



The Trestle Board

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FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, support, emails and calls during my wife's recent prolonged hospitalizations. She is out of the hospital now and doing much better.

August was a very busy and productive month for the lodge. I want to acknowledge Brothers Clarence Smith, Billy Lieck, Duane Garza and Phillip Archilla for all the hard work they have performed in their kitchen remodeling efforts. Our new commercial stove, vent hood and flash suppression unit is installed and working now, as a direct result of many hours of work by Brothers Smith, Lieck, and Garza. Brother Archilla is making great progress refurbishing our kitchen cabinets, and the completed ones look great. These Brethren are working extremely hard and dedicating many hours of their time to make our attractive, modern, convenient and practical for all the functions it supports. Future efforts include replacing the kitchen sink, counter top, and completing the cabinets. I am sure our kitchen will be the best of all the lodges in the state of Texas and a model for all lodges to emulate.

I am sad to report that our lodge is not receiving any relief from our lodge insurance or the city of Boerne's insurance for the loss of our air conditioner. Although we submitted claims in a timely and professional manner, it was deemed by both insurance carriers that they had no responsibility for our loss. Thus, we are relying on the generous donations of our members as requested by our Financial Preservation Committee. Currently we are about \$2,000.00 short of attaining the \$15,000.00 goal to replace our air conditioner and complete our kitchen remodeling project. **We are still receiving donations in the mail, and it is our hope to attain our goal.**

Our August dinner and stated meeting was a great success. Brother (Detective) Ovidio Flores gave a presentation at our dinner about crime in Boerne that included both crime and growth trends in the city of Boerne. Everyone really enjoyed Brother Flores's excellent presentation, and we thank him for his time and effort. The Boerne city Fire Marshall, Mr. Jeff Fincke, will speak at our September stated meeting dinner about issues relating to our community Fire Dept. and EMS.

Due to time constraints, Brother Charlie Lloyd was unable to give his presentation during the stated meeting about the more interesting points of our lodge history, and I will ask him to provide his presentation at another time. Our lodge history is significant to all members, and it should be one of the elements of our Masonic education. I really look forward to Brother Lloyd's presentation. Brother Chis Williams from Davey Crockett Lodge in San Antonio is scheduled to present a Masonic education topic during

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our September stated meeting, and I urge all to come listen to this excellent guest speaker.

During our August stated meeting, our DDGM, Right Worshipful Tom Cottle, presented IPM Bob Tucker the Grand Lodge Award for the Best “Opening Ritual, Reception of the DDGM, and Closing Ritual” during his visits in the first half of 2013. IPM Tucker credited the success to the officers and members of our lodge inclusive of our deceased Brother Bill Scales.

Our outdoor degrees are great events and I urge all who can attend our outdoor degree to do so.

Brothers Clarence Smith and Dow Mathis will be conducting an EA education night this month, and I urge all Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Masters to attend. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to receive some Masonic education with all sitting together inside the lodge room.

Senior Warden, David Bruton and Junior Warden, Bill Carder are scheduled to attend the Warden’s Retreat at Corpus Christi soon, and they will return with all the newest information on things we can do to make our lodge better. Warden’s Retreats are the best way to bring innovative ideas to the forefront of a lodge through its officers, and I am looking forward to the fresh ideas they bring back to the lodge for review and implementation. It is imperative for our lodge to stay abreast with changing times to keep its members active and engaged in lodge events.

Congratulations go to Brother Phillip Archilla for recently completing his MM proficiency, and to our new Fellowcraft Mason for completing his EA proficiency and being passed to FC.

Along with everything else going on, our Raffle committee will start selling raffle tickets this month for a drawing with multiple prizes with a drawing to be conducted in December. We will publish a list of prizes and other information in our next Trestle Board. We will conduct two raffles during this Masonic year to benefit our charities.

One of my priority goals is to keep the membership informed about lodge activities, and I think publication of our monthly Trestle Board can do the job. 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 with email addresses. 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.

We have started serving the stated meeting dinners at 6:15 PM instead of 6:30 to 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.

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.

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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



A few years ago, back in the day, I was invited to an outdoor Master Mason Degree to be held on a ranch outside of George West, Texas. As fortune would have it my father was able to ride with us along with several other Brothers. We had a great time talking about Masonry and other interests. Since the Degree was conferred by an out of state Lodge from Louisiana, we had interesting discussions upon our return ride.

Kendall Lodge will be conferring another outdoor Degree on Saturday September 28th at 8:00 AM at Camp Alzafar. We look forward to this Degree as we do each year. There is something very special about having an outdoor Degree. I surely enjoy being among the trees as the Fall of the year approaches. Please make a good effort at attending this event and support the degree team and candidate.

Our roundtable practices have been well attended and much progress is being made to achieve our goal of five new C certificates and three new B certificates earned among Kendall Lodge members. A tall hill to climb starts with the first step. See you at our practices.

