

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 AF & AM
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April 2014



FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

March was not as busy as the past few months, but it has been a productive month for the lodge.

I certainly want to acknowledge and thank the ladies of OES 200 for providing the meal for our stated meeting dinner with special acknowledgment to Deanna Welch for all her hard work. The meal was excellent, and everyone left the table full and happy.

The dinner included an excellent presentation by guest speaker, Boerne Mayor, Mike Schultz. Mayor Schultz provided us with information that affects all of us who live in Boerne and the community. He explained current activities in the city, the city's financial situation, and plans for future city expansion. Mayor Schultz expanded on both water and electric concerns vital to our community, and assured the audience that the concerns are being worked with positive resolutions expected. Mayor Schultz concluded his presentation with a question and answer period, providing answers to specific questions from members of the audience. Everyone really enjoyed the Mayor's presentation and learned about things happening in the city and community



Worship Master Bob Easterling Thanks
Brother Mayor Mike Schultz at March Dinner

they were not aware of prior to the Mayor's presentation.

Sadly, I must report that another of our Kendall Lodge Brethren laid down his working tools and went to join the Supreme Architect of the Universe in March. Please put Brother Billy Wayne Stevens and his family in your prayers.

We have received a few more donations for our "Building Preservation" fund since the last *Trestleboard* and its current balance is \$4,854.89. The lodge officers have continued discussions concerning inevitable major repairs. **In an effort to estimate the costs for future repairs we have requested and received quotes for roof and parking lot replacement.** We have three estimates to replace our roof with tear off and replacement with 30 year shingles of a price of \$15,000. We are awaiting an estimate to replace the roof with metal, and know it will be substantially more. One of our Brothers gave us an estimate for replacement of our parking lot at his cost of \$50,000. Thus, we are looking at \$65,000 at current prices with unknown increases in years to come.

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

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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.

Our annual Fish Fry fundraiser will be held this year on Saturday, April 5th, and we will also host a Blood Drive at the same time. Please make sure the date is on your calendar and do your best to come out and support your lodge in its efforts.

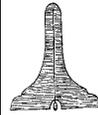
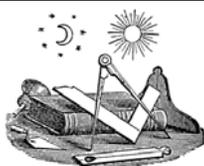
One of my priority goals is to keep the membership informed about lodge activities. The publication of our monthly *Trestleboard* can do the job. We have received many positive comments about the implementation and publication of the monthly Trestle Board. **Please email, send a note or call the lodge if you want the *Trestleboard* to be continued during the next Masonic year.** If you would like to write an article for inclusion in one of our *Trestleboards*, please contact the Secretary or me.

If you have an email address, I ask you to contact our secretary and add it to his data base. Your email will be protected and not shared with anyone other than Grand Lodge.

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.

Please feel free to contact me or the secretary about any issue you feel important to the lodge or the membership, and we will address your issue the best we can. 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.

Robert “Bob” Easterling
Worshipful Master



FROM THE WEST

It is time for another article for our monthly communication of Kendall Lodge #897. At this time we would do well to look around us at all the blessings for which we are so grateful. Recently we had our Sweethearts Lunch and we were fortunate to witness young Parker Archilla give the “Flower Talk” for the benefit of our Sweethearts as well as for the benefit and enjoyment of other attendees.



**Senior Warden David Bruton Thanks
 DeMolay Parker Archilla at March Dinner**

Parker is a member of our DeMolay Chapter here at Kendall Lodge and also the son and grandson of two of our Masonic brothers. What a fine job in not only the memory work but also in presentation and sincerity was done by this young man.

When awarded a certificate of appreciation prior to our Stated meeting, Parker was asked about his presentation. The response included a discussion of giving thanks to mothers and those responsible for care and upbringing of young men. What a wonderful expression of appreciation and thankfulness. These are the qualities which cause all Masons to take pride in our Masonic heritage and our Masonic future.

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We are surrounded by the results of good work and dedication to our Masonic principles. Recently at our Grand Masters conference at the San Antonio Shrine Auditorium we heard an excellent presentation on the principles, tenets, and virtues of our order. As we listened to the explanations and examples of Masonic tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief, Truth, we were definitely inspired in the practice of Masonry. Masonry is a gift to be received, shared, and preserved. Again, we have much to be thankful for since we are the recipients of hundreds of years of Masonic heritage.

