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## Pine Tree Masonic Lodge #1396, A. F. & A. M.

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- 5/24—MWSA Meeting
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Well, the end of the Masonic Year is drawing near. This past month, we honored our 40 year Masons and have conferred two Fellowcraft Degrees. We still have three Entered Apprentice Degrees this month. On May 20, at 7:00, the Longview Fire Department Degree Team will be conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree on one of their own at Pine Tree Lodge. If you have never seen the LFD Team, it is quite a treat.

Next month, we will have 4 Master Mason Degrees in addition to any petitions that may be received (we currently have an investigation committee out, so we may have an Entered Apprentice Degree also).

### From the East

The June Stated Meeting will be on Thursday, June 3rd.

This meeting will be the annual election of officers. If anyone is interested in becoming a Lodge Officer for the 2010-2011 Masonic Year, please get with me or with Kenneth Jackson before the June Meeting. Several brothers have already expressed interest in the vacant positions. Remember, Pine Tree Lodge elects all officers except Chaplain and Musician, who are appointed by the Worshipful Master. See page 4 for current list of Officers and Position

If tradition holds, Kenneth Jackson has planned the Installation of Officers for Saturday evening, July 3, 2010.

The Installing Officer will be Jerry Martin.

The Eastern Star will hold their Officer Installations on June 12, please note that the Eastern Star Column in this issue will be Linda Jackson's last. Linda has done an outstanding job getting articles submitted for this publication. She and Kenneth have had a good year serving as Worthy Matron and Patron. Congratulations to each.

Also in this issue, you will see that the Lodge is on Facebook; an article by Robert Northcutt; and that the MWSA is changing its meeting dates.

Until next time,

### Pine Tree Lodge is Now on Facebook

Technology has influenced and changed the way the world conducts business. Our Lodge is no different. We began years ago with a web site. After many improvements, I am proud to say that we have one of the best (if not the best) web site of any Lodge in Texas ([www.PineTree1396.org](http://www.PineTree1396.org)). Next, we moved to the Yahoo Group for the email server

(<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pinetreelodge/>). This has proven to be an outstanding tool for communicating messages, news, and Lodge updates to those who subscribe to the free email service. Now, we have taken another step. Pine Tree Lodge can now be found on the social networking site Facebook. We have many Lodge mem-

bers who are members of Facebook and other Lodges are having success with the network. So, if you are a member of Facebook, look for us and join our group. Feel free to make wall post and say hi. What technology will take us into tomorrow? [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com), search for Pine Tree Masonic Lodge No. 1396 A.F. & A.M.



**“Pine Tree  
Masonic  
Lodge will  
receive the  
Vanguard  
Award in  
2010.”**



**1852—  
Masonic  
Lodge and  
Pine Tree  
School**

## Implements of Masonry

In ancient times apprenticeship was a means by which young men could learn and advance themselves within a profession. Generally apprenticeship involved a seven year bonding with a skilled teacher and in many instances was a contractual agreement. The master was to teach and the apprentice was to serve and learn.

As early masonry focused on stone building there were three distinct stages associated with the process. There was the quarry work to obtain the freestone, the preparation of the stone, and installation, so it was natural to understand why there would be three separate skill levels required for apprenticeship. Likewise it is easy to understand there would be three sets of tools to be mastered in these areas.

In the quarry, the entered apprentice would have to be trained in the measurement and rough preparation of stones. While other tools such as the maul and wedge would be used, the final tools would be the gauge and gavel. It

would be in the quarries where the entered apprentice would labor to discipline himself in understanding the nature of stone and the difficulties in molding rough stone to become a part of a greater design.

Once skilled, the apprentice would advance to the finishing of stone, wherein the object was to produce geometrically perfect shapes. The faces should be perfectly smooth, the edges sharp, and the angles clean. While there would be tools to smooth the various surfaces, the principal instruments would be the plumb for verticals, the level for surfaces, and the square for angles. Here the apprentice would labor to learn the art of pursuing perfection and beauty.

At last stage the apprentice would be brought to the building site and taught the skills required in molding the final edifice. Here mastery of all of the tools would be required, but the trowel would be the tool most valuable in the completion of the building. Knowledge of mathematics, geometry of construction,

formulas and the art of mixtures would be taught at this stage, so that the apprentice truly would become a master of the craft and a true Freemason.

When applied to speculative masonry the implements serve as constant symbolic reminders of the moral lessons of rough stone and youth; finish stone and manhood; and finally, fitted stone and age. The implements of gavel and gauge teach us to chip away at our moral flaws and use our time wisely. The plumb, level, and square draw our attention to rectitude of conduct, our interaction with others, and need for virtuous conduct at all times. The trowel gives cause to reflect upon the importance of spreading brotherly love to our Brothers and all about us.

Finally as Masters of the Craft we use all these implements as guides to our conduct and daily living, so that we will fulfill our obligations to achieve happiness, not only for ourselves, but for those about us. As living stones in the Universe of the Great Architect, we can have no greater goals.

*Robert Northcutt*

## Masters' Wardens' & Secretaries' Association

The MWSA of the 10th Masonic District of Texas will meet at Longview Lodge #404 on Monday, May 24th. Covered dish dinner at 6:30 followed by an open meeting at 7:30.

