

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 A.F. & A.M.
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March 2014



FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

February was another very busy and productive month for the lodge. On February 8th we conducted our annual Sweethearts Luncheon for the lodge's Widows and Sweethearts. It was a wonderful event and all attending had a great time. I would like to thank Brothers David Vaughan and David Bruton for their hard work planning, coordinating and hosting the event. They did a superb job of honoring our Sweethearts!! The luncheon included a great meal with entertainment by Brother Austin Roberts and Ms. Patti Parnell. After lunch, Brother Matt Archilla's son Parker delivered an outstanding rendition of the DeMolay "Flower Talk." Parker was followed by an excellent presentation titled "The Lords Prayer" by Davy Crockett Lodge No. 1225's Worshipful Master Brad Kohanke and its Secretary Chris Williams.

On February 15th we held a very special Master Masons Degree that included a celebration of our new Master Mason's accomplishments. Brother Bob Tucker started the day by preparing an outstanding breakfast for the Brethren before opening lodge, and we had some Entered Apprentices and other volunteers volunteer to BBQ some great meat while we conferred the degree. After the degree, the Brethren were treated to a great meal and fellowship. It was a wonderful event. I would like to thank Brother David Bruton for coming up with the idea as well as planning and coordinating the event. What a great way to celebrate the hard work of the newly raised Master Mason!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Brother Gabe Garner on his status as our newest Master Mason.

Our stated meeting dinner included an excellent presentation by Boerne CPA, Ms. Suzann Woodward on tax tips for filing 2013 and 2014 taxes. Ms. Woodward ended her presentation with a question

and answer period, providing answers to specific questions from the audience. Everyone enjoyed Ms Woodward's presentation and learned important points about 2013 taxes and what is coming up for the 2014 tax year.

We have received a few more donations for our "Building Preservation Fund" since the last *Trestleboard*, and its current balance is \$4,275. The lodge officers have continued discussions concerning inevitable major repairs. Although our building and grounds are now in pretty good shape, both are aging and it is a certainty that at some point the roof and parking lot will both have to be repaired or replaced. We also continue our constant battle with Boerne's dry wood termites and as recently shown, need to be prepared to handle other non-budgeted emergencies such as air conditioner repair or replacement.

To prepare for the inevitable, the officers have decided to establish a goal of \$35,000 as the amount that should be set aside in the "Building Preservation" fund. This money will not be used for any purpose other than extraordinary, non-budgeted maintenance and not then without a vote of the lodge.

We believe we can make this goal by the end of the next Masonic year (June 2015). I am sure next year's officers will continue this initiative and am asking every member to help. The building belongs to all of us and stands strong and beautiful in testimony of the dedication and responsibility of past and current Kendall Lodge #897 Masons.

We will continue to solicit donations until we reach our goal. You can make a donation of any amount and at any time by mail or in person. Please indicate that your donation is for the "Building Preservation Fund" on your check or note. You can also include an additional amount when paying dues or buying tickets. Just make sure that the Secretary knows what the extra is for.

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The Brownwood Commandery will conduct a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** on March 8th from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. I urge everyone to put the event on your calendar and come out and enjoy a great breakfast of pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee and orange juice. We need to support these Sir Knights in their efforts to rebuild their financial funds after their generous donation to our lodge.

Our Junior Warden, Brother Bill Carder will address raffle ticket sales in his article, and I hope everyone will do their best to support Bill and his committee by either selling or buying a few raffle tickets.

Mayor Mike Schultz has agreed to speak to us during our March stated meeting dinner about important happenings in the Boerne community and will provide a short question and answer period.

I was scheduled to provide a short presentation titled "Making a Good Man Better" as Masonic education in our February meeting, but was absent due to an illness in the family. I now plan to give the presentation at our March stated meeting. If you would like to provide Masonic Education for any of our stated meetings, please give me a call.

One of my priorities is to keep the membership informed about lodge activities with the publication of our monthly *Trestleboard*. We have received many positive comments about the implementation of the monthly newsletter, and I urge you to let us know how we are doing with it. If you would like to write a *Trestleboard* article, please contact the Secretary or me.

