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It has been a really busy time since our last newsletter. We have raised one brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason; held our scholarship awards ceremony, the Community Builder Award ceremony; and presented the Golden Trowel Award to a worthy brother.

At our June stated meeting, we held the annual election of officers. Brother and Past Master Tom Whitehead presided during the election. At Pine Tree Lodge, all officers are elected except Chaplain and the Musician, and the Worshipful Master generally appoints these officers, if the office is filled. Please see the back page of this newsletter for the names of the officers who have volunteered to serve this year and were elected.

Under the category of sickness and distress, please keep all members in your prayers and especially W. A. Rogers who is recuperating at a convalescent center (keep his wife in your prayers too as she travels back & forth to the center to visit & care for him). Charlie Alread, Worshipful Master Elect Dan Flanagan, and Bro. & Mrs. W. C. Fields as well as all others recuperating

From the East

at home. I just learned that Past Master Wilbur Trammel is scheduled for surgery on Friday, June 17th at Good Shepherd Hospital. Again, let's keep these and all Masonic families and friends in our prayers for a speedy recovery. Last but not least, please keep our service men & women in your thoughts and prayers.

On Saturday night, June 4th, the Lodge and Eastern Star Chapter held a joint meal followed by the Scholarship Awards Presentation. Students from three area high schools were awarded matching scholarships from Pine Tree Masonic Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. & A.M. totaling \$1,000.00 each. Zoe Koepke from Pine Tree ISD; Jeffrey Fields from White Oak ISD; and William Carter from Springhill ISD were the recipients of the Lodge Scholarships and the Lamar Medals. Please remember to thank the scholarship committee, Past Master Art Dunnivant, Brothers Bret Conway, and Jason Rumsey when you see them.

On Friday, June 10th, the Lodge honored a non-mason with a meal and the Community Builder Award. Pine Tree ISD

teacher, Mrs. Terry Barrett was honored for her work at the high school and Pine Tree ExCEL High School campus. Mrs. Barrett has demonstrated her leadership ability at the district level in each task she tackles and we were honored to recognize her. Again, thank the Community Builder Award Committee when you see them for their excellent recommendation. The committee members are Bros. Phil Smith, Charlie Alread, and Past Master Russell Bush.

As a side note, I would like to mention that at the June meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Pine Tree Independent School District, both Mrs. Terry Barrett and Miss Zoe Koepke were recognized by the ExCEL campus principal.

Then on Saturday, June 11th, we honored one of our own with a meal followed by the Golden Trowel award presentation. This year, the award went to longtime member, Brother Weldon E. Pittman, Sr. There was a really big crowd present from the Lodge, the OES, The Rainbow for Girls,

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Contention, Emulation, and Harmony

In the moral explanation of the Trowel is the reference to its use in spreading the cement of "brotherly love and affection" and our unity as "friends and brothers". In addition we are cautioned that "no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree". In this way, harmony will prevail throughout the Lodge and within the Craft.

Often, contention among Brothers leads to discord and it is that time when those, who can best work and agree, must step forward and lead. Admonishment, kind words, and understanding are the cement that must be spread in order to bring harmony to the Lodge and among the Brothers. The noblest "contention" is in the competition in self-improvement and understanding that through work

and effort, Brothers may "agree".

The seeds of discord are often small, but given time grow large. How often does a small remark, a lack of recognition, or a missed handclasp, lead to the absence of a Brother from his Lodge. How many candidates are lost through "small" moments in time, when we forget we are Brothers? To build a great temple requires time and effort, just as it requires time and effort to forge the bonds of fraternal affection.

To many "emulation" means imitation or ambitious rivalry, but to the Freemason, it carries the more important meaning of striving to equal or excel others in achievement. Working toward agreement and a common goal require harmony and only as a fraternity working together can such noble goals as

brotherly love and happiness be achieved. The Freemason is expected to labor for the harmony of the Lodge, the betterment of his Brothers, and the construction of his spiritual temple. To do less is to lessen the bonds and obligations found in the Degrees.

True harmony is to achieve unity of spirit and action. The source of this harmony is found in the furniture of the Lodge, the Holy Bible, the Square, and Compasses. They are constant reminders of the need for harmony and whatever the source of the Word of the Great Architect, His Will is our great Light, and the morality of the Square, along with the circumscribing of our passions through the Compasses, are our challenge to be one who can "best work and best agree".

