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GRAND SECRETARY'S MONTHLY COMMUNICATION

JUNE 2026

SECRETARIES and my Brothers all – Welcome to this month's edition of the Grand Secretary's Newsletter. This edition includes the following:

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PLEASE COMMUNICATE THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR MEMBERS, AS APPROPRIATE. I recommend you print this communication and bring it to your stated meeting for discussion. This communication is automatically provided electronically to all lodges with the capability to use the GrandView system. Individual Master Masons of the Grand Lodge of Texas can sign up by contacting the Grand Secretary's Office at (254) 753-7395 or gs@grandsecretaryoftx.org, or by registering your membership through the Member Portal.

PRODUCT OF THE MONTH

Texas Past Masters Jewel



Designed by Michael Cote II and produced by the Masonic Supply Shop (the same guys that make the Texas Lewis Jewel), this silver-toned jewel will make a great addition to all Texas Past Masters' regalia.

Like the Lone Star Apron, we have used our economies of scale to drive down the price to an affordable \$149.99 while still receiving a portion of each sale to support your Grand Lodge!

Whether you are coming out of the East or if you've been a PM for years, please show your pride as a Past Master and support your Grand Lodge by purchasing this impressive **Texas Past Masters Jewel!**

PLEASE READ

GRAND MASTER'S DECISIONS

Decision 7 – 2026

QUESTION: Is it lawful for a lodge to charge a fee to grant a Petition for Advancement?

DECISION: Article 434a of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas was amended in 2022 to do away with the fees for advancement. Therefore, a constituent lodge of the Grand Lodge of Texas may not charge a fee associated with a Petition for Advancement.

Decision 8 – 2026

QUESTION: Can a lodge, as a lessee of a property, hold a tiled meeting at the same time the lessor has rented and made the venue available, excluding the lodge room and anterooms, for a non-Masonic event where alcohol is being served?

DECISION: Yes. The lodge, as a lessee of a property, has no control over the lessor's actions regarding the use of the non-Masonic portions of the property, provided those actions by the lessor are not in conflict with the terms of the lease with the lodge. Article 224 says in part, "Constituent Lodges may meet in buildings where alcoholic beverages may from time to time be served." The statute continues and denotes that "...appendant Masonic organizations may, from time to time, serve alcoholic beverages, so long as service is not in progress while the lodge is open there...." The prohibition on serving alcoholic beverages while a lodge is holding a tiled meeting only applies to the service of alcoholic beverages by appendant Masonic organizations. Further, article 224c only applies to buildings owned by the Grand Lodge of Texas or any of its constituent lodges. Therefore, a lodge who is a lessee in a building may hold tiled meetings in its lodge room while alcoholic beverages are being served by another non-Masonic tenant of the building.

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Grand Lodge Trustees Meeting

The Grand Lodge of Texas Trustees will meet via Zoom on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 5:00 PM Central Time.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84190370101?pwd=0DWIW1UQwJbyfl2QP1bL25iz7ldmTD.1>

Meeting ID: 841 9037 0101

Passcode: 647798

NPD

The window for suspensions (NPD) is now open through midnight June 23rd. Please do not wait until the last minute to enter them. The best practice would be to enter them early and check back and review them closer to June 23rd. There will be no suspensions (NPD) after the June 23rd midnight deadline.

Annual Returns

When paying the annual return, PLEASE pay the total amount at the bottom, NOT the assessable member amount at the top. We had several Lodges pay the top amount last year and it caused more work for our office and for the Lodge.

– Cindy

June Deadlines: Officer Elections and Endowed Membership Price Changes

The last stated meeting prior to midnight on June 23rd is the deadline for two annual votes: the election of officers under Article 292 and any change to the Lodge's endowed membership purchase price under Article 318a. Both votes must be held at that same meeting, and any change to the endowed membership price is effective June 24th. See the Monthly Law Reading below for the controlling text and practical points for Secretaries.

Entering Lodge Elections into GrandView

Elected Officers must be entered by June 23rd, or you will lose access to GrandView on the 24th. The only way to get access after that will be to call the office. Appointed Officers can be added closer to installation, but please go ahead and enter the elected officers as soon as possible. After you enter a person's name in an office, you MUST hit the red "Elect" button for GrandView to process it. If you don't hit the red button beside each office, that office will not be entered into GrandView. If you need a refresher, you can find one toward the bottom of your Resources and Forms tab. It is a walkthrough entitled "Entering the Annual Election of Officers in GrandView."

