



Masonic Trestle Board

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Masonic News

- Oct. 29—25 & 40 Award Presentations
- Oct. 31—MWSA
- Nov. 3—Stated Meeting
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- Nov. 17—Called meeting to review GL Resolutions

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Greetings from the East.

Boy oh boy; cooler weather, a little rain, baseball championships, and apple pie; isn't life grand!

September concluded with the Lodge honoring its Past Masters. After enjoying a wonderful meal, Lodge was opened and each Past Master present was put on the spot by the guy wearing the hat this year. Beginning with our most senior living Past Master, Hon. Rusty Roberts, each spoke to the Lodge and reminisced about the experiences of sitting in the East. A wonderful time was truly had by all.

October began with a Grand Master's Workshop hosted by Danville Lodge in Kilgore. Brother Clyde Keneaster was the speaker for the evening, and presented an excellent Masonic Educational Program. Participants were put in the hot seat and presented with a series of "what if" scenarios. It was a benefit to all in attendance.

From the East

At our October stated meeting, Pine Tree welcomed two Master Masons who affiliated with our Lodge; brothers James Barber and Leo Willox. Brother Barber was presented his 60 year Masonic Service Award by our Lodge as a courtesy from his home Lodge in Austin, and decided to affiliate. We welcome both to our Lodge!

Additionally, Brother Barber presented the Lodge with an American Flag from Kandahar Air Base in Afghanistan. The flag is now on display in the Lodge room.

Also during the stated meeting, Brother and Past Master Art Dunnivant, who was awarded his Lifetime Esoteric Certificate earlier in the year, was presented with a hand-tooled leather plaque representing the lifetime achievement. The plaque was hand-made by our own Brother Grover Bryson.

The Lodge members elected Brother Tom

Whitehead to serve at the proxy during the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

On October 29th we will present the 25 and 40 year Masonic Service Awards. We will have a covered dish dinner at 6:30 with the presentations following at 7:30. All Masons and their families are strongly encouraged to attend and show your support to the honorees.

It's raffle time again! We have procured a Beretta shotgun. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this charitable fundraiser. If you want tickets to sell, or if you just want to buy some, please see Brett Beggs, Jason Turner, Jim Rumsey, or me for tickets; which are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing for the shotgun will be held on December 28th.

Don't forget the MWSA this month.

Fraternally yours.

Dan Flanagan, WM



The Ancient Workings Ritual states, “The Working Tools of a Master Mason are all the tools in Masonry indiscriminately but more especially the Trowel.”

Mackey states it as an “implement of operative Masonry, which has been adapted by speculative Masons, as the peculiar working tools of the Master’s Degree.”

By this implement, and its use in operative Masonry to spread the cement which binds all the parts of the building into one common mass, we are taught to spread the cement of affection and kindness, which unites all the members of the Masonic family, where so ever dispersed over the globe into one companionship of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.

The Trowel is an important symbol and working tool in Craft Masonry in many parts of the world,

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although it has become obsolete in England and those rituals based on English workings.

However, the Trowel was still being used in England in the 18th Century, when Masonry was being spread abroad, and, perhaps, as a result. American Lodges still use it as the only Working Tool in their Master Mason’s Degree.

An early English book, Preston’s Illustrations of Masonry, 1792, says: “The Trowel is mentioned as one of the things presented to the W. M. as his installation.”

But when the ritual was revised in 1813 the Trowel appears to have been dropped from the English craft Masonry altogether and is now completely obsolete in the system.

However, in Scotland the Trowel is used as the collar jewel of the Junior Deacon, and the Grand Junior Deacon

also wears this jewel as part of his regalia. They explain the use of the Trowel in this manner: “The Trowel teaches that nothing can be united without proper cement, and the perfection of the building depends on the suitable disposition of the cement. Charity the bond of perfection and social union, must unite separate minds and interest that like the radii of a circle which extend from the centre to every part of the circumference, the principle universal benevolence may diffused to every member of the community.”

