

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 AF & AM  
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June 2014



## FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

May was another busy, but very productive month including presentation of the Golden Trowel award, Spring Raffle drawing, Community Builder award, and lodge Family Day. I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend and spent it with family and friends.

Our spring charity fund raiser raffle was a huge success!! We exceeded our expectations for the amount of money to be raised through this effort, and our Junior Warden will provide more information in his article. I want to thank Brother Bill Carder and his committee for planning, procuring the prizes and executing our Spring Raffle. I also want to thank all those who sold or bought tickets for this raffle

Our May stated meeting dinner was great, and our stewards prepared a wonderful meal of gumbo and rice. We did not have a guest speaker because of the time dedicated for our Raffle drawing.

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 May. Please put Brother Joseph Jones and his family in your prayers.

We have received a few more donations for our "Building Preservation" fund since the last Trestle board and its current balance is \$5,009.00. Hooray!! We finally filled the bubble at the bottom of our thermometer, and only need another \$30,000 to reach our goal. **This money will not be used for any purpose other than extraordinary, non-budgeted maintenance and not then without a vote of the lodge.** 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.

Brethren, this is my last article as the WM. We will conduct our elections the next stated meeting on June 16th, and I hope you will come, dine with us, fellowship, sit in lodge, and cast your vote for our new officers. Additionally, we will be presenting this year's Lamar medals and scholarships at the dinner meeting.

I want to humbly and respectfully "Thank" everyone for the outstanding support provided to me and the rest of the officers this Masonic year. We could not have accomplished any of the projects, fund raisers, and other activities without the active participation of both the officers and members of the lodge. Our officers did a wonderful job of planning, coordinating, and executing all our activities, and the members came together to help and support each activity. We did so much this year that I can not list everything or acknowledge those who chaired or served on the committees for each activity or event. Positive attitudes, brotherly love, and hard work by both the officers and members are what made our Masonic year such a great success.

I must admit that I was truly blessed to be part of such a great team of officers serving our lodge this Masonic year. They always maintained a "Can Do" attitude, and they were up to any challenge that presented itself. Each officer accepted the responsibility and the duties tied to the office. Several of the officers chaired or worked on our four fund raiser committees with each fund raiser exceeding expectations or budget. A select few officers instructed candidates, and were essential in each of the degrees performed during this Masonic year. We were fortunate to have officers bring forth new concepts, such as celebrating the raising of a new Master Mason with a BBQ and fellowship after the degree, introducing better ways to perform many of the activities associated with our fund raiser dinners, and other more subtle ideas that improved everything we do in the lodge. We are very fortunate that many of this

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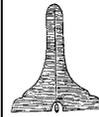
year's officers will move forward to greater responsibility as they serve during our new year. I can never truly express my gratitude for all these officers did during this Masonic year, but I do want to give them a "Special Thanks for a Job Well Done"!!

If you have an email address, I ask you to contact our secretary and provide it for his data base. It won't be shared with anyone outside of our Grand Lodge.

We have started serving the stated meeting dinners at 6:15 PM instead of 6:30 to allow time for guest speakers prior to the stated meeting

Please feel free to contact 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](mailto:kendall897@gvtc.com).

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



## FROM THE WEST

It is that time of year when we continue one of the two most important functions of our Masonic Lodge. The time to elect and install our leadership is to be accomplished at the June Stated Meeting.

This is when we voice our opinions of who will continue as officers in this great Fraternity of ours and who will be brought into the leadership line. We confirm certain traits of leadership such as dependability, determination, hope, hard work, and of course who can best work and agree in Harmony. Who can spread the cement of brotherly love and fraternal cooperation?

This is the initial step in performing that essential order given to us in our Charter. In order to develop leadership we must elect men deserving of that high office. These men will be charged with

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**WM Bob Easterling & PM Bob Tucker Present Well Deserved Golden Trowel Award to Brother Billy Liecks**



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the responsibility of not only taking our Lodge into the next Masonic year and to the next level but also be charged with securing and continuing deserving traditions.

May the Blessings of Heaven rest upon you and yours.

**David K. Bruton, PM**  
**Senior Warden**



**Lady Cindy Bausell Draws The 1<sup>st</sup> Winning Ticket**



## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

The meal for the June stated meeting will consist of BBQ Brisket, beans, potato salad, bread, coffee, and ice tea. Anyone who would like to bring one of your favorite desserts would be greatly appreciated.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> we held our Drawing for the Spring Raffle. Congratulations go out to our two winners!! Rod Welch of Boerne was the winner of the 9mm S&W handgun. Jo Alice Wall of Kerrville (Deacon Wall's wife) won the Apple Ipad mini.

We raised over \$3500 for our scholarships with this raffle. The money, added to our fall fundraiser totals, puts us well over our annual goal. Many thanks go out to everyone who helped make this a huge success.

Many of the Brothers worked long and hard selling tickets. I want to extend a special thanks to WM Bob Easterling, who was our top seller. He sold a total of 260 tickets totaling over \$1,000. We had several other Brothers who sold 100 plus tickets, and others who sold a significant number of tickets.

It took a team effort to sell the tickets and the support of those who bought tickets to make this raffle such a great success.

Again, thanks for all the help I received. We can all be proud of what we have accomplished.