Public Contact Info

Brother Secretaries, many of you have begun receiving membership inquiries from non-Masons via email. These come through the Grand Lodge website and have been directed to your Lodge (and at least two others) according to proximity. Importantly, I am using the "Lodge Contact Information" in GrandView for this purpose. Please consider the Lodge Contact Information in GrandView to be for public use. I will never share a Secretary's personal email or phone number UNLESS IT IS THE SAME AS THE LODGE CONTACT INFORMATION. If you do not want non-Masons having your email address, feel free to create a new gmail account for your Lodge and enter that into the Lodge Contact Information section. Be sure and check it though as I am actively sending people your way. Any email sent from me to a Secretary's email will only have Masons included on it. Any email sent from me to the Lodge Contact Information email may have non-Masons included in it.

Zachary Haston

READ PORTIONS APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR LODGE

MONTHLY LAW READING – TWO JUNE DEADLINES: ELECTIONS AND ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP PRICE CHANGES

Two of the more time-sensitive votes a Lodge takes each year share the same deadline and, by design, the same meeting. The annual election of officers under Article 292 and the annual vote to fix the purchase price of an endowed membership under Article 318a are both tied to the last stated meeting prior to midnight of June 23, and any change to the endowed membership purchase price takes effect June 24.

Art. 292. Time of Election. – a. All elective officers of the Lodge which include the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and such other officers as the by-laws may prescribe, must 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 by the by-laws. Election must be concluded at this meeting, and may not be postponed, and must be concluded by midnight if the stated meeting is on Saturday or June 23. All other officers shall be appointed as soon thereafter as convenient. (Revised 2007)

Art. 318a. Endowed Membership, paragraph 2(a). – The purchase price for an endowed membership shall be fixed annually by the Endowed Lodge as may be determined by a majority vote of the members present; provided that such purchase price shall be a multiple of \$100 (\$100 being the par

value of an endowment unit) and shall be not less than \$500 (5 endowment units). The vote to fix the purchase price for an endowed membership shall be had at the time provided by Article 292 and any change in the purchase price shall be effective June 24.

These two articles work together. The election of officers sets the leadership for the coming year; the annual endowed membership price vote sets the entry point for new endowments in that same year. Both must be decided on the same June meeting. A Lodge that wants to raise or lower its endowed membership price for the year cannot wait until July, and a Lodge that does nothing simply carries the existing price forward.

Two practical points for Secretaries. First, when posting the notice for the last stated meeting prior to June 23, include both items on the call: election of officers, and, if applicable, a vote on the endowed membership purchase price. Second, remember that an increase in the endowed membership purchase price does not affect Brethren who are already on an installment plan under Article 318a, paragraph 7. Their previously agreed terms remain in force under paragraph 2(d).

Finally, the effective date for any change in the endowed membership purchase price is fixed by statute at June 24. The new price applies to endowed memberships purchased on or after that date, regardless of when the Lodge ratified the change at its June meeting.

– Jeremy R. Johnson, PM

STATISTICS

Officer Qualifications

It's June, and that means we're right in the thick of election season. Grand Lodge sets qualification requirements to be elected as a Worshipful Master or Warden in a Lodge, and this month we'll take a look at how those Art. 276 and Art. 276a officer qualifications are being fulfilled. These requirements do not apply to the Secretary, Treasurer, or any appointed officers, but rather specifically and only to the Worshipful Master (WM), Senior Warden (SW), and Junior Warden (JW) stations.

The first requirement is that to be a Worshipful Master you must be a Past Master (PM) or have previously served as a Warden. Legally, you can place a first-timer directly into a Warden's chair, but not directly into the East in control of the Lodge. In practice, very few people have less than at least 2 years in Masonry when they become WM (see Figure 5 of the August 2025 Newsletter), and even fewer have served less than a full term as a Warden. There have been a couple of competing Grand Master's Decisions on the Warden requirement (2024 GM Decision No. 4 and 2025 GM Decision No. 4), but those fringe questions are less than 1% of the total. The other 99+% of the time, this requirement is clearly fulfilled: they serve a term as a JW or SW, usually a term as each, before becoming WM.

