



Masonic Trestle Board

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

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Masonic News

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Greetings from the East.

As spring comes upon us, it's time to dig out the old lawn mowers, drain last year's gas and add some fresh, and spend an hour pulling the rope until it finally cranks. Mow down that first crop of weeds, and then go into town to buy a new spark plug so it will crank easier next week!

March has blown in and the activities at the Lodge are in full swing. At our February stated meeting, we affiliated Brother Arthur Rodney Thurman from Danville Lodge in Kilgore. Please join me in welcoming Brother Thurman to Pine Tree Lodge.

This month we had a fairly bust work schedule. We conferred two degrees. We welcomed a new Entered Apprentice Mason into our Lodge on March 29th, and on March 15th, we welcomed Brother Jason Karl Bryson as he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. Welcome brothers, to Pine Tree Masonic Lodge.

Our very own District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Jim Rumsey, made the last of his first round of official visits. He visited Longview Lodge No. 404. He delivered an outstanding message and challenged the brethren.

From the East

March 31st, Pine Tree Lodge presented the 2012 Community Builder Award to a deserving recipient. I had communicated to the Community Builder Award Committee earlier in the year that I wanted the Lodge to

- 1) Give a Community Builder Award
- 2) To look for a recipient that works hard for his/her community behind the scenes

What they found was a recipient that in his 80s volunteers at the hospital, the cancer center, his church, and various other community events and organizations. I want to congratulate the committee on a fine selection and the recipient; Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Norton.

March didn't quite go out like a lamb, but the Masonic year is winding down. At our April stated meeting, our Junior Warden Brett Beggs will give a status report on the golf tournament as well as the 2012 Vanguard Award.

The Masters', Wardens' & Secretaries' Association will have its quarterly business meeting on April 30th. This meeting will be hosted by Marshall Lodge No. 22. Details about the meeting can be found on page 2 of this news-

letter. I do want to encourage all members of Pine Tree Lodge to attend.

On March 24th, our secretary was elected as Junior Warden of Texas Lodge of Research. If tradition prevails, he will be elected and installed as Worshipful Master of that Lodge in March 2014. At our April stated meeting, the Lodge will be asked to host the March 2014 meeting of Texas Lodge of Research. Texas Lodge of Research meets quarterly in a different Lodge across the state. They have never met in Longview. This will be an outstanding opportunity for Pine Tree Lodge.

In closing, as always, keep those Brothers (and their families) who are ill and distressed in your prayers.

Fraternally yours,

Dan Flanagan

Worshipful Master





Father's lodge, I well remember, wasn't large, as Lodges go.

There was trouble in December, getting to it through the snow,

But he seldom missed a meeting, drifts or blossoms in the lane,

Still the Tyler heard his greeting, winter ice or summer rain

Father's Lodge thought nothing of it; 'mid their labors and their cares

Those old Masons learned to love it, that Fraternity of Theirs

What's a bit of stormy weather, when a little down the road

Men are gathering together, helping each other's load?

Father's Lodge has made

Father's Lodge

a village; men of father's sturdy brawn

Turned a wilderness to tillage, seized the flag and carried on,

Made a village, built a city, shaped a country, formed a state,

Simple men, not wise or witty-humble men, and yet how great!

Father's Lodge had caught the gleaming of the great Masonic past;

Thinking, toiling, daring, dreaming, they were builders to the last

Quite men, not rich or clever, with the tools they found at hand

Building for the great forever, first a village; then a land

Father's land had no temple building, shaped of

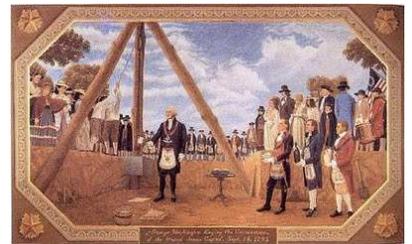
steel and carved of stone;

Marble columns, ceiling gilded, father's Lodge has never known;

But a heritage of glory they have left the humble one –

They have left their mighty story in the keeping of their sons.

By Douglas Mallock



Masters, Wardens, & Secretaries Association

The next meeting of the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the 10th Masonic District of Texas will be held on Monday, April 30, 2012.

The meeting will be hosted by Marshall Lodge No. 22, in Marshall. This will be the second meeting of the MWSA hosted by Marshall Lodge.

