



Masonic Trestle Board

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

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Masonic News

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Greetings from the East!

Well, as the old saying goes, March came in like a lion and went out like a lamb. It brought us a few April showers, but let's continue to hope for those beautiful May flowers.

Last month we presented the community builder award, raised a Master Mason, and kept the Lodge moving. Next month will begin the typical rush to get everything accomplished.

We will have an Entered Apprentice exam and a Fellowcraft Degree; we will have our annual golf tournament; we will present the Lamar Medals and Masonic Scholarships; and we will find some time for a Family Day at the Lodge.

The Masters', Wardens', and Secretaries' Association will hold its quarterly business meeting on April 30th. Marshall Lodge No. 22 will host the meeting. Chad LaGrone, Past Master of James F. Taylor Lodge in Hallsville and MWSA President, has arraigned for a special guest speaker at the meeting. I encourage all who can to attend.

The annual James E. "Woody" Woodul Golf Classic is right around the corner.

From the East

Junior Warden Brett Beggs is heading up the tournament and coordinating the activities. Please contact him to see what kind of assistance he needs. Remember, our audit report from last year outlined that our Lodge needs this fundraiser to be able to continue providing the level of service we are accustomed to.

Our scholarship committee has made its selections and recommendations for the 2012 Masonic Scholarships and Lamar Medals. We will present the awards to three area graduating seniors on Thursday, May 17th. One student was selected from Pine Tree High School, Spring Hill High School, and White Oak High School. This is an excellent Public Relations opportunity for our Lodge. I encourage everyone to bring their families and come out to the Lodge to support these honorees. Additionally, our Secretary has informed me that our Lodge did receive the matching funds grant from the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation. Therefore, each student will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship instead of the \$500 at no additional cost to the Lodge.

The Secretary has been keeping a close tally on the incom-

ing Lodge dues. To date, we still have 13 Brothers who are in arrears. I encourage everyone to reach out to those who are in arrears and see if we can help them, or if they are in a position to, pay their dues.

Senior Warden Jason Turner is working diligently to prepare for the next Masonic Year. If tradition prevails, and I know of no just reason why it shouldn't, the Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Brother Turner has asked for each of the officers to speak with him about opportunities for next year.

As always, let's keep our sick and distressed brothers and their families in our prayers.

Fraternally yours,

Dan Flanagan,

Worshipful Master





An important form found among Freemasons is the “Lions Paw,” or grip formed by placing the fingers in the form of a cat’s paw. This grip, and its attendant reference to the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, has significance in several respects, both legendary and allegorical. It’s message of transition and everlasting life are a critical part of the Third Degree.

As a symbol, the lion has been a favorite subject prior to the Christian era as well as during the Middle Ages. As a result, there is some confusion regarding its symbolism in Freemasonry. The lion in all ages has been noted as a symbol of strength and sovereignty. The “King of Beasts,” whose mighty roar brought fear to the hearts of all, was known and respect by many ancient centuries. The lion’s head and mane were placed on many Egyptian hieroglyphs, idols and the famous Sphinx, recognizing the animal kingdom. Having

The Lion’s Paw

“the heart of a lion” was, and is today, deemed an acknowledgement of strength and character. Medieval knights adorned their shields and coats of arms with representations of lions, lion’s heads, manes, and paws. Richard, the Lion Hearted, and his famous shield of three lions are well documented, both in history and legend, signifying his sovereignty over England.

As a symbol, the Jews sometimes used the lion as an emblem of the Tribe of Judah as the expected the Messiah to descend from this tribe. This reference carried over to Christianity where Lion of the Tribe of Judah refers to Jesus Christ, the Messiah. To the ancient craft, this symbolism was seen further in the death an resurrection to life and man. Legend had that a lion’s cub, or whelp, was born dead and brought to life by the roar of its sire. As such, the reference to the lion may be applies to the Messiah, who brought life and the light of immortality to the

tribes of Israel, through the roar of God’s word.

The Freemason is introduced to the symbolism of the lion’s paw during the Master Mason Degree during the portrayal of the Hiram legend where the reference to the spiritual resurrection and immortality. The symbolism of resurrection clearly is an important part of the Freemason’s journey and quest for Light. In moving from darkness to Light, the Freemason recognizes his personal transformation and improvement, but the great step forward is made in the Third Degree. From the hand of a trusted Brother one is raised to a higher level of spiritual understanding and with the strength so gained may become a better man and Freemason.

Masters, Wardens, & Secretaries Association

The next meeting of the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the 10th Masonic District of Texas will be held on Monday, April 30, 2012.

The meeting will be hosted by Marshall Lodge No. 22, in Marshall. This will be the second meeting of the MWSA hosted by Marshall Lodge.

At the January meeting, we hosted Brother Mark G. Bateman as our guest speaker. Brother Bateman is the VP of Public Relations for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital. Brother Bateman’s presentation was well received.

Remember, the MWSA meetings are open to all Masons and families. All Masters,

Wardens, Secretaries, and Past Masters are voting members of the association. Come out and support your District and represent your Lodge, and let’s show our guests a warm welcome.

See you in Marshall.

Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

We hope everyone had a happy and blessed Easter and is enjoying the spring weather.

April is continuing to be a very busy month for Pine Tree 1090, Order of the Eastern Star.

The Chapter was pleased to welcome Sister Elinor Humphries who gave the Obligation program at our stated meeting on April 17. Sister Jennifer Utzman was elected Worthy Matron and brother Jim Rumsey was elected Worthy Patron. Their installation will be Saturday, June 2. Members are continuing to bring home the traveling plaque, Rocky, for a visit each month.

On Saturday, April 28, the Pine Tree 1090 held another successful barbeque lunch fundraiser at the Lodge from 11 to 2. The lunch included a brisket sandwich, chips and a drink. Lunches were also available for take-out. We again combined a garage sale fundraiser with the barbecue. that Saturday. A good time was had by all, and we made a little money.

Chapter members are continuing to sell tickets for a 46" flat screen television. Tickets are \$5 a ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held on May 26. Proceeds from the raffle will go toward the Scholarship Fund. We hope to be able to sell tickets at the Lodge's annual golf

tournament on May 19th. Any members who would like to help out this year at the Lodge's golf tournament can contact Worship Master Dan Flanagan or Junior Warden Brett Beggs—both Eastern Star Brothers.

Please continue to keep our sisters and brothers who are ill or have recently suffered loss in your thoughts and prayers.

Fraternal regards,

Debra Albertson, Worthy Matron

Weldon Pittman, Jr., Worthy Patron



Golf Tournament

I am pleased to announce the 5th Annual James "Woody" Woodul Memorial Golf Classic has been scheduled for May 19, 2012, at Wood Hollow Golf Club in Longview. This is Pine Tree Masonic Lodge's largest fund raising event. The success of this fund raiser is directly tied to the participation of all the members of the Lodge. I challenge each and every one of you to spread the word and

round up hole sponsorships, golfers, teams of golfers, and/or donations. All of the information about the tournament is posted on our Lodge web site. If you have any questions, or to volunteer to help, contact Junior Warden Brett Beggs:

bbeggs@pinetree1396.org
903-238-3222.

Dues

Dues notices were sent out in November, and second notices were sent in February. The annual dues are \$75. As of publication of this newsletter, 13 Brothers have not rendered payment. Endowed memberships are \$500. If you plan on living another 7 years, the purchase of an Endowed Membership will benefit both you and the Lodge. Three Brothers have already taken advantage of this opportunity.

**5th Annual
James
"Woody"
Woodul
Memorial Golf
Classic:
May 19, 2012
Wood Hollow
Golf Club.**

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



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Masonic Anniversary Dates

April Anniversary Dates:

12th - B. W. Gilliam, 1990	23rd - J. C. Rucker, 1979
1st - B. E. Scott, 1999	24th - J. C. Pee, 1997
2nd - R. L. Fletcher, 2002	26th - R. M. Means, 2007
3rd - R. M. Toon, 2008	29th - D. W. Ellis, 1978
7th - W. C. Taylor, 2009	R. J. Case, 1996
8th - M. E. Carlisle, 1999	D. W. Tubbs, 1991
	R. H. Fountain, 1965

Brethren:

If you are interested in serving the Lodge in an officer capacity or as a member of a committee for the 2013 Masonic Year, please contact Senior Warden Jason Turner. As you know, at Pine Tree Lodge, all officers except for the Chaplain are elected. The officer election will be held at our June stated meeting. The Installation of Officers is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th.