Being a Texas Past Master exempts you from the "additional requirements" of Art. 276a. If you have previously served as a Worshipful Master, it is assumed you know how to run a lodge and how to open and close. Decades ago, this exemption only applied to a small number of repeat WMs, but that percentage has steadily grown (Figure 1). In my Lodge, we've only had one PM elected to a station in the 14 years I've been a Mason, and that was due to the loss of a SW and wanting to keep everyone in their places in line. However, Statewide, we've started to have more and more PMs go through the line again, or at least sit in a Warden's chair again while a new guy filled the other. For the 2025-26 term, we were down to only 42% of our WMs being first-time WMs. When you include the Wardens, 49% of the line officers are now Past Masters (Figure 2).

Figure 1. Number of Past Masters Sitting In the East

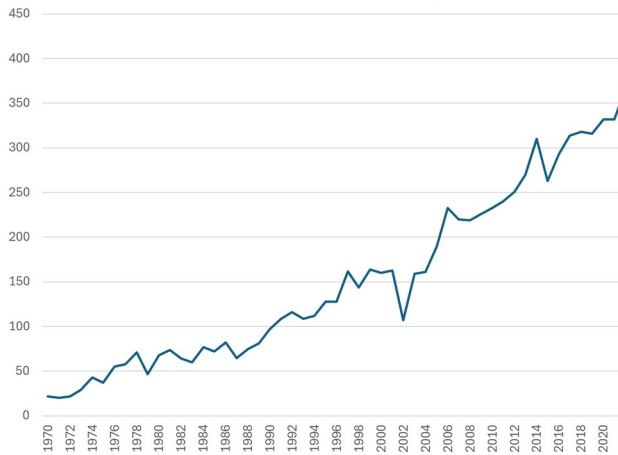


FIGURE 2. 2025-26 WM/SW/JW BACKGROUNDS



For first time people going through the line, Art. 276a outlines additional requirements: ritualistic and administrative. Figure 3 shows how people fulfilled the administrative requirements last year. Here, the records are pretty good with only 1% not being entered into GrandView. The requirements are that you have to have either attended Officer Leadership Training (OLT) or done the L.I.F.E. program. These are really different trainings, covering different topics, and it's recommended you do both for your new officers, even if only one is required. As seen in Figure 3, 57% of the new line officers have attended Officer Leadership Training, and 19% of the new Wardens received both OLT and L.I.F.E. trainings. 57% is a decent number, although it's lower than would be preferred as there is a lot of important things communicated there. Cost and distance, plus the existence of another option, factor in here.

Additionally, there are two ritualistic requirements to be qualified: 1) that your lodge approves of your ability to open and close a Lodge, and 2) that the Grand Lodge shows you how to do it right if they haven't otherwise certified your proficiency. For the Lodge certification, on Form 101, under Opening and Closing Ceremonies, it asks, "Certified by a vote of the Lodge on ____." This is easily done right before your elections, but it could be done at any meeting, including one called for this purpose. It is assumed that if the whole lodge hasn't just watched, that at least someone has watched them open and close prior to that vote and can vouch for their abilities.

For the second part of the ritualistic requirements respecting Grand Lodge, these are fulfilled by either: 1) already having an esoteric certificate, 2) passing an exam prior to installation or otherwise being certified by a member of the Committee on Work, 3) being certified by your District Instructor, or 4) attending a Forum put on by the Committee on Work (the Form 101a option). Under the 2022 changes to Art. 276a, Grand Lodge requires you to observe an opening and closing done right at a Forum if you are not otherwise certified, but there is no requirement for you to actually demonstrate an ability to open and close to anyone from Grand Lodge. For those using the Forum attendance option, proficiency is determined solely by their Lodge. As seen in Figure 4, for the 2025-26 term, only 26% of the line officers demonstrated their proficiency prior to installation by passing an exam. A small percentage are certified by their District Instructor, but the other nearly three-quarters fulfilled Art. 276a(3) requirements by attending a Forum.