At the January meeting, we hosted Brother Mark G. Bateman as our guest speaker.

Brother Bateman is the VP of Public Relations for the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital.

Brother Bateman's presentation was well received.

Remember, the MWSA meetings are open to all Masons and families. All Masters,

Wardens, Secretaries, and Past Masters are voting members of the association. Come out and support your District and represent your Lodge, and let's show our guests a warm welcome.

See you in Marshall in April!

Pine Tree Chapter 1090 Order of the Eastern Star



Happy Spring from Pine Tree 1090 Order of the Eastern Star. The chapter is having a busy spring.

In March, before our stated meeting, we enjoyed a dinner prepared by the Kilgore Assembly 168, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. These young ladies are hard at work preparing to attend Grand Assembly in Waco at the end of June.

We are continuing to collect items for our soldiers. The boxes will be sent at the end of March so please contribute needed items.

The chapter will hold a barbecue lunch fundraiser on Saturday, April 28 from 11 to 2. The lunch will include a bris-

ket sandwich, chips and a drink. Lunches will also be available for take-out. Tickets may be purchased from Eastern Star members for \$7.00. Please come and support our Eastern Star, eat a good sandwich, and enjoy even better fellowship. That Saturday, we will also be holding a garage sale so come, browse and buy.

Chapter members are selling raffle tickets for a 46" flat screen television. Tickets are \$5 a ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will take place on May 26. Proceeds from the raffle will go toward the Scholarship Fund.

Members mark your calendars! On April 17, at our

stated meeting, Sister Elinor Humphreys will give our Obligation Program. We will also have our election of officers. On April 24, we have a called meeting to initiate Morgan Corbin into the Order. We hope to see you at both events.

Please continue to keep our sisters and brothers who are ill or have recently suffered loss in your thoughts and prayers.

May you enjoy a blessed Easter.

Fraternal regards,

Debra Albertson, Worthy Matron

Weldon Pittman, Jr., Worthy Patron

Golf Tournament

I am pleased to announce the 5th Annual James "Woody" Woodul Memorial Golf Classic has been scheduled for May 19, 2012, at Wood Hollow Golf Club in Longview. This is Pine Tree Masonic Lodge's largest fund raising event. The success of this fund raiser is directly tied to the participation of all the members of the Lodge. I challenge each and every one of you to spread the word and

round up hole sponsorships, golfers, teams of golfers, and/or donations. All of the information about the tournament is posted on our Lodge web site. If you have any questions, or to volunteer to help, contact Junior Warden Brett Beggs:

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Dues

Dues notices were sent out in November, and second notices were sent in February. The annual dues are \$75. As of publication of this newsletter, 18 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. Three Brothers have already taken advantage of this opportunity.

**5th Annual
James
"Woody"
Woodul
Memorial Golf
Classic:
May 19, 2012
Wood Hollow
Golf Club.**

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



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Masonic Anniversary Dates

March Anniversaries:

1st - J. P. Hickerson, 2001

T. M. Sparks, 1990

R. R. Mitchell, 1984

3rd - B. F. Jefcoat, 2005

5th - B. Rothpletz, 2009

6th - B. K. Varnell, 1997

J. W. Orms, 1987

A. T. B. Cude, 1980

D. L. McMillon, 1980

W. C. Fields, 1975

G. D. Nelson, 1975

9th - R. L. Bailey, 1981

10th - E. T. C. Warren, 1975

11th - R. L. Diamond, 1994

12th - C. O. Richards, 2007

J. M. Gilbreath, 1981

14th - W. E. Pittman, Jr., 1991

D. P. Lyles, 1974

15th - D. R. Flanagan, 2001

L. G. McMichael, 1993

16th - D. L. Hopkins, 1992

17th - D. B. Freeman, 2003

J. C. Sandlin, 1977

18th - J. M. Bowling, 2010

D. R. Goodson, 1991

19th - M. N. Faulk, 1981

20th - T. J. Phillips, 2003

22nd - A. D. Edwards, 1984

23rd - C. C. Holder, 2010

24th - L. W. Meadows, 1997

R. T. Galloway, 1994

25th - L. L. Hopkins, 1974

27th - A. H. Woods, 2003

29th - M. D. Griggs, 1973