“As it is used by the operative Brother to spread the cement which unites into one common mass, so the Freemason uses the Trowel emblematically for the noble glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection, that cement that unites the members of

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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, October 31st, at Danville Lodge No. 101 in Kilgore.** A covered dish dinner will be at 6:30 with the open meeting to follow.

Brother Wendell Miller will be the guest speaker for the

meeting. Brother Miller 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 Miller and to hear his message.**

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

This will be the last meeting of the MWSA before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

This meeting is being hosted by Danville Lodge in Kilgore.



Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

Pine Tree Chapter is looking forward to a busy fall.

The Worthy Grand Matron, Vi Griffin, and the Worthy Grand Patron, David Dibrell will be visiting East Texas the end of October. The fraternal visit will be held on Friday, October 28. The District 1 Section 8 School of Instruction will be held on Saturday, October 29, at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Marshall. All members of Eastern Star are invited to attend.

In preparation for our deputy visit, the fraternal visit, and the school of instruction many of our members have been attending practices in Marshall and at Pine Tree. Pine Tree Chapter holds a study and practice session at

7:00 pm, the fourth Tuesday of each month. The study sessions provide members an opportunity to get together and learn the work in an informal setting.

In November, our chapter will be continuing the tradition of preparing and delivering Thanksgiving Baskets to deserving families. The chapter will be collecting non-perishable and canned food for the food baskets. We invite the Masons of Pine Tree Lodge to join in our efforts. If you know of an individual or family who could benefit from a basket please let us know (903 984- 7133). Thanksgiving is a time to remember all that we are thankful for. Please find it in your heart to give to families who are in need.

Pine Tree chapter welcomes back Myrna Lee Goodson who was recently reinstated to our chapter. If you are a member of the Order, please consider becoming active in our chapter. If you would like more information on how to become involved in Eastern Star please contact a current member. We would be happy for you to join us.

Please remember all of our members who have been ill and continue to have health issues.

Debra Albertson,
Worthy Matron

Weldon Pittman Jr.,
Worthy Patron



All Masons are encouraged to attend the MWSA meetings. All Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, and Past Masters are voting members.

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the fraternity into one sacred band or society of Brothers among to contention should ever exist.”

In one French working, the candidate in the Fellow Craft Degree is made to take five “voyages” around the Lodge and on each “voyage carries a different Working tool, namely the mallet and chisel, the square and compasses, the rule and the crowbar, the level, and on the fifth and last “voyage”, the Trowel.

In the U.S. Lodges, and in those Canadian Lodges which have taken the ritual and form from the various American states, the Trowel is the only Working Tool of the Third Degree.

To quote Mackey’s Encyclopedia:

“This implement is considered the appropriate Working Tool of a Master Mason, because, in operative Masonry, while the Apprentice is engaged in the preparing the rude

materials, which only require the gauge and gavel to give the proper shape, the Fellow Craft places them in the proper position by means of the plum, level and square; but the Master Mason alone, having examined their correctness and proved them true and trusty, secures them permanently in their place by spreading the Trowel, the cement that irrevocably binds them together.”

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



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Masonic Anniversary Dates

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.

October

1st - F. E. Christy (1992)

5th - K. E. Prine (2000)

5th - D. L. Mayberry (1987)

7th - J. R. White (2004)

7th - R. G. White (1982)

8th - J. M. Baxley (1970)

10th - I. J. Kirbow (2006)

10th - F. C. Till (1996)

12th - C. K. Gregg (2006)

12th - H. E. Keenon (1989)

12th - D. L. Richards (1987)

16th - J. E. Woodul (1980)

16th - J. L. Rawlinson (1969)

17th - K. W. Huggins (1968)

18th - P. W. Bryan (2007)

18th - C. D. Looney (1982)

18th - R. B. McCune (1976)

18th - R. N. Thomas (1972)

19th - A. K. Ciomperlik (2000)

19th - R. P. Sharpe (1989)

19th - C. M. Woodul (1987)

19th - J. M. Howard (1972)

20th - R. K. Luman (2005)

21st - L. W. Whitehead (1985)

23rd - P. L. Welton (1972)

24th - A. S. Hudson (2006)

24th - C. J. Mullins (2005)

31st - G. L. Davis (1994)