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Brethren, this notice is being sent to the top 5 officers of each lodge as it outlines 2 Critical issues that need to be taken care of in your Lodge asap.

1. Ad Valorum – for property tax exemption
2. New Property Survey for Property Insurance Quote

Please see below for detailed information on each item.

1. Ad Valorum: MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE 30TH (2 DAYS LEFT).

Most of you have already filed for your property tax exemption with your local counties. This is essential to do by April 30th. If you own property and have not filed yet, this is your reminder.

Every lodge in Texas now has a letter from the Comptroller in Grandview. Top 5 officers can click "Lodge" in the top right of their portal to go to their lodge page. Once on your lodge page in Grandview, on the left is an icon of a couple of folders. Click that to go to your file vault. Expand the "Other" tab, and you should see your lodge's letter from the Comptroller.

Download and print out that letter. Take it along with Form 50-299 (<https://comptroller.texas.gov/forms/50-299.pdf>) to your local county to file. On Form 50-299, you'll detail your property, and be sure to check "yes" the first box in Section 4 for being "engaged primarily in performing charitable functions." That is what the Comptroller's letter says about your lodge. The year you applied for that determination is 2025.

I recommend hand delivering and getting it stamped. We don't want anyone to lose their tax exemption!

2. New (potential) Insurance Program survey

We are aware of the exponential increase in insurance costs, and we are working on trying to find a property insurance solution for the Lodges of Texas. We are already on our 4<sup>th</sup> attempt, but we are determined to find something that utilizes our economies of scale to produce real savings for your Lodge.

In order to get real quotes, we need real information about your property. Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey. This is not committing you to anything at this point. It will be used to obtain a quote which you can later choose to accept or reject, but by grouping hundreds of lodges across the State, we hope to receive substantial savings over your individual policies. The due date to fill out this survey and be considered in the initial round of this program is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please use the following link or QR code to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KKRD9J9>

