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Masonic News

- 8/28—Covered Dish Dinner—6:30
- 8/30—MWSA Meeting (Harleton)
- 8/30—Exam Night
- 9/2—Stated Meeting

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Editor's Note:

This month's From the East column has been prepared by Senior Warden Dan Flanagan, due to the absence of the Worshipful Master. Worshipful Master Kenneth Jackson was committed to the Grand Chapter of Texas, Order of the Eastern Star during the week of our August stated meeting.

The new Masonic Year is off and running. August began with the new slate of officers taking the reigns. August 2nd was the Lodge's regular examination night, and we are proud to announce that Brother Gary Middleton has been pronounced proficient in the Master Mason's Lesson. Gary now stands among us as a Master Mason and looks forward to further Light in our Fraternity.

August 5th, was the first stated meeting with the new officers. It was also the second official visit of the District Deputy. Right Worshipful Jessie Newton, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District number 10-A was received in due and ancient form by Pine Tree Masonic Lodge. Right Worshipful Newton brought Masonic Greeting from the Grand Lodge of Texas and presented the message of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. During

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the meeting, a Petition for the Mysteries was read and a committee appointed.

Worshipful Master Kenneth Jackson and Chaplain Bill Wyatt were not in attendance at the stated meeting due to their obligations at the Grand Chapter. Bill Wyatt presided over the Grand Chapter in his official capacity as Worthy Grand Patron of the Order. Kenneth served as Page to the Worthy Grand Patron. I would like to thank all who helped out to "fill the chairs" at the stated meeting.

August 7th, Pine Tree Lodge hosted Right Worshipful Tom Guest, Grand Secretary, and his staff at the annual Grand Secretary's School of Instruction and Forum. Thirty-six (36) Master Masons from twenty-two (22) Lodges attended the workshop. Right Worshipful Guest and his staff made presentations and answered questions pertaining to Lodge administration. Topics ranged from Grand Lodge Forms to IRS filings, and everything in between. This was the second year that Pine Tree was asked to host the annual event.

Junior Warden Patrick Bryan and I will be out of town with weekend of August 21-22, attending the Warden's Retreat in Waco. I want to take this opportunity to thank the

Lodge for allowing us this opportunity to attend the workshops. We will make a report at the next stated meeting.

Saturday, August 28th at 6:30, we will have a joint covered dish dinner with the Pine Tree Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. This joint social function will count toward our Vanguard Award for 2011. Bring a dish and come out and have a good time with us.

Monday, August 30th will be the regular meeting of the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association. The meeting will be hosted by Little Cypress Lodge in Harleton. For more information on the MWSA, see page 2.

Friday September 3rd, Pine Tree Lodge will host Right Worshipful Jimmy Henley, Grand Lodge Committee on Work. Right Worshipful will present a Grand Lodge Forum relating to the ritual and work. The exam will follow on Saturday, September 4th at Danville Lodge in Kilgore.

If anyone has anything they would like to see in the newsletter, please contact Jim Rumsey.

Fraternally,

Dan Flanagan, Senior Warden



**Pine Tree
Masonic Lodge
has met the
requirements
for the
Vanguard
Award for 2011.**



**1852—
Masonic
Lodge and
Pine Tree
School**

Truth is the first lesson we are taught in Freemasonry and the one tenet we so often forget at the most crucial times in our lives. We accept that Truth in the abstract is important but, it is so much more difficult to practice it in our daily lives. Perhaps a refresher is in order.

Truth means that we always deal on the square with everyone... not only our Brethren but all those we may meet each day. Doing the simple things; like driving courteously, keeping your public appearance and behavior within accepted norms, and showing genuine concerns for neighbors can go along with in promoting your image as a Mason.

Truth is keeping promises, which is one of the most difficult for anyone to do. We, as Freemasons, should be slow to promise and quickly to fulfill those we make. This

simple act can help to impress upon your mind the importance of Truth in all things.

Truth is supporting and encouraging our Brethren in all their endeavors. Many times we forget that younger members of our lodges need our support to learn proficiencies, ritual and established customs. We should never shy away from correcting bad behavior or encouraging good. We should be ready to praise every good accomplishment and ensure a Brother is comfortable with the feedback he receives by always being positive in our critiques.

Truth is being loyal to your lodge. Always speaking your mind in the best interest of the lodge and supporting the decisions of the majority are essential to maintaining quality lodge for all members.

Be active and participate on committees, in discussions and elections. Make time to attend meetings as often as possible and learn the ritual so you may help the Master and your Brethren at any time.

