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Greetings from the East. Is it hot or what? This has got to be one of the hottest summers in many years. Please be sure to take care of yourself if you are out in this awful heat!

Late July brought forth the annual election of and installation of officers of our Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association. Congratulations to Brother Chad LaGrone, Past Master of James F. Taylor Lodge in Hallsville, on being elected and installed as President of the MWSA. Our MWSA is truly an inspiration of what brotherhood is in our district. If you have not attended on of these meeting, you should. The next one will be on August 29th and will be hosted by Pine Tree Lodge. We will have Brother Mike Wiggins as our guest speaker. Brother Wiggins is vying for the office of Grand Junior Warden.

August 4th was my first stated meeting as your Worshipful Master. It went off without a hitch. We received Right Wor-

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shipful Greg Murphy, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 10-A, who brought the Grand Master's Message.

During the meeting, Brother Kenneth Jackson was presented with his Past Master's Apron, certificate, the Lodge's traveling Past Master's ring, a bound volume of the Trestle Boards, and a hand-tooled leather plaque. Brother Jackson was truly honored and received the proper recognition for his service to the Lodge.

Brother Charlie Alread was presented with his 60 Year Grand Lodge Service Award.

Brother Grover Bryson then presented me with a beautiful hand-tooled leather bible cover. I am truly thankful.

Business is picking up for our Lodge. We will be conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree later this month and we also received a new petition, which I anticipate balloting upon at next month's

meeting. Remember, we are in the business of making Masons!

I announced Lodge committee appointments and chairmen. If you were not able to make the meeting, please check the bulletin board in the Lodge, as the Secretary has posted the committees.

On a positive note, we received word that our endowments returned a profit and the Lodge has received its check!

This month we will honor our 50 & 60 year members. We will have dinner and the award presentations on Saturday the 27th. Please come out and show your support for these lifelong Masons.

We have worked out a deal with the Hughes family regarding the lawn, but we need someone to volunteer to handle the trimming. If you are willing to help, get with the building and grounds committee.

Brothers Jason Turner and Brett Beggs will be traveling to Waco to attend the

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The word cable tow is purely Masonic and not heard in general use outside of the Lodge Room. In medieval days the cable tow or rope noose was worn when taking an obligation, as a symbol of submission, inferring that it could be used to inflict the penalty if a breach of that contract was committed.

In speculative Masonry it is symbolic of our obligations and teaches restraint, self discipline, prudence, temperance, etc.

Elsewhere in the ritual cable's length is mentioned, the term cable's length is a measure of length used at sea defined as being 200 yards. A ships cable can vary according to prevailing conditions of sea, wind, size of ship, weight of vessel to be towed and the length is given as 100, 120, 130 fathoms.

The trade guilds of the middle ages were leaders of life and laws to protect their crafts and skills. They assisted the needy, sick and aged, and generally promoted goodwill

and fellowship and encouraged church attendance.

Our Freemasonry of today has a strong resemblance to those guilds, and has made symbolic adoption of their trade customs and skills for moral instruction, and in some respects, there is a close relation to the wording of their apprenticeship obligations.

The Master Mason promises to obey all signs and summons sent to him if within of my length of my cable tow.

When we take the whole sentence the word My in this phrase is important. It is personal, it represents the individual. So the length of our cable tows can vary according to each of our own personal commitments – sickness of self or family, work obligations, transport problems.

It is doubtful that in Speculative Masonry the cable tow was ever intended to have any physical length but purely as a means of impressing the individual Mason that he was committed to fulfill the obligation to his Lodge and the Brethren, in

regard to his attendance, to the utmost of his ability and not let trivial things prevent him from discharging his responsibility.

The compilers of our ritual were men who saw that it was only by attendance of our Lodge that we as Master Masons can be instructed in the spiritual and symbolical teachings of our Craft, a fuller realization of the Fatherhood of God and the universal Brotherhood of man, a greater understanding of Brotherly love, relief and truth. By emulating the virtues displayed in the Five Points of Fellowship we will find that although our duties and obligations have increased, that which was once a tie has now no longer length or distance lost in the satisfying reward of love, peace and harmony in fraternal nearness and fellowship.

Symbolically the length of the cable tow is the scope of Freemason's responsibility to God, his neighbor and himself in the light of his ability to discharge that obligation. The length of a Master Mason's cable tow is precisely equal to the extent of his influences.



Masters, Wardens, & Secretaries Association

The Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the 10th Masonic District of Texas will hold its next business meeting on **Monday, August 29, 2011, at Pine Tree Masonic Lodge in Longview.** A covered dish dinner will be at 6:30 with the open meeting to follow.

