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Subject: Return of Officers Rules

Hello Brother Secretary,

There seems to be a lot of questions from Lodge Secretaries regarding which officers can be elected or appointed to which positions in the Lodge.

Here are the rules for the Return of Officers. Some Lodge By-Laws may have the Deacons and Stewards as elected. Most do not.

All Officers must be members of the Lodge, except the Tyler and Organist.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Regards,
Jeff

Master Elected

Cannot be = any other elected or appointed officer, except below
Can be = Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Senior Warden Elected

Cannot be = any other elected or appointed officer, except below
Can be = Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Junior Warden Elected

Cannot be = any other elected or appointed officer, except below
Can be = Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Treasurer Elected

Cannot be = any elected or appointed officer, except below
Can be = Proxy; Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Assistant Treasurer Elected

Cannot be = any other elected officer
Can be = Proxy, Appointed Officer, Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Secretary Elected

Cannot be = any elected or appointed officer, except below
Can be = Proxy; Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Assistant Secretary - Elected

Cannot be = any other elected officer
Can be = Proxy, Appointed Officer, Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Proxy Elected

Cannot be = Master; Senior Warden; Junior Warden
Can be = Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Appointed Officer, Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Masonic Home Representative Elected (or Appointed)

Can be = Elected or Appointed Officer, Proxy, Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Chaplain Appointed

Can be = Proxy, Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Marshal Appointed

Can be = Proxy, Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Senior Deacon Appointed (or Elected)

Can be = Proxy, Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Junior Deacon Appointed (or Elected)

Can be = Proxy, Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Senior Steward Appointed

Can be = Proxy, Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Junior Steward - Appointed

Can be = Proxy, Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Inside Sentinel Appointed

Can be = Proxy, Masonic Home Rep; Lodge Lead Ambassador; Lodge Ambassador; Trustee

Organist Appointed

Can be = Proxy (if member of Lodge), Masonic Home Rep (if member of Lodge); Lodge Lead Ambassador (if member of Lodge); Lodge Ambassador (if member of Lodge); Trustee (if member of Lodge)

Tyler Appointed

Can be = Proxy (if member of Lodge), Masonic Home Rep (if member of Lodge); Lodge Lead Ambassador (if member of Lodge); Lodge Ambassador (if member of Lodge); Trustee (if member of Lodge)

Lodge Lead Ambassador Appointed

Can be any member of Lodge

Lodge Ambassador Appointed

Can be any member of Lodge

Electrician Appointed

Can be any member of Lodge

Trustee Elected

Can be any member of Lodge

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