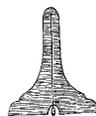
If you have an email address, please send it to our Secretary. Your email address will be protected and not be shared with anyone other than Grand Lodge.

We have started serving the stated meeting dinners at 6:15 PM instead of 6:30 PM to allow guest speakers a fifteen minute block of time prior to the stated meeting for presentations on issues pertinent to our members and community.

Please feel free to contact the Secretary or me concerning any issue you feel important to the lodge or our membership, and we will address it the best

we can. You can 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 by email at qualchg@gvtc.com.

Robert "Bob" Easterling



FROM THE WEST

To all Masons active and inactive: we appreciate your support of our *Trestleboard* articles and ideas. Our Worshipful Master Brother Easterling has done a yeoman's job this year with our *Trestleboard*. It takes much determination and innovation to start something new with 225 onlookers and readers in our membership constituency. Worshipful Master Easterling had an idea and ran with it, making our readership know about the workings of Kendall Lodge #897. If you like it, let us know as the officers of Kendall Lodge would like responses from the General Membership concerning this endeavor. It cost dollars to submit the information in this form each month. We will soon be making decisions with our budget as to continuing this effort.

As you have heard several times this year from our Senior Warden, the Charter directs us to bring in, initiate, pass, and raise Masons. The secondary directive is to elect and install officers of Kendall Lodge here in Boerne. The officers of Kendall Lodge are working diligently on a regular basis to accomplish this task. We need your help. Generally in many not for profit organizations we have about 10% of the members doing most of the work. Our organization is no exception. As I write this article I consider the many good Masons we have associated with Kendall Lodge and I ponder the wealth of knowledge and energy we have within our ranks. What a worthwhile endeavor it is to contribute our time and talents to such a meaningful cause. Making good men better is as good a goal as I could ever imagine. What is it going to take in order to increase our participation on a reg-

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ular basis? We hear these words from some of our Brothers, " I probably couldn't even get in with all I have forgotten." If you are a member of Kendall Lodge you don't have to remember anything in order to attend. Just show up! All members are welcome. We will put you to work because each good Mason has much to contribute as We Need Your Help.

What a Joy it is to see Brethren Dwell Together in Unity.

David K. Bruton
Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

March is the month each year that the Sisters of Boerne Chapter #200, OES, prepare the Appreciation Dinner for us at the stated meeting. Since March 17th is also St. Patrick's Day, I am sure that the ladies will be preparing something "special" for our evening meal. Dinner will be served at 6:15 PM, so please come hungry and bring your family with you.

Also Brethren, our spring raffle scholarship fundraiser is now underway and sales have been picking up. Our sales have already exceeded the cost of the items that will be raffled at the May 19th stated meeting. Therefore, all sales from now on will go directly toward the funding of the three senior scholarships. To date, we have sold more than 300 tickets and money is coming in daily. Many of you have stepped up and picked up your tickets, but more needs to be done if we are going to reach our goal. I only ask each of you to sell a few tickets to your friends and relatives. Upon your request, we will mail tickets to you to sell, and you can return unsold tickets or the money (checks only—no cash) by mail. Recently we mailed ten tickets to a Brother in California, and our tickets can be sold anywhere in United States. The buyer does not have to be present at the drawing to win. I urge every member to help with this worthy cause. Please contact our Secretary, Gary Bausell, at the lodge (830)

249-8917, or call my cell (210)218-2994 and we will send the tickets to you right away.

We are working with our local Boerne Wal-Mart and have set up May 3rd & 4th as the dates to sell tickets in front of the store. I need several Brothers to volunteer and help us on the first weekend of May. I will provide more information on our progress with this effort next month.

Prizes for the drawing are: (1) a Smith & Wesson Model: M&P 9mm "Shield" semi-automatic handgun. A custom rosewood gun box with the Masonic logo carved on the outer lid will also be included. (2) the all-new, just-released Apple iPad Mini with Retina display.

