

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 AF & AM  
897 East Blanco Road • Boerne, Texas 78006

December 2013



## FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

November was another very busy and productive month for the lodge. On Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> we conducted a Master Masons Degree for a Viet Nam Veteran with plenty of other veterans assisting. During lodge we also conducted a tribute to all American veterans. What a great way for a Masonic lodge to celebrate Veterans Day!! I want to congratulate our newest Master Mason, Brother Herman Floyd on his raising.

Our November dinner and stated meeting was a huge success!! Our stewards prepared and served a wonderful Thanksgiving feast consisting of sliced ham, turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, corn, fruit salad, bread, and iced tea.

Ms. Kathy Bandujo of *Blessing in a Back Pack* spoke to members and guests about the good work her charity performs to help make sure at risk children have food on week-ends. Blessing in a Back Pack provides non-perishable food items for teachers to place in the back packs of designated students. This is done while no children are in the classroom to preclude possible embarrassment. She stressed the importance of these children having good a source of nutrition when away from the school meal programs.

The members voted during our October meeting to support this charity and establish a box in the foyer for food donations to *Blessings in a Back Pack*. When Ms. Bandujo arrived at lodge to speak, she was directed to the food donation box which already had a number of items waiting to be picked up. Ms Bandujo thanked the lodge for the generous donations and participating in the program. Donation requests include: 16 ounce (plastic jars) of peanut butter, small cans of *Chef Boyardee* meat items,

snack pack puddings, canned soups with chicken or beef, and other non perishable items that will provide nourishment but are light enough for a small child to carry in a back pack. Please feel free to stop by and drop off your donations on Monday evenings, Wednesday or Saturday mornings, or anytime you see cars at the lodge.

PM Charlie Lloyd presented our stated meeting's Masonic education by reviewing high points from his "The History of Kendall Masonic Lodge #897." We learned several new things about our lodge. Most interesting was that our charter had the wrong date for more than 60 years and the steps taken to get it corrected. I was impressed to learn that PM Lloyd along with PM Bausell, and PM Kestler played a huge part in the current lodge history that is found on our web site. Brother Lloyd pointed out that the history is far from complete due to poor record keeping in years gone by. He pointed out future lodge historians will not have any problem researching this period due to the excellent and meticulous manner in which Brother Gary Bausell records lodge activities. Brother Lloyd's presentation was both informative and entertaining and drew a strong round of applause.

I want to again acknowledge Brothers Clarence Smith, Billy Lieck, Duane Garza, and Phillip Archilla hard work performed in their kitchen remodeling efforts. Special "Thanks" to Brother Phillip Archilla for completing our cabinets, and to Brothers Billy Lieck, Clarence Smith and Duane Garza for all the work they did to install our new commercial stove, vent hood, vent and fire suppression system, counter tops, kitchen sink and faucet, trim work, caulking, and many other small items that I can't list. Although these fine Brethren are still working some minor issues, I consider the remodeling effort complete and we now have a great looking functional kitchen. These Brethren worked extremely hard and dedicated many hours making our kitchen attractive, modern, convenient and practical. Please acknowledge these Brethren's efforts when

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you see them.

We are still about \$1,900 short of covering the the AC replacement and the kitchen remodeling costs. I most certainly want to thank all those who have donated. It is through the generosity and benevolence of our members that we have not had to dip into our emergency funds.

As our facilities age, they will certainly require additional repairs and maintenance. We need to be financially prepared to deal with such certainties as a new roof, electrical repairs, parking lot resurfacing, etc. Our Funds Preservation Committee is working with our Finance and Budget Committee to establish a process to begin saving a portion of our current income as a Building Maintenance Fund. This fund would hopefully preclude again asking members to donate for major repairs. When complete, details will be presented to the membership for their review and the possible establishment of a Standing Rule to formalizing the savings program. We will publish the proposal in the Trestleboard to inform those not able to attend the meetings. Their discussion is not centered on whether or not we have a need for maintenance but rather on what fundraising can be increased or current activity cut to provide those savings.

I am not sure if we will have a guest speaker during our December stated meeting dinner, but I am trying to get Santa to make a short visit.

We also looking for someone to present the December Masonic Moment. Please feel free to give me a call if you would like to volunteer.

I am excited about the work our Scholarship Committee is doing to document the process, guidelines, and the lodge's involvement in making these awards. Brother Billy Lemmon, assisted by his wife Angie, are working with the schools and counselors to make sure that we have applicants that reflect our preferences. Once the committee completes the their document, we will publish and make it available to all interested parties.

