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Masonic News

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- 4/2 - Golf Tournament
- 4/4 - Exam Night
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- 4/9—Grand Master’s Conference
- 4/19 - OES Stated Meeting

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As the “Masonic” year begins to wear down, there are several things we still need to get accomplished. One is the “Golden Trowel” award. I hope we will be able to present it before the year is completed. I hope to get a committee report and a lodge vote soon.

Another incomplete task is the “Community Builder” Award, to be presented to a non-Mason. We hope to get a committee recommendation on that really soon. I also hope it is for someone who has worked in and made a difference in the Pine Tree / Greggton / White Oak / Spring Hill community.

I have at least two names from the three school districts to which we usually award scholarships. We still have time for these awards, and if you know a student deserving of the scholarships, please let a lodge officer or committee person know.

I hope to present the 40-year and 25-year pins and certificates in late April or early May. This will probably be done jointly with the Pine Tree Eastern Star Chapter at a covered dish dinner. These functions seem to be enjoyed by most of us, and also create or renew interest in both the Blue Lodge and the OES Chapter.

A current fund-raiser we are holding is a RAFFLE for a

From the East

Bushmaster AR-15 Carbine Rifle. These rifles were selling at the gun show last Saturday for \$900.

In Texas, Lodges are permitted to hold two raffles per calendar year and guns always raise a lot of money. Proceeds from this raffle must only be used for charitable needs. We hope to outdo ourselves with this endeavor. Please put on your kneepads for begging and sell a tremendous amount of tickets. Remember sell sell sell!

The “going suspended” list has been read during a recent stated meeting. If you know anyone on the list, please remind them that if they are in a financial crisis and unable to pay dues, the lodge might be able and willing to help, but only if we know about the need. We have always “forgave” the dues of the brothers who were truly unable to pay with the lodge submitting the “per capita” dues to Grand Lodge.

We look forward to our upcoming fundraiser, the “Woody Woodul Golf Classic” in early April. If you are a golfer, please form a team and be ready to play. Encourage your friends and co-workers to participate to help support our Lodge and beneficent endeavors.

These fund-raisers not only support our scholarship program and charitable needs,

but also aid in the maintenance and upkeep of the lodge operations.

Also, please remember the Grand Master’s Conference and plan to attend and meet the Grand Master. Officers and member attendance is important to our lodge and for qualifying the Van-Guard Award.

I want to leave you with a funny story. I recently saw former Dallas Cowboy, Walt Garrison on TV twice, once when he was being honored with other former Cowboys and once after the late Don Meredith’s death. He seems to have a really good sense of humor. In the first interview, he was asked if he ever saw Coach Landrey smile. His answer was “NO” but remember, I only played 9 years. The 2nd time, he was asked if he had any Don Meredith moments he could share on public TV. He said that Don Meredith had once stated that “if we were in a tight and needed 5 yards, Walt Garrison would get you 5 yards.” Meredith then stated “if you needed 20 yards, Walt Garrison would get you 5 yards.”

Kenneth Jackson
Worshipful Master



Texas Masonic License Plate

Right Worshipful Archie Scott, Grand Treasurer, reported in the March Monthly Maintenance of the Grand Lodge of Texas, that the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles has awarded approval for the Grand Lodge of Texas to sponsor a Masonic license plate. The Texas Mason License Plates are expected to be available for purchase by early June 2011. Right Worshipful Scott recommends that if you are interested in the new plate, to contact your local county tax assessor's vehicle registration office in mid May to confirm availability. The plates will cost \$30.00 in addition to your routine registration charges. The Grand Lodge of Texas will receive \$22.00 for each plate purchased or renewed. This is a great way for Texas Masons to show their pride for the fraternity.



Past Master Degree

Longview Chapter No. 177, Royal Arch Masons, will be hosting a conferral of the virtual Past Master Degree on Thursday, April 14, 2011. The degree conferral will be held at Longview Masonic Lodge at 436 N. Center St. in Longview. Dinner will be at 6:30 PM and the conferral will begin at 7:30.

ALL WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, WARDENS, AND PAST MASTERS are eligible to receive the virtual Past Master Degree, regardless of York Rite affiliation.

This is an excellent opportunity to receive further Light in Masonry.



Grand Master's Conference

Pine Tree Lodge and District 10 will host Most Worshipful T. E. "Gene" Carnes, Grand Master of Masons in Texas on Saturday, April 09, 2011, at the annual Grand Master's Conference.

The conference will be held at Pine Tree Junior High School located at 2100 Loop 281 in Longview. Registra-

tion begins at 9:00 AM and the conference begins at 10:00. This year, the conference will be tiled and is open to **MASTER MASONS ONLY!**

Following the conference, the Grand Master will make his official visit to Masonic District No. 6, by visiting Oasis Lodge No. 79 in Dainger-

field. The meeting begins at 6:00 PM and a meal will be served.

Remember, Lodge Officer and Member attendance at a Grand Master's Conference can help your Lodge achieve the Vanguard Award.



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

Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

Greetings from Pine Tree Chapter 1090. How exciting we all were at our last meeting when Geneva Ledbetter was there to receive her 50 year recognition. Our Past Grand Patron, Brother Bill Wyatt, presented Sister Geneva with her 50 year pin and certificate from Grand Chapter. There were several of us there that had tears of joy for her. Also in attendance to witness this occasion was Geneva's daughter, Linnie, and her sister, Martha Isbell. We all congratulate Sister Geneva in this milestone.

Pine Tree Chapter is planning a garage sale and BBQ fundraiser for April 16th at 8:00am at the Lodge. We invite and appreciate all who can attend to make this a fun and successful time for us. We will be serving BBQ sandwiches, chips, dessert and a drink for a donation of \$6 at 11:30am.

Our April meeting will be our Easter program given by Sister Cheryl Albrecht. We look forward to Sister Cheryl being with us. And as a side note, Sister Cheryl will be nominated for the office of

Associate Grand Conductress at our Grand Chapter Session in August. We wish her all the luck with this endeavor. Also, in April we will have our election of officers, we look forward to hearing all the plans of Sister Debra Albertson as she is elected Worthy Matron for the ensuing year.

If you have questions or would like to petition our chapter, please don't hesitate to ask any of our members. We would be pleased to discuss this with you.

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.