FIGURE 3. WM/SW/JW ADMINISTRATION REQUIREMENT 2025-26 FULFILLMENT

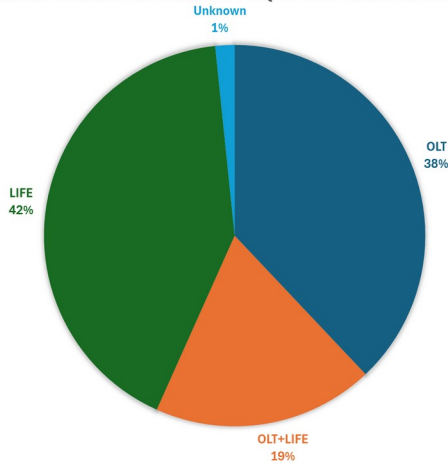
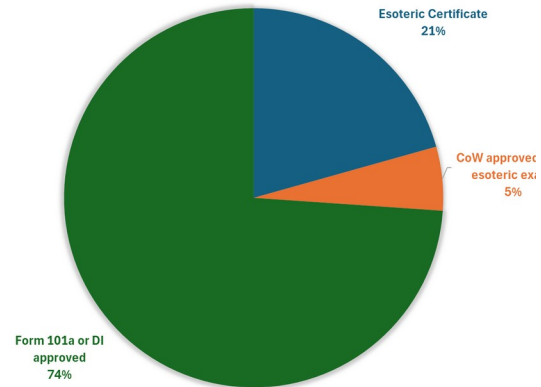


FIGURE 4. WM/SW/JW RITUALISTIC REQUIREMENT 2025-26 FULFILLMENT



Overall, new line officers are being trained in the administrative aspects of running a Lodge. We'd prefer more made it to OLT, as that contains specific things the Education Committee wants to stress, but at least they are receiving L.I.F.E. instruction if they can't make it to OLT. Only 1% don't show either administrative requirement on their GrandView record. On the ritualistic side, only 26% of current officers have passed an esoteric exam put on by the Committee on Work. The other nearly three quarters have attended a Forum, but were certified by their Lodge alone as to their ability to open and close.

– Zachary Haston

LODGE SPOTLIGHT

The Five Lodge Fellowship

One of the many strengths of Texas Masonry is the willingness of Brethren to come together beyond their own Lodge walls in pursuit of fellowship, education, and a deeper understanding of our Craft. A wonderful example of this can be found in the ongoing work of the Five Lodge Fellowship in Tarrant County.

According to information shared by R. . W. . Chris Shockey, the Five Lodge Fellowship is a quarterly gathering open to Masons from across the area. As stated on each of their event flyers, the purpose of this gathering is to promote fellowship, support Lodges, and offer edification through education in Freemasonry.

The fellowship began several years ago when a group of Masons from five neighboring Lodges sought additional opportunities for Masonic education and discussion. Since then, the meeting location has rotated among the participating Lodges, helping to strengthen relationships throughout the area.

The most recent gathering was held on May 20th at Grapevine Lodge No. 288. Due to the nature of the evening's educational program, attendance was limited to Master Masons. Brother Larry FitzPatrick presented a fascinating and detailed exploration of the symbolism and meaning contained within the Master Mason Degree.

Approximately 35 to 40 Masons attended the event, demonstrating the continued interest in quality Masonic education and fellowship.

The five Lodges that make up the fellowship are:

- Handley Lodge No. 1140
- Richland Hills Lodge No. 1348

- Grapevine Lodge No. 288
- Smithfield Lodge No. 455
- Keller Lodge No. 1084

Programs such as the Five Lodge Fellowship serve as a reminder that some of the most meaningful Masonic experiences occur when Brethren gather simply to learn from one another and enjoy each other's company. Their success is proof that a desire for Masonic education remains alive and well in Texas.

The next Five Lodge Fellowship meeting is scheduled for August 19th at Handley Lodge No. 1140. Brethren in the area are encouraged to attend and experience firsthand the fellowship and education that have made this gathering such a success.

Submitted by – Mike Mistry, P.M.

FIVE LODGE FELLOWSHIP
 FELLOWSHIP • SUPPORT FOR LODGES • EDUCATION IN PRACTICAL FREEMASONRY
 A QUARTERLY GATHERING OF MASONS FROM FIVE TARRANT COUNTY LODGES
Encouraging Brotherhood. Seeking Light. Building Together.

RECENT MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- MAY 20, 2025**
- GRAPEVINE LODGE NO. 288**
- 35-40 MASONS IN ATTENDANCE**
- THIS MEETING WAS OPEN TO MASTER MASONS ONLY**

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT
 Brother Larry FitzPatrick delivered a deep dive presentation into the meaning and symbolism in the Master Mason Degree.

“There were several of us that night who had never heard these details of the explanation, but it made so much sense.”

- The meeting location rotates among the five lodges, strengthening relationships throughout the area.
- Primary Coordinators: Brothers Gary Alexander and Bill Crow of Richland Hills Lodge No. 1348

THE FIVE LODGES

- HANDLEY LODGE NO. 1140
- RICHLAND HILLS LODGE NO. 1348
- GRAPEVINE LODGE NO. 288
- SMITHFIELD LODGE NO. 455
- KELLER LODGE NO. 1084

NEXT MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2025
 AT
HANDLEY LODGE NO. 1140
All Master Masons are encouraged to attend!