Ticket prices are only \$5.00 each or five for \$20.00. We have a flyer available which will aid you in your sales efforts. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

Bill Carder
Junior Warden



"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



Fish Fry Update

The Kendall Lodge Annual Fish Fry will be conducted on April 5th. Your Fish Fry committee has been busy on this project. There is still time to volunteer to help. We need volunteers on April 4th to pull together the final product, in addition we need help on Saturday April 5th, serving the meal and lodge clean up. Please contact me at clarence1141@att.net or (210) 771-4111 to volunteer and coordinate what you can do to help the lodge with this effort.

Tickets will be mailed out the week of March 3rd tickets are still \$8 and each member will receive ten via U.S.P.S.

Clarence Smith
Senior Deacon



FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren... I would like to first thank you and your families for the thoughts, prayers, emails, calls, etc. concerning Cindy and my seven year old granddaughter. She took a header off of a horse at full gallop into an arena fence. She had a slight skull fracture above her left eye, damage to the ocular bones around the eye, a bruised kidney, and a lacerated spleen. Thankfully the doctors at Cooks Children's Hospital in Fort Worth decided that everything should heal OK so no surgery except to repair the cut above the left eye. She is just on restricted activities for 2 to 3 months, which I'm glad I don't have to enforce.

Another reminder to you about your 2014 dues: Look at your dues card and if it says "**Dues paid through 12/31/2013**" then you need to find the dues notice the lodge sent out in November and send it in. If you can't find it, no problem, just mail a check to the lodge, drop it through the mail slot, or stop by and see me.

We have several special events happening at the lodge this coming month. Coming attractions include:

- ⇒ On Saturday, March 1st, at 9:00 AM the Grand Master of Masons in Texas will lay a wreath at the Alamo. Activities will start around 8:00 AM at the Gallagher House, followed by a walk to the Alamo. At 11:00 AM in the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium (SASA) a Masonic Youth Brunch will be held whose donations support Masonic Youth activities during the year. At 1:00 PM our Most Worshipful Grand Master Jerry Martin will hold his 2014 Grand Master's Conference in SASA's Ballroom. Come and participate with us.
- ⇒ On Saturday, April 5th at 11:00 AM, Kendall Lodge will hold our Spring Fish Fry Fundraiser. We will serve until 2:00 PM. You will be receiving your tickets in the mail shortly. You can buy them and give them away or sell them. This fundraiser funds the operations of the lodge. So come out, have a great lunch, and support

your lodge.

Also:

- ⇒ **Every third Monday we have a great meal for our Brethren and their families, as well as visiting Brethren, visitors, and guests. We start serving at 6:15 PM and don't stop until just prior to our Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM. Our Stewards work hard to make each meal great! Additionally... Rainbow Girls from our Hill Country Rainbow Assembly make and serve us our desserts for a donation. So you, your wife, and children come and join us. I guarantee you that you will come back!**

We're looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Gary L. Bausell
Secretary



If a child grows up in a prominent, wealthy family and is given much with little expected in return, the child can develop a mentality where enough is never enough. As they get older, they borrow from their family success with the enjoyment of "unearned" public accolades and develop a false sense of importance. Without the necessary struggles and appreciation of their families efforts to earn their success, this young person is woefully ill-prepared to prosper on their own and often fails miserably.

As an analogy, America can be seen as a wealthy and prominent family with much of our hard fought success being the result of countless sacrifices of Masons serving in the military, political office or quietly as model citizens. Early American gestures of charity have evolved over the years into an entitlement mentality where enough is never enough. Just like that spoiled child, many Americans have been taught to accept and expect these ever increasing entitlements as the norm with little or any understanding or appreciation of the selfless efforts that created the wonderful free society they enjoy.

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As a Mason, I am privileged to associate with men of character, self reliance and true generosity. I am grateful to be associated with Brothers who trust in God, love our country and constantly endeavor to improve our lives and society as a whole. Masons have a profound appreciation of the past while honestly seeking to improve the future. This is why I am grateful to be a Mason.

