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

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### Masonic News

- Thursday, September 17, 7:30—Entered Apprentice Degree (18 year old candidate)
- Saturday, September 19, 10:00—Texas Lodge of Research Meeting (Lufkin)
- Thursday, October 1st, Stated Meeting

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The month of August has come and gone. The lodge met five times, initiated one Entered Apprentice Mason, Passed one Fellowcraft Mason, honored three members with Masonic Service Awards, and leveled a Cornerstone at Pine Tree ISD.

On Saturday, August 15th, Brothers James Bardwell and Edward Baker were presented with 60 Year Grand Lodge of Texas Awards, and Brother Donald Dudley was presented with a 50 year award. Brother Bardwell was not able to make the trip to the Lodge, so Worshipful Master Jim Rumsey, Senior Warden Kenneth Jackson, Secretary Chuck Rue, and DDGM Bob Dining made the trip to Brother Bardwell's home and pre-

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sented him with his award. Brothers Baker and Dudley were presented their awards at an open meeting at the Lodge with their families.

On Tuesday, August 18th, after many years of anticipation, a Master Mason's Lodge was opened in due and ancient form and called from labor. A representation of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas was then opened in due and ancient form by R.W. Donny Broughton, PGM, for the purpose of leveling the cornerstone at Pine Tree Primary School. The representation of Grand Lodge was then called to refreshment and the brethren traveled to Pine Tree Primary School. PGM Broughton officiated the cor-

nerstone leveling ceremony. Worshipful Master Rumsey spoke to a crowd of about 75 Masons, educators, and families about the history of Pine Tree ISD and its ties with Masonry. The members then returned to the Lodge for lunch. At the September stated meeting, Worshipful Master Rumsey discharged the Cornerstone Committee, which was formed by PM Joe Hickerson in 2006.



### Ashland Indoor Degree

The annual Open Air Degree hosted by Ashland Lodge #1138 in New Diana was hampered by inclement weather this past weekend, but nonetheless, the degree was a success. The decision was made early Saturday morning to move the degree from outdoors at the Josephine Davidson Memorial

Chapel to the Ashland Lodge. The degree was conferred by the Northeast Texas Degree Team in full regalia.

The annual event was more special for members of Pine Tree Lodge because a new member was added to the roster. The candidate for the degree, for the first time, was

belonged to Pine Tree Lodge. Brother Wesley Harlan Teague, a Longview Fire-fighter, was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Due and Ancient Form.

Although the degree was indoors and rather cramped, Brother Teague received an excellent degree.

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



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

In the first three degrees, the candidate is asked to become barefoot. Why is this?

Barefoot have several meanings. For example, nakedness of feet is a sign of mourning. God says to Ezekiel, the priest (Ezekiel 24:170) Make no mourning for the dead.... And put on thy shoes upon thy feet.” David is said to have gone from Jerusalem barefoot, when he fled from Absalom.

It is also a mark of respect. In the Koran we find the passage “Surely I am your Lord, therefore put of your

## Barefoot

shoes....” The Muslims leave their shoes at the door of a mosque before entering. In Christianity we find that Moses (Exodus 3:5); priests serving in the Tabernacle (a tent sanctuary used by the Israelites during the Exodus) did so with their feet naked, as they did afterwards in the Temple. This is likely what is referred to in our rituals.

The foot is said to represent the soul, as it serves to support the entire body and keep it upright.

One direction Pythagoras gave to his disciples was

“Offer sacrifice and worship with thy shoes off.” Maimonides, the great expounder of the Jewish Law, asserts that “it was not lawful for a man to come into the mountain of God with shoes on his feet, or with his staff, or in his working garments, or with dust on his feet.

## Web Page Update

I am proud to say that Pine Tree Masonic Lodge has the best web site of any Masonic Lodge in East Texas. Our Webmaster, Brother Brett Beggs (Marshal) has done an outstanding job creating and maintain the Lodge’s web page.

You will find the monthly lodge calendars, updated news

events, portraits of all of the Lodge’s Past Masters, biographies of the current Lodge Officers and much more.

The photograph section contains pictures of events at the Lodge over the past few years including installation of officers, widow’s night, Golden Trowel presentations, and Lamar Medal and Scholarship

presentations.

The website is dynamic and is always changing with updates added regularly. Look for pictures from the Open Air Degree soon.

[www.pinetree1396.org](http://www.pinetree1396.org)

## Ashland Indoor Degree *(continued from page 1)*

Upon being raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, Brother Teague was presented with his very own copy of the Great Light in Masonry by Brother Weldon Chambers.

Members of Pine Tree Lodge were recognized by Hon. John Weeks, Worshipful Master of Ashland Lodge. W.M. Weeks then introduced and recog-

nized the Masons of the Longview Fire Department who had given up their day off to support their fellow firefighter and brother.

Worshipful Master Jimmy Rumsey thanked Ashland Lodge for inviting Brother Teague to participate in the annual event; thanked the Northeast Texas Degree Team

for an outstanding conferral; thanked the firefighters for their support; and finally congratulated Brother Teague.

Brother Teague, touched by the events of the day, thanked everyone.

Pine Tree Lodge is proud of Wesley Teague for representing our Lodge well!

## Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

So much has happened since the last newsletter. On 8/22/09, we hosted the banquet and Fraternal Visit honoring our Worthy Grand Patron, Bill Wyatt. It was a wonderful evening. Greetings from our WGP and WGM were enjoyed by all and we were all reminded to Be Kind to One Another because as Bro. Bill says, "It is a language the blind can see and the deaf can hear."

Our chapter is now meeting only once a month for stated meetings. That is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Our meetings are full but we move along pretty fast and take care of our business. In September, we will celebrate "Back to School" and have the official visit of our Deputy Grand Ma-

tron of District I Section 8, Janis Warner; October will bring our Chapter Birthday and the program will be given by Sister Mary Sue Rogers. Come join us. November will be our Thanksgiving Program and will be presented by Becky Austin, Grand Page to the Grand Marshal and her husband Don Austin, Arrangements and Master of Beckville Lodge.

Kenneth and I attended the school of instruction recently in Orange, TX where I was very honored to be given a Grand Representative Commission to the State of Maryland in Texas. It was truly an honor to me and to our chapter.

Our own school of instruction will be held at Longview 404 Lodge in December. We will be preparing for the school at Pine Tree by having study clubs on the first Tuesday of the month in October, November, and December. If you are interested, please join us. We have several petitions that we have read or will soon read and will be practicing for the initiatory work as well. If you are reading this and are not a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, we have petitions! Ask one of our members. It is going to be an exciting year for us and you will want to be a part of it.

Linda Jackson, Worthy Matron

Kenneth Jackson, Worthy Patron



## Tusculum Masonic Lodge No. 86

The history of Tusculum Lodge No. 86, has been compiled by Worshipful Master Jim Rumsey and submitted to the Texas Lodge of Research. The manuscript has been accepted for publication by the Texas Lodge of Research. Worshipful Master Rumsey has been invited to formally present the paper at the quar-

terly meeting of the Texas Lodge of Research on Saturday, September 19, in Lufkin.

Tusculum Lodge was chartered in Pine Tree in 1851. The members of the Lodge were responsible for establishing the Pine Tree Presbyterian Church, the Pine Tree Independent School District, and the community. The Lodge

surrendered its charter to the Grand Lodge of Texas in 1881.

Texas Lodge of Research meets quarterly at various locations around the state. Its meetings are tiled meetings and are open to all Master Masons.

[www.texaslodgeofresearch.org](http://www.texaslodgeofresearch.org)

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

## Golf Tournament

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual James "Woody" Woodul Sr. Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at the Wood Hollow Golf Course.

Registration begins at noon followed by a shotgun start at 1:00 pm. A catfish lunch will be available for purchase by

those not participating in the tournament.

Entry fees for the four man scramble are \$100 per player or \$400 per team. The fee includes green fees, cart rental, and an all-you-can-eat catfish lunch. Proceeds benefit the Pine Tree Masonic Lodge .

Registration forms should be turned in to Lex Janner (PM).

Registration forms and tournament rules can be found on the Lodge web site.



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



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## Masonry

“As the operative Mason erects his temporal building in accordance with the rules and designs laid down by the Master upon his Trestle-Board, so should we, both operative and speculative, endeavor to erect our spiritual building laid down by the Supreme Architect of the Universe...”

This portion of the Entered Apprentice Degree lecture lays the foundation for Freemasonry itself. We look at the Great Book of Nature and Revelation as the physical symbol of the ideal that we are given to us by the Supreme Architect. It is the ideal that

we use to establish nations, societies and institutions. If the perception of the ideal that Freemasonry is low, so too will his personal ideal.

God gave the concept of the ideal in our universe to mankind with His light. When God said, “Let there be Light”, He was giving the ideal that we use to all men. We see the ideal all around us in Gods work. This concept of the ideal, of perfection, is clearly delineated in our beautiful and meaningful ritual. We feel the ideal in our hearts through our Masonic Tenets. We seek to understand the ideal

through our study of Masonry and its related subjects of Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy.

And that it is our duty as Freemasons; to seek the ideal in each of us, and help establish it throughout the realm of mankind. Therefore, the teaching and learning of the several lectures, charges, and most importantly the proficiency examinations are essential to the understanding and establishment of the ideal founded in Freemasonry and sought by every Mason.

