

The Trestle Board

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FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

The elections for the 2013-2014 officers are over, and the new officers are installed. The new officers are enthusiastic and ready to do their best to do a great job this year. Last year's officers did a fine job last year with many significant accomplishments, and we know we have some big shoes to fill. We will do our very best to maintain the standards and traditions established for our lodge over the year while trying to create a few new ones.

We will produce a monthly Trestle Board to keep our members informed of current and future activities within the lodge, along with pertinent articles relating to Masonry and our lodge. I know we have many members who do not live locally, or have health constraints, that keep them from attending lodge events, and we will do our best to keep them informed through the Trestle Board. The Trestle Board will be emailed to those who have the ability to receive the document via email and desire to receive it in that manner. We will mail it via U.S. Postal service to those who do not have email.

I urge each member who has not attended lodge recently, to attend the next stated meeting or just stop by some time. Our immediate Past Master, Bob Tucker, along with help from different members of the lodge made vast improvements to the lodge this past year. I am sure you will be pleased with what you see.

Your new officers are excited about their opportunities to serve this year and have some new ideas that we will discuss about implementing. As new concepts emerge we will keep you posted via our Trestle Board and stated meetings.

The air conditioner for the lodge room is not working at this time. The evening prior to our annual installation of officers our secretary discovered it was not working. We had an air conditioner repair man come out to determine the problem and repair the unit. The power transformer feeding the power to our building apparently failed to provide adequate power and damaged both compressors in the air conditioner. We are currently working to obtain relief for the repair or replacement of the air conditioner through either our insurance or City Public Service. However, we will most assuredly have to fund the repair or replacement prior to receiving any relief from either organization. We will vote on the funding at our July 15th stated meeting.

Our kitchen remodeling efforts are currently at a standstill and will require additional funding to continue the effort. After purchasing our new gas range and having natural



gas lines installed, the Boerne Fire Marshall informed us that we have to have a commercial vent hood and flash suppression unit installed prior to installing the range. We will have to vote to fund the additional equipment at the July 15th stated meeting. At this time, the lodge and appendant bodies cannot prepare meals in our kitchen. We are looking for ways to raise additional funds for the kitchen remodeling and AC repair.

Please feel free to contact me or Secretary Bausell about any issue you feel important to the lodge or membership. You can contact the Secretary by phone at (830)249-8917 or email at kendall897@gvtc.com. My personal cell number is (210)241-5268 and email is qualchg@gvtc.com.

Fraternally,
Bob Easterling
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

It is time to start the new Masonic year with our elected slate of officers ready and willing to serve. We had three real good entered apprentice degrees Saturday the 8th of June for three good candidates. It was exciting to witness these three degrees as we had a number of Brothers that worked hard to learn new parts for the first time. For the most part we had different men in the several parts of each degree without overworking any brethren.

One of the concerns I have about esoteric work in many lodges is that in my thirty four years in Masonry I have witnessed a decline in the number of Certificates hanging on the walls of the Lodges of which I am a member. Many Lodges struggle to confer Degrees due to lack of strong leadership in Degree work. There is a solution to this dilemma. The love our Brethren have for Masonry must manifest itself in a direct action and training. I have heard for years that “your rewards in Masonry are in direct proportion to your contribution to Masonry”. It is my humble opinion that the second most important activity in any Blue Lodge is the conferring of good Degrees and the most important job we have is to bring these new Masons through each and all of the series of lessons and memory work with a good understanding and appreciation of what each lesson means to us individually and as Texas Masons.

For these reasons our Worshipful Master and I have set a goal to train and assist five willing Masons in preparation to show proficiency at our annual District certificate exam and Forum in April of 2014 achieving a C certificate. We also plan to have three Brethren show proficiency at the B certificate level. Our class began Monday the 10th of May. We will hold round table classes on Monday night’s beginning at 5:00 P.M., Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 8:00 A.M. I know that we have a number of Masons who have expressed an acceptance of this challenge. With your participation our Lodge will be strengthened in preparation for the future.



Respectfully submitted,
David K. Bruton, PM
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Welcome to our first issue of the 2013 Kendall Lodge Trestle Board. I hope to provide you with information that will keep you up to date throughout the year about changes in Grand Lodge Law and our stated meeting meals and menus. I will keep you informed of issues related to the office of Junior Warden.

Our stewards will be serving Lasagna, Salads and Garlic Bread at our next stated meeting on July 15th. As always, anyone who would like to bring a side-dish is encouraged to do so.

I look forward to seeing you on the 15th.

