



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

August 2015



FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

I would like to thank all of you who attended our last stated meeting. This was, of course, my first in the East. It was a great learning experience for me. I hope that I can provide the same leadership that my predecessors have provided our great Lodge in the past.



Our July stated meeting was a very busy one filled with a number of important subjects. For those of you who could not attend, here are some of the things that were covered.

- We installed two of our 2015-2016 officers who were unable to attend on June 27th. Brother Glynn Praesel – Marshall, and Brother Gabriel Garner – Senior Steward.
- 2015-2016 Budget presentation. Copies were passed out and discussed and a vote to approve the budget will be taken next month.
- Replacement of the A/C in the Lodge dining area, which has been out of order for the past couple of months. It is no longer repairable, so bids were taken and the replacement will take place on Friday, August 7th. The cost will be \$9,800 and the funds to pay for it will come out of our Lodge Certificate of Deposit.
- Status of the Roof Replacement. IPM David Bruton reported that our insurance claim was still pending and would follow up next month.
- Motion to confirm an increase of the 2015-2016 Lodge Dues to \$125 per year (which was already approved in the Standing Rules in August 2012. See Paragraph 7. Dues, Fees, Etc.
- Fall Raffle of Two Hand Guns which will be covered by our Chairman, PM. Bob Easterling.
- Notification by our DDGM, R.:W.: Chuck Ramsey, that his second Official Visit to Kendall # 897

will be at the August 17th, stated meeting.

- Calling an officers meeting for Monday, August 10th at 6:30 pm for a short business discussion. It will be followed by a practice of formally receiving the DDGM.
- New “Philosophical Round Table” committee, Chairman – Matt Archilla. More details next month.

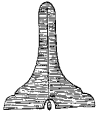
I would also like to congratulate our newest EA, Brother Dustin Dees, who was initiated on July 13th. He is a fine young man who we are pleased to call our brother.

Please feel free to contact the Secretary concerning anything at the lodge at (830) 249-8917 or kendall897@gvtc.com or me at (210) 218-2994 or williamcarder@earthlink.net.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Bill Carder, Worshipful Master

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
Aug 4	<u>1st Tuesday</u> 7:30—9:30 pm	Boerne OES #200 Stated Meeting
Aug 5	<u>1st Wednesday</u> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Dinner Stated Conclave
Aug 7	<u>All Day</u>	A/C Repair/Replacement
Aug 12	<u>2nd Wednesday</u> 6:30—9:00 pm	THC DeMolay Dinner & Stated Meetings
Aug 19	<u>3rd Wednesday</u> 6:30—8:30 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Floor Practice
Aug 16	<u>3rd Sunday</u> 3:00—4:30 pm	THC DeMolay Advisory Council
Aug 17	<u>3rd Monday</u> 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Kendall #897 Dinner Stated Meeting
Aug 26	<u>4th Wednesday</u> 7:30—9:00	THC DeMolay Stated Meeting



FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

Freemasonry uses mathematical symbols as well as natural ones. A discourse on the mathematics of Freemasonry would require its own book. Let's take a brief look at the number three.



The emphasis placed upon the number "Three" in Freemasonry is so great that, apparently, the founders and developers of our modern ritual did not find it necessary to offer any monitorial explanation of it as a symbol. Yet the importance of the symbolism in the Lodge cannot be ignored.

There is "Three" throughout nature. Earth, water, air; father, mother, child; sunrise, noon, sunset; seed, flower fruit; sowing, growing, reaping; we have learned of three, and nature's insistence upon three.

There is three throughout Freemasonry; three degrees, three principal officers; three original Grand Masters; three lesser lights; three great lights; three movable jewels'; three immovable jewels; three of fifteen who traveled in a westerly direction; three raps; three gates; three circuits in circumambulation; three steps on the Master's Carpets; three steps in Masonry, three pillars supporting.

The supporting pillars are found in the East, West, and South. We are taught of Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty. In wisdom, strength, and beauty the mason finds reference to mind, body, and spirit; which supports our institution. But there is much more to this symbolism than support; it is at a plea, a command, an exhortation, and a prayer; that our institution must be supported by the best of wisdom, the greatest of strength, and the most striking of beauty.

There is need of wisdom in any world; especially there need of wisdom in one torn by dissension, separated by political differences, swept by passion, and torn apart by prejudice. It is one of the hopes of that same profane world that Freemasonry, by her teaching of that special wisdom which deals with human relations may pour the under-

standing of brotherhood upon the emotional seas of discord and misunderstanding. The pillar of wisdom is a vital support of Freemasonry.

The pillar of beauty is a symbol of spirituality. It is beauty of the soul, not of body. It is beauty of thought, not of limb. It is the blinding magnificence of our inner conception of the inconceivable ... The Grand Lodge Above ... not a beauty of the earth. Strength without wisdom is brutality. Wisdom without soul is fact without mercy, justice, charity, or love. Wisdom and strength are vitally important supports, but the lodge would fall and the Fraternity dissolve, if the third support were taken away. Wisdom, Strength and Beauty; the three Lesser Lights, the stations of the three principal officers, all form triangles. The Lodge, an "oblong square" represents the world, the universe. But the triangle represents God.

The triangle always has been a representation of God; from the dawn of history the three-sided figure has been representation of man's conception of The Most High.

