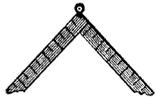




Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 AF & AM
897 East Blanco Road • Boerne, Texas 78006

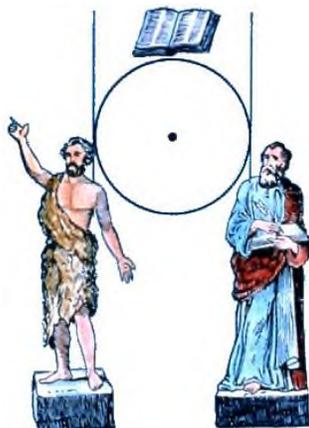
May 2015



FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

As we approach the end of Masonic year and look to the new one several tasks are upon us. First of all we will elect and install the new officers for the Masonic year 2015—2016. It seems like this year just started and at the same time it is drawing to an end. The election and installation of officers is one of the two main directives given to a lodge by the Grand Lodge of Texas through our charter. I have alluded to this frequently in an effort to encourage our brethren to concentrate on the degree work and learn it so our lodge can be proud and make masons with a certain degree of integrity. Yes, choose men of integrity and also perform the esoteric work with integrity.



This month I would like to present an article from the Lightfoot Manuel of the Lodge 1934. The subject matter is DEDICATION. “Our ancient brethren dedicated their lodges to King Solomon, because he was our first Most Excellent Grand Master; but modern Masons dedicate theirs to St. John

The Evangelist, and Saint John the Baptist, who were two eminent patrons of Masonry; and since their time, there is represented, in every regular and well-governed Lodge, a certain *Point within a Circle*, embordered by two perpendicular *lines*, representing St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist; and upon the top rests the Holy Scriptures. The point represents an individual brother; the circle is the boundary line, beyond which he is never to suffer his prejudices or passions to betray him.

In going round this circle, we necessarily touch upon these two lines, as well as the Holy Scriptures; and while a Mason keeps himself circumscribed within these due bounds, it is impossible the he should materially err.”

As we approach the important task of electing and installing our officers for the next Mason year let us consider a line from the Master Mason's Charge: “In the character of a Master Mason, you are authorized to correct the irregularities of your less informed brethren, and guard them against a breach of fidelity. To preserve unsullied the reputation of our fraternity must be your constant care.”

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
David Bruton, PM
Worshipful Master

Building Preservation Fund April 2015 Donations	
<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Charlie Lloyd	
Don Herald	Larry Waldeck Bill Merchant
Bob Easterling	Marge Hoops
Abb Kestler	Rich Ethridge
James Ziehmke	



FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

We are now entering the final stages of our Spring Scholarship Raffle Fundraiser. With the May 18th drawing date rapidly approaching, we only have a few more weeks to sell our tickets. Some of you have picked up tickets and our sales are increasing with money coming in daily. 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. If you will CALL ME ON MY CELL (210) 218-2994, I will mail them to you ASAP. Also, if any of you have already sold some of your tickets, but not all of them, please send us your sales now. This helps us process the sales and avoids the last minute rush at the May 18th Stated Meeting. Please continue to sell your remaining tickets.



Let me once again repeat what we are giving to the winner of the Spring Raffle. The winner will receive a Vacation Travel Gift Certificate for \$1,200 and it is good for any travel (Cruise, Air or Land); you get to choose where, when and how you travel. The Certificate is issued by The Cruise & Tour Consultants Co. located in San Antonio, Texas. You will have until December 31, 2016 (1 -1/2 years) to use your certificate.

Ticket prices are only \$5, or \$20 for five tickets. We will hold the drawing at our May Stated Meeting at 7PM. The winner need not be present to win.

My brothers, please call Secretary Gary Bausell at the lodge 830.249.8917, my cell 210.218.2994 and I will send you tickets right away. These tickets can be returned unsold if you are unable to sell yours before the drawing on the 18th. It is very important that we have your help so that we can reach our scholarship goals.

**Fraternally,
Bill Carder
Senior Warden**



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

The meal for the May Stated Meeting will be Lasagna, Salad, & Garlic Bread.



The masonic moment at our stated meeting Monday really struck a cord with me, so here are two excerpts from, "The Square", author unknown dated April 1924.