Fraternally,
Bill Carder
Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brethren, we are finishing one year and beginning a new one. However, education and opportunities don't stop. For those who have future aspirations to serve in a Station, you should sign up for a Warden's Retreat during August and September. Also take your wife as she will learn a lot about Masonry as well.

We're also still waiting on word as to when the Grand Master's Workshop will take place in the 51st Masonic District. Hopefully we will hear soon.

There is going to be a cornerstone leveling done in the area. Deputy Grand Master Jerry Martin will level a cornerstone on August 8th at 8:00 a.m. at a Canyon Lake Elementary School. Please contact Canyon Lake Lodge No. 1425 for more information if you would like to attend.

As a final note please remember the Grand Master's Blue Envelope appeal for the Grand Lodge Library & Museum. You should have received Grand Master Walter Rogers' request during the last few months.

Thank you for your support here at Kendall and let's make it a great year!

Gary Bausell, PM
Secretary



KENDALL MASONIC LODGE No. 897 2013-2014 OFFICERS

Worshipful Master.....	Robert (Bob) Easterling
Senior Warden.....	David Bruton, PM
Junior Warden.....	William (Bill) Carder
Treasurer.....	Abner (Abb) Kestler, PM
Secretary.....	Gary Bausell, PM
Chaplain.....	David Vaughan
Senior Deacon.....	Clarence Smith
Junior Deacon.....	Dow Mathis
Senior Stewart.....	Duane Garza
Junior Stewart.....	Frank (Billy) Lieck
Marshall.....	Erik Viereck
Master of Ceremonies.....	Matthew Archilla
Musician.....	Todd Caron
Tiler.....	Scott Hoiberg



SUBMITTED BY: CLARENCE SMITH (SENIOR DEACON)

Today the general public and most of the world does not think much of the phrase "Peace and Harmony did prevail" Is the world really interested in the peace of Jerusalem or is it just so many words that means nothing and is merely used to fill the air waves to take our mind and consciences from the real task of keeping our desires and passions in due bounds and improving the lives of those around us. Mediating on Pike's description of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, good and evil provides an insight into the wisdom and power of God and strengthens us in our just and upright lives.

A "Lodge" is defined to be "an assemblage of Freemasons, duly congregated, having the sacred writings, square, and compass, a charter, or warrant of constitution, authorizing them to work." The room or place in which they meet, representing some part of King Solomon's Temple, is also called the Lodge; and it is that we are now considering.

It is said to be supported by three great columns, Wisdom, Force or Strength, and Beauty, represented by the Master, the Senior Warden, and the Junior Warden; and these are said to be the columns that support the Lodge, "because Wisdom, Strength, and



Beauty, are the perfections of everything, and nothing can endure without them.” It is necessary that there should be Wisdom to conceive, Strength to support, and Beauty to adorn, all great and important undertakings. : Know ye not,” says the Apostle Paul, “that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man desecrate the temple of God, him shall God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.”

The Wisdom and Power of the Deity are in equilibrium. The laws of nature and the moral laws are not the mere despotic mandates of His Omnipotent will; for, then they might be changed by Him, and order become disorder, and good and right become evil and wrong; honesty and loyalty, vices; and fraud, ingratitude and vice, virtues. Omnipotent power, infinite, and existing alone would necessarily not be constrained to consistency. Its degrees and laws could not be immutable. The laws of God are not obligatory on us because they are the enactments of His power, or the expression of His will; but because they are expressions of His infinite Wisdom. They are not right because they are His laws, but His laws because they are right. From the equilibrium of infinite wisdom and infinite force, results perfect harmony, in physics and in the moral universe. Wisdom, Power and Harmony constitute one Masonic triad.

As to the ordinary and common place explanation, it may be added, that the wisdom of the Architect is displayed in combining, as only a skillful Architect can do, and as God has done every-where,...that too, is the perfection for the orator and poet—to combine force, strength, energy with grace of style, musical cadences, the beauty of figures, the play with irradiation of imagination and fancy; and so, in a State, the warlike and industrial forces of the people, and their Titanic strength, must be combined with the beauty of the arts, the sciences, and the intellect, if the State would scale the heights of excellence, and the people be really free. Harmony in this, as in all the Divine, the material, and the human, is the results of equilibrium, of the sympathy and opposite action of contraries; a single Wisdom above them holding the beam of the scales...to reconcile the moral law, human responsibility, free-will, with the absolute power of God; and the existence of evil with His absolute wisdom, and goodness, and mercy these are the great enigmas of the Sphynx.

(Albert Pike 1880)