



Masonic Trestle Board

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The Masonic Year is progressing well at Pine Tree Lodge. At our last Stated Meeting, Rite Worshipful Greg Murphy, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 10-A, made his “official visit”. I think the meeting went well, but I understand the Ritualistic Opening and Closing was graded and I have no report on how well we did. Attendance was less than normal, but the weather was cold and probably kept some members at home.

At the meeting, our Lodge did vote to increase the annual member dues from \$50 to \$75. As we discussed at the January meeting, the increase is required to cover cost of Grand Lodge Per Capita (dues) payments. Although current dividends are low on all investments, especially returns on “Endowed Membership” investments, I encourage all Masons to purchase Endowments, as these investments will soon be paying dividends. I especially encourage all Line Officers to purchase endowments as the Lodge historically purchases an Endowed Membership for the outgoing Worshipful Master. If the officers purchase their own, the Lodge will not have to use our funds for this purpose. I am already endowed and donate the “per capita” if not covered by the dividends.

One thing that I would like to

From the East

discuss is the refurbishing of the tin “Square and Compasses” wall panel. I have seen these that were painted blue, white, and with a gold letter G. They look very nice after proper restoration. Ours was donated a couple of years ago and is in “raw” condition. Do we have any (bodyshop) metal smiths in our lodge? I feel we should consider a new paint job on it and display it in a place of prominence in our building.

I hope everyone has seen the new “Roster of Officers” for the first forty eight-year history of Pine Tree Lodge. During a visit to a neighboring city lodge with a 150+ year history, we observed a roster with the names of each officer on display. Several visitors from Pine Tree discussed it and this seemed like a good idea. A few weeks later, a new framed document appeared at Pine Tree with all former officers named on this display. Oh, and by the way, we have a committee working on the 50 Year Anniversary celebration for Pine Tree Lodge.

Several upcoming events that I will need your help with planning several evening events to celebrate and honor the 40 and 25 year memberships, the Golden Trowel Award, the Community Builder Award, and honor the scholarship recipients. If you know someone deserving of recognition, please let a per-

son on the proper committee know so we can honor the most deserving individual. As these events are scheduled, please plan to attend and bring your families.

Last of all, we are having regular round table and study nights. If you are interested in participating, please see the calendar put out at the beginning of each month. These calendars will also be sent to the Pine Tree Yahoo Group for your convenience should you not receive the hard copy calendar at Lodge. I will email them out again during the month if other activities are added after the original one is sent.

Fraternally,

Kenneth Jackson





When conferring degrees at various stages of our lives, there is heard the phrase, "I confer upon you this degree, with all of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities". Generally in the excitement of the moment, the full meaning of these words is easily forgotten. Likewise, in the Lodge when an initiate advances, the full meaning of the obligation and the lessons are not fully comprehended.

Within a short time, however, the new Mason recognizes and assumes the "rights" accorded him. He comes to know that he has the "right" to attend Lodge meetings, he votes upon new members, he can admonish and correct less informed Masons, and he can enforce the tenets of the Order. Within each Lodge, whether Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, or Masters' Lodge, rights are accorded the members and they should be proud of those rights.

It is easy to see privileges accorded a Mason, especially those earned by previous generations of honorable, community minded, charitable and good men. How often are recalled the State and National leaders who were members of the Fraternity and by being a member, each Mason enjoys the privilege of association with men such as them. It is a privilege to have the confidence and support of our Brothers, not alone the Brotherly affection and care.

But many forget that with the above rights and privileges, there are great responsibilities placed upon a Mason. Beyond the individual commitments of the obligations, there are expectations of better conduct, working toward personal improvement, having high integrity, seeking truth, and working toward Light. Virtue, honor, and reputation are expected, but at

a higher level than before becoming a Mason.

Character and trust are qualities that require constant attention for each Mason is an example of all Masons to those outside the Lodge. Our responsibility to the All-Seeing Eye should prompt each Mason to treat all fairly upon a level of doing unto others, as they wish them to do to them. A Mason should a straighter path, following the plumb line, and understanding how level will be that time, when facing the Great Architect.

Being a Mason has rights and privileges, but responsibilities are what the true Mason recognizes, accepts, and assumes.



Masters' Wardens' & Secretaries' Association

The Masters', Wardens' & Secretaries' Association of the 10th Masonic of Texas held its regularly stated business meeting on Monday, January 31st. The MWSA made its first trip to Big Sandy Lodge No. 916. Ten, of the twelve Lodges in District 10 were represented at the meeting. Also, making his first visit to an association meeting was

R.W. Greg Murphy, DDGM of Masonic District No. 10-A.

Representatives of the Lodges represented spoke about upcoming degrees, fundraisers, and events. The district will host M.W. Gene Carnes' Grand Master's Conference on April 09 at Pine Tree Junior High School in Longview.

The calendar does not cooper-

ate with our next stated meeting. We have a conflict with Memorial Day. It was discussed that we will cancel the May meeting and meet again in July. More details will be published later.

At our July meeting, we will be electing and installing officers. The MWSA will return to Hallsville for the meeting.



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Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

Greetings from Pine Tree Chapter No. 1090, Order of the Eastern Star. Spring is definitely in the air in more ways than one. On January 25th we initiated 4 new members. We welcome Kim Bowling, Jimmy Bowling, Charles Corbin and Dan Flanagan to our Order. We are excited that each of you are part of our Chapter and look forward to getting you involved with the work of the Order. At our February meeting, we read 2 more petitions! WOW, let's keep this roll going.

We are gearing up for a busy spring starting with Honoring our Masons by providing dinner for them at their stated meeting on March 3rd. We are looking forward to this special occasion, which has become an annual tradition.

We are also planning a garage sale and barbecue fundraiser. Mark your calendars for April 16th, and come out and support your Chapter. We will serve a barbecue sandwich, chips, cookies, and a drink for \$6. Tickets for the barbecue will be available from any of our members later this month.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Please remember all that are ill or under the weather at this time of year, as so many were mentioned at our meeting this month. Also remember our soldiers that are in harms way to protect our freedom. Uplift them and their families in your prayers. We know the power of prayer because we have seen how it works in so many ways within our Order.

God Bless,
Ann Wyatt, Worthy Matron



Rifle Raffle

Pine Tree Lodge will be raffling a Bushmaster AR-15 rifle. The proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Lodge's Scholarship fund. Tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. Please contact any Lodge member to purchase your tickets. The drawing will be held at the Lodge on Saturday, April 9th, following the Grand Master's Conference.

AR-15 A-3 Dissipator
Caliber: .223



Barrel Length: 16 inches
6 position telescoping stock
Suggested Retail Value: \$1,224.00

Lodge Rings

With the 50 Year anniversary of Pine Tree Lodge right around the corner, several have expressed interest in a Pine Tree Lodge ring. Brother Brett Beggs, our Junior Warden, has found a vendor that can design and make Masonic Rings embossed with the Pine Tree Lodge Logo. The vendor requires a minimum order of 10 rings to design the custom rings. The cost will be \$89.00 per ring. The rings are stainless steel and must be accurately sized, as the steel cannot be resized. Below is an example of how the ring will look, except with Pine Tree Lodge embossed. If you are interested, please contact Brett Beggs.



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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4th Annual James E. "Woody" Woodul Memorial Golf Classic

Pine Tree Lodge will host the 4th annual James E. "Woody" Woodul Masonic Golf Classic on Saturday, April 2nd. The Masonic Golf Classic has become the Lodge's most lucrative fund raiser. "Woody" was a devoted Mason and a mentor to many Past Masters of our Lodge. The golf tournament has turned into a way to remember a good friend while making money for our Lodge and having a good time with friends and Brothers.

The 2011 Golf Classic will be at Wood Hollow Golf Club on McCann Road in Longview. Registration will begin at noon with the shotgun start at 1:00 pm. At 5:00 we will have a fish dinner and the presentation of trophies will follow dinner.

Contact Brother Brett Beggs for information about the tournament or visit our web site.

