

The Trestle Board

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FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

I want to thank those who attended our last (HOT) stated meeting and tell those who did not attend that we missed you. 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. I want to extend a sincere invitation to those who can attend, to do so. Our lodge does best when its members are active and participate in lodge activities.

We have received many positive comments about the implementation of the monthly Trestle Board, and I urge you to let us know how we are doing with it. Currently we are mailing via Postal service to 122 members and emailing to those we have email addresses for. If you have an email address, I ask you to contact our secretary and provide it for his data base. Your email address will not be shared and it will be protected. We will continue to mail the Trestle Board via Postal service to those who desire to receive a hard copy rather than email, regardless of whether you have an email address or not.

At the July stated meeting, the members voted to transfer funds from our emergency Building fund to our operations funds to pay for our air conditioner replacement and continue with the remodeling efforts on our kitchen.

The lodge room air conditioner has been replaced and is operational now. I want to acknowledge Brother Todd Caron and his brother-in-law, Mr. Mark Zinsmeister, for their contributions to our air conditioner replacement. They donated their own time and labor to replace the air conditioner and persuaded their employer to sell the lodge a new unit at cost. Their contributions saved our lodge in excess of \$1,200.00.

Brothers Billy Lieck and Clarence Smith are making great progress with their kitchen project. The new vent hood is partially installed and we hope to have it completed soon. We are in the process of procuring the flash suppression unit and coordinating for some minor electrical work required by the fire marshal to complete the stove project. Brother Smith is in process of painting the kitchen and other issues relating to remodeling the kitchen. Brothers Liek and Smith have already saved the lodge quite a bit of money through their efforts. Although the stove project is a large expense to the lodge, these brothers will have reduced the cost by several thousand dollars when completed by procuring items and materials at reduced prices and providing free labor to install the equipment.

Brother Phil Archilla volunteered to refurbish our kitchen cabinets providing free labor and providing materials at cost. Brother Archilla's project will save the lodge a significant amount of money and our cabinets will look new when completed.

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We will start serving the stated meeting dinners at 6:15 PM instead of 6:30 at our next stated meeting. This will allow the lodge to schedule guest speakers with a fifteen minute block of time for presentations prior to the stated meeting about issues pertinent to the members of our lodge and our community.

We have changed the format of our stated meetings to allow time for guest speakers at each meeting to provide presentations on different areas of Masonic Education. Brother David Bruton provided us with a great presentation at our last stated meeting about our lodge charter and how it relates to the work we do in the lodge. His presentation was so good that it took our minds off the heat inside the lodge room.

The lodge received the M.C. Holman award recently for best attendance at the monthly meetings of the 51st District's Masters, Wardens and Secretaries meetings during the period of 2012-2013. Past Master Bob Tucker was elected and installed as the new president of the association and Past Master Gary Bausell was installed for another year as secretary and treasurer for the association.

I urge each member who has not attended lodge recently, to attend the next stated meeting or just stop by some time and visit with your brethren.

Please feel free to contact me or the secretary about any issue you feel important to the lodge or the membership. You may contact the secretary through the lodge telephone at 830-249-8917 or email kendall897@gvtc.com. You can contact me at my cell # 210-241-5268 or my email qualchg@gvtc.com.

Fraternally,
Bob Easterling
Worshipful Master

FROM THE WEST



Our Charter:

At the center of our activities and procedures in the Lodge is our Charter. Each Lodge is chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco and given a Warrant or Charter authorizing them to work. Kendall Lodge was given a Charter in 1905. Have you ever stood in front of that Charter to read its content and direction to the Lodge? In reading it recently, I noticed several important directions given our Lodge. In 1905 the three major officers of the Lodge were authorized and empowered to Admit, Enter, Pass, and Raise Free Masons. This is our primary directive and should always be at the forefront of our goals and activities. This is to be done according to the most Ancient Customs and Usages of the Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world and not otherwise. I submit to you that our degree work and candidate training should comply with the esoteric model kept pure by our committee on work of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The second occupation of our activities given to us by this same Charter includes the language that we are further authorized to duly elect and choose successors to the officers. This is done each year as we have elections and install our Lodge officers on or about the Festival of St. John the Baptist. These are not only our customs but our directives given to us by the Grand Lodge of Texas.

At the latter part of the Charter another very important set of words exist. Our Charter further explains that otherwise the Warrant is to be of no Force or Virtue. Each Mason should translate this part of our Charter for himself. These words make it perfectly clear what can



happen to a Lodge that becomes complacent in striving for excellence in their Degree work and Candidate training or in the development of strong Lodge leaders.

So brethren, this brief walk through the contents of our Charter makes our major purposes clear. With a renewed direction and purpose we can all see who can best work and agree in this wonderful system we call Masonry.

Respectfully submitted,
David K. Bruton, PM
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

The stewards will start serving dinner for our August stated meeting at 6:15 PM to allow a 15 minute block time for a guest speaker from the community to speak to our members and guests. The menu consists of King Ranch casserole, beans, salad, bread, and tea.

