



Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 AF & AM
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FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for the honor and privilege of serving as your Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. I also wish to congratulate the other newly-elected and newly-appointed officers who will be serving the Lodge with me during 2015-2016. I sincerely look forward to working with all officers and members to carry on time-honored traditions and perhaps even to establish some new ones.



There are so many I need to thank for making our installation such a beautiful ritualistic success and a reminder of our Masonic commitments. Firstly, to the R.:W.: T. E. "Gene" Carnes, PGM go my utmost thanks for making time in his busy schedule to serve as my Installing Master and for doing the outstanding job that he always does. The polished and well-practiced remaining Installing Officers were equally impressive. Thank you all for a job well done.

Secondly, the outgoing officers led by our PM David Bruton have set the bar high for the 2015-2016 team to rise above. I am indebted to him and his team for their accomplishments, and to him for his sound advice along the way.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to all the brothers that I have met and befriended over the years. I am incredibly blessed to call so many great men my brothers. I hope that all of you will attend Lodge regularly so that these brotherly bonds will continue to grow stronger.

I would like to focus the remainder of this month's message on thoughts about some of my goals for the coming year, which promises to be a

fun and exciting one for Kendall Lodge #897. We plan to put on one, or more, "Graded Degrees" as we did last year. We will also be fielding a team to vie for the best ritualists in the state. Opportunities for brothers to learn, polish, or brush up on the ritual will be available Monday evenings (stated meeting nights excluded), Wednesday mornings, and Saturday mornings. Any brother who wishes to improve his ritual knowledge is invited and welcome to attend every, or any, of these open practices. Please join us.

Ideas are currently being discussed on how best to include at our meetings more education on the history and philosophy of Masonry. Several officers have expressed some excellent suggestions. We would welcome input from other members and visitors on this subject.

Lastly, in an effort to increase the friendly social aspect of our fraternity, I will soon appoint a Social Committee to plan and execute various fun activities for the brothers and their families to participate in throughout the year. It is my hope that we can offer a social activity nearly every month that will continue strengthening the bonds originally formed in Lodge and extending them to include our families. If you are interested in serving on this committee, or just have a really good idea to share, please contact me or the chairman, once he is appointed.

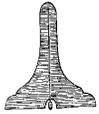
These are but a few of our plans for the ensuing year. For more information on these plans, or other future plans, please be active. Come to Lodge. Join your brothers. Read your Trestleboards. Call me with suggestions. Participate in your Lodge.

We are looking forward to an exciting year for Kendall Lodge #897.

**Sincerely and Fraternally,
Bill Carder, Worshipful Master**

[Editor's Special Note!]

The dining room's A/C has quit and with another mandated change in Freon, must be replaced. Thank goodness our past Building Preservation Fund donations will be able to cover some of the costs. This will be discussed at our next meeting.



FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

As I begin my tenure in the West I look forward to a great masonic year, serving the lodge. Our lodge is steeped in tradition and ritualistic work, we should all strive to carry on this worthy endeavor.



As I was putting away my Jewel and Apron after closing the Lodge of Sorrow, My thoughts went back to a time when I was before the Alter and Brother Kestler approached me and presented to me an Apron. I began to wonder what is the symbolism of the Apron. As I began researching and writing, after seventeen pages I realized Brother Kestler would not need any fillers for this issue, so enclosed is a portion of the introduction.

The Apron

The Apron to Freemasons is a Symbol of Service, the badge of a Mason an outward sign that we are builders.

This presentation to the newest member of the craft: "It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason; more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle; more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other order that could be conferred, at this or any future period, by king, prince or potentate, or any person, except he be a Mason....." words that every mason hears.

Without the Apron Masons are not fully clothed. It is not rounded, but a perfect square, and its right angles teach truth and honesty, the real lessons of morality. Its four equal sides are to remind the Mason that in innocence we are to practice the four cardinal virtues- temperance in word or acts, fortitude in a noble purpose, prudence in wisely judging, and justice to the humble us all.

The flap is an equilateral triangle, whose three sides refer to the three attributes of God- Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omnipresence.

The two strings remind us that reverence for and the practice of the Masonic virtues inoculated by the apron should be bound to the heart and conscience by double ties of love of God and man.

The apron with its flap, represents the material, and the spiritual. The numbers of the apron's sides, four, and the flap, three constitutes the sacred number, because it makes up the perfect figures of a square and triangle. The number also refers to the seven liberal arts and science, revered among Masons, and which according to the legend were the foundation of Masonry.

The one peculiar significance about the lamb-skin is it is one of the first symbols of Masonic life we encounter and also the last when deposited in the grave of a departed brother. Think of the Apron and lessons it teaches.

**Fraternally,
Clarence Smith
Senior Warden**

July Service Anniversaries

Brother	Years MM
Calvin S. Sachers	63
Roy E. Thomas	59
Charley A. Taylor	55
John W. Uecker	53
Thomas B. Fuller	45
Herman H. Haas	41
Lyndon R. Herridge	41
Kenneth O. Booth	40
Robert P. Rush	38
Charles T. Whitehead	36
David K. Bruton	35
Robert E. Magers	32
Thomas C. Williams	29
Lon J. Jett III	24
Frank W. "Billy" Lieck	13
Marc J. McDonald	6
Ovidio M. Flores	6
Jimmie B. Black II	6
James R. Lloyd	5



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

It is with great excitement and a little nervousness that I greet you from the South as your new Junior Warden. Who would have thought just four years ago that I'd find myself occupying this chair and assuming the duties of this office so soon? I am both honored and humbled that you believe me worthy of this office. Thank you all.



First things first. I'm told by the stewards that the meal for the July Stated Meeting will be brisket and beans. Please set aside the 20th on your calendar for the Stated Meeting and plan to attend. I'm sure there will be plenty to go around and we miss seeing you.

Now, on to other things. I am on several email lists and internet forums having to do with Freemasonry, and so I see many articles come through my inbox. Some of them get read, some get stored for later, and some get tossed. The following is a portion of one of those articles. The title of the Bulletin is "The Level and Plumb," and since the Jewel of the Junior Warden is the Plumb, I thought I'd share that portion of the article. There's real meat in these words. I hope you enjoy them and find them of use.

**Excerpt from "The Level and Plumb"
Masonic Short Talk Bulletin, June, 1924:**

The Plumb is a symbol so simple that it needs no exposition. As the Level teaches unity in diversity and equality in difference, so the Plumb is a symbol of rectitude of conduct, integrity of life, and that uprightness of moral character which makes a good and just man. In the art of building, accuracy is integrity, and if a wall be not exactly perpendicular, as tested by the Plumb-Line, it is weak and may fall, or else endanger the strength and stability of the whole. Just so, though we meet upon a Level, we must each build an upright character by the test of the Plumb, or we weaken the Fraternity we seek to serve and imperil its strength and standing in the community.

As a workman dare not deviate by the breadth of

a hair to the right or to the left if his wall is to be strong and his arch stable, so Masons must walk erect and live upright lives. What is meant by an upright life each of us knows, but it has never been better described than in the 15th Psalm, which may be called the religion of a gentleman and the design upon the Trestleboard of every Mason:

"Lord, who shall abide in Thy Tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Thy Holy Hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. In whose eyes a vile person is condemned; but he honoreth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved."

What is true of a man is equally true of a nation. The strength of a nation is its integrity, and no nation is stronger than the moral quality of the men who are its citizens. Always it comes back at last to the individual, who is a living stone in the wall of society and the State, making it strong or weak. By every act of injustice, by every lack of integrity, we weaken society and imperil the security and sanctity of the common life. By every noble act we make all sacred things more sacred and secure for ourselves and for those who come after us. The Prophet Amos has a thrilling passage in which he lets us see how God tested the people which were of old, by the Plumb-Line; and by the same test we are tried:

"Thus He Showed me; and, behold, the Lord stood upon a wall made by a Plumb-Line, with a Plumb-Line in His Hand. And the Lord said unto me; 'Amos, what seest thou?' And I said, 'A Plumb-Line.' Then said the Lord, 'Behold, I will set a Plumb-Line in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass them by any more.'"

**Dow Mathis
Junior Warden**

Building Preservation Fund June 2015 Donations	
<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Jayne Pritko	Bro. John Pritko
Abb Kestler	Bro. Bill Scales
Bob Easterling	Bro. Jack Easterling Ms. Angela Hoops



Past Masters: John Eaton, Herman Haas, Lewis Gimbel, Abb Kestler, Jonathon Cluck, Dutch Hutsell, Tom Cottle, Gary Bausell, Charlie Lloyd, David Bruton, Jim Davies, Bob Easterling, Jerry Jernigan, Lyle Schichner, Knox Duncan, & M.:W.: Ed Heath



2015 High School Scholarship Recipients

Champion - Ms. Madeline Busby,
Boerne - Ms. Linda Steward,
Comfort - Ms. Elizabeth Navejas



New Installed and Installing Officers

R.:W.: Gene Carnes, PGM; SD Matt Archilla; Chaplain Dutch Hutsell, PM; Treasurer Abb Kestler, PM; JW Dow Mathis; Marshal David Vaughan; W.: Bill Carder, SW Clarence Smith, Tiler Bob Easterling PM, Secretary Gary Bausell PM, JD Duane Garza, John Eaton PM, and Charlie Lloyd PM

Kendall #897 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 10:00—11:00 am	Kendall #897 Esoteric Round Table Floor Practice
July 1	<u>Wednesday</u> 9:00 am	Kendall #897 Open Lodge of Sorrow
July 1	<u>1st Wednesday</u> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Dinner Stated Conclave
July 7	<u>1st Tuesday</u> 7:30—9:30 pm	Boerne OES #200 Stated Meeting
July 8	<u>2nd Wednesday</u> 6:30—9:00 pm	THC DeMolay Dinner & Stated Meetings
July 15	<u>3rd Wednesday</u> 6:30—8:30 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Floor Practice
July 19	<u>3rd Sunday</u> 3:00—4:30 pm	THC DeMolay Advisory Council
July 20	<u>3rd Monday</u> 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Kendall #897 Dinner Stated Meeting
July 22	<u>4th Wednesday</u> 7:30—9:00	THC DeMolay Stated Meeting



FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren... Last month I said that June was going to be a busy month and was it ever. We went all the way from our Past Master's Night on the 1st, to the Installation on the 27th, a Fellowcraft Degree on the 29th, followed by opening the Lodge of Sorrow on July 1st. On a more somber note, we laid Brother John Pritko to rest at Fort Sam Houston and performed a Courtesy Memorial Service at Camp Alzar for Brother Stephen Herber Sr. We filled it up.



First things first, I would like to **congratulate our newly installed 2015-2016 officers led by Worshipful Master Bill Carder from the East.** I believe that everyone is looking forward to an exciting year.

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

- On **Monday, July 20th**, will have our **July 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.
- Brethren in our June Stated Meeting we elected a candidate to receive the degrees and we read the petition of another candidate. Additionally we have a Brother prepared to receive his Fellowcraft degree on June 29th. All of you come back to lodge and give us a hand getting these candidates and Brother moving on to the next level of their journey.

Coming Events:

- Our District Deputy Grand Master will be with us for his **2nd Official Visit** at our Stated Meeting **on August 17th**. Put it on your calendar and join us to learn what our Grand Master wants us to know about his year.
- Grand Lodge will do something a little different this year with the Briscoe Workshops. In the 51st Masonic District we will put ours on in September during the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries' Stated Meeting at Rising Star Lodge in Center Point. It will be Wednesday, September 23rd. We have a light meal at 6:30 PM and start the meeting at 7:00 PM. If you haven't been able to come to the meeting on Saturday morning, then come on Wednesday evening.

If I wasn't clear earlier. **Don't be a stranger!** We would love to have you at our practices and meetings. You might be surprised at what's going on as for some of you it's been awhile since you were here.

To all of our members: All of you and your families have a great month and stay safe. As I've said in the past...the Secretary's work is never done!

Also don't say that there is nothing going on at the lodge for you. We always have something going on that you not only can be a part of, but need to be a part of.

Gary L. Bausell

**Gary L. Bausell, PM
Secretary**

<i>July Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Birthday
Morris C. Jernigan	1
Aaron M. Heidbreder	2
Thomas L. Taylor	4
Kyle G. Jackson	5
Jeffery L. Clark	5
Robert E. Messerli	6
Jerry L. Collins	7
Todd J. Caron	7
James K. Hardin	9
Garth W. Gombert	9
Aaron D. Matherly	10
Douglas R. Babbitt	10
James L. Baker	18
Alfred G. Gray	18
Brian H. Rittimann	19
Cletus A. Kleen	20
Robert D. Easterling	20
Howard H. Hutsell Jr.	21
Clifford R. Rick	21
Edward A. Heath	22
Paul S. Lemon	22
Charles T. Whitehead	22
Marvil L. Agold	22
Gilbert W. Alexander	22
Charles B. O'Brien	23
Brandt C. Klutts	24
Bradley D. Pecor	25
Randall J. Stahl	25
Marc J. McDonald	26
Rudolph Aue III	31