Information provided by R.:W.: Chris Shockey.
 Thank you to all the Brethren who continue to make this Fellowship a success!

TEXAS MASONIC RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Ready to move to TMRC? Live with friends! Enjoy activities!

Ready to move this summer? We're ready to welcome you to Texas Masonic Retirement Community! Your friends are standing by to greet you at breakfast, lunch, and dinner, to enjoy games and events, and to be with you in good times and on not so good days. ZERO MOVE-IN fees! Give us a call today at 817-275-2893 to schedule a personal visit or check out our photo gallery and pricing at YourTMRC.org or <https://yourtmrc.org/our-community/apartments-duplexes/>

TEXAS FREEMASON MAGAZINE

The most recent edition of the magazine: <https://grandlodgeoftexas.org/texas-freemason-magazine>.

The Texas Freemason Magazine is published four times a year and is available in PDF format on the Grand Lodge website under the "MEDIA/MAGAZINE" tab. In addition to the digital format, the Winter and Spring issues are printed and mailed before and following the Grand Annual Communication. If you are not receiving the magazine in the mail, it is likely your address is not correct in the Grand Lodge database. You can correct this by visiting the Grand Lodge website and logging into the member portal where you can edit your profile as needed.

GRAND MASTER'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

In order to provide the most up to date information and prevent duplication, the Grand Master's Calendar can now be found in the Grand Lodge Gazette, emailed weekly by the Grand Lodge Committee on Communications. For full details, please visit the Grand Master's calendar page here:

[GRAND MASTER'S PAGE](#)

COMMITTEE ON WORK SCHEDULE

June 2026

Committeeman	Date	Lodge	City	District	Forum	Exam
Cody Stewart	Sat, Jun 6, 2026	Boston No. 69	New Boston	1-A	Apr 25, 8:00 AM	After
	Sat, Jun 13, 2026	East Fork No. 650	Wylie	9-B	Apr 25, 8:00 AM	After
John Peters	Sat, Jun 6, 2026	Laredo No. 547	Laredo	41	Apr 25, 9:00 AM	Apr 25, 1:00 PM
	Sat, Jun 13, 2026	Cibolo No. 151	San Antonio	39-B	Apr 25, 9:00 AM	Apr 25, 1:00 PM
Cody Cockroft	Sat, Jun 6, 2026	Rosenberg No. 881	Rosenberg	108	Apr 25, 8:00 AM	After Lunch
	Sat, Jun 13, 2026	Dickinson No. 1324	Dickinson	31-B	Apr 25, 8:00 AM	After Lunch
Steve Pepper	Sat, Jun 13, 2026	Bowie No. 578	Bowie	86	Apr 25, 9:00 AM	1:00 PM

For more information go to: <https://grandlodgeoftexas.org/committee-on-work>

CORNERSTONE LEVELING CEREMONIES 2026

Effective 6/1/2026

For Information Contact:

Kevin T. Binder, State Cornerstone Coordinator

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Date	Time	Lodge	Location	Grand Lodge Representative
Saturday 6/6/2026	Coffee & Donuts at 8:00am Open Brooklyn Lodge at 9:00am Open Grand Lodge at 9:15am Cornerstone Ceremony at 10:00am	Brooklyn #386 103 E. Hwy. 80 & 740 Rd. Forney, TX 75126	Jim & Linda Jacobs Elementary School	Wendell P. Miller Past Grand Master
Saturday 6/13/2026	Open Nolands River Lodge at 11:00am Refreshments or lunch at 11:15am Open Grand Lodge at Noon Cornerstone Ceremony, 150th Anniversary & Lodge Building Dedication Ceremony at 12:15pm	Nolands River #453 601 N. State Hwy 174 Rio Vista, TX 76093	Nolands River Lodge building	Jim Rumsey Grand Master
Saturday 6/13/2026	Refreshments at 4:00pm Open Whitt Lodge at 5:00pm Open Grand Lodge at 5:15pm Cornerstone Ceremony & Lodge Building Dedication Ceremony at 5:30pm Dinner at 6:30pm Stated Meeting & OV of Grand Master Rumsey at 7:30	Whitt #624 101 Main St. Whitt, TX 76490	Whitt Lodge building	Jim Rumsey Grand Master
Wednesday 7/15/2026	Lunch or refreshments at Noon Open Decatur Lodge at 1:00pm Open Grand Lodge at 1:20pm Cornerstone Ceremony at 2:00pm	Decatur #447 202 W. Walnut, Suite B Decatur, TX 76234	New Decatur Fire Department	H.N. "Chip" Green, Jr. Grand Sr. Warden
Saturday 7/25/2026	Lunch or refreshments at Noon Open Sulphur Springs Lodge at 1:00pm Open Grand Lodge at 1:20pm Cornerstone Ceremony at 2:00pm	Sulphur Springs #221 105 Oak Ave. Sulphur Springs, TX 75482	Sulphur Springs Elementary School	H.N. "Chip" Green, Jr. Grand Sr. Warden
Saturday 8/1/2026	Lunch or refreshments at Noon Open Salado Lodge at 1:00pm Open Grand Lodge at 1:15pm Cornerstone Ceremony at 2:00pm	Salado #296 95 S Church St. Salado, TX 76571	High School & Football Stadium	Justin B. Duty Deputy Grand Master
Saturday 8/15/2026	Coffee & Donuts at 9:00am Open Brookshire Lodge at 10:00am Open Grand Lodge at 10:15am Cornerstone Ceremony at 11:00am	Brookshire #1066 819 Purdy St. Brookshire, TX 77423	Jordan Ranch Fire Station 3102 Jordan Ranch Blvd. Brookshire, TX 77423	H.N. "Chip" Green, Jr. Grand Sr. Warden

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Jeremy Johnson	Jjohnson@grandsecretaryoftx.org	Lodge Secretary Training; GS Newsletter

SECRETARY INSTRUCTIONS

The following information is intended primarily for the Secretary but may be meaningful to many of your members.

Lodge Suspense System:

Suspense Dates – Lodge Secretaries should create a suspense system (a reminder system) to alert the Lodge that certain documents are due. This list is offered as a “starter kit” for your consideration:

- a. January – The Worshipful Master should appoint a Committee on Members in Arrears (Article 319a).
- b. May 31 – W. B. and Brandon Carrell Award nominations may be submitted to the Grand Lodge Committee on Public Education for evaluation and recommendation to the Grand Lodge Trustees (Article 14b).
- c. Mid-June – Look for the Annual Returns Format from GL. (Downloaded from the Grand View System after June 24th. Notify the GS staff if you need the returns mailed as a printout).
- d. June 23 – Lodge elections must be completed at the last stated meeting prior to midnight of June 23 (Art. 292). Notify us of the new Lodge Officers immediately so they can be printed in the Directory of Constituent Lodges (do not wait for installation). Submission will be available on the Grand View System from May 24 through midnight June 23.
- e. June 23 – Endowed Membership checks must be in the Office of the Grand Secretary by June 23 to start earning interest in order to receive returns by the next year (Art. 318a). Changes to the amount of endowments must be voted on at the same meeting as the Lodge elections, and notification to the Grand Lodge must be before June 24th. Endowed Membership applications received at the Grand Lodge on or after June 24 must be for the amount that the Lodge reported.
- f. July 15 – Statements of Availability due GS Office. (6a).
- g. July 31 – Lodge installations must be performed from June 24 to prior to midnight July 31 (Art. 298).
- h. August 15 – Annual Returns Report due to Grand Lodge (Art. 493).
- i. August 15 – Resolutions due in GS Office (Art. 172).
- j. August 30 – Vanguard Applications are due to the DDGM electronically no later than August 30 and to the Committee on Masonic Education electronically via cme@grandlodgeoftx.org (refer to Vanguard Application Instructions).
- k. September 15 – Lodge Minimum Audit Report 71 is due to the GS Office NLT September 15 (Art. 284).
- l. October 1 – Lodge By-Laws that must be reviewed by the GL Committee on By-Laws due the GS Office NLT October 1 (Art. 219).
- m. Nov 15 – Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard), must be filed with the IRS by Lodges that have gross receipts of \$50,000 or less or do not meet the requirements for filing the IRS 990 or IRS 990EZ. (Lodges must file the appropriate Form 990 no later than the 15th day of the fifth month following the close of the organization’s fiscal year.)
- n. Dec. 28 – Proxy Certificates are due the GS Office NLT December 28 (Art. 4). You should always appoint a Proxy (in case of an emergency) but he would not vote if any of the top three officers were available. Remember, each brother can have no more than four votes. Therefore, a sitting Worshipful Master or Warden cannot be a proxy for another Lodge.