We plan to award three scholarships this year— one to each of Kendall County's high schools and are conducting two raffles to raise the necessary funds. The first will end with a drawing at the De-

cember 16<sup>th</sup> stated meeting dinner. We don't have much time left and need your help!! Members may contact the Secretary to purchase or sign out tickets to sell. Each ticket is eligible to win one of four outstanding prizes. Please review the prizes listed on the sample raffle ticket in this newsletter. If you are receiving this via eMail and the web, you can view more details and photos of the prizes on page 6.

One of my priorities is keeping the membership informed of our activities. This monthly newsletter can do the job and we have received many positive comments about it publication. I urge you to let us know how we are doing and if you would like to provide an article, please contact the Secretary or me .

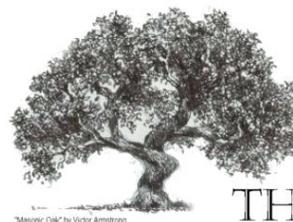
If you have an email address but are receiving this newsletter by the post office, I ask you to contact our secretary and provide it for his data base. Your email address will not be shared and it will be protected.

We are serving the stated meeting dinners at 6:15 PM to allow guest speakers a fifteen minute block of time for presentations on issues pertinent to the members of our lodge and our community.

I want to wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year in 2014. Please be careful in your travels and enjoy your family and friends.

Please feel free to contact me or the secretary about any issue you feel important to the lodge or membership, and we will address it the best we can. You can contact the secretary through the lodge telephone at (830) 249-8917 or by email at [ken-dall897@gvtc.com](mailto:ken-dall897@gvtc.com). You can contact me at my cell (210) 241-5268 or my email at [qualchg@gvtc.com](mailto:qualchg@gvtc.com).

**Robert "Bob" Easterling**  
**Worshipful Master**



"Here on a day in March, 1835, Brothers Anson Jones, John Wharton, Asa Brigham, J.A.E. Phelps, Alex Russell and J.P. Caldwell met and resolved to petition the Grand Lodge of Louisiana for a dispensation to form a Lodge of Freemasons."

THE MASONIC OAK



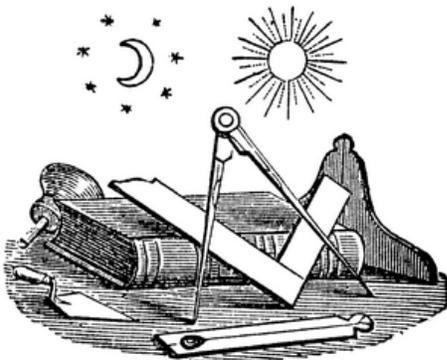
## FROM THE WEST

The holiday season is here again and we have much to be thankful for at this time. As I had mentioned in our last set of articles, we are the recipients of many valued traditions handed down to us by those who have gone before us. As we go through our Degree Work in the task of receiving, initiating, passing, and raising candidates for Masonry we practice the actions and activities originated by others. It never ceases to amaze me how each segment of our work complements the other. We are "going through on someone else's push".

Our instructors met last Saturday and a very good practice session. With a good group in attendance we split into two groups for our esoteric roundtables. Since this is the method used during the certificate exams it is a good method to follow. We can see again a well established method given to us by those who have gone before us. It is expected that we will have several of our Brothers to take their certificate exams nest April.

Many good Masons are working hard in Kendall Lodge as we sharpen our skills in our esoteric work. We too will add to the collective Masonic knowledge helping others as time goes on. Each of us can remember our own instructors that spent numerous hours with us in many teaching sessions resulting in us being made Master Masons. Again, we have much to be Thankful for this and every day. May the Blessings of the Great Architect rest upon us!

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**David K. Bruton**  
**Senior Warden**



## Forever Young

*Bob Dylan*

May God bless and keep you always  
 May your wishes all come true  
 May you always do for others  
 And let others do for you  
 May you build a ladder to the stars  
 And climb on every rung  
 May you stay forever young

May you grow up to be righteous  
 May you grow up to be true  
 May you always know the truth  
 And see the lights surrounding you  
 May you always be courageous  
 Stand upright and be strong  
 May you stay forever young

May your hands always be busy  
 May your feet always be swift  
 May you have a strong foundation  
 When the winds of changes shift  
 May your heart always be joyful  
 And may your song always be sung  
 May you stay forever young.



## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

This month's meal for the stated meeting will be enchilada casserole, tamales with chili, shredded cheese, diced onions, Spanish rice, and beans and iced tea.

### DIMIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

**Definition and Effect:** A dimit is the withdrawal of a Master Mason from membership in a Lodge, thereby becoming an unaffiliated Mason. The payment of his dues and the vote of the Lodge thereon are the acts which dissolve his connection with the Lodge.

**Procedure:** The right of a member, clear on the books as to dues and no charges pending against him, to withdraw from membership in a Lodge thereby becoming an unaffiliated Mason is inalienable. In such a case, the member may present his application to the Lodge in writing, requesting a dimit. The Lodge may grant the dimit at once by unanimous vote, which in the discretion of the Master in each case may be taken either by ballot or by show of hands. The action shall be entered in the minutes of the Lodge and his membership shall terminate when the result of the vote is announced.

**Non-Affiliates: Privileges Allowed and Denied.** An unaffiliated Mason, holding a dimit or its equivalent granted by a regular Lodge or the authorized Grand Secretary of this or any Grand Jurisdiction with which we are in fraternal relations, may:

1. Visit a Lodge as provided in Art. 382.
2. Sign a petition for a new Lodge Under Dispensation (Art. 184), or for a new chartered Lodge (Art. 205) or affiliate with any Lodge in this State; provided that such unaffiliated, in any case, is domiciled in this Grand Jurisdiction.
3. March in a Funeral or other Masonic Procession or appear Masonically clothed at a Masonic funeral, when properly accredited and permitted by the Worshipful Master, upon satisfactorily accounting for his non-affiliation.

### He shall not:

1. Preside over or fill any station or place in any Lodge.
2. Confer, or otherwise participate in conferring any degree.
3. Vote by ballot or otherwise on any matter coming before any Lodge, or lodge any protest whatever.
4. Address the Lodge or speak upon any matter before it, unless invited thereto by the Master presiding.
5. Participate in any official capacity, or in any organization or body whose membership is limited to the Master.

Unaffiliated Masons are amenable to Masonic Law and subject to Masonic discipline. (Art. 495.)

**Ref:** The Laws of The Grand Lodge of Texas on pages 159,160, and 161. Article #'s 368, 369, and 373.

**Bill Carder**  
Junior Warden



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren.... as you probably know by now, all dues cards to Masons who have obtained greater than 50 years of Masonic Service or are Endowed or Life members have been mailed about two weeks ago. I then mailed out Dues Notices about a week and a half ago. If you have not received your dues card or dues notice then please contact me at the lodge.

As I mentioned last month, Kendall Lodge is honoring its members who have obtained their 50th, 40th, or 25th Service Anniversary on Monday evening, December 9th at 7:00 P.M. Please come and be there to honor our recipients and visit with them and their families. It will mean a lot to them and to you!

Also this month is the Grand Lodge of Texas 2013 Grand Annual Communication which is held in Waco, Texas from Thursday, December 5th through Saturday, December 7th. We hope to see you there.

Finally Brethren... remember that our Stated Meetings are on the third Monday evening starting with dinner for the entire family at 6:15 P.M. and the Stated Meeting starting at 7:30 P.M. We have floor and esoteric practice on Monday evenings at 6:30 P.M. when other activities aren't scheduled, Wednesday morning at 9:00 P.M., and Saturday mornings at 9:00 P.M. Come and join us.

**Gary L. Bausell**  
Secretary

## SUPER SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE!

For Kendall County High School Seniors

### Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897

Four tickets will be drawn; One for each of the following:

1. Two nights for two at Tapatio Springs Resort w/breakfasts, horseback rides, golf, massages. Plus \$340 Dick's Sporting Goods Certificate
2. \$430 Fredericksburg Bed & Breakfast Service Certificate for Lodging, Food, Wine Tours, and/or Spa. Plus \$100 for One-time hair cut, color, style
3. Sony Playstation 4
4. Handmade Desk Set made with rare & legally sourced Brazilian Rosewood. Plus a beautiful antique Buffet/Desk

*Specimen*

Need Not Be Present to Win

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Drawings to be held 7:00 pm, December 16, 2013  
897 E Blanco, Boerne, Texas 78006

One Chance for \$10 or Five for \$40



## A MASTER'S WAGES

by Carl H. Claudy

THE MASTER MASON - MAY 1925

WHEN MASONRY was operative, the Fellow of the Craft labored long and earnestly to fit himself to produce his Master's piece, by which he would be enabled to prove himself fit to receive the Mason word - what we know as "the Secret Word of a Master Mason" - that he might go where he would, prove himself a Master and receive a Master's wages.