**Bill Carder**  
**Junior Warden**



**Lady Deborah Bruton Draws The 2nd Winner**



**Brother Deacon Wall Accepts His Wife's iPad**

## Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897

### Deaths



**Brother Joseph N. Jones.**

(May 24, 2014)

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



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Kendall Lodge has quite a few special events occurring at the lodge this month. Coming events include:

- Our **Honor the Past Masters' Night** at 7:00 PM on Monday, June 9th. Deputy Grand Master Michael Wiggins will be our guest of honor and speaker this evening. He will also take questions following his program. If you have questions but are unable to attend Grand Lodge in December, then come and ask them of the man who should be our next Grand Master.
- Our June Stated Meeting Dinner will be where we honor those recipients of the **Scholarships and Lamar Medals**. Plan on being there. There are three scholarship winners and four Lamar Medal winners. Come and help us honor them.
- The June 16th Stated Meeting will be Kendall Lodge's 2014-2015 Officer elections. Past Master Charles Lloyd Jr. will preside over the elections.
- As customary, Kendall Lodge's **Installation Ceremony** will be at 10 :00 AM on Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. Plan on attending this once a year event. Past Grand Master Right Worshipful Mike Gower will be the Installing Officer.

### Also remember:

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! So you, your wife, and children come and join us. ***I guarantee you that you will come back!***

A final reminder to the few Brethren who have not submitted your 2014 dues or contacted the Worshipful Master, Secretary, or Treasurer concerning their situation. The original and second notices have previously gone out. Dues are overdue on June 24th. Mail your check to the lodge, drop it through the Lodge mail slot, or stop by and see me,

but please don't go suspended for Non-Payment of Dues!

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

**Gary L. Bausell, PM**  
**Secretary**



## The Chaplain

Who is that officer we call the Chaplain?

The first of the official duties of the Chaplain is: "Performs those solemn services which we should constantly render to our creator." Is a Chaplain really necessary? Can't just anyone pray?

I suggest that the Chaplain is very necessary. Our fraternity is full of symbols. I believe an important symbol is that of the Chaplain. He is a vital part of every meeting and ceremony. It is a basic tenant of our profession that regardless of the occasion, we invoke the blessing of Deity.

It is true that anyone can pray, but to have THE Chaplain lead the prayer increases the very importance of his office. In his heart, he leads the prayer with the utmost sincerity of purpose. The prayer is not just words to be spoken... it seeks the special blessing that is not only desired but actively sought... we are not alone... we ask the blessing of Deity on all that we do inside and outside the Lodge.

The Chaplain is not a special person, but the invocations seeking the presence of Deity is very special. He does not seek honor for himself, but instead he seeks honor to the profession. He is but one instrument among many instruments who strive to bring honor to the fraternity through his service.

**David Vaughan**  
**Chaplain**



*Excerpts from R.:W.: Brother Hugh Goldie's address on an official visit to a Canadian Lodge—April 10, 2013*

## THE MEASURE OF A MAN

*By the famous author A nonymous*

Not - How did he die? But - How did he live?  
 Not - What did he gain? But - What did he give?  
 These are the things that measure the worth  
 Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.  
 Not - What was his station? But - had he a heart?  
 And - How did he play his God-given part?  
 Was he ever ready with a word of good cheer?  
 To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?  
 Not - What was his church? Not - What was his creed?  
 But - Had he befriended those really in need?  
 Not - What did the sketch in the newspaper say?  
 But - How many were sorry when he passed away?  
 These are the things that measure the worth  
 Of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

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There is only one valid reason to want to be admitted to Freemasonry: the desire to improve yourself; personally, ethically, and spiritually. You can be certain that nothing will be taught to you, but you can learn everything. You can trust that nothing is imposed on you, but you must be willing to accept the conduct and rules you will find. You can and should be prepared for a long journey, but you will never be alone, there will always be a brother by your side willing and glad to help and support you in all your undertakings. You will find that your work begins when you get your first degree and will be finished only with your passage to the Grand Lodge Above.

How is masonry important to you? What is the most defining point in your Masonic journey?

**It matters not if You Pass through the Chairs  
 Or reach the highest station,  
 The best event in a Masons life  
 Is his initiation.**

You, if you work consistently and well, will become better, will act better in all aspects of your life, and it will be by virtue of your improvement that you will be respected and can aspire to influence others, perhaps in politics, perhaps in business, certainly in social relations with your family and community especially in the hearts of those who know you.

You will be supportive and merciful, because that is the condition of a freemason, a fair and full and interesting man, with a pleasant disposition and a sincere and trustful discretion.

You, if you have done consistently well in your work, can aspire to Know, to Know what nobody can pass you, to Know what only you can sense, the meaning of life and creation. And, if you are successful, you will understand that words cannot convey this knowledge to anyone else, you can just help your brothers to make their journeys; in order to aspire to sense, to perceive, to look. And then realize that this is the famous Masonic secret!

If you have done consistently well in all aspects of your life, family, community, to all people, even if you never will be anything more than a sideliners in the Lodge, you will be a true Grand Master, of yourself, your consciousness, your Masonic journey. You will not have the honor to join freemasons; freemasons will be honored that you have agreed to join them.

**And most of all you will live respected and die regretted.**

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