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Greetings from the East!

Well, this is it. My year as Worshipful Master of Pine Tree Masonic Lodge has come to a close. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the Lodge in this capacity this past year.

Through everyone's effort and support, we—as a Lodge—have accomplished all of the goals and the challenges I set forth at the beginning of this Masonic year.

This year we welcomed three new Master Masons into our Lodge. Welcome to these newly raised Brothers. In addition to these newly raised Master Masons, we had four members affiliate with our Lodge and we had two Brothers that took it upon themselves to get reinstated.

We, and I truly mean we, have achieved all of the requirements to again be awarded the Vanguard Award from the Grand Lodge of Texas. Having this award to display in our Lodge is just one visible token of how great of a

Lodge we have here at Pine Tree!

Financially, we did well with each of our fundraisers. Brother Turner has some good ideas for next year that will continue to allow our Lodge to grow.

We had several open events during the past year including the Installation of Officers, service award presentations, Lamar Medal presentations, Community Builder Award presentation, Golden Trowel Award presentation, and various family events. Generally, we had good turnouts from our members at these events and activities. I hope that the Lodge will continue to have open events to incorporate families, friends, and the public.

The members of the Order of the Eastern Star also had a part in our success. For that, I am grateful and “Thank You.”

Masonry truly does what it says. We take good men and make them better. Our Lodge is full of good

men. Masonry has made me a better man. And having the opportunity to serve the Lodge as Worshipful Master has humbled me and made me even better.

I promise to remain an active member of Pine Tree Lodge. For the years to come, I will be there to support the Lodge and my successors in office.

Finally, my brethren, I ask for the last time that we all keep our sick and bereaved brothers and their families in our prayers.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Dan Flanagan

Past Master Elect





TEMPERANCE, FORTITUDE, PRUDENCE, JUSTICE

In Masonry, Temperance is the moderation of all things. Temperance, like all the virtues, is good for the physical body as well as spirit. A Mason is to avoid excessive, wasteful living habits, to live a balanced life, to control his temper with brother Masons, family and all others, not to be controlled by his emotions, no over indulging in food and drink. The latter of which can cause lapse in judgment and loss of secrets entrusted by fellow Masonry. A brother's observance of temperance allows Masons of all walks of life, regardless of societal or monetary class to freely to share in their commonality in the temples.

Fortitude gives Freemasons a 300 plus year world wide history and the claim of being the longest surviving fraternity organization. This is the value of high principles and the ability to stand by your convictions, stay the

course regardless of the cost or pain endured. To give up is un-Masonic-like. The virtue of fortitude implores high moral fiber and the courage to live by his convictions. This fortitude and courage has had an impact throughout history.

For the Mason, Prudence is a two part virtue of acquiring knowledge through both thinking and education. To be prudent is to use good judgment and reasoning. Always seek and live by truth. By living prudently, a Mason has a clear conscience, open to knowledge and reasoning. The cardinal virtue of prudence is often called Truth, with virtual same meaning.

The cardinal virtue of Justice is that the Mason takes one step farther than simple justice. Common allegorical sculptures depicting justice are blindfolded, holding an

equaled scale and sword. A Mason must act, with eyes wide open, unselfishly, even self sacrificing. He must act honorably to his fellow Masons and all others. "Treat others as he would be treated" (Mathew 7:12) must be a cornerstone in the Freemason's life.

Lessons of these virtues are taught from Mason to Mason, through tradition and rite. The knowledge learned is to be applied, individually to each man's life. Masonry is said the help good men become better men. By living with temperance, fortitude, prudence and justice, Freemasons achieve this.

Masters, Wardens, & Secretaries Association

The next meeting of the Masters', Wardens', and Secretaries' Association of the 10th Masonic District of Texas will be held at James F. Taylor Lodge No. 169 in Hallsville on July 30, 2012.

At the July Meeting, we will elect and install new officers of the association. If you are interested in attaining an of-

fice, please contact Chad LaGrone.

