This is IMPORTANT

We are selecting

The Lodge Leadership
The Election Timeline:

- **February**: Nominating Committee
  - Appointed by Governor.
  - Reports Time & Place of its Meetings

- **March**: The Nominating Committee presents its Nominating Committee Report on the 2nd General Membership meeting in March.
Members running on Petition – deadline to submit is **One Week Prior** to the 1st General Membership Meeting in April.

The Lodge Election is conducted at the 1st General Membership Meeting in April.

Installation of new officers generally occurs at the 2nd General Membership Meeting in April or NOT later than April 30th.
Governor appoints.

Who serves on Committee:
- 8 Elected Officers of Lodge*
- 5 Past Governors in order of juniority.
- 5 Members of Lodge (Appt. Officer-Chairman-PG (including by honor)).
- Governor serves as Chairman**

* Less if Lodge has reduced BOO size.
** He may decline and appoint another member.
*** Lodge may have larger Committee if it is deemed for the “good of the lodge”.
1\textsuperscript{st}: Set out rules of the Committee.

2\textsuperscript{nd}: \textbf{Interview} all members seeking (applicant) to be nominated.

3\textsuperscript{rd}: \textbf{Review} the responsibilities and duties of each Office with applicants.
4th: **Conduct** open discussions on the qualifications of each applicant. **All Committee discussions must be kept confidential.**

5th: **Select at least 1** qualified applicant for each office*. 

6th: **Submit** a written report on selected nominees for each office.

* The Committee should always select the BEST.
Member MUST have been rejected by Nominating Committee.

Form E in Handbook
10% of 1st 500 Active Mbrs
5% of all over 500.
Deliver to Administrator at least 1 week prior to Election.
What about Campaigning?

What is **NOT permitted**

- Printing-Circulation or Distribution of:
  - Resolutions
  - Letters
  - Tickets
  - Written or Printed Matters
  - Electronic media use.
Prohibited Campaigning

Who can’t?
The Member or Someone on his behalf.

What is Prohibited?
Any printed or written materials: Suggesting – Recommending – Opposing – or Containing the names of any candidate.

* Electronic Media does not include telephone.
Election Committee

- Appointed by the Governor.
- 3 Good Standing Members of Lodge.*

* Not officers or candidates for elected office.
Election Committee

- Conduct the Election:
  - Security of Ballot Box.
  - Verify status of voters.
  - Issue ballots.
  - When balloting closes – Count Ballots
  - Report results.
(Following Report) – Ballots are placed in Ballot Box – Sealed and initialed by Committee members for challenges. If NO challenge after 48 hours ballots destroyed.
Voting

2 Options:

- #1: Voting Sign of the Order: If only 1 candidate is running for office.
  - Must be decided by membership prior to the election – immediately following the Nominating Committee Report. The Chair will call for a motion to accept Report and to elect all uncontested nominees for offices specified.
  - If “no” votes prevail – then all nominees will be placed on the paper ballot.
Voting

# 2: Paper Ballot:
- Form "G" in the Handbook.
- Multiple Candidates for each Office (Plurality of Votes is winner)
- Uncontested Candidate (1 Vote elects)
What’s this Australian Ballot?

- Election held over a period of several hours.
- **Must be approved by membership prior to the elections.**
  - Voted on at Meeting when Nominating Committee Report is delivered.
  - Must be voted on at least 2 weeks prior to election.
  - The date, hours, and location of the voting should be published in the lodge newsletter and posted.
- **Election must be held on a General Membership Meeting day.**
  - First meeting in April.
Frequently Asked

The Lodge Election Guidebook

Contains many FAQ with answers.
Officer Installation

- Last General Membership Meeting in April.
- Before April 30th.
- Take office May 1st.
Lodge Elections are Important
Officers elected are the leaders of your Lodge!

Follow the procedures and get it right.
Use the Election of Lodge Officers Handbook.