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Masonic News

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We have survived Halloween and now Thanksgiving is soon approaching. What does Pine Tree Lodge have to be thankful for? We have an outstanding membership and the turnout at stated meetings is something to be proud of. We are making Masons. We are on track to achieve the Vanguard Award. But, what are we thankful for? I am thankful of the Lodge members and officers. The officers are taking care of business, making sure we have food, manning their stations and places during meetings, but more importantly, they are doing the little things behind the scenes that make our Lodge what it is. The past masters and Lodge members are offering ideas, supporting

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the actions of the officers, filling in at meetings when needed, and making good decision for the benefit of the Lodge. I am thankful that the Lodge has given me the opportunity to serve as Master, and am thankful that the Lodge members are giving me the opportunity to succeed.

Last month, the Lodge hosted R. W. Jerry Martin, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Texas. R.W. Martin discussed the 20 proposed Grand Lodge resolutions. A complete list of the resolutions and how the Lodge intends to vote is published on pages 4 & 5.

This month, we will have an Entered Apprentice Mason Degree on Thursday, Novem-

ber 19th. We will have a called Entered Apprentice Meeting on Monday, November 23rd.

The December stated meeting will be on the second Thursday in December due to the 174th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The Lodge/ OES Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 19th at 6:30.



Pine Tree Lodge Members Receive K. C. C. H. Designation

Two members of Pine Tree Lodge were admitted to the Court of Honor in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in Dallas on Saturday, November 14th. Worshipful Master Jimmy Rumsey and Weldon Chambers PM, were invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander.

The Knight Commander of the Court of Honor is not a degree,

but an investiture of recognition and honor to a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

The Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction in Washington D.C. voted in October to admit both brothers to the Court of Honor. Rumsey and Chambers are members of the Waco Valley of the Scottish Rite.





The EA lecture gives an esoteric explanation of this symbol within two parallel lines representing the Sts. John, not in their theological significance but in their sense of a calendar, the days named after the Saints themselves, are denoted. Since those days were the two extremes of the year, the sun is represented as swinging in its circuit between them. The two days are, therefore, the limits of the circle as set between the lines. Hence, it is a

symbol of control of conduct.

This was not always its symbolic signification. The phallus of the Ancient Mysteries was the symbol of the male generative principle. Circular temples and stone circles such as Stonehenge had a single stone erected in the center. Those in Egypt, India, and the Druids represented a simple generation. Also, from its earliest dawn of history a simple closed figure has been man's

symbol for Deity – the Circle for some people the triangle for others, either figure can be a central point for still others.

When man conceived that there was but one God, rather than innumerable special deities, and attempted to picture that conception of unity, the only thing he could do was to make a point.

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“Pine Tree Masonic Lodge will receive the Vanguard Award in 2010.”



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Masonic
Lodge and
Pine Tree
School**

Throughout the lessons of Masonry are found many references to the need of peace and harmony, both in and outside the Lodge room. Within the charges, admonitions, and prayers the Freemason is instructed to strive toward these two states, for they offer the supports to freedom, liberty, justice,

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and moral rectitude.

Masonry is clearly against war, which is the opposite of peace, but the Mason is a dutiful and loyal citizen, obedient to the laws of his country. So it is that when the freedom of his country is threatened, he acts within his sense of conscience and submits to le-

gal authority. Liberty and freedom of choice are critical elements of the Fraternity, and the Brotherhood of the Lodge always works toward peace.

However, peace extends to conflicts less than war. It reaches down to the level of two people and even to one person. them.

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Masters' Wardens' & Secretaries' Association

There will be a meeting of the Worshipful Masters, Junior & Senior Wardens, and the Lodge Secretaries of all of the Lodges in Masonic District 10 (this includes districts 10-A and 10-B) to determine if there is interest in forming a MWSA for the district. The meeting will be held at Pine Tree Lodge on Monday, No-

vember 30, 2009, at 7:00 pm.

