fundraisers have brought in a total of \$2752.50 to the Lodge treasury.
3. Brother Brock announced that the Scholarship committee has completed its work and recommended two students to receive \$1000.00 scholarships each.
4. Worshipful Master Holland appointed a Nomination Committee to take suggestions and make recommendations for offices in the Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year. The committee will make recommendations in the stated meeting, June 07, 2022. Nominations, per Grand Lodge law, will also be taken from the floor. If you have a desire to hold an office, you should discuss your desire with the committee. The committee is composed of Fred Holcomb, Howard Barron & Wayne Cason.
5. **The yearly election will be held at Stated Meeting on June 07, 2022, per GL law.**
6. This year the DDGM must attest to the accuracy submitted on the GL Form 101 which must be completed on each "line" officer prior to installation.
7. Lodge Award programs such as Member service awards, Ladies appreciation night, Lamar Medals, Community Builder Awards, Widows recognition has been discussed with the current & incoming Worshipful Masters since COVID appears to be waning to the point activities may be resumed. Both indicated an interest in starting back with said programs in addition to the scholarships, fantastic teeth programs and the four way stop Shriners children fundraiser. These programs are a fantastic way to stimulate member interest and generate positive public relations within the community.
8. The 150th Year celebration of David Elliott Lodge is scheduled for June 23, 2023.
9. The OES has scheduled an initiation at the Lodge for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2022.
10. [Your dues for Masonic Year 2022 are payable by June 23, 2022, to avoid suspension.](#)

*Support the Shriners, Scottish Rite & St. Jude's
Hospital systems for Children.*

Masonic Education

ELECTIONS:

Art. 290. (326). Method of Voting. Officers must be elected in open Lodge. A separate vote must be taken for each elective office which shall be by written ballot where two or more Brethren are nominated. In the event no brother has a majority, the ballot will be repeated until such result is attained. Blank votes shall not be considered in determining the results. Vote may be taken by show of hands when there is only one nomination for an office. Nominating speeches are prohibited.

Art. 292. Time of Election. All elective officers of the Lodge which include the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and such other officers as the by-laws may prescribe, shall be elected at the last stated meeting of the Lodge prior to midnight of June 23. Such election may be held in the Lodge opened in the Entered Apprentice Degree, provided that if no Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason is present, it shall be the option of the Worshipful Master to open said meeting on either the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, or master's degree, at or after the usual hour for opening provided in the by-laws. Election must be concluded at this meeting, and may not be postponed, and must be concluded by midnight if stated meeting is on Saturday or June 23. All other officers shall be appointed as soon thereafter as convenient.

Art. 298. (336). Time of Installation. All officers shall be installed on June 24, the day of the Feast of St. John the Baptist, or at any stated or called meeting thereafter prior to midnight on the last day of July; provided, however, that no officer shall be installed on Sunday. Otherwise, the old officers hold over as provided in Art. 293, unless installed in another office, in which case Art. 306 applies. It is not necessary that all officers be installed at the same time. Art. 299. (337). Place of Installation. Except as otherwise provided by law, the officers of a Lodge must be installed at a place within the territorial jurisdiction of their Lodge, except in the case of a joint installation.

Art. 305. New Appointment: When. When an appointive officer is found to be disqualified, or dies, or moves out of the Lodge's jurisdiction before he is installed, another appointment may be made to fill the office. Art. 306. Elective Office Vacant. Except as provided in Article 277 when an elective officer is found to be disqualified or fails from any cause to be installed within the time prescribed by Masonic law, and the officer filling said office the previous year has been installed into another office, the said office shall remain vacant until the next regular election, and shall be filled pro tempore, at each meeting of the Lodge.

THINGS TO PONDER AS AN ELECTED OFFICER (Excerpt from the GLOT OLT course)

As an elected officer of your Lodge, you are indeed a responsible party who may have to answer to authorities if the Lodge is run negligently. The legal term is "FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY". A fiduciary is a person who holds a legal or ethical relationship of trust with one or more other parties. In a masonic Lodge, the principal fiduciaries are the Master, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Consider this, suppose a Lodge fails to file their 990 for several years and eventually, the IRS pulls that Lodge's status as a non-profit fraternal organization. Suddenly, the Lodge becomes responsible for paying taxes they had not planned for. What happens if they cannot pay? Who does the IRS go to for the payment of the taxes? It could be the officers because those were the people who had the fiduciary responsibility. Remember, as elected officers of the Lodge, they have fiduciary responsibility and can be held accountable if a court of law finds that their duty to care for the Lodge was neglected. This extends to Lodge finances as well.

As a fiduciary of your Lodge, you want to make sure that the masonic, civil, and legal business of the Lodge is managed and that the assets of the Lodge are protected. This includes members and making sure our Lodges are safe and prepared in the event of an emergency involving a member or guest.