The Holy Bible lies open upon the Altar of Masonry, and upon the Bible lie the Square and Compasses. They are the three Great Lights of the Lodge, at once its Divine warrant and its chief working tools. They are symbols of Revelation, Righteousness and Redemption; Teaching us that by walking in the light of Truth, and obeying the Law of Right, the Divine in man wins victory over the earthly. How to live is the one important matter, and he will seek far without finding a wiser way than that show us by the Great Lights of the Lodge.

.....all history shows, if faith in God grows dim morality becomes a mere custom, if not a cobweb, to be thrown off lightly. It is not so wide-spread in our time, and finding so many able and plausible advocates-strides at the foundation, not only of Masonry, but of all ordered and advancing social life. Once men come to think that morality is a human invention, and not a part of the order of the world, and the moral law will lose both its meaning and its power.

**Fraternally,
Clarence Smith
Junior Warden**



FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren...

I want to make a few comments about our lodge and the community of people and businesses in which we live and serve. We only have a few opportunities (we call them Open Meetings) during the year to put a public face on our lodge, our Brethren, and our ceremonies. Those typically are our Installation of Officers in June, our Golden Trowel Award (GTA) Ceremony honoring one of our Brethren for his service, and the Community Builder Award (CBA) Ceremony presented to a non-Mason (man or woman) who serves our community in a manner worthy of a Mason. Other than Masonic Funerals we don't typically interact with a public audience. I believe you would agree that impressions, particularly first impressions, are lasting and we want to make our opportunities good ones.



On Monday, April 13th we presented our 2014-2015 CBA to Boerne's City Manager, Mr. Ron Bowman. The city and county had 16 members and wives present, including Mayor Mike Schultz and his wife, as well as representatives from the Boerne Fire Department, Police Department, City Council, Boerne ISD, etc. Other than our elected officers we only had a few of the Brethren and their wives present. I certainly appreciate those Brethren and wives who came, but we need to do better. We must have good attendance to show our community and our leaders that we care about them if we expect them to have positive opinions about us and support our lodge during fundraiser dinners and raffles. So when we have an opportunity to put a positive face on our fraternal order then please come out and interact with the leaders and citizens with whom we live and serve. We are not a secret society, but we are a private fraternal order. It could be that from those very people you talk with that new Masons will come!

Here are a few things to put on your calendar for May:

- ⇒ It's pretty tight on time, but our **Master Mason's Education Night** is going to be on **Monday, May 4th starting at 7:00 PM**. We will have the Grand Lodge Masonic Education and Services Committee Member Chris Williams bringing us a presentation

about Past Master and President George Washington. So come and join us for the fellowship and the lesson.

- ⇒ **Monday, May 18th**, will be our **May Stated Meeting** with Dinner starting at 6:15 PM, Food and Fellowship lasting until 7:20 PM or so, and our Stated Meeting starting at 7:30 PM. Some of our wives stay in the Banquet Room during the meeting so bring your wife and/or other family members and come to the dinner and meeting.
- ⇒ Last but not least is our **Spring Raffle for our scholarships**. The prize this time is a \$1,200 gift certificate from a travel agency for travel on land or by sea. The tickets again are only \$5.00 or 5 tickets for \$20.00. If you want to get away for a while, then buy several pages of tickets.
- ⇒ A quick note that our **Annual Past Master's Dinner and Program** is scheduled for **Monday, June 1st at 7:00 PM**.
- * For our fraternal partners.... the Boerne Shrine Club will be conducting a street collection day for the Shrine Children's Hospitals on Saturday, May 9th, in Boerne. Additionally they will be sponsoring a night of Gospel Music with the Marksman on Friday, May 22nd, at the Boerne Community Center at 5 PM and 7 PM.

And finally, thanks to those Brethren who have sent their dues in. We're down to only three (3) Brothers who haven't gotten around to it, but I appreciate everyone (or their wives) who remembered and sent theirs in. The Secretary's work is never done!

So don't say that there is nothing going on at the lodge for you. We always have something going on that you can be a part of.