By-Law Changes will be ap-

proved at this meeting. The changes relate to the meeting dates. Currently, the MWSA meets on the 4th Monday of every other month. The proposed amendment will change the meeting dates to the fifth Monday of the month. Come out and support

your district association and represent your Lodge. Remember all Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, and Past Masters are voting members.

We will also be looking for a Lodge to host the next meeting.

## Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

Hello everyone! Well, it has been a long 2 years in the East for us. Basically, we were happy to do it but very happy it is coming to an end. This will be my last newsletter submission (Get Ready Ann).

I remember when I was the Worthy Matron of Pine Tree Chapter in 1988/89. We had a wonderful year and at the end of the year, I left with mixed emotions. It seemed like I was just getting the hang of it when it was time to install new officers. There are NO mixed feeling this time, I am ready to fill another station and help where I can.

After I finished back then, I was elected as secretary of the chapter and filled that position for many years. We are installing a new secretary and a new treasurer this year. I just want to let them know that we are all here to help

you if you need anything.

This past month, we have attended Spring Fling at the Masonic Home in Arlington. It was a good day and the auction to earn money for the WGM special projects brought in around \$1500. The basket that District I Section 8 donated went for \$75. Then we were able to attend the Roundup in Tyler to honor Bess Caldwell and Bill Wyatt. Again there were baskets and other items up for auction. I do not know how much was earned there but this time the basket donated by District I Section 8 went for \$100. Thanks to all who donated.

As I write this, we are anxiously awaiting our OES cruise with Bess & Bill to Alaska. We will leave next week for a 7 day cruise. Please be in prayer for a safe journey for all of the ones

going. We have 13 from Section 8 going on the trip and about 180 from through out Texas. You will be shown pictures when we get back whether you want to see them or not. LOL.

In closing, we want to offer our condolences to the family of Mary Thomas, a charter member who passed away last week. We miss you Mary!

Thanks to each and every one of you for all you have done for us this year. Congratulations to Jim for a great year for the Masonic Lodge. And for the last time from me, I ask you to remember what

our WGP, Bill Wyatt says, Kindness is a language the blind can see and the deaf can hear. Be kind to each other.

Linda and Kenneth Jackson,  
Worthy Matron and Patron



**“Pine Tree  
Masonic  
Lodge will be  
the  
benchmark  
for other  
Lodges in  
East Texas.”**

## Lodge Presented First 40 Year Masonic Service Awards

Saturday, May 1st, Pine Tree Masonic Lodge honored its members who have served the Craft for 40 or more years. 16 honorees were able to attend the ceremony, in which Worshipful Master Jim Rumsey presented the awards. Each of the award recipients had been a Master Mason for 40 or more years, and received a framed certificate and lapel pin. Worshipful Master Rumsey thanked each of the men for their steadfast loyalty to Masonry and to Pine Tree Lodge

The Lodge room erupted with emotion when the Worshipful Master called the name of Norman Turner. Brother Turner was escorted to the Altar for the presentation. Worshipful Master Rumsey then took several steps back and Jason Turner (Junior Steward of Pine Tree Lodge) presented his father with the 40 Year Service Award.

Upon the completion of the presentations, the honorees addressed the Lodge. After a brief oration by Archie Cude, Past Master and Award Re-

ipient, each of the members reflected upon the journeys they have made throughout their Masonic careers. Several of the members thanked the Lodge, but the Worshipful Master reminded them that the Lodge has them to thank, for without them there would be no Lodge. The ceremony then concluded and old friends took time to catch up and visit. A good time and a good breakfast was enjoyed by all.

Photographs are available on the web site.



40 Year Masons

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**Stated Meeting: 1st Thursday;  
Dinner at 6:30 and Meeting at  
7:30.**



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### 2009-2010 Officers

- Worshipful Master: Jim Rumsey
- Senior Warden: Kenneth Jackson
- Junior Warden: Kenneth Jackson
- Chaplain: Jason Rumsey
- Treasurer: Phillip P. Smith
- Secretary: Chuck Rue
- Senior Deacon: Kevin Luman
- Junior Deacon: Ives Kirbow
- Senior Steward: Patrick Bryan
- Junior Steward: Jason Turner
- Marshal: Brett Beggs
- Master of Ceremonies: Michael Kirbow
- Tiler: Charles Looney

### Brother Patrick Bryan

I want to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to Brother Patrick Bryan. Patrick joined the Lodge in 2007 and was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in October of that year. Patrick faced adversity as a Fellowcraft when his teacher passed away. Patrick did not give up, but sought out brethren to teach him so that he could become a Master Mason. Patrick quickly acquired the respect of several members of the Lodge and became an active member among us. Patrick was elected to serve as Junior Steward in 2008 and as Senior Steward in 2009. Patrick has performed the duties of his office without question, but has accomplished much more.

If you have visited our Lodge in the last couple of years, you may have noticed that Patrick has left his mark on the Lodge: Patrick installed the water fountain in the dining room. Patrick installed the ceiling fans in the Lodge Room. Patrick installed the new ice machine in the kitchen. Patrick has donated a lot of time and effort to help make Pine Tree Lodge what it is.

It doesn't stop with the building. Patrick is active in our degree teams and Lodge Functions.

Patrick; Thank You for your steadfastness and loyalty to Pine Tree Masonic Lodge No. 1396, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. Our Lodge is fortunate to have such a dedicated and active Mason.

