



# Masonic Trestle Board

## Pine Tree Masonic Lodge #1396, A. F. & A. M.

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Wow! Here we are. May has made it once again. The kids are waiting for that last bell to ring; as our school break for the summer, and those graduating seniors make plans for their futures. An abundance of activities is planned for the Lodge as well. We had a Fellowcraft Degree this month, and will have a Master Mason's Degree on June 11th.

On May 17th, we honored three outstanding high school students with the Lamar Medal of Educational Excellence and the Lodge Scholarship. The recipients were:

- Marcos Raxtun of Pine Tree High School,
- Cole Brasil of Spring Hill High School,
- Colby McIntosh of White Oak High School,

Congratulations to each of these youngsters as they turn the page to a new chapter in their lives.

On the 19th, we held our annual James E. "Woody" Woodul Masonic Golf Classic. This golf tournament has become a huge fundraiser for our Lodge. This year, too, was a huge success. I want to thank our Junior Warden Brett Beggs for coordinating the

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tournament. I also want to congratulate the winning teams, and thank all those sponsors.

The Pine Tree Chapter No. 1090, Order of the Eastern Star will hold its installation of officers on June 2nd. We want to congratulate our secretary, Brother and Right Worshipful Rumsey, on being elected Worthy Patron of our OES chapter.

Monday evening, June 4th, we will have our regular examination night. We will have one Brother stand for his Fellowcraft Exam and one Brother to stand for his Master's Exam. Come out and support these young men!

Thursday, June 7th is our regular stated meeting. This meeting will be the annual election of officers. As you know, the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas were amended last year to require that the incoming Master and Wardens be proficient in the opening and closing rituals as well as the administrative duties of the Lodge. I am please to announce, and our Secretary will make a formal announcement at the meeting, that our current Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Senior Deacon have met the requirements, and are eligible to

advance. These guys have work very hard this year preparing for the future of our Lodge.

On may 9th, I will host a Family Day at the Lodge. My hope is to have a fun filled day of fellowship, games, music, food, and have a good old fashioned good time. We will be at the Lodge from 10 AM until around 2 PM. Come out to the Lodge, bring your family, bring a friend, and have a good time. It will be a nice way to wind down the Masonic Year.

If tradition prevails at the next stated meeting (and I know of no reason why it shouldn't) the Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2012, at the Lodge. A formal announcement will be made at the stated meeting.

As always, remember those who are ill and need our prayers. Especially remember the families of W. A. Rogers, Austin Davis, and Kris Coppedge.

Fraternally yours,

Dan Flanagan,

Worshipful Master





## Past Master Lays Down Working Tools

Funeral services for Kris Wayne Coppedge, 68, of White Oak, Texas, will be 4 p.m. today, May 30, 2012, at the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church on George Richey Road in White Oak, with Bro. Charles Calhoun and Bro. Don Whisenhunt officiating. Mr. Coppedge passed away Sunday, May 27, 2012, at his home.

Mr. Coppedge was born February 25, 1944, in Jefferson, Texas, and moved to White Oak in 1991. He retired from Texas Eastman as a crane operator. Mr.

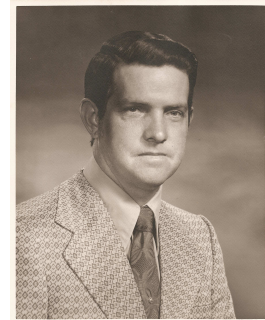
Coppedge was a member of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church where he was song director, missions coordinator and taught adult Sunday school. Also, he was a member of the Pine Tree Masonic Lodge, loved children and coaching for many years in White Oak youth

baseball.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Rehba, White Oak; son, Stephen Coppedge, Longview; daughter, Cindy McCracken, Plano; brother, Michael Coppedge, Nacogdoches; sisters, Sandy McCrary, Longview, and Dawn Miller, Many, Louisiana; stepson, John Rice, San Diego, California; stepdaughters, Paula Kay Brown, Plainview, Illinois, and Brandie Lynn Howell, Longview; 11 grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Heart To Heart Hospice for their care, and honor Kris's memory with memorials to Heart to Heart Hospice, 100 W. Hawkins Parkway, Longview, TX 75605.

Coppedge served as Worshipful Master of Pine Tree Masonic Lodge in 1975.