Gary L. Bausell
Gary L. Bausell, PM
Secretary



SW Bill Carder and IPM Bob Easterling Present Community Builder Award To Mr. Ron Bowman, Boerne City Manager



<i>May Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Birthday
Austin L. Roberts III	5/2
Stanley D. Young	5/4
Alfred C. Gray	5/4
Claude Smith Jr.	5/9
Lennox W. Stewart	5/11
Oscar B. Martin	5/12
James R. Schmitz	5/12
Phillip W. Archilla	5/13
Abner L. Kestler Jr.	5/16
Charles W. Lloyd Jr.	5/21
Lon J. Jett III	5/23
Lance L. Lira	5/25
Harold E. Sill Jr.	5/26
Gabriel H. Garner	5/27
Thomas L. Cottle	5/31

<i>May Service Anniversaries</i>	
Brother	Years MM
Garth W. Gombert	63
Albert M. Racer	56
Don M. Edmondson	51
Lewis F. Gimbel Jr.	48
Jackie D. Elliff	45
James K. Duncan	43
Johnnie R. Wimpy Jr.	42
David L. D'Spain	40
Cecil L. Noah	39
Garil D. Allerkamp	37
Jeffrey A. Sill	30
William L. Webb	26
Henry C. Kohl	20
William R. Martin Jr.	16
Herman H. Haas Jr.	13
Scott A. Hardin	9
Clarence M. Smith	9
Carl G. Praesel	7
Robert D. Easterling	7
Cary L. Clark	4
Bradley D. Pecor	4
Phillip W. Archilla	2

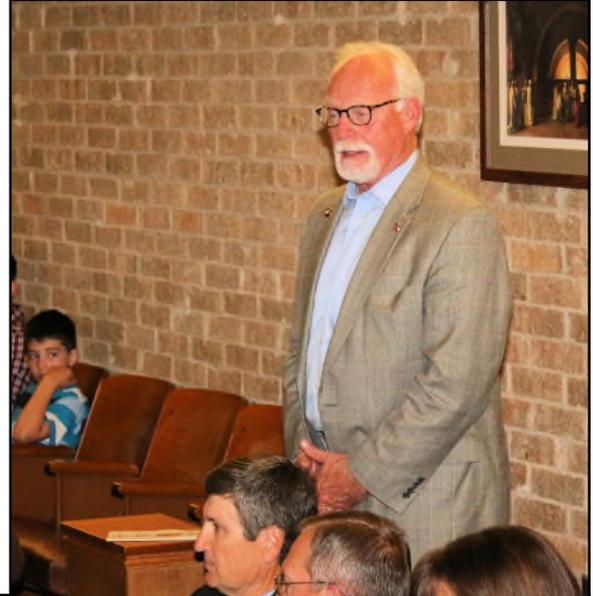


On April 22nd Brothers Dale Curry and Duane Garza Cooked Approximately 1,000 Fish Filets (WM David Bruton watches from side)



**Kendall #897
May 2015 Calendar**

	<u>Every Monday w/out Stated or Called Meeting</u> 7:00—9:00 pm	Kendall #897 Floor Practice
	<u>Every Wednesday</u> 9:00—11:30 am	Kendall #897 Floor Practice
	<u>Every Saturday</u> 9:00—10:00 am	Kendall #897 Esoteric Round Table
May 4	Monday 7:00 pm MM Education	Kendall #897
May 5	<u>1st Tuesday</u> 7:30—9:30 pm	Boerne OES #200 Stated Meeting
May 6	<u>1st Wednesday</u> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Dinner Stated Conclave
May 7	<u>1st Thursday</u> 6:30—9:00 pm	THC DeMolay Dinner & Stated Meetings
May 9	Saturday 8:00 am—3:00 pm	Boerne Shrine Club Street Collection
May 17	<u>3rd Sunday</u> 3:00—4:30 pm	THC DeMolay Advisory Council
May 18	<u>3rd Monday</u> 6:15 pm Dinner 7:30 pm Stated Meeting	Kendall #897
May 20	<u>3rd Wednesday</u> 6:30—8:30 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Floor Practice
May 21	<u>3rd Thursday</u> 7:30—9:00	THC DeMolay Stated Meeting
May 22	Friday 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm	Boerne Shrine Club Bluegrass Gospel Show



**CBA Award—Top: Recipient Mr. Ron Bowman; Middle: Brother Mayor Mike Schultz;
Bottom: Boerne City Officials and Friends**