

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

July 2014



FROM THE EAST

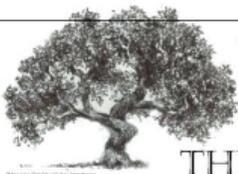
Greetings Brethren,

First of all, I want to thank the members of Kendall Lodge No. 897 for placing a great deal of trust in the recently elected new officers for the upcoming Masonic year. It is a great privilege to serve in such a great and wonderful fraternity as the Masonic Lodge. I am convinced that your officers will do their best to carry on the traditions and charges of our Fraternity.

One of the many things I enjoy about our organization is the education about Masonry for us as well as for other than Masons about our vast history. Last week, as Worshipful Master Easterling, Treasurer Kestler, and I presented the Lodge's donation to the Women's shelter, we were asked about Masonry. Between the three of us we discussed the early stonemasons and their role in the building of many European cathedrals and castles. We then progressed to the operative and speculative concepts. As we moved into present day they were curious about our use of symbols to teach lessons that are pertinent to today's American society and its challenges.

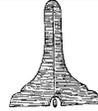
"Making good men better" is said to be our goal. This is what we do and we do it well. We look forward to accomplishing what we are charged to do as a lodge: Admit, Initiate, pass, and raise Masons. We at the same time, elect and install leaders. Developing leaders is another important duty we strive for in the implementation of our various programs

Sincerely and Fraternally,
David Bruton, PM
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

First, I want to thank all of you who have given me your vote of confidence by electing me to serve as your Senior Warden for 2014—2015.

Our Worshipful Master has laid out many new and exciting plans for Kendall Lodge this year. With the assistance of the newly-elected officers and the participation of all our brothers, this should not only be a fun year, but also one of which we can be very proud. I personally look forward to working with each and every one of you in bringing WM Bruton's plans to fruition and continuing to make our lodge a better place to work and fellowship.

On another note, I will need to call upon all of you to help make our new candidates feel welcome and to willingly assist with their instruction through all three degrees. It takes several instructors to bring a brother to his goal of becoming a Master Mason and an active member of our lodge.

Please attend as many lodge functions as you can. We look forward to your active participation in making this exciting year a huge success.

Fraternally,
Bill Carder
Senior Warden

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 Deaths



Brother Ross Raymond

(June 9, 2014)

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



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

Greeting from the South. I look forward to serving the Lodge as Junior Warden during this Masonic year. The menu for our July stated meeting will be Hamburgers with the fixens.

As we enjoy the fireworks of July 4thlet us remember these words:

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
 What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
 Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
 O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
 And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
 Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
 Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
 Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
 What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
 As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
 Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
 In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
 'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
 That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
 A home and a country should leave us no more!
 Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
 No refuge could save the hireling and slave
 From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
 And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
 Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
 Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
 Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
 Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
 And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
 And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
 O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

**Fraternally,
 Clarence Smith
 Junior Warden**





FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren... another Masonic Year has ended and a new one has begun. However the cycle of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth never ends. It's been practiced since Masonry began and will be passed on by the Brethren today to those new Masons we instruct tomorrow.

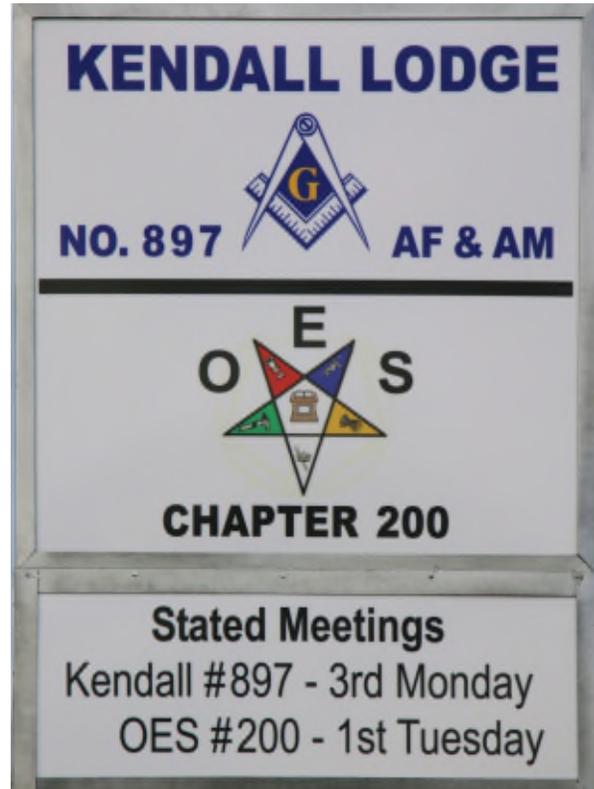
But don't forget that educational opportunities to learn don't end with your esoteric instruction or stop with age or years of service. For those Brethren who have future aspirations to serve in a Station or just to learn more about Lodge Administration and Operations, you should sign up for a Warden's Retreat during August and September. But don't leave your wife at home as she will learn a lot more about Masonry in her seminars than you can imagine. You and she will have ample opportunities to question, discuss, and learn from the Grand Lodge Officers and Committee Members things that you had wondered about for years. You don't have to be in the Lodge line or an officer to attend one of the Retreats. Ask me about the locations and dates.