In Christianity, three represents the Trinity, the soul, the union of body and soul in human. There were three gifts of the Magi to Christ; three figures of transformation, temptations, and denials by Peter. There were three crosses at Calvary. He died on the Hills, there were three days to the death process for Christ, and there were three appearances after his death. There were three Marys' and there were three virtues

"Three" throughout Freemasonry; is a symbol that the Great Architect is everywhere; that we can do nothing in absence of His All-Seeing Eye, and as workmen in His Quarry. Everywhere, throughout the three degrees, "three's" preach the perplexing inter-weaving of the craft, the meaning and the glory of freemasonry with its gentle, tender, and reverent belief of the Great Architect of the universe

Clarence Smith
Senior Warden

Dining Room A/C Unit to be Replaced

The dining room's A/C will be replaced on Friday, August 7th. It will probably be an all day job. If you are able to help with the heavy lifting, please come by to help. We have to get the old air handler out and the new in the space above the kitchen area.



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South. This month I'm proud to say that the Stewards will be preparing a meal of **Orange Stir-Fry chicken over jasmine rice**. Sounds great, doesn't it?



I often hear brothers say things like, "I don't go to lodge because it's always the same old thing," or "why should I go to lodge when I can sit at home and watch 120 channels of tv," or "I just sit there in lodge. Nobody notices me, and I have nothing to contribute." Sound like anyone you know? Well, this kind of talk reminds me of one of the articles in **Old Tiler Talks**, a book of articles and talks by Carl H Claudy, published in 1925. I hope you enjoy it.

Dow Mathis
Junior Warden

MIRROR LODGE

"How do you like it now you've been a member six months?" asked the Old Tiler.

"I am discouraged," was the dejected answer of the New Brother.

"Tell me about it," suggested the Old Tiler, leaning his sword against the wall and shifting in his chair.

"Maybe I expect too much. My dad was a Mason and he always thought a lot of it- he was a Past Master and a trustee. He talked much about the friends he made in lodge and the spirit of brotherhood there, and how Masons helped each other. I have found none of that. I come to the meetings and listen to the degrees, of course, but the rest is all talk so far as I can find. I don't know any one in lodge. I am not really a part of it- I just play audience."

"You remind me of a story," grunted the Old Tiler. "A chap came to a wise a man and said, 'I am not popular. People don't like me. They leave when I come around. I like people; I don't like to be unpopular. What's the matter with me?'"

"The wise man looked his inquirer over and then said, "What do you do when you are alone?"

"'I don't do anything when I am alone,' was the answer, 'I am never alone. I hate to be alone. It bores me. I bore myself. I have to be with people to be happy.'

"The wise man smiled and answered, 'How do you expect not to bore other people if you bore yourself? The man who has no resources to interest himself, cannot interest others. Go, read, think, reflect, get an idea, a personality, a smile, a story, an accomplishment- learn something, do something, be something, amuse yourself, please yourself, interest yourself, and you can please, interest and amuse others!'"

"You mean I find no brotherhood in lodge because I bring no brotherhood to it?"

"You get it!" exclaimed the Old Tiler. "Masonry offers treasure for her children who take it. But it has to be taken. She doesn't stuff her treasures down your throat. Your father was a Past Master. That means he gave

years of service to the lodge. He was a trustee, so he was well known, liked, trusted. Men do not get well known, liked and trusted by sitting in a corner listening. They get up and talk, get out and work, do something, serve their fellows, to be known and liked. Your father brought rich treasures of service, interest, ability to his lodge. His lodge gave him back honor, respectability, respect, love. You sit on the benches and listen! We made you a Master Mason but only you can make yourself a good one. We give you privileges- only you can enjoy them. We give you opportunities- only you can use them. We did all we could for you. Now you must prove yourself.

"Many a man comes into lodge expecting a special reception committee, crowding around him at every meeting, saying how glad it is to have him there. Many a man is disappointed. You had our undivided attention as a candidate, as an initiate, as a Fellowcraft, and when we made you a Master Mason. Now it's your turn. We are through with your candidacy- you are now a part of the lodge. Every privilege has a duty attached. When you perform those duties, other privileges await you. If you never perform them, you will get no farther. The responsibility we assumed in approving you as a man worthy to be a Master Mason and sit with us must be shared by you. Your responsibility is to be a good lodge member. There are good Masons who are poor lodge members, but they are not the beloved ones. The beloved lodge member, like your father, finds labor and service and takes his pay in the spirit of fraternity, in the love and admiration of other men, in the satisfaction which comes from playing his part."

"But what can I do- what is my first step?"

"You want to make friends in the lodge?"

"I surely do."

"Then be a friend! I am told that the Master read tonight that Brother Robinson is ill. Go and see him. Old Willis is back at work after being sick a year. Call him up and tell him you are glad. Hungerford just returned from the West. He is out of a job and wants help. Ask him to come and see you. Maybe you can help him, maybe you can't. But if a brother takes an interest in him, he will be heartened and given courage. Ask the Master for a job- he'll use you, never fear. A sister lodge comes to visit us next month. Offer your car to the chairman of the entertainment committee. Bob always has trouble getting enough for his personal column in the Trestleboard, scout around, learn a few things, tell him them. I understand you play the piano. Offer your help to the choir-master when he needs someone to take the organist's place. There are one thousand and one ways a chap can make himself known and liked in a lodge. All you have to do is look for them."

"I see..."

"Not yet, you don't! But you soon will. When your eyes are opened you'll see just what you are. And if the reflection is dejection, dissatisfaction, unhappiness, it is because those are you. When you look in the lodge and see yourself happy, busy, well liked, