



Masonic Trestle Board

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Well, things have picked up this month, and we are running full speed ahead. In February, we conferred two Entered Apprentice degrees and one Fellow Craft degree. I know we will have at least one Fellow Craft Degree in March and I expect we will be conferring a Master Degree in the near future. Our Lodge has not conferred a Master Masons Degree in some time, so we will need to coordinate some practice time.

We will honor our 25 year Masons this Saturday (February 27th), dinner at 6:30 and award presentations at 7:30. We will be conducting a joint award presentation with the Eastern Star, as they will be presenting their 25 year awards as well. This will count as one of the requirements for the Vanguard Award. I called all of the award recipients and spoke with them. Several live out of the area and will not be able to attend the ceremony. However, many of the Brothers who live here who, for one reason or another, have become inactive professed that Masonry is still strong in their hearts and felt humbled that the Lodge would remember them. I hope to meet some of these members and would like to see them at a meeting or two.

From the East

In March, we will honor our Masonic Widows with our annual Widow’s Dinner. The Lodge will provide the meal and the Eastern Star Ladies have agreed to provide desserts. Kenneth Jackson (Sr. Warden) has contacted the widows and we are looking forward to a pleasant evening with them.

Grand Master Orville O’Neill will be in Tyler on March 13th for a Grand Master’s Conference. The conference will be held at the Sharon Shrine Center and will begin at 10:00. I will not be able to attend, but I assure each of you, our Vanguard requirement has been met and we will not be penalized by my absence.

Also in March, we will present the Community Builder Award to the Honorable Barbara Duncan, District Clerk of Gregg County. The committee chose Mrs. Duncan because of her dedication to public service and her commitment to the citizens of Gregg County.

I have ordered and have begun receiving supplies for the Take Time to Read Program for Pine Tree, Spring Hill, and White Oak Primary Schools.

During the February Stated Meeting, it was brought up for

discussion that the Lodge adopt the Grand Lodge program of presenting 40 Year Masonic Service Awards. There was some discussion about why the Lodge had not adopted the program when it was introduced several years ago. Tom Whitehead and Chuck Rue have searched through the Minutes and nothing can be found. Several members remember the Lodge agreeing not to give the awards because our Lodge was not yet 40 years old. Pine Tree Lodge was chartered in 1962, and the tabled motion will be voted on at the March Stated Meeting.

February 11, was a Masonic Anniversary worth noting. On February 11, 1828, Freemasonry began in Texas when several Masons, including Stephen F. Austin, met at San Felipe de Austin to consider petitioning the Grand Lodge of Mexico to organize a Lodge in Texas.

Until next time,

Jim Rumsey





As often taught, the trestle-board is the board upon which the Master traces the designs by which the Craft are to pursue their labors and its design may be found upon the pavement or floor of many lodges. It has always been considered one of the jewels of the lodge and its importance, both to the operative Mason and the speculative Mason, is unquestioned, but can we see deeper meaning within its design?

To the ancient operative Mason the trestle-board was source of the planning necessary to construct a great

building and the place where the many problems could be solved before that construction. Upon simple slate or wooden boards, the placements and foundations, walls, and ceilings could be traced in chalk, erased, and traced, again and again, in moving toward a finished edifice. The ideas of the mind could be visualized by the Master and used as a rule and guide in directing the workers toward actual creation and completion. These pictures were the plans through which the Master made thought become reality.

To the speculative Mason the trestle-board teaches many lessons, such as the need to have a plan for his spiritual Temple, to know his direction in conduct and moral choices, and to work toward an understanding of the plan of the Great Architect. It is not an idle characterization to consider each of us as a living stone, molding ourselves through our choices, actions, and deeds. Without careful attention to planning, no goal may be reached.

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



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

Timothy Dean Young, a Master Mason belonging to Pine Tree Lodge No. 1396 is in need of your prayers.

Tim suffered a seizure and was transported to the hospital where doctors discovered a tumor on his brain. The tumor was found to be cancerous and Tim was transferred to M.D. Anderson

Timothy Dean Young

Hospital in Houston. Tim underwent surgery this week to have the tumor removed and the doctors are calling the operation a success.

Tim is recovering and will be undergoing chemo in the near future. Time has a wife and a 3 year old daughter. Please keep them in your prayers.



Masters' Wardens' & Secretaries' Association

The next meeting of the Masters' Wardens' and Secretaries Association for the 10th Masonic District of Texas will be Monday, March 22, 2010, at James F. Taylor Lodge No. 169 in Hallsville.

We will have a covered dish (pot luck) dinner at 6:30 and we will begin the meeting at 7:30. All of the meetings are

open, so all Masons (regardless of rank) and their ladies are welcomed to attend. The last meeting we only had 6 lodges represented, so we weren't able to conduct any business. We must have at least 7 lodges represented to constitute a quorum. We have a by law amendment to discuss and vote on, so please

make an effort to attend if you are a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, or Secretary of a Lodge in district 10-A or 10-B.

If anyone has a suggestion for a program or a guest speaker, for any of the meetings, please let me know. My contact information is on page 4.

Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

Hello everyone! And Happy Valentine's Day to all of you. This is the month of February and even though it is a short month, it has been busy.

We started off the month by initiating Jenifer Sanders. Welcome, Jenifer, we are happy to have you as a new Sister. Then at the Mason's stated meeting for February, the Eastern Star ladies fed them all the spaghetti they could eat. I hope that everyone enjoyed it. This was to honor our Brothers and to thank them for all they do for us and for our Order. We do very much appreciate the use of the Lodge building and all the support we get from the Masons.

We then fed the Scottish Rite Masons on Feb. 13th when they held their Reunion here in Longview. This was a small fund raiser for the chapter and we earned about

\$325.00 for our efforts. Thanks to Jim Rumsey for allowing us to do this.

Another event that we are excited about is the 25 year awards dinner scheduled for Feb. 27th at 6:30 PM for covered dish dinner and awards at 7:30 PM in the Lodge Room. Bill Wyatt, WGP of the Grand Chapter of Texas will be presenting the awards. Please join us for this special event.

Pine Tree Chapter members would like to extend our condolences to our sisters who recently lost loved ones. Donna Dunnivant in the passing of her dear mother, Rena Mae Williamson. Our chapter was honored to perform an Eastern Star Funeral Service for her. She was a Past Matron of a chapter in Missouri.

Also, our deepest sympathy to Ann Wyatt in the loss of her

brother, Robert Green.

On the Grand Chapter level, our WGP is finished with the Schools of Instruction and is now traveling to various chapters for Fraternal Visits. We pray for his safe travels during this time. Please mark you calendars for Sunday afternoon, March 7th when Pine Tree Chapter will honor Bro. Bill and the other Grand Chapter Officers at Pine Tree with a reception from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. If you can help, please contact Nancy Abernathy.

Thanks and until next time, remember what our WGP, Bill Wyatt says, Kindness is a language the blind can see and the deaf can hear.

God Bless you all!

Linda Jackson-Worthy Matron
Kenneth Jackson-Worthy Patron



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

Looking at the Trestle Board *(from page 2)*

And so it is that, when reflecting upon the trestle-board, we should reflect carefully of our plans and designs, and what Temple we are building. Often we are reminded that the sands of the hour glass move grain by grain, and time, minute by minute, day by day. What plans do we have and how does our Temple grow?

To the Master in the East and his officers, the trestle-board should be a constant reminder of the responsibility of leadership and the need to plan the work of the Lodge. The Master of a Lodge is faced with two aspects of leadership, operative, in the sense of running the Lodge business, and

speculative, in the sense of meeting the morale and Masonic needs of the Craft. The light of a lodge must come from the East. Each Brother in a lodge has goals and expectations, but without due attention to his trestle-board, these become idle dreams and are gone.

The Master of the Lodge must have goals for his Lodge and himself. He should be a Master of planning and execution. Seeing the Trestle-board with Light over the East is a reminder of what is expected and what can be done through his leadership and guidance. Each meeting is a planning

stage for labor and work, and should be used accordingly.

In the degrees, each step moves us toward becoming a Master, and our progress is traced upon a Trestle-board beyond our comprehension, but each step we take in becoming a better person is within our power. Thus we can draw our designs and map out a path toward being a better person and achieving happiness. These are laudable goals and worthy of our best design. May we mark our board well and build a noble life of service and Brotherly love.

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



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Scottish Rite

The Waco Scottish Rite Bodies held its annual East Texas Reunion and Degree Conferral at Pine Tree Lodge on February 13th. It was the first time that Pine Tree Lodge had hosted the event. The officers of the Waco Bodies were impressed with the condition of our Lodge and facilities and our hospitality.

Many of you will recall that the weather was less than desirable that morning, but nonetheless, the reunion was a success and the officers of the Waco Bodies were pleased and will be calling on Pine Tree Lodge again.

While Pine Tree Lodge did not have any degree candidates for the Scottish Rite Degrees, we had several Lodge members who are Scottish Rite Masons who were on hand to offer support. I want to take this time to thank those who helped.

Brothers Chuck Rue and David Sims assisted with the 18th Degree as both had learned speaking parts in the ceremony and performed them well.

Brother Kenneth Jackson was running around like a chicken with his head cut off helping to make sure

details were attended to. I got tired just watching him.

Brothers Bill Wyatt, Charles Looney, Weldon Chambers, Andy Scott, and Art Dunnivant were there to offer assistance when needed.

I also want to thank Linda Jackson and the Pine Tree Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for providing lunch for the reunion. The lunch, while filling and hearty, served as a successful fund raiser for the chapter.

I will be putting together a degree team for the 24th

Degree and will need Scottish Rite Masons to assist. If you are interested, please let me know. Also, if you would like to work in any of the Scottish Rite Degrees that our East Texas Teams confer (6th, 14th, or 18th) we have room for you. Just let me know.

Additionally, any Master Mason who is interested in becoming a 32° Scottish Rite Mason, see me for information and a petition.