The purpose of a MWSA is to :

- 1: assist the DDGM and members of any Grand Lodge Committee in the performance of their duties when requested,
- 2: foster and encourage ideas

and plans determined to promoting better spirit of Brotherhood and widen acquaintances among the brethren of the district, and

- 3: promote and support educational meetings designed to bring more light to all Master Masons.

Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

Hello everyone! And Happy Thanksgiving to one and all. Pine Tree Chapter is getting ready for the OES School of Instruction to be held on December 12. All members are invited to attend. I think you will be surprised at some of the new things you might learn.

Since our last newsletter, we have had initiation of 3 new members. Welcome to Brandi Pittinger, Lynn Till and Carl Till.

We will be preparing and delivering Thanksgiving Baskets again this year.

If you want to help, just leave any non-perishable food at the lodge. We will meet on Saturday, November 21st to put them together with turkeys and deliver them. If anyone has a friend or family who could use a little help, let us know. We all have so much to be thankful for, so join us in helping those less fortunate.

Please remember the families of those who lost their lives at Ft Hood recently and pray for all our service men and women. Also remember those of our own members

who have been ill. Remember to ask God's blessings on W. A. & Mary Sue Rogers and on Kay Faulk who has been sick for 6 weeks. Also for Bobbie Sue McCullar, wife of Bobby McCullar and mother of our member, Cheryl Wyatt. I am sure there are others in need of prayers.

Thank you and remember what our Worthy Grand Patron Bill Wyatt says, "Kindness is a language the blind can see and the deaf can hear."

Linda & Kenneth Jackson, Worthy Matron and Patron.



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When he conceived that God was eternal, without beginning and without ending, the only appropriate picture he could draw was the circle, which goes around and around forever. When he conceived that the Master Builder was a God of righteousness he drew the vertical parallel lines. So, in the larger sense, this symbol stands

for unity, the eternal life and the righteousness of God. Some interpret in Masonry that the Lodge represents the world or the universe, and the Master and Wardens within it represents the sun in three positions. The Master and Wardens are symbols of the sun, the Lodge of the Universe, or world, just as the point is the symbol of

the same sun, and the surrounding circle of the universe.

Others suggest that this Masonic symbol refers to the circuits or circumambulation of the initiate about the sacred altar, which supports a central point, while the Brethren stand in two parallel lines.

“Pine Tree Masonic Lodge will be the benchmark for other Lodges in East Texas.”

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Masons must understand that dissension between Brothers goes against the principles of the Order and the obligations taken by them. Brothers are supposed to be Brothers and extend Brotherly Love to one another. Resolution of conflict allows Brothers to

focus their efforts and to build, rather than destroying themselves and, all too frequently, those about them. Hiram and his three Brothers, Cain and Abel, and many others should be reminders of the waste of conflict. Finally, there is the need

for the individual peace found in building that inner Temple.

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Grand Lodge Resolutions

Holdover Resolution #10, 2008.

Adds to Art. 225a to recognize Panhandle Masonic Hilltop Association (Gary Smith). **YES**

1. Permit a newly elected Worshipful Master's proficiency to be determined to the satisfaction of his Lodge and not the Committee on Work or a District Instructor. (PGM Bob Waters). **NO**

2. Amends Constitution to eliminate proxy votes; making WM, SW, and JW of Lodge a member of GL; establishes GL voting by members; adds that no members can cast more than one vote. (Larry Winkle). **NO**

3. Adds to Art. 225a to recognize the National Association of Masonic Scouters. (Rex Lewis) **YES**

4. Adds to Art. 225a to recognize the National Association of Masonic Scouters. (PGM Brian R. Dodson). **YES**

5. Amend Arts. 218 & 219 to be filed by October 1 and not require changes to a Lodge's By-Laws approved by a previous Committee on By-Laws. (Louis Stephens). **NO**

6. Amend Article 135 to require the Committee on Work to issue a lifetime certificate to 25-year holders of B and C certificates. (Louis Stephens). **NO**

7. Amend Form 23a to permit past presidents to be regular members of a Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Associations. (Jerry L. Jones). **YES**

