

David Elliott Lodge # 364 Monthly Update

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Worshipful Master

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David Elliott Lodge # 364

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2025/2026

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NEXT STATED MEETING: July 01, 2025, 7:00 PM MEAL AT 6:15 PM

1. The Stated Meeting meal was provided by Carole McGee & Rick Holland. We need a volunteer for the meal on July 01, 2025.
2. Please remember your sick brothers and their families and pray for them.
3. The next LEO Training scheduled for June 16 has been cancelled due to a subsequent booking of the Lodge for that night.
4. The Community Builder Award Committee nominated Melba Craig and the staff of the *Naples Monitor* as their 2025 Community Builder Award recipient. The CBA will be presented on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at 3:00 pm at the Lodge. Refreshments will be served to guests by members of the OES after the presentation program.
5. The Lodge sign that is located on the road (Hwy.67) in front of the Rear of the Steer has been located and will be affixed to the post one more time. Brother Betts is looking at alternatives.
6. Brother Wayne Cason received his fifty (50) Year service award on Saturday May 17, at 10:00 am at the Lodge. Refreshments were served immediately after the Award presentation in the Community Room of the Lodge.



7. The election for the ensuing Masonic Year of 2025/2026 was held with the following results:

ELECTED OFFICERS

- WM---Bill Guy**
- SW---Rusty Hughes**
- JW---Joe Reynolds**
- Treasurer---Garrett Lyons**
- Secretary---Rex McGee**

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

- SD---Casey Betts**
- JD---Rick Holland**
- SS---Fred Holcomb**
- JS---Jerome Elder**
- Tiler---Jerry Rook**

8. David Elliott Lodge presented four five-hundred-dollar (\$500.00) scholarships to students. In addition, two Lamar Medals and an Honorarium of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) were presented to recipients in the May 2025 Scholarship program at Paul Pewitt CISD.



Kyler Richey, Avery Perry, Calleigh Wilson and Clair Wilson



Garrett Lyons, Lauren Day, School Counselor, Jerome Elder



Garrett Lyons, Gillian Lum, Tonya Briggs, Lamar Medal Recipients & Jerome Elder

LEO TRAINING

“IS LODGE CONSOLIDATION A DIRTY WORD?”

Taken from an article in “Freemason Information”

The ideal time to consider consolidation is when both or all lodges have something of value to offer the others. I look at lodge consolidations like a corporate merger. They work best when both lodges have significant ‘assets’ to offer the other. This is a key point. If lodges wait until they are near bankruptcy, either financially or in terms of having very few active brethren. At that time, I believe they probably should just turn in their warrant, as they have very little to offer a potential ‘partner’ going forward. Unfortunately, in all too many cases, the same lack of lodge planning, egos, stubbornness and a lack of foresight that got the

lodge to the point of collapse can cause the demise of what otherwise could have been a successful consolidation of one or more lodges if planned earlier. Lodge planning is key. What steps need to be taken? If it appears that consolidation is a consideration, then the worshipful Master, with guidance from experienced Past Masters and perhaps your DDGM and Grand Lodge Committee on Warranted Lodges should:

1. Form a committee. Your committee needs to consider what lodge(s) would be suitable 'targets' to consider approaching for consolidation. Some of the areas to consider might be A. What is the culture and feeling of the lodge? How closely does their culture mesh with your own?
 - B. What are their goals and objectives? Are they a 'social' lodge or one that focuses on education? Again, a good fit?
 - C. What type of work do they do?
 - D. Where would you meet and when? As hard as it might be to believe, some lodges are very inflexible regarding meeting dates and times.
 - E. Be realistic. What strengths do you have to offer? What weaknesses do you need to improve on?
 - F. Be committed to compromise and sharing.
2. Visit the other lodge regularly. We normally date before we marry, and so we should do likewise with a potential consolidation
3. Contact the other lodge, preferably in writing. You would want to explain in your letter that you are seeking a possible consolidation, and would they be interested in forming a committee to explore the possibly with your lodge? While you may have already had some informal discussions on the matter it's best to properly document the process so it can be properly presented to your lodge for a vote, if it proceeds to that stage.
4. If the other lodge is open to the idea some of the key factors to discuss with their committee may include:
 - A. Finances.
 - B. Meeting location and times.
 - C. Ritual.
 - D. Lodge name and number. The name & number can be a contentious issue.
 - E. Officers who will be Worshipful Master and filling the other offices? Ideally a mixture.
 - F. What needs to be done to keep the newly formed lodge healthy going forward?
5. Provided the two committees agree to recommend consolidation to their brethren, organize an informal meeting together with both lodges. This is a key step that should not be ignored. express his concerns and be heard. This will help allay the concerns of some who may only attend lodge infrequently just show up to vote against the consolidation

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REMEMBER YOUR FATHER ON FATHER'S DAY