Thanks is due for each contribution made by many masons to our Degree work, Masonic education, and administration of our own Kendall Lodge.

David K. Bruton
Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

The meal for our April stated meeting will consist of lasagna, spaghetti and meatballs, green beans, salad, bread, tea, and coffee. The Rainbow girls will be there to serve deserts for a small donation.

I coordinated with our WM for Mr. Paul Giguere from our local YMCA to be our community guest speaker for our monthly stated meeting dinner in April. Mr. Giguere will provide us with information about our local YMCA and the benefits of using this resource to help us maintain good health. He will address a special program designed for senior citizens that is excellent to keep older folks like me in good shape.

We are now entering the final stages of our spring raffle scholarship fundraiser. With the May 19th drawing date rapidly approaching, we only have a few more weeks to sell our tickets. Many of you have picked up tickets and our sales have increased. To date, we have sold a little more than 500 tickets. **WE STILL HAVE A NUMBER OF TICKETS IN THE OFFICE that need to be sold.** Those of you who have not yet participated, it is not too late. Please call me on my cell (210) 218-2994

and I will mail them to you. If you have already sold some of your tickets, please turn in your current sales to allow us to better track our progress. Please continue to sell your remaining tickets.

We are drawing two tickets. The first will be for a Smith & Wesson Model M&P 9 mm "Shield" semi-automatic handgun in a custom rosewood box with a Masonic logo carved on the outer lid. The second will be for an all-new, Apple iPad Mini with Retina display. Ticket prices are only \$5 each or five for \$20. We also have a flyer available which will help you in your sales efforts. Buyers do not have to be present at the drawing to win.

I also need A "FEW GOOD MEN" to help me with raffle sales on Saturday, May 3rd. I have made arrangements with Wal-Mart in Boerne to set up tables at both entrances from 9 am to 3 pm and would like to have two shifts (3 hours each). This will require four Brothers in the am & four for the pm slots. I really need some help to make this work. **If you can work on that day please give me a call ASAP on my cell phone (210)-218-2994.**

Our WM asked me to research the possibility of having another "Play Night" in May for lodge members of the lodge. I have done some preliminary research, and the community theatre will be performing a musical play in May and we can get group rates. I will have a sign up sheet at the lodge for those who want to attend or you may contact me directly to sign up. I will provide more information via email, the stated meeting and our next publication of the *Trestleboard*.

Bill Carder
Junior Warden

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897

Deaths



Brother Billy Wayne Stevens

(March 7, 2014)

Almighty Father! Into Thy hands we commend the soul of our beloved Brother.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

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

- 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 should have received your tickets in the mail already. If not, please let me know. You can buy them and give them away or sell them. This fundraiser funds the operations of the lodge. So you and your friends come out, have a great lunch, and support your lodge.
- On Saturday, April 12th Alzafar Shrine's Boerne Shrine Club will be using our Banquet Room as a Command Center for their Boerne Street Collection Day for the Shriners Children's Hospitals. Kendall Lodge Nobles... come out and help your club.
- Also on Saturday, April 12th the Grand Lodge of Texas' Committee on Work will be holding Masonic District No. 51's Forum and Certificate Exams at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 794 in Fredericksburg, TX. It starts at 9:00 AM and should be over around 3:00 PM.

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!**

Of note is the fact that we've had several men come by the lodge and sat down with us to discuss how to become Masons. We had four prospects at the Pancake Breakfast alone. Come to dinner and you might be surprised to find out that you know some of them and could sign their petitions or be

references. Many of them know Masons, but didn't realize that they knew them.

Please don't shoot the messenger, but... Another reminder for a few of 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're looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Gary L. Bausell
Secretary



Fish Fry Update

The Kendall Lodge Annual Fish Fry will be held on Saturday, April 5th. Your Fish Fry Committee has been busy but we still need volunteers to help. We will start work Friday morning April 4th at lodge to pre-package our coleslaw, set up the dining area, prepare "To Go" boxes to be ready for meals, and other activities that will save us time and effort on Saturday. If you can't help on Friday, you can help on Saturday, 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.

Don't forget the Blood Mobile will be present at this event for our Blood Drive.

Clarence Smith
Senior Deacon



**South Texas
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THE COWAN

(Extracted from Bro. Anton O. Aspeslet, P.G.M.)