Respectfully submitted,
David K. Bruton PM, Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

This month's meal for the September stated meeting will be Hamburger Steak with brown mushrooms and onion gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, bread, and iced tea.

My message this month comes from The Grand Lodge Law Book and can be found on page 116, Article-210a, as well as the following website www.tl2k.org.

The Story of Tranquility Lodge #2000

On July 20, 1969, two American Astronauts landed on the moon in an area known as "Sea of Tranquility". One of those brave men was Brother Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin Jr., a member of Clear Lake Lodge #1417, Seabrook, Texas. Brother Aldrin carried with him SPECIAL DEPUTATION of then Grand Master J. Guy Smith, constituting and appointing Brother Aldrin as Special Deputy of the Grand Master, granting unto him full power in the premises to represent the Grand Master as such and authorize him to claim



Masonic Territorial Jurisdiction for The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, on the Moon.

To commemorate this historic event, and to further solidify and establish Texas Freemasonry on the Moon, it was proposed that a charter be issued to a new Lodge, to be known as Tranquility Lodge #2000, and that authorization for such new Lodge and its purposes be granted by the addition of Article 201a.

Tranquility Lodge #2000 is based in Waco, Texas under auspices of The Grand Lodge of Texas until such time as the Lodge may hold its meetings on the Moon. Their meetings are held quarterly at various cities in Texas, with the annual meeting being held in Waco each July.

Any Master Mason who is a member in good standing in any regular Lodge may become a member of Tranquility Lodge #2000, by payment of a one-time fee of \$100, and such annual dues as adopted by the Lodge.

Several members of Kendall Lodge #897, including myself, are also members of Lodge #2000. If you are interested in more information, check out their website.

Fraternally,
Bill Carder, Junior Warden

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK



Brethren... your response to the situation has shown what is right in our Fraternal Order! The Masonic Principles of Masonry, **BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, and TRUTH**, are alive and well. Thank you for your response to our AC/Kitchen problem. If you haven't contributed and are wondering if your contribution is needed, it still is. We plan on finishing the countertops and replacing the pass-through serving area. Brother Philip Archilla is working hard on refinishing the cabinets and they look great! As previously stated, any funds beyond those necessary to complete those projects will go back into our savings for future emergencies. Again I thank all of you who contributed.

Several items for the near future:

- Our Stated Meeting will be held on Monday, September 16th with Dinner at 6:30 pm and the Stated Meeting at 7:30 pm.
- Our Entered Apprentice Education Night will be held on September 23rd. We want all EA's, FC's, and Master Masons come and join us at 7:00 pm.
- The Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the 51st Masonic District will meet in Bandera Lodge No. 1123 in Bandera, Texas on Wednesday, September 25th, 2013, with a light dinner at 6:30 pm and a business meeting at 7:00 pm. You don't have to be a Master, Warden, or Secretary or even a Master Mason to attend. So come and join us in Bandera.
- Kendall Lodge is performing a Master Masons Degree at Camp Alzafar on Saturday, September 28th starting at 8:00 am. Come and join us as we raise a Brother in a Master Mason's Degree! There is going to be a BBQ cook-off following the degree, as well as lunch, dinner, and a dance that evening. If you



- haven't been to Camp Alzarfar or haven't been there in a while, then come and join us!
- The Grand Lodge of Texas Masonic Education Committee will put on a Grand Master's Workshop on October 5th at 9:30 am – 12:00 pm at Kendall Lodge #897 in Boerne for the 51st and 52nd Masonic Districts. Chris Williams will lead the Workshop, so please come and learn.
 - The Grand Lodge of Texas will hold its 5th Annual Texas Masonic Family Day at the Texas Masonic Retirement Center in Arlington, Texas on Saturday, October 12th from 10:00 am. to 4:00 pm. It has good food, you can meet good friends, listen to live entertainment, and even has shopping for the wives...and you too! Go to www.TexasMasonicFamilyDay.org for more information.

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!

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 Deaths	
	Brother Dutch Hutsell's Wife Ginger August 1, 2013
	Brother Neal C. Brigham August 3, 2013

Fraternally,
Gary Bausell PM, Secretary



“EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS A CLAIM”

In today's world with so many people and their many different personalities, beliefs, and opinions, it seems we are more divided than ever. With just a glance we make immediate judgments of others whom we don't even know. I found myself sitting on my back porch watching my dogs play and interacting with each other, doing what they do with their different personalities and quirks and it occurred to me, if human beings could view all mankind with the same unconditional love and understanding that they afford to their pets what a peaceful and harmonious world it could be.

We are taught that we are to govern ourselves, to control our thoughts and behavior and to promote brotherly love and affection toward all mankind. I don't believe we can change our true nature, but we can make a conscious decision to treat others as we wish them to treat us.

Master Masons Charge
Remember brethren: “every human being has a claim
upon your kind offices”

Submitted By:
Duane Garza, Senior Steward