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Masonic News

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Greetings from the East; may we be blessed with rain.

August ended with a very busy week for the Lodge. We honored our tenured brethren with the annual 50 & 60 year Grand Lodge Service Awards. Right Worshipful Greg Murphy, DDGM was in attendance and presented the following brethren their respective award:

60 Years:

- **James R. Barber**
- **Leldon H. Mathis**

50 Years:

- **Lewis E. Orms**
- **Billy E. Scott**
- **Henry B. Winn**

Brothers **Charles R. Alread (60)** and **Byron Rothpletz (50)** were unable to attend and were presented the award earlier in the month.

Pine Tree Lodge hosted the quarterly business meeting of the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association. Honorable

From the East

Michael Wiggins, PM of Liberty Lodge, who has made himself available for the Office of Grand Junior Warden, was the guest speaker. Brother Wiggins' presentation was both informative and enlightening. We had a fair turnout from the Lodges in our district. I want to strongly urge each and every Worshipful Master, Warden, Secretary, and every Mason in District 10 to attend these meetings.

We initiated our first Entered Apprentice of the 2012 Masonic Year on August 30th.

September 1st marked the beginning of month number two for me as Worshipful Master; Wow! So far, so good. This month has taken off just like the last. We conferred the second Entered Apprentice degree of the year on the 15th.

We will host our Past Master's Night on September 24th. Dinner will be covered dish and we will have a brief program honoring those brethren who

gallantly gave their time to serve the Lodge as Worshipful Master. This will be an open meeting and all Masons and their families are invited.

Fall is upon us, so it is time to get started with our shotgun raffle. Dove season is here and duck season will be here before we know it.

We hosted Right Worshipful Jimmy Henley earlier this month when he conducted a Grand Lodge Forum and exam. The forum was educational, as always, and we all left with answers to our questions. I want to congratulate brothers Tom Whitehead, Grover Bryson, and Brett Beggs for sitting for the exam.

I want to congratulate the young Master Mason who was raised this month at the annual Ashland Open Air Degree.

Fraternally Yours,

Dan Flanagan,

Worshipful Master



Meaning of Ecclesiastes Chapter 12

Verse 1: “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth: This alludes to the fact that as we grow older, each of us fondly remembers the glorious of our youth when all things were possible. With the hindsight of age and experience, advice is given to youth to “gather the harvest while they are young” because as we age, we change and are not able to enjoy things with the same lightness of heart.

Verse 2: “While the sun, or the light, or the moon or the stars be not darkened”: refers to the fact as we grow older, our eyes begin to fail. It is also an allegory to remembering back to the time when life looked bright with promise before the twilight years and sunset years of our lives.

“nor the clouds return after the rain”: Rest and recuperation take longer as we age.

Verse 3: “In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble”: refers to no longer being able to take care of yourself,.

“and the strong men shall bow themselves”: refers to the body’s degeneration process and inability to physically walk without stooping.

“and the grinders cease because they are few”:, refers to the lose of teeth.

“and those that look out of the windows be darkened” refers to failing eyesight.

Verse 4: “And the doors shall be shut in the streets”: refers to no longer being able to hear the noises of life due to deafness.

“and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird,” refers to aged people being unable to sleep and arising early.

“and all the daughters of music shall be brought low” refers to changes in the vocal chords which change and

bring about a coarser and less melodious quality to the voice.

Verse 5: “When they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way.” Elderly people become unfamiliar of the speed of which the world changes. Also, as we become older, our reflex speed decreases and things that we once tackled with abandon; we are now more cautious to attempt.

“And the almond tree shall flourish.” Almond trees have large, delicate, snow-white blossom. Figuratively, this means that our hair turns to white.

“And the grasshopper shall be a burden.” When we are young, hope springs eternal. The grasshoppers that plagued the farmers were something to be dealt with by

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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, September 26th at Little Cypress Lodge in Harleton.** A covered dish dinner will be at 6:30 with the open meeting to follow.

Brother Roy Elliott will be the guest speaker for the meeting.

Brother Elliott has allowed himself to be placed in nomination for the office of Grand Junior Warden. **ALL Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Past Masters who will be attending Grand Lodge are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting to meet Brother Wiggins and to hear his message.**

All Masons and their families

are invited and encouraged to attend the open meetings of the MWSA.