The Oxford International Dictionary of the English Language gives the following definition of the word "Cowan":

Cowan - 1598 [?] 1. Sc. One who does the work of a mason, but has not been apprenticed to the trade. 2. Hence, One uninitiated in the secrets of Freemasonry 1707. 3. slang. A sneak, eavesdropper.

The Oxford English Dictionary, as quoted by Harry Carr, gives the following:

One who builds dry stone walls (i.e., without mortar); a dry-stone-diker; applied derogatorily to one who does the work of a mason, but who has not been regularly apprenticed or bred to the trade.

Bro. Harry Carr then writes:

Cowan is an essentially Scottish trade term, and it belongs to the time when lodges, as trade-controlling bodies, put restrictions against the employment of cowans, in order to protect the fully-trained men of the Craft from competition by unskilled labour. The earliest official ban against cowans appeared in the Schaw Statutes in 1598.

Carr, The Freemason At Work, p. 86.

To better understand the position of the cowan it is necessary to look at the organization of the old operative guilds. In the days of James I of Scotland (born 1394, reigned 1424-37), a statute was passed empowering craftsmen in their different branches to elect a wise man of the Craft to be the leader of that craft so that the King be not defrauded in the future, as had been in the past; because of untrue men in the Craft.

Trade associations were formed from a desire for union, self-protection, and self-government among the members. They also, in pre-reformation times, had religious duties to fulfil and were frequently dedicated to a Patron Saint. The members of some were bound to pay, in addition to other contributions, the "Weekly Penny" for the maintenance of the Craft's Altar and the sustenance of the priest attached thereto. Their charters of incorporation were granted by the town council upon the requisition of the body concerned.

The early Craft was divided into several ranks or divisions. There were several classes of members. The building trade then as now allowed for specialization and indeed good workmanship demanded it. For the work itself there were the quarrier, the waller or rough mason, the hewer and the builder, and any worker might devote himself to one or the other of these divisions of the trade of construction in stone. Theoretically it was possible to have a guild for each, but practically the quarrier and the rough mason were looked upon as the labouring class, while the builder and especially the hewer were looked upon as skilled artisans,

and in more intimate relationship to the designer or architect, whose position they frequently encroached upon or even occupied.

The hewer and builder were both masons par excellence, though the hewer was especially the free-mason. The English Statute of 1459 shows that the rough mason or waller, or builder with unhewn stones and without lime (like the Scottish Cowan) was a lower class tradesman according to the wages then fixed.

The skilled and privileged Craft as a body was conventionally divided into members as follows:

1. **Honourary**, or non-trading, afterwards the dominating feature leading to speculative Freemasonry.
2. **Freemen** of the Craft in full membership and with full privileges.
3. **Servants** or operative and skilled employees permanently retained by certain freemen as employees.
4. **Journeyman**, free of the Craft, operatives duly skilled and open for employment day by day, but travelling from one master to another and not in business for themselves.
5. **Apprentices**.
6. **Cowans** or Cowaners, i.e., freemen or journeymen restricted to one class of work .

It appears that in England c.1459 the freeman of the Craft, whether in full standing or only partially so as a journeyman or apprentice was of a different and higher class than even the master rough mason or the master cowan. A lad might be apprenticed to a cowan for that class of work as well as to a mason, but only the mason had a Craft Guild or incorporation. The cowan being the unskilled labour, did not require a guild to protect privileges, as he had few or none to protect.

In 1707, in its ordinance against the employment of Cowans, the Lodge of Kilwinning described a Cowan as a mason "without the word" - a member of the Craft without full privileges. However, the employment of Cowans by master masons for any kind of work, when no regular craftsman could be found within 15 miles was permitted in the early part of the 19th century. The employment of Cowans was prohibited in 1600 by the Glasgow incorporation of Masons, but a minute in February 1623 contains the record of a person booked and received as a Cowan being authorized to work stone and mortar, and to build mortar walls, but not above an "ell" in height (Engl. 45", Scot. 37.2"), and without the power to work or lay hewen work, nor to build with sand and lime.

From the foregoing it can be seen that the term "Cowan" meant something entirely different in the operative years of the Craft than now in use in speculative Freemasonry.

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1. One Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 9mm Pistol in a custom monogrammed rosewood box.
2. One Apple iPad mini with Retina Display.
Prizes will be drawn on May 19, 2014, at 897 E. Blanco Rd, Boerne, TX 78006.
All tickets are \$5.00. Proceeds from this raffle will go to the Kendall County High School Seniors' Scholarships.

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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 -