I leave you with a story of Sam Houston, a Mason. (Condensed version of an article from the Grand Lodge of Texas website)

“Sam Houston's Army began a classic withdrawal movement into East Texas, forcing the Mexicans to abandon their supply lines behind rising rivers, until he arrived at the mouth of the San Jacinto River, where it empties into Galveston Bay. On the afternoon of April 21, 1836, just as Santa Anna felt he had the Texans trapped, Sam Houston led the charge in what was to become one of the most significant battles in American history. Some 800 Texans mounted a surprise attack against the Mexican encampment. With the battle cry, "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!", the Texans charged. Outnumbered and outgunned, the Texas Army defeated a force nearly twice its size in only eighteen minutes. The Texans suffered only 6 killed, while the Mexican Army had 630 killed, 208 wounded, and the Texans took 730 prisoners. Santa Anna was captured alive. The self-styled "Napoleon of the West" received from a generous foe the mercy he had denied Travis, Crockett and Bowie at the Alamo and Fannin at Goliad. Sam Houston dictated to him the terms of Texas Independence.

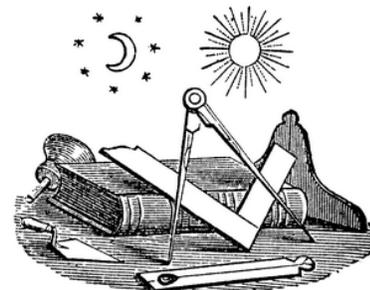
Houston was elected the first President of the Republic of Texas and served from 1836 to 1838, and again from 1841 to 1844. On December 20, 1837, Houston presided over the Masons that met in the Texas Senate Chamber and resolved to form the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Texas. By then, three lodges had been chartered in Texas by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana: Holland Lodge No. 36, Milam Lodge No. 40 at Nacogdoches, and McFarland Lodge No. 41 at San Augustine. President Houston presided over a convention with representatives of these three lodges in the city of Houston, and elected Anson Jones the first Grand Master of

Masons in Texas.

After Texas was admitted to the Union, Sam Houston served as U.S. Senator for Texas from 1846 to 1859. In 1859, Houston ran for Governor of Texas on an anti-secession platform, which meant he was opposed to having Texas secede from the Union. However, in 1861, Texas voted to secede anyway. Houston refused to take an oath of allegiance to the new Confederacy, and he was removed as governor. Houston then retired to private life to the town of Huntsville. His son, Sam Houston Jr., fought for the Confederates and was wounded in Tennessee. Sam Houston died in Huntsville in July 1863, while his wife Margaret was at his bedside. His final words were "Texas -- Texas ! -- Margaret -- "

Sam Houston was truly "a Man of Honor" and is certainly worthy of our emulation. He was a dedicated Mason. Houston, and great leaders like him, established our State and our fraternity under trying conditions and would be proud to see the way it has grown in the past 160 years. Now it is up to us to see that the tradition is carried on. We must educate our children in the values that were cherished enough by our founders that they risked and sacrificed their lives that we might live in a free country. We must see that Masonry in Texas remains an influence for good that cannot be denied. We must educate our members of the Craft so that our children's children will be as proud of us as we are of our founders. Brethren, love your lodge, and help it to grow. Love your fraternity and practice its tenants that "the world at large" may be "convinced of its good effects."

**Fraternally,
Eric Viereck
Marshal**



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One for each of the following!

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Custom
Monogrammed
Rosewood Box



Prize Package 2
Apple
iPad mini
now with the new
Retina Display



Vertical Maxim (Lodge No. 897)
1. One ticket per person.
2. Tickets are available for purchase at the lodge.
3. All tickets are valid for the duration of the raffle.
4. Prizes will be drawn on May 19, 2014.
5. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to fund the Kendall County High School Seniors' Scholarships.
6. Tickets are available for purchase at the lodge.
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Horizontal Maxim (Lodge No. 897)
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3. All tickets are valid for the duration of the raffle.
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5. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to fund the Kendall County High School Seniors' Scholarships.
6. Tickets are available for purchase at the lodge.
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Drawings to be held 7:00 pm, May 19, 2014, at 897 E Blanco Rd, Boerne, TX 78006
(Proceeds Help Fund Three Kendall County High School Seniors' Scholarships)
- ONE TICKET FOR \$5 OR FIVE FOR \$20 -