This meeting is being hosted by Little Cypress Lodge and will be held in their newly dedicated Lodge in Harleton.



Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star

Hope everyone has survived the hot summer and is staying cool.

On August 28 Pine Tree Chapter hosted an indoor picnic in honor of our founder of Eastern Star, Rob Morris. Everyone enjoyed a time to visit, play games and eat. Chapters attending included Beckville, Longview, Hallsville Waskom, Jefferson, Marshall, and Pine Tree. The Rainbow Girls from Kilgore Assembly #168 also joined in the fun.

At our regularly stated meeting on October 18, we will have our official deputy visit honoring our newly appointed Grand Deputy, Nancy Parkison from Marshall. Nancy

will present the program and demonstrate the "Salutation Sign and Response." Please join us for a covered dish meal at 6:30 followed by our stated meeting at 7:30 and give our guests a big Pine Tree welcome.

The Fraternal visit for District I Section 8 will be held on Friday, October 28 at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Marshall followed by the School of Instruction on Saturday, October 29. This is an opportunity for members to complete their proficiency certificates and compete in Star Point and other competitions.

This is been a hot and dry summer. Please keep those

who have had to evacuate their homes and property, and those who have had damage and loss from the many fires in East Texas in your thoughts and prayers. We are also thankful and very grateful to the many firefighters and volunteers who have worked endless hours in trying to protect our homes, schools, and property.

Debra Albertson, Worthy Matron

Weldon Pittman Jr., Worthy Patron



Ecclesiastes *continued*

completely replanting the field, as a young man can withstand a total loss and look forward to the hope of the following seasons. However, due to his decreased energies, an elderly farmer would find the loss an entire years harvest (and all the work replanting) to be a devastation and the elderly farmer would not look upon the same issue as lightly as when he was a youth.

"And desire shall fail." The dreams which take a long time to come to fruition are not as desirous in the elderly as in the youth because they know that they do not have the time to learn and work

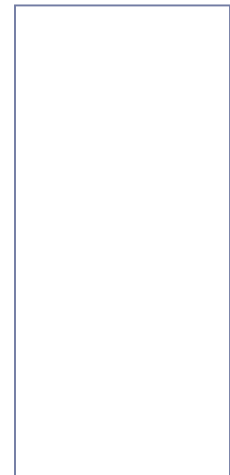
them to obtain the desired results. The gradual decreases in physical desire and also diminishes in both male and female.

Verse 6: "Or ever the silver chord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken." The loosed silver chord is believed to denote the spinal column and therefore the physical infirmities (stooped back) of age. The golden bowl is believed to denote the brain and the gradual decline of mental powers, which in dotage is described as senility.

"Or the pitcher be broken at the fountain," having a desire to urinate, but being unable to do so.

"Or the wheel be broken at the cistern." The body contains all its blood, (the cistern is full), but the hearts pumping action (the wheel) ceases.

Verse 7: "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." This last portion refers to "ashes to ashes, dust to dust", which are still the words voiced when we inter (bury) the dead



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



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Each month we will publish the Masonic Anniversary dates of the members of Pine Tree Lodge. These dates reflect the anniversaries that members were either raised in, or affiliated with Pine Tree Lodge.

September

- 2nd—W. R. Walker (1971)
- 3rd—B.R. Goodman (1970)
- 4th—R.W. LaMont (2003)
- 5th—C.V. Barnard (1968)
- 6th—G.V. Liedel (2007)
- 7th—H.E. Teer (1989)
- 9th—N. Yoder (1982)
- 9th—J.W. Gibbs (1968)
- 10th—B.G. McCuller (2007)
- 11th—W.G. Ferguson (2008)
- 12th—W.H. Teague (2009)
- 13th—L.R. Janner (2001)
- 13th—W.L. Wyatt (1990)
- 13th—R.L. Sendling (1965)
- 14th—G.W. Lee (1964)
- 15th—B.J. Allen (1977)
- 15th—D.H. Giles (1977)
- 16th—L.N. Coulter (1976)
- 17th—C.A. Johnson (193)
- 17th—T.B. Moore (1970)
- 18th—G. B. Bryson (2007)
- B.E. Brady (1974)
- 20th—D.M. Myrick (2001)
- 20th—G.M. Luman (1979)
- 23rd—R.D. Horton (1985)
- 25th—T.R. Brown (1980)
- 30th—M.L. Jamar (1976)