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To All Members of BMWED Lodge 1320,

It is time to start thinking about the Local Lodge 1320 Officers election we will be having this year during the last quarter of 2008.

During the last 20 years this has not really been an event. The turnover amongst the Officers has been very minimal. This year's election is shaping up to be quite different.

We all know of the massive impending retirements and what impact that is going to have on the BNSF. We also need to realize that those same impacts are going to affect the BMWED as well.

We already know that our Vice President, Ron Sabata will choose to not seek re-election.

We also know that our Secretary-Treasurer Dennis Francke will not be seeking re-election.

There is also a strong possibility that our Local Chairman Mike Maloney will not seek re-election.

Brother and Sisters, this is a water-shed event for this Lodge. Some of these positions have been held for over 20 years by these Officers. The need to fill these positions within our Local Lodge has to be of paramount concern so that Lodge 1320 can remain as viable as it has for decades, and that concern needs to start right now.

Please consider these positions for yourself or anyone else that you think would be a good candidate. Let's aggressively pursue candidates and let the discussions begin. Please direct any questions to any of your Local Officers to get answers on what these jobs entail. We want to make this transition time as smooth as possible.

Dennis L Francke
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