8. Amend Constitution to establish GL voting by members only; each Lodge WM and Wardens will have one vote each if present but a proxy would have one vote for the Lodge if the WM and Wardens are absent; no member can have more than two votes. (PGM Leonard Harvey) **NO**

9. Amend Art. 163.5 to permit Lodges to not pay the \$25 fee to the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation for the Master Masons' Degree. (John Wallace) **NO**

10. Amend Art. 129 to require the Grand Lodge to adapt and recommend a cipher/code book conforming to the Texas work to Texas Masons. (William Patrick). **NO**

11. Amend Constitution to decrease the MHS Board to five members; deletes Grand Master & DGM from Board, and negating GSW & GJW from serving as interim members. (Russell Brown). **YES**

Grand Lodge Resolutions

12. Amend Art. 163 to give discretionary authority to GL Trustees to suspend per capita payments to GL Charitable Activities. (David Dibrell). **YES**

13. Amends Art. 6a to record other related Masonic activities and a recitation pertaining to family, business, professional, civic activities and to military service in Statements of Availability. (W. Vernon Burke). **YES**

14. Amend Monitor to require the words “Amen” & “So mote it be” in the script for Leveling a Cornerstone. (W. Vernon Burke). **WITHDRAWN BY AUTHOR**

15. Amend Art. 318a to permit an Endowed Members to add to its value in increments of \$100 or multiples thereof. (W. Vernon Burke). **YES**

16. Amend Art. 318a to permit the Endowed Member to take back his Endowed Membership (and its original payment) if no distribution is made on the investment. (Clyde Caldwell). **NO**

17. Require any Master Mason to report any compensation received from the Grand Lodge while serving in an appointive or elective GL position, or on any GL committee, board, foundation, or associated body for consulting, legal, accounting, or professional services and require the GL Finance Committee to report it at the Grand Annual communication. (Harold Collum). **YES**

18. Amend Art. 32(b) to permit a restored Lodge to change its original chartered name after 36 months. (Floyd Trammell). **NO**

19. Amend Art. 32(b) to permit a restored Lodge to change its original chartered name if approved by the Grand Lodge. (Cliff Cameron). **NO**

20. Amend Constitution to prohibit the adoption of any resolution, etc. in an ex post facto or retroactive manner, and to hold null and void any current applications made in such a manner. (Cliff Cameron). **NO**

21. Amend Art. 397 to permit no other Book of Faiths to be placed upon the Altar but the Holy Bible. (S. Eddie Graham). **NO**

Grand Junior Warden: **JERRY MARTIN**

Committee on Work: **DUANE ANTHONY**

Shotgun Raffle

Beretta AL 391 Urika 2 (Camo)

12 Gauge, 3" Magnum



Pine Tree Masonic Lodge

Longview, Texas

Tickets \$5 each or 5 Tickets for \$20

Drawing: Saturday, December 19th. You need not be present to win.

Proceeds Benefit Masonic Charities and Scholarships

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



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The matters of conscience, mutual respect, and moral conduct are the keys to happiness, and it is here that the passions truly are circumscribed, and building stones are placed. It is within the individual that true peace begins and Masonic truth can be pursued.

Understanding the need for peace alone does not complete the Temple.

The Freemason must recognize his role within the Fraternity and that he is a living stone in a Greater Temple, namely that of the Universe. Musical harmony refers to the melding tones as to achieve a pleasant whole and the

beauty of sound. From such harmony come great music and an appreciation of the harmony of the universe in which we live. The Great Architect has extended the harmony of nature and its beauties for all to see. The varying combinations and interrelationships are constant lessons in the pursuit of harmony in us, our Brothers, and our world.

Masons should have a bond of trust and Brotherly love that is dedicated to peace and harmony. Personal interest, intemperance and excess, piques and quarrels, and such will not lead to the happiness we seek, or the Temple we

wish to build. . The Holy Writings, the Square and Compasses, the Rule, and Line all direct our footsteps toward being better men and better Masons. Peace and harmony must be our constant goals.



The 174th Grand Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas will be held at Waco on December 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