Now that Masonry is speculative only, many who apply and receive the degrees think that the mere possession of the secret word makes them fit to receive a Master's wages, forgetting that it was not the word, but the fitness to receive it, which qualified their ancient operative brethren for a Master's wages.

But the speculative Mason can no more receive a Master's wages today than in days of old, unless he be truly a Master. Writing "Master Mason" after one's name does not make one such in the speculative sense. Having one's name inscribed upon the by-laws of a Lodge does not make one truly a Master Mason.

Being a Master Mason is wholly a matter of the heart and mind; unless the one be humble, the other eager to learn and willing to study, a man may never truly be a Master Mason - aye, though he take every degree in every Rite and wear a jewel pin for every title he assumes.

In ancient days a Master's wages were paid in coin of the realm. They are no less so paid today, but the realm is of the Inner man, not the world of society. The wages received by a Master Mason who has fitted himself to earn them are paid in that which money cannot purchase. Not by favoritism or influence or high estate can any man win a Master's wages; if he receives them, it is because of what he is, what he thinks, and how he thinks it. From the time a Fellowcraft goes alone to the Altar to make his petition to Deity he stands alone or falls. When he is raised to the Sublime Degree, his brethren and his lodge have done all they can for him; if he is ever to receive a Master's wages, it will be because of what he does for himself.

A Master's wages are paid in the knowledge of the human heart; its dependence upon love and friendship, its eagerness to give for the love of giving, its humble hope of receiving for the simple human joy of being beloved. They are paid in knowledge which girds a man in armor through

which misfortune, hard times, ill luck, cannot pierce. They are paid in the security which comes from certain knowledge of millions of brethren sworn to your aid and support - and make no mistake about this, my brother; though you may never need to make appeal, though no man spreads his call for help throughout the whole Masonic world, no matter where that call echoes, there will be some who hear and heed. A Master's wages are paid in friends of the heart; friends who make life rich with its fairest treasures. The sentimentalist sings of the friend of his youth. It is true that friendship deepens with time; a common past is the foundation on which many a friendship is based. Freemasonry supplies such a past. Men linked in the Mystic Tie can think, symbolically, of their friendship beginning thousands of years ago! The friends made in Masonry are of tested steel; there are none better. A Master's wages are paid in the knowledge of closeness to and communion with the Great Architect of the Universe. In the practice of Freemasonry a Master Mason draws close to God. The All Seeing Eye to him is a friendly one. No man spends time in a lodge without having his faith strengthened; in days when mental confusion, doubt, debate and argument undermine beliefs less solidly founded, the firm foundation for simple beliefs which comes from Freemasonry is surely not the least of the coins in which a Master receives his wages.

And a Master's wages are paid in strength to endure, in courage to proceed, in hope of the future and in joy in the present.

These are wages worth working for! These are coins besides which those of minted gold show themselves to be the dross they are! For these are the wages given to character.

Freemasonry gives us wages according to our labor; and if we work faithfully, we may be sure, as in the parable, we shall receive each man his penny. But Freemasonry, like any other institution, pays in a sliding scale according to the worth of the labor given; the Apprentice receives less than the Fellow of the Craft, and he less than a Master. See to it, my brother, that you are a Master in fact as well as in name; so shall you learn the real meaning of the Word by which some day you will travel in a far, far country, where there is neither gold nor silver, and where, indeed, the only coins which can be used are those you here fit yourself to receive - a Master's wages.

*Submitted by:  
Dow Mathis  
Junior Deacon*

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## Four Prize Raffle!

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One for each of the following!



### Prize Package 1

Two Nights for Two at Tapatio Springs Resort  
+  
\$340 Gift Certificate for Dick's Sporting Goods



### Prize Package 2

\$430 Gift Certificate for Fredericksburg (Texas) Bed & Breakfast Service (Lodging, Food, Wine Tours, Spa)  
+  
\$100 One-time Hair Cut/Color/Style



### Prize Package 3

Sony Playstation (PS4)



### Prize Package 4

Handmade Desk Set (Rare/Legal Brazilian Rosewood)  
+  
Beautiful Antique Buffet/Desk



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(For Three Kendall County High School Seniors' Scholarships)