

# DAVID ELLIOTT LODGE # 364 MONTHLY UPDATE

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



**David Elliott Lodge # 364**  
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**NEXT STATED MEETING: January 06, 2026 @ 7:00 PM MEAL AT 6:15 PM**

1. The Stated Meeting meal for December 2025 was provided & served by Cole Smith. Brother Holland provided the dessert. Brother Reynolds provided the tea & Ice. The January meeting meal will be provided by Joe Reynolds.
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. Brother Tommy G. Heard passed away and his funeral will be at the Naples Methodist Church at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, December 03, 2025. A donation by the

Lodge will be made to Chambers Hospice in memory of the deceased brother. Brother Joe Reynolds's son passed away, and his funeral will be at 2:00 pm at the Old Union Baptist Church east of Mt. Pleasant.

3. The Lodge has been winterized on the outside and the rules for colder months are now in effect related to heating of the building during possible inclement weather.
4. **LEO Training for December 2025 is cancelled.**
5. The second Fundraiser will be on **Saturday, January 31, 2026, from 8:00 am until 11:00 am.** Advertising and media contacts will begin on January 01, 2026.
6. **Dues are payable no later than December 31, 2025, to remain in good standing with your Lodge. Dues are \$100.00 per year.**
7. The Community Builder Award Committee was activated. Brothers Munkres, Lyons, Williams & Holcomb were appointed to serve on the committee. The nominations are due to Mark Munkres, Committee Chair, by February 01, 2026.
8. Brother Betts continues to work on the Masonic sign on the road and will have it completed ASAP. He is currently reviewing the Highway right-of-way to determine if the new sign will comply with right-of-way standards.
9. The widow's program was discussed. Carole McGee is gathering the merchandise for the baskets. The baskets will be delivered in a couple of weeks by volunteers. The Secretary will contact those to deliver baskets of the date & time. It appears we have fifteen widows this year.
10. The Worshipful Master followed through with his suggestion of the Lodge assisting a local family at Christmas. Brother McGee made a motion to assist a family and suggested providing an amount of assistance. The motion received a second and passed unanimously. Brother Secretary will get with local agencies of the community to determine a family to be helped.
11. The Building & Property Committee is still evaluating the possibility of utilizing the New Lodge insurance program. Currently, we do not know the price of liability for the Lodge and cannot make a decision until this is known. We are also giving the new program time to shake out some of the issues with the program. Line Officers & the Building & Property Committee will meet again once all information is received to propose a recommendation for Lodge approval.

## A MASONIC CHRISTMAS POEM

by Gregory Preston

‘Twas the night before Christmas at Freemason’s Hall  
Where the Lodge was busy and the orders were tall;  
Reams from Grand Lodge, a notice of motion,  
A ballot or two and a pause for devotion  
To brethren departed of the months gone before,  
Plus a candidate who would soon walk the floor.  
Our own Junior Warden, when facing the crunch  
Said” Let’s call off and all go for lunch”.  
The Master replied, as Masters all do,  
Intoned in a voice reserved for the few  
“Before we partake of fellowship there,

Is a summons to read and a ballot to clear –  
Not to mention the candidate quaking with dread  
At the stories of whether the goat has been fed”.  
The Master, exhorting the brethren to work,  
With a firm grip on the gavel, turned with a jerk  
To the Secretary, putting shine to each lens,  
Polishing both to a lustre, and reached for his pens.  
“It’s half past the hour”, the Master then winced  
At the stuff left to do, and remained unconvinced  
That the evening would go as smoothly as hoped  
Since he’d gone to the trouble of “feeding the goat”  
“Though the ballot’s behind us and notice is gone,  
Grand Lodge is finished, but the work still goes on.”  
The Inner guard knew, as the Tyler did too,  
That knock, knock, knock was the right thing to do.  
Sidebenchers slept soundly and were only stirred  
When a crack of the candidate’s knuckles were heard.  
The slight groan that penetrated lips pursed  
Appeared to the Deacon as just a light curse.  
Onward they travel, the guide and the man,  
Seeking truth and enlightenment wherever they can.  
The secrets were given, the grip and the token  
Obligations were offered, the words then were spoken.  
Though never, not once, was one heard to gloat  
As the Entered Apprentice never did meet the goat.  
The evening now ended, the candidate clear,  
Junior Warden entreats from the south us to hear.  
The oath we looked forward to right from the start  
“Happy to meet, and sorry to part”.  
Christmas had come to the members that night  
As men came together under the light  
Giving freely of time as a labour of love  
As they bent to the task of the Most High above.

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