Every Lodge in Districts 10-A and 10-B deserves to have representation in the DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. We have struggled at the last couple of meetings getting participation. If you are reading this, your Lodge deserves to be represented.

Remember, the MWSA meetings are open to all Masons and families. All Masters, Wardens, Secretaries, and Past Masters of Lodges in district 10 are voting members of the association.

**Pine Tree Chapter No. 1090
Order of the Eastern Star**



Laissez les bon temps rouler!

The newly installed officers of Pine Tree Chapter No. 1090, Order of the Eastern Star would like to thank everyone for their support. Worthy Matron Jennifer Utzman would like to congratulate Past Matron Debra Albertson and Past Patron Weldon E. Pittman Jr. on a very successful year.

The Chapter had a successful year and the new officers look forward to building off of the successes of their predecessors.

The Officers of the Chapter have already begun planning for the new year. They are evaluating scholarships, fundraising ideas, and the general business activities of the Chapter.

The Newly installed line officers of the Chapter are:

Worthy Matron - Jennifer Utzman

Worthy Patron - Jim Rumsey

Associate Matron - Rena Pittman

Associate Patron - Weldon E. Pittman, Sr.

Conductress - Ann Wyatt

Associate Conductress - Debra Albertson

The Worthy Matron would like to thank all who agreed to serve as an appointed officer of the Chapter during this year.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Utzman, Worthy Matron

Installation of Officers

The Installation of Officers will be held on Saturday, June 30, 2012. The following officers were elected and or appointed at our June Stated Meeting:

Worshipful Master - Robert Jason Turner

Senior Warden - Michael Brett Beggs

Junior Warden - Charles DeWayne Looney

Treasurer - Phillip Paul Smith

Secretary - Jim Royce Rumsey

Chaplain - Dell Kent Bledsoe

Senior Deacon - Weldon Earl Pittman, Jr.

Junior Deacon - Casey Charles Holder

Senior Steward - Wesley Harlan Teague

Junior Steward - Carl Jason Rumsey

Marshal - Gary Lee Middleton

Master of Ceremonies - Dakota Ray Keenon

Tiler - Paul George Medved

The installation will be officiated by R. W. Jim Rumsey, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 10-A, who will also serve as the Installing Officer. Past Master Joe Hickerson will serve as the Installing Marshal. Affiliated Past Master Clint Wade will serve as the Installing Chaplain. Dinner will be presented by Hon. Denny Larrison.

The Installation will be an open event and all are encouraged to bring their friends and families.

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



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Masonic Anniversary Dates

June Anniversary Dates

1st - M. A. Tincher, 2010	6th - L. S. Vaughn, 1963	17th - D. C. Miller, 2004
1st - G. K. Young, 2000	7th - H. B. Winn, 2001	18th - J. T. Davis, 1984
1st - E. A. Baker, 1962	7th - R. B. Rasco, 1984	19th - C. R. Alread, 2007
1st - J. W. Bardwell, 1962	7th - C. L. Stracener, 1984	19th - J. R. Rumsey, 2003
1st - T. E. Hopkins, 1962	10th - G. L. Middleton	20th - J. C. Lockridge, 1985
1st - L. E. Orms, 1962	10th - C. R. Vickery, 2006	20th - W. E. Pittman, 1977
1st - R. L. Roberts, 1962	10th - P. G. Medved, 1999	23rd - E. Whittle, 1986
3rd - C. R. Wade, 2010	10th - D. J. Shipman, 1996	23rd - J. N. Lewis, 1983
5th - J. A. Torrains, 2000	11th - R. L. White, 1984	24th - W. W. Cochran, 1976
5th - E. T. Garner, 1975	13th - C. L. Hill, 2002	26th - R. R. Ferguson, 1972
6th - C. Farmer, 1988	13th - S. G. Webb, 1996	30th - J. j. Burson, 1980
	15th - D. B. Wood, 2000	