We're still waiting on word as to when the 2014 Grand Master's Workshop will take place in the 51st Masonic District. We should hear from Grand Lodge soon. And toward that end...if it's been awhile since you attended a Stated Meeting, come and join us. You might be surprised at who you find here these days. Don't sweat getting in as all you need is your 2014 Texas Dues Card and a Photo ID. It's like riding a bike, as it will come back to you. Thank all of you for your support of Kendall Lodge, our fundraisers, and events. Let's make it a great year!

Remember:

On every third Monday we have a great fellowship and a good meal with our Brethren, their families, 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!

Gary L. Bausell, PM
Secretary



Building Preservation Fund June 2014 Donations

Donor	In Memory/Honor
Bob Easterling	
Don Sharp	
Mrs. Margie Hoops	William R. Hoops
Dutch Hutsell	
Roger Hall	Ross Raymond
John Eaton	Ross Raymond
Patrick Mayo	Ross Raymond
Debbie Holman	Ross Raymond
Bill Carder	Ross Raymond
Bob Easterling	Ross Raymond
Larry Verley	Ross Raymond
Lewis Gimbel	Ross Raymond
Travis Wilcox	Ross Raymond



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

Lodge Officers

2014 - 2015

Worshipful Master	David K. Bruton, PM	(Deborah)
Senior Warden	William "Bill" Carder III.....	(Donna Marie)
Junior Warden	Clarence M. Smith	(Suzanne)
Treasurer	Abner L. "Abb" Kestler, PM.....	(Christy)
Secretary	Gary L. Bausell, PM.....	(Cindy)
Chaplain	Howard "Dutch" Hutsell, PM	
Senior Deacon	Dow C. Mathis	(Elizabeth)
Junior Deacon	Matthew "Matt" Archilla.....	(Beth)
Senior Steward	Duane J. Garza.....	(Mary)
Junior Steward	Gabriel H. Garner	
Marshal	Donald "Don" Sharp	(Vicki)
Master of Ceremonies	James "Jim" Hardin.....	(Donna)
Musician	Phillip W. Archilla.....	(Brenda)
Tiler	Charlie Lloyd, PM.....	(Roberta)



June Stated Meeting Dinner: Brother Billy Lemmons Presents Scholarships to Boerne High School's Sawyer Williams and Comfort High School's Karen Taylor



Lamar Medal to BISD's Ms. Sandra Raddtke



Lamar Medal to CISD's Mr. Ralph Real



The Last Wishes of Alexander the Great

On his death bed, Alexander summoned his generals and told them his three ultimate wishes:

1. The best doctors should carry his coffin;
2. The wealth he has accumulated (money, gold, precious stones.) should be scattered along the procession to the cemetery.
3. His hands should be let loose, hanging outside the coffin for all to see!!

One of his generals who was surprised by these unusual requests asked Alexander to explain.

Here is what Alexander the Great had to say:

1. I want the best doctors to carry my coffin to demonstrate that, in the face of death, even the best doctors in the world have no power to heal;
2. I want the road to be covered with my treasure so that everybody sees that material wealth acquired on earth, stays on earth;
3. I want my hands to swing in the wind, so that people understand that we come to this world empty handed and we leave this world empty handed after the most precious treasure of all is exhausted, and that is TIME.
4. We do not take to our grave any material wealth. TIME is our most precious treasure because it is LIMITED. We can produce more wealth, but we cannot produce more time.
5. When we give someone our time, we actually give a portion of our life that we will never take back. Our time is our life!
6. The best present that you can give to your family, friends, [and your fellow man] is your TIME.

May God grant you plenty of TIME and may you have the wisdom to give it away so that you can LIVE, LOVE, and DIE in peace.



The evergreen is an emblem of an enduring faith in the immortality of the soul. By it we are reminded that we have a life within us that shall survive the grave, and which can never, never, never die.



Brother Ross Raymond, PM



June 23, 2014: WM Bob Easterling and WM-Elect David Bruton Present Donation to Kendall County Women's Shelter's Executive Director, Ms. Hattie Allen



June 23, 2014: WM Bob Easterling and WM-Elect David Bruton Present Donation to Kendall County Emergency Services Administrator, Mr. Jeff Fincke