Masters, Wardens, & Secretaries Association

The Masters', Wardens', and Secretaries' Association of the 10th Masonic District of Texas did not have a May business meeting. The By-Laws of the association state that the regular business meetings are to be held on the 5th Monday of each month having 5 Mondays. This year, the 5th Monday of May fell on Memorial Day. It was agreed upon at our last business meeting and declared by

the President that we would not meet on the Memorial Day Holiday.

The next meeting will be a called meeting and will be held on Monday, July 25, 2011. The meeting will be hosted by James F. Taylor Lodge No. 169 in Hallsville. This meeting is being called to conduct the regular business of the association as well as the election and installation

of officers for the 2011-2012 Masonic year. Be thinking about officer nominations. We are in need of a Secretary/Treasurer. If you are interested in serving the association as an officer, please contact our association vice president, Chad LaGrone. Brother LaGrone is currently the Worshipful Master at James F. Taylor Lodge.



Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

Our Eastern Star year has come to an end with the installation on June 18th. As your Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron we have enjoyed serving you. We look forward to serving our order and our Chapter in different offices with a joyful heart.

Our congratulations to Debra Albertson, Worthy Matron-Elect and Weldon Pittman Jr., Worthy Patron-Elect and their corps of officers. We wish for you a wonderful, fun and productive year. We will be behind you all the way.

We would like to invite everyone to our Grand Installation of Officers on June 18th at 2:00pm with Brother Bill

Wyatt, Past Grand Patron as our Installing Grand Officer. This time of the year is always exciting for both outgoing and incoming officers. We look forward to hearing all the new plans from Sister Debra.

On June 4th at a covered dish dinner at the Lodge, our Eastern Star chapter awarded two scholarships. We congratulate Briatni West from Pine Tree High School and Jeffery Fields from White Oak High School as our recipients. We wish them a fantastic future. DREAM BIG KIDS!

In looking ahead, we wish everyone a fun and safe 4th of

July. Be safe and always remember our soldiers and their families.

Ann Wyatt,

Worthy Matron

&

Bill Wyatt,

Worthy Patron



**Installation of
Officers will
be on
Saturday,
July 09, 2011.
Meal at 6:30
and
Installation to
follow.**

From the East (continued)

Bro. Pittman's church and the family's camping club. There were several Masons from the church and still more from the Campers Club. Again, we see the influence at the Masonic Lodge in each facet of our lives. This was a really good evening and if you were not able to attend, you missed a very pleasant event. The members of the Golden Trowel Committee are Brothers and Past Masters Jim Rumsey, Lex Janner, and Joe Hickerson. I think these brothers did an outstanding job.

My year as Worshipful Master is just about over. I have already been "fired", but have one more stated meeting before I am relieved of duty. I am looking forward to a little R & R. I hope each of you know what an honor you gave me by allowing me to serve as Master of this outstanding Lodge in this great Fraternity!

Leave them with a smile – I recently heard that Brothers Jim Rumsey and Jason Turner, who are both certified police officers, were in route to a function in deeper East Texas. They were on a 65 MPH Farm/Market Road as they approached a hill with one of the local residents walking toward them. The local yelled at them "PIGS!" Wondering how he would know they were cops, they yelled back indignantly – "RED NECK!" They then topped the hill to see a herd of wild hogs in the roadway.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth Jackson,
Past Master Elect





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



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Election of Officers

At the June Stated Meeting of Pine Tree Lodge, the 2011-2012 officers were elected in due and ancient form. Tradition prevailed and Bro. Dan Flanagan (Senior Warden) was elected to serve the Lodge as Worshipful Master for the 2012 Masonic Year.

The annual installation of officers will be conducted on Saturday, July 09, 2011, at the Lodge. Past Master Elect Kenneth Jackson is asking that all Masons be at the Lodge at 5:30 pm to close the Master Masons Lodge of Sorrow that he opened on July 03, 2010. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and the open installation will begin at 7:30. The honorable Bill Walker, Past Master of Danville Lodge No. 101 will preside as the Installing Officer.

Come out and support the officers that will lead our Lodge into the future.

Elected and Appointed Officers

2011-2012

- Worshipful Master - Daniel Flanagan
- Senior Warden - Jason Turner
- Junior Warden - Brett Beggs
- Treasurer - Phillip P. Smith
- Secretary - Jim Rumsey, PM
- Chaplain - Weldon Pittman Sr.
- Senior Deacon - Charles Looney
- Junior Deacon - Weldon Pittman Jr.
- Senior Steward - Casey Holder
- Junior Steward - Paul Medved Jr.
- Marshal - Wes Teague
- Master of Ceremonies - Gary Middleton
- Musician - Vacant
- Tiler - Don Ellis, PM