



Masonic Trestle Board

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Masonic News

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Greetings from the East.

Well, our District Deputy Grand Master has just about finished his first round of official visits, with only one to go. His last visit will be at Longview Lodge No. 404 on March 6th. If you have not had an opportunity to travel with our District Deputy, I strongly encourage you to do so. He is doing an outstanding job delivering the Grand Master's message, and he would appreciate your support.

Our fraternity welcomed a new Master Mason on January 28th. Brother Dakota Ray Keenon was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. His father (and brother) Gene Keenon was able to Raise his son. We congratulate both father and son and welcome Dakota into our Master's Lodge.

Also this month we passed a worthy candidate to the degree of Fellowcraft. I am anticipating another Master Mason's Degree in the near future.

The petition box at the Secretary's Office was refilled last week. I hope that means that all the petitions were handed out. So far this year we have had two EAs advance, three affiliations, and one reinstatement. Thank you to all of the

From the East

brothers who have joined our Lodge this year.

On February 11th, Pine Tree Lodge hosted its first Sweet-heart night. It turned out very well, as we had 25 guests for the evening event. Lots of good food and fellowship. Everyone had a good time.

At our February Stated Meeting, we had the honor of sitting in Lodge with Brethren who have been absent due to illness. It was good to see these brothers and to know that they are doing well.

Let's keep all of our sick and bereaved brethren in our prayers.

As the sun begins to set on the 2012 Masonic Year, several activities and events are taking off:

- Our Junior Warden, Brett Beggs, is working diligently on our annual golf tournament. The date will be on May 19th. More information will be put out as the date draws nearer.
- The Community Builder Award Committee has made its report to the Lodge and a worthy recipient has been selected. The presentation date will be March 31st.
- The Scholarship and

Lamar Medal Committee is actively searching the local high schools for award recipients. Our secretary has filed application with the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation for a matching funds grant.

- The Take Time to Read Committee will be delivering the TTTR materials to the local primary schools next week in preparation for Preparation for Public Schools Week.
- The Fantastic Teeth Committee has secured tooth decay kits for the first grade students at two local primary schools. The kits have been delivered at no cost to the Lodge. White Oak Primary School will have a dental program for the students Friday at 10:00.
- The members in arrears committee is working hard to secure dues.

That about wraps it up for this month.

Fraternally,

Daniel R. Flanagan,

Worshipful Master.



Highest Hills and Lowest Valleys

Dr. Oliver says, “Among other observances which were common in the early history of Masonry, we find the practices of performing commemorative rites on the highest hills and in the lowest valleys. This practice was in high esteem amongst of all the inhabitants of the ancient world, from a fixed persuasion that the summit of mountains made a nearer approach to the celestial Deities; and the valley, or holy cavern, to the infernal and submarine gods than the level country; and that, therefore, the prayers of mortals, were more likely to be heard in such situations.” Hutchinson also says, “The highest hills and the lowest valleys were, from the earliest times, esteemed sacred, and it was supposed that

the spirit of God was peculiarly diffusive in those places.”

There is, however, a more important symbolism connected with worship, or the performance of sacred mystical rites, on the highest hills or mountain peaks. In practically, every instance, all of the visions experienced by notable characters in the sacred writings occurred on lofty places, which, by some, is thought to symbolize the elevation of consciousness, above physical plane to higher realms of vision, in which all supernal visions are said to take place.

The Greeks and most other nations worshiped their gods on the top of high mountains. The Persians neither had images or altars, but only sacrificed to the gods on some high place. The same custom is

attested in innumerable places in the sacred scriptures. Abraham was commanded by God to offer up Isaac, his son, for burnt offering on one of the mountains in the land of Moriah. On the same mountain, and presumably the same spot, Solomon, by Gods appointment, erected a Temple according to the model of the Temple, which Moses, for divine instruction built in the wilderness.

Taken from the Grand Lodge of Texas; Monitor of the Lodge; 1934

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 in April!

Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

Hello from Pine Tree 1090, Order of the Eastern Star. We hope everyone is having a good month and had a Happy Valentine's Day.

In celebration of Valentine's Day many of our members joined the Masons for a covered dish supper on February 11. It was a time to eat good food, indulge in the best desserts, and enjoy the fellowship with our Brothers and Sisters. We were also pleased that many of the Rainbow girls from Kilgore Assembly #168, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls were able to join us.

The Eastern Star will be hon-

oring the Masons by serving dinner at their stated meeting on March 1 at 6:30. This is just a small thank-you for all that the Brothers of the Lodge do for us. We appreciate their support and the use of the Lodge building for our Eastern Star activities.

We are continuing to collect items for our men and women in the Armed Forces. Please donate items and place them in the Soldier Box on the back table. Items asked for include: socks, jerky, trail mix, Vienna sausages, puzzles, game books, magazines, baby wipes, and hand sanitizer. If you know of a soldier on active duty whose unit

could use these items please contact one of our Eastern Star members.

Plans are in the works for a barbeque fundraiser to be held in April. Members will begin selling tickets in March.

Please keep all our sisters and brothers who are ill or who have recently suffered loss in your thoughts and prayers. We are family!

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:

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Dues

Dues notices were sent out in November, and second notices were sent last month. The annual dues are \$75. As of publication of this newsletter, only 82% have returned 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.

**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

February Anniversaries:

2nd - A. M. Berry, 1987
3rd - L. H. Mathis, 1997
5th - C. M. Rue, 1995
6th - J. M. Reeves, 1981
7th - L. W. Landry, 1983
7th - N. H. Turner, 1983
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 - 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