One of the duties of the Junior Warden is to maintain the lodge's Grand Lodge law book, post changes as provided, and review Grand Lodge laws as necessary for the operations of the lodge.

The Grand Lodge law book contains all the laws governing the Grand Lodge of Texas, its subordinate lodges, and the craft, under its jurisdiction, except those of a ritualistic nature.
(Foreword: Grand Lodge Law Book)

“Masonic Jurisprudence has come to have a significant meaning in the world at large.”
(Quote: Letter written by Grand Master Sam P. Cochran in 1912)

Although Grand Master Cochran's quote was made over a century ago, his statement rings true today. Masonic Jurisprudence has been reviewed and researched as the philosophy and symbolism of Freemasonry throughout the history of the Order, in the realms of morals, philosophy, religion, art, science and government.

The information contained in our Law Book is very thorough and concise, and it provides the answers to almost any question that can be asked about what can or can not be done in any given situation pertinent to our fraternity. The thought of reading a law book, to most, is intimidating with little appeal to the average man. When a Mason opens our Grand Lodge law book he finds it to be both informative and interesting. It guides him easily to the area of concern and is explicit in its content. This is a book well worth the read.

Submitted for,
Bill Carder
Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brethren... this new Masonic Year has started with a rush! I believe that we need to go back to our basic Masonic Principles in Masonry which are **BROTHERLY LOVE**, **RELIEF**, and **TRUTH**. We should remember that one of the reasons that many of us joined this fraternal institution was the opportunity to be around “good men” as we all strive to become “better men”. While this goes far beyond the financial side of Masonry,

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sometimes it involves simply that. You should have received a letter from the Financial Preservation Committee asking for your assistance in getting us beyond this crisis involving the kitchen and air conditioning as well as not leaving Kendall Lodge in a financially vulnerable position. I'm asking you to make a generous donation to that benevolent request. As stated in the letter, any funds beyond those necessary to complete those projects will go back into our savings for future emergencies. We know that not everyone can give the same amount, but all can give generously. I thank you for your consideration.

This and every month we have six organizations using our lodge building. They are as follows:

- **Ourselves... Kendall Lodge No. 897** (Stated Meeting on the 3rd Monday: Dinner at 6:15 PM; Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM. Practices (Monday Evening-6:30 PM; Wednesday Morning-9:00 AM; and Saturday Morning-9:00 AM)
- **Boerne Chapter No. 200, Order of the Eastern Star** (Stated Meeting on the 1st Tuesday at 7:30 PM)
- **Brownwood Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar** (Stated Meeting on the 1st Wednesday: Dinner at 6:00 PM; Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM)
- **Texas Hill Country DeMolay Chapter No. 4435, DeMolay International** (Stated Meeting on the 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM; Service Meeting on 1st Thursday at 7:30 PM)
- **Hill Country Rainbow Assembly No. 381, I.O.R.G.** (Stated Meeting on the 2nd Thursday at 7:30 PM; Service Meeting on 4th Thursday at 7:00 PM)
- **Nile of the Hills Sewing Club, Nekodah Temple No. 44** (Stated Meeting on 1st Wednesday at 10:00 AM)

If you haven't been to lodge in a while Worshipful Master Bob Easterling and the Brethren would enjoy seeing you, renewing past relationships, and forming new ones. So come and join us!

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



MASONIC BURIAL SERVICES

Recently our lodge opened a “Lodge of Sorrow” for the purpose of conducting Masonic burial services for this Masonic year. Shortly after opening the lodge, I reflected on the many burial services our lodge conducted this past year and the different types of Masonic burial services I have attended during my time as a Mason.

“Burial with Masonic Ceremonies is a privilege which pertains to all Masons, including Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, and Master Masons.”

(Current Monitor of the Lodge)

Currently there are three different Masonic burial services provided in the Monitor of the Lodge, and the Master of the Lodge can use any of the three to meet the needs of the situation. Each service is beautiful and a proper way for the brethren to render final respects to the deceased brother.

Although every brother is entitled to receive a Masonic burial service, occasionally a deceased brother will not receive Masonic rights for one reason or another. The family may not want a Masonic burial service, they may not know the service is available until after the funeral or memorial service is conducted, the brother may not desire a Masonic burial service, or, in some cases, the family may not even know the brother was a Mason.

Regardless of age or current health, each of us should make sure our desires are known by those who will take care of our final arrangements as to whether or not we desire a Masonic burial service. Brothers who desire Masonic burial services with their aprons interred with them should make sure the family knows its location and his desire. The family should know how to contact the brother’s lodge or the one located in the city of where the burial is to be conducted to request a Masonic burial service.

I have yet to attend a Masonic burial service that was not appreciated by the family and friends of the deceased brother. Each has been a beautiful show of respect for our lost brother, and a blessing to their families.

It is my hope that our lodge does not lose any of its members to death and is not required to conduct any Masonic burial services during this Masonic year, but we stand ready to render the honors our fallen brothers deserve.

Bob Easterling
Worshipful Master

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