Truth is reminding yourself why you became a Mason. Remember, it was in your heart that you were first bequeathed to become a Mason. We should never lose sight of the importance of Freemasonry to our individual growth, be it spiritual, Masonic or personal. The first and most important Truth we must always hold is our belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe. It is through Him that all things are possible.

Masters' Wardens' & Secretaries' Association

The Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the 10th Masonic District of Texas held its regular stated meeting on July 26, 2010. Gladewater Lodge hosted the meeting.

This meeting was the election and installation of officers for the Association. The 2010-2011 Officers are:

- President—Chad Murphy, PM Gladewater Lodge 852.

- Vice President—Chad LaGrone, WM James F. Taylor Lodge 169.
- Secretary/ Treasurer—Robert Perkins, SW James F. Taylor Lodge 169.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 30th. Little Cypress Lodge #1459 in Harleton will host the meeting. Covered dish dinner at 6:30 followed by an open meeting at 7:30.

Our guest speaker will be Claude Ervin. Claude is the chairman of the Waco Scottish Rite and has made himself available for the office of Grand Junior Warden.

We had a great turnout for the last meeting, I would like to see another good one.

Come out and represent your Lodge and meet Brother Ervin.

Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

Happy Birthday to Doctor Rob Morris, the founder of the Order of the Eastern Star. We celebrated Dr. Morris' birthday by giving and educational program about his life, career, and his legacy. We owe him many thanks for our beautiful Order as it is today.

This month we initiated two candidates and still have two more to initiate. To learn more about our order, please see any of our members. We will be happy to discuss it with you, get you a petition and get you started.

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. We have study and practice meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00.

We are looking forward to the joint covered dish dinner with the Pine Tree Masonic Lodge on August 28th, at 6:30. Come out and enjoy the fellowship.

Ann Wyatt, Worthy Matron

Bill Wyatt, Worthy Patron

2010-2011 Officers

Worthy Matron—Ann Wyatt
 Worthy Patron—Bill Wyatt
 Associate Matron—Debra Allen
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 Treasurer—Jim Rumsey
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 Esther—Donna Dunnivant
 Martha—Mary Fletcher
 Electa—Bernice Kilgore
 Warder—Andy Scott
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Symbolism of the Lily

The lily work which is described as part of the ornamentation of the two pillars in the porch of Solomon's Temple is said to be, from the whiteness of the plant, symbolic of purity and peace. Properly, it is a lotus work.

The plant so frequently mentioned in the Old Testament under the name of lily, as an emblem of purity and peace, was the lotus lily of Egypt and India. It occupies a conspicuous place among the ornaments of the Temple furniture. The brim of the molten seas was wrought with flowers of the lotus; the chapters on tops of the pillars at the porch, and the tops of the pillars themselves, were adorned with the same plant. Sir Walter Ker Porter, describing a piece of sculpture which he found at Persepolis,

says

Almost everyone in the procession holds in his hand a figure like the lotus. This flower was full of meaning among the ancients and occurs all over the East. Egypt, Persia, Palestine, and India present it everywhere over their architectures in the hands and on the heads of their sculptured figures, whether in statue or in bas-relief. We also find it in the sacred vestments and architecture of the tabernacle and temple of the Israelites.

The lily which is mentioned by our Savior, of an image of peculiar beauty and glory, when comparing the works of nature with the decorations of art, was a different dower probably a species of liliun. It is a symbol

of divinity, of purity, and abundance, and of a love most complete in perfection, charity, and benediction.

Hence, the lily's three leaves in the arms of France mean Piety, Justice, and Charity. We must not forget the difference between the lotus of the Old Testament and the lily of the New. The former is a Masonic plant.

Albert Mackey

I am very proud to say that I am a member of Pine Tree Lodge, the Best Lodge in East Texas.

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



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Masonry at the State Capitol

Saturday, August 21st, Brother Casey Holder and I traveled to Austin for a symbolic event in Masonry. Casey and I attended a Master Mason's Degree conferred in the Senate Chamber of the Texas Capitol. Canyon Lake Lodge No. 1425 received dispensation to confer the degree. A Master Mason's Lodge was open then called to refreshment. Most Worshipful Orville O'Neill, Grand Master of Masons in Texas, then opened a representation of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. The representation of the Grand Lodge was called to Refreshment and the Master Mason's Lodge was called to labor. A Master Mason's Degree was conferred in due and ancient form.

An estimated 110 Master Masons were on hand from around the state for the conferral.