Brother Mike Wiggins will be our guest speaker for the eve-

ning. Mike is a Past Master of Liberty Lodge No. 48 in Liberty, Texas, and is also a Past Master and Fellow of Texas Lodge of Research. Brother Wiggins has allowed himself to be placed in nomination for the office of Grand Junior Warden. **ALL Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters who will be attending Grand Lodge are strongly encouraged to**

attend the meeting to meet Brother Wiggins and to hear his message.

All Masons and their families are invited and encouraged to attend the open meetings of the MWSA.



Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

This has been a busy summer.

In July, Jennifer Tubman, our Associate Matron, presented an inspiring patriotic program honoring the United States flag.

Eight Pine Tree members recently attended Grand Chapter in Houston. Members attending were Betty and Andy Scott, Linda and Kenneth Jackson, Ann and Bill Wyatt, Debra Albertson and Charley Corbin. Our new Worthy Grand Matron is Vi Griffin from Anahuac Chapter. The new Worthy Grand Patron is David Dibrell from Dal-Cliff Chapter.

Pine Tree Chapter wishes to congratulate former member Faye Percy, appointed Grand Organist. Sister Fay is living in West Texas and is a member of the Odessa Chapter.

The members of Pine Tree Chapter would also like to thank for their service and dedication to the Order these members whose terms have recently ended: Sister Betty Scott Board of Directors, District 1; Andy Scott, Grand Representative to Puerto Rico; and, Linda Jackson, Grand Representative to Maryland.

The chapters of District 1, Section 8 cordially invite

you to attend an "Indoor Picnic" in honor of our founder of the Order of the Eastern Star, Rob Morris on August 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the Pine Tree Lodge. We hope this will be a time to visit and have some good fellowship. Please join us in this celebration.

The members of Pine Tree Chapter extend our sympathies to the families of Sue Bright and Dee Richardson who recently passed away.

Debra Albertson, Worthy Matron

Weldon Pittman Jr., Worthy Patron



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Grand Lodge Warden's Retreat this month. I am confident that they will represent our Lodge well.

Next month looks to be just as busy as this month. We will honor our Past Masters with a dinner and Past Master's Night.

Don't forget that Pine Tree Lodge will host Right Worshipful Jimmy Henley, Grand Lodge Committee on Work, on Friday, September 2nd for a Grand Lodge Forum. The exam

will follow on Saturday morning at Danville Lodge No. 101 in Kilgore. While we are on the topic of exams and esoteric certificates, the Secretary was cleaning the office and came across a Lifetime Class A certificate for Brother Howard Pennington. Most of you know that Brother Pennington was the Charter Worshipful Master of Pine Tree Lodge, and longtime Lodge Secretary. The Library Committee will be working to have Brother

Pennington's certificate displayed in the Lodge.

Little Cypress Lodge No. 1459 in Harleton will be dedicating their new Lodge building on Saturday, September 10th.

Let's get busy and continue to make Pine Tree Lodge the best Lodge in East Texas.

Fraternally yours,

Daniel Flanagan, Worshipful Master.

Congratulations to the newly installed officers of Pine Tree Masonic Lodge!

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



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Each month we will publish the Masonic Anniversary dates of the members of Pine Tree Lodge. These dates reflect the anniversaries that members were either raised in, or affiliated with Pine Tree Lodge.

August

- 2nd - A. M. Berry, 1987.
- 3rd - L. H. Mathis, 1997
- 4th - R. M. Bush, 1991
- 5th - C. M. Rue, 1995
- 6th - J. M. Reeves, 1981
- 7th - L. W. Landry, 1983
- 7th - N. H. Turner
- 7th - T. A. Whitehead, 1983
- 9th - T. D. Young, 1998
- 11th - S. S. Easley, 1994
- 11th - L. R. Hull, 1988
- 11th - R. T. Smith, 1977
- 13th - K. M. Graham, 2006
- 13th - C. V. Stewart, 1995
- 13th - C. W. Bunch, 1978
- 13th - R. C. Potts, 1972
- 15th - J. T. Bethard, 1993
- 15th - E. C. Wilson, 1974
- 17th - B. R. Parr, 1975
- 18th - J. E. Davis, 1977
- 24th - J. D. Faulk, 1980
- 24th - B. M. Bolt, 1969
- 26th - J. W. Lee, 1979
- 27th - J. D. Anderson, 1987
- 27th - J. L. Young, 1981
- 28th - G. M. Hogg, 1975
- 29th - R. B. Collins, 1996
- 29th - J. W. Abernathy, 1974
- 29th - F. C. Odom, 1974
- 29th - J. A. Grim, 1971
- 29th - J. L. Polatti, 1965
- 31st - D. L. Benson, 1980
- 31st - J. H. Kennemer, 1969