## Masters, Wardens, & Secretaries Association

The April meeting of the Masters', Wardens', and Secretaries' Association of the 10th Masonic District of Texas was held at Marshall Lodge No. 22 in Marshall. This is the second time Marshall Lodge has hosted a district association meeting.

Our President, Chad LaGrone of James F. Taylor Lodge in

Hallsville conducted the business meeting and introduced our guest speaker, the CEO of the Shriners' Hospital for Children in Shreveport. The presentation was informative and well received.

President LaGrone then introduced R.W. Jim Rumsey, DDGM of District 10-A, who spoke about the Lodge's re-

quirements concerning officer elections, installations, and the Grand Lodge Form 101.

The next meeting will be held in Hallsville in July.

Remember, the MWSA meetings are open to all Masons and families. All Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, and Past Masters are voting members of the association.

## Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star



Summer is almost here and Pine Tree #1090 is very busy. Last month we held our barbeque fundraiser. A big thank-you to Greg Wyatt for barbecuing the briskets and all the members who helped to make it such a success.

Pine Tree Chapter is pleased to welcome a new member, Morgan Corbin, who was initiated into the Order on April 24. Morgan is currently serving as Grand Recorder and Grand Representative to Pennsylvania for the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

Pine Tree will have an open Installation of Officers on June 2, at 10 a.m. Sister Jennifer Utzman will be installed

as Worthy Matron and Brother Jim Rumsey will be installed as Worthy Patron. Refreshments will follow after the installation. We wish Sister Jennifer and Brother Jim will have a wonderful year.

Our chapter was saddened by the loss of our brother, W. A. Rogers. Please keep his wife, Sister Mary Sue in your thoughts and prayers.

As Memorial Day approaches please take time to remember the many brave men and women who served and are currently serving to protect this country. We appreciate their dedication and commitment.

The year has been fast and

frustrating and we would like to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve. It is a pleasure to have officers and members who are always willing to help and participate in chapter activities. We are grateful for your support, advice, and kindness.

Fraternally yours,

Debra Albertson, Worthy Matron

Weldon Pittman, Jr., Worthy Patron

## Misc. Reports

- Brethren, our golf tournament was a huge success again this year. I will have a final tally at the June stated meeting.
- Vanguard Award: The Lodge is on track to receive the Vanguard Award again for 2012. Our Worshipful Master and officers have worked diligently to see that this task is completed. I am please to say, that the Vanguard requirements have become the standard way of doing business at our Lodge over the past few years.
- Brothers Jason Turner, Brett Beggs, and Charles Looney have completed the LIFE program. Brother Beggs was awarded a Class B esoteric Certificate, while Brothers Turner and Looney attend and successfully completed a forum hosted by the District Instructor. All three are eligible to advance, pending a favorable vote of the Lodge.

## Dues

Dues notices were sent out in November, and second notices were sent in February, and a third notice was mailed last month. The annual dues are \$75. As of publication of this newsletter, 8 Brothers have not rendered payment. Endowed memberships are \$500. If you plan on living another 7 years, the purchase of an Endowed Membership will benefit both you and the Lodge. Five Brothers have already taken advantage of this opportunity.

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



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## Masonic Anniversary Dates

### *May Anniversary Dates:*

3rd - J. R. Taylor, 1984	13th - J. W. McTee, 2004	21st - E. B. Marcott, 2009
4th - B. H. Shelan, 1995	13th - T. O. Mahaffey, 1993	28th - J. L. Smith, 1984
6th - J. D. Thomas, 2010	14th - B. E. Lee, 1987	28th - D. G. Lassen, 1977
7th - D. E. Whitfield, 1987	15th - C. E. Bone, 1979	30th - T. E. McKinney, 1977
7th - K. L. Hailey, 1981	16th - J. L. Baumgardner, 1994	
9th - R. J. Hill, 1974	16th - L. P. Short, 1991	
11th - R. C. Morgan, 1981	16th - S. W. Dickerson, 1983	
11th - E. L. Rogers, 1967	17th - H. T. McBride, 2001	
12th - S. C. Hardaway, 2011	17th - E. E. Fyffe, 1990	
12th - A. L. Dunnivant, 1975	18th - D. C. Crump, 1972	
	20th - D. N. Larrison, 1999	