



Masonic Trestle Board

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Masonic News

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A brand new Masonic year has begun. With the closing of the 2010-2011 Lodge of Sorrow and opening of a new Lodge and calling it to refreshment, Junior Past Master Kenneth Jackson has performed his final duties as Worshipful Master. Brother Jackson, I will say on behalf of Pine Tree Lodge; Job Well Done!

Saturday evening, July 09, 2011, Pine Tree Lodge held its annual Installation of Officers. The installation ceremony hit a small bump in the road, so to speak, with the Installing Officer, Brother Bill Walker (whom we all know and admire), becoming ill the night before. After a restless night, and getting myself out of "panic mode," I made contact with Right Worshipful Greg Murphy, District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 10-A, who accepted my last minute request to perform the installation ceremony. Everything then fell into place. Brother Denny Larison and his wife Candy prepared dinner. These two folks, I do declare, did

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an outstanding job and the Mexican food was fabulous. I want to thank our sisters of the Pine Tree Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for providing desserts. I truly believe that everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the food. If you left hungry, it was your own fault.

After dinner, everyone gathered in the Lodge Room for the installation ceremony. Brother and Past Master Bill Wyatt served as the Master of Ceremonies. He welcomed everyone and recognized Donald Nunn, Pastor at Pine Tree Cumberland Presbyterian Church to lead the invocation. After leading the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, Brother Wyatt turned the program over to Right Worshipful Murphy and the Installing Marshal, Brother and Past Master Tom Whitehead. Each of the thirteen elected and appointed officers were installed in due and ancient form and seated in their respective stations and places. Brother Whitehead then declared the installation in the

Name of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Officers' friends and families were then introduced.

Brother and Past Master Robert Fletcher took the podium and presented me with the Lodge's Traveling Master's Ring, and with the presentation, Brother Fletcher told the story behind this magnificent piece of jewelry. Brother Fletcher then surprised me by presenting me with a hand-carved gavel. The gavel, which was made by Brother Fletcher, will be used to govern the Lodge during this Masonic Year.

Miss Lyndey Rushton, Worthy Advisor of Kilgore Assembly No. 168, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, was introduced. Worthy Advisor Rushton then performed the Rainbow Ribbon Ceremony. If you have never witnessed this young lady perform this ceremony, you are truly missing out. She made an outstanding presentation.

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Installation



Masters, Wardens, & Secretaries Association

The Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the 10th Masonic District of Texas will hold its next business meeting on **Monday, July 25, 2011, at James F. Taylor Lodge in Hallsville.** This meeting will be the annual election and installation of officers. Right Worshipful Greg Murphy, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 10-A will serve as the Installing Officer for

the MWSA ceremony. We will elect and install a President, Vice-President, and Secretary/ Treasurer. If you are interested in serving, please contact Chad LaGrone.

The MWSA has a busy fall and winter schedule lined up. We will host three Grand Junior Warden hopefuls:

In August we will have Brother Mike Wiggins.

In September we will have Brother Roy Elliott,

In October we will have Brother Wendell Miller.

Please come out and listen to these Brethren, as one of them will be elected in December. We are honored to be able to host these brethren.



Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer and keeping cool!

If you are a member of Eastern Star we hope you will join us on the third Tuesday of each month for dinner at 6:30 and the stated meeting at 7:30. If it has been a while since you have attended a meeting, please come join us. We miss seeing you. If you are not a member of Eastern Star and would like to learn more about our Order, please contact any one of our members. We would be happy to give you a petition for membership.

Pine Tree Chapter No 1090, Order of the Eastern Star held its installation of officers on June 18 with our own Past

Grand Patron Bill Wyatt serving as Installing Officer.

We are looking forward to a year of fellowship, service, and fun. Please decide to be an active member and help to make this an exciting year.

Debra Albertson,
Worthy Matron

Weldon Pittman Jr.
Worthy Patron

Elected & Appointed Officers

2011-2012

Worthy Matron: Debra Albertson
 Worthy Patron: Weldon Pittman Jr.
 Associate Matron: Jennifer Utzman
 Associate Patron: Jim Rumsey
 Secretary: Betty Scott
 Treasurer: Ann Wyatt
 Conductress: Rena Pittman
 Associate Conductress: Sharon Rushton
 Chaplain: Kenneth Jackson
 Marshall: Linda Jackson
 Organist: Nancy Abernathy
 Adah: Brandi Pittinger
 Ruth: Cheryl Wyatt
 Esther: Donna Dunnavant
 Martha: Mary Fletcher
 Electa: Bernice Kilgore
 Warder: Andy Scott
 Sentinel: John Abernathy



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Finally, I was able to assume the podium. After a few wise and well orchestrated words, the audience was entertained as life-long friends of mine shared stories that stretched back many years. The program drew to an end and Pastor Nunn offered the benediction. Brother and Past Master Jim Rumsey presented me with my very own copy of the Great Light in Masonry, which was signed by each newly installed officer, and used during the installation ceremony.

I will cherish the gifts and memories for many years to come, and want to thank everyone for their support. I know with the roll of officers that we have, that Pine Tree Lodge will continue to prosper.

Its now time to get down to business. We have one investigating committee out, and I anticipate an Entered Apprentice Degree next month. We will schedule practice nights accordingly. Also, I will publish committee appointments at the next stated meeting which will be August 04, 2011. I look forward to a good turnout and to a good year.

Fraternally yours,

Dan Flanagan, Worshipful Master

**Congratulations
to the newly
installed
officers of Pine
Tree Masonic
Lodge!**

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



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Masonic Happenings

- Brother Casey Holder, Senior Steward of Pine Tree Lodge, will be installed as High Priest of Longview Chapter No. 177, Royal Arch Masons; and Thrice Illustrious Master of Longview Council No. 116, Royal and Select Masters on Thursday, July 21, 2011, at Longview Lodge No. 404. The installation will be at 6:00 PM.
- Waco Scottish Rite Bodies will have an East Texas Reunion and Degree Conferment on Saturday, September 10, 2011, at the Sharon Shrine Temple in Tyler.
- Kilgore Assembly No. 168, International Order of Rainbow for Girls will hold its semi-annual Installation of Officers on Saturday, July 16, 2011, at Danville Lodge No. 101 in Kilgore, at 2:00 PM. All Masons are encouraged to attend.
- James F. Taylor Lodge No. 169, in Hallsville, will hold its Officer Installation on Saturday, July 16, 2011, at 6:00 PM.
- Little Cypress Lodge No. 1459, in Harleton, will hold its Officer Installation on Friday, July 22, 2011, at 7:00 PM.
- Ashland Lodge No. 1138, in Diana, will hold its Officer Installation on Saturday, July 23, 2011, at 5:00 PM.
- MWSA Officer Installation will be Monday, July 25, 2011, at James F. Taylor Lodge in Hallsville, at 6:30 PM.