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Elections Past and Present

I promised I would get an MC's column out for November, with or without a Crewsletter attached to it. So let us proceed with the column and let the rest of the Crewsletter catch up with us!

We have just completed one of the longest and most expensive political campaigns in recent history. I hope each and every one of you took advantage of your franchise and voted your conscience on Election Day. In any case, the country has spoken and new President will take office in January. This will result in redefining and redirecting existing programs and the setting of new goals.

Much like what is going to happen after the meeting this month.

Back in Year 1 of this mission I was busy working at the office on the night of the first election. At the time the club met at a nice sized theme burger restaurant called Mamma's. It was located over by the Mall side of Bay Area Boulevard and the Gulf Freeway. It had an upstairs meeting area that we took over and served several English ales on draught. I knew there was to be an election of officers for the club that night but I had no horse in that race and was working on some problems at the office that night. Long past the time meeting started I was still toiling away when I got a phone call. It was SWMBO show basically said, "You need to get your rear end over here and get this meeting under control." To which I snappily replied, "Huh?" To which she replied, "Yeah, seems because you were not here, you got nominated and elected President. So, Mr. President, get over here and get this meeting under control!" That's how the phone call went, or something to that effect. She also forgot to tell me that she had seconded the Force's nomination of me immediately. I walked up the stairs to where the club was gathered. I was met by the raucous greetings of our members and a waitress to whom I said, "A Harp and double Glenlivet, neat. And quickly, please!" From there I went on, stepped up and started my first administration.

This is how the very first President of the Bay Area Mashtronauts got elected and why I NEVER missed an election while I was active in the club the first time around. And it also explains why I meet the new officers after every election with a toast to their good luck. Which I plan to do after this election.

But that is all about me. There are other people being elected and they are the future of the club. Every one of them has shown by their participation in and willingness to go the extra mile providing supporting of our club's many events their interest in the hobby and the club. I am looking forward to working with them and look forward to what they are going to contribute to this next year's events.

I also look forward to working all our members this year. I have several ideas about how we can improve on what we did this year. I also have some ideas about new activities for our club to build interest in our hobby and relationships with our fellow homebrew clubs in the Houston area.

We as a club have done incredibly well this past year. For a club so small to be so highly rated nationally is no small feat. I know it was done with a lot of hard work, very hard work, the participation of many members, with a great deal of enthusiasm what was being done and to all of you who participated in this, I salute you and thank you for your hard work. It was you, the members of this club, which made this year so successful.

I look forward to our adventures and successes for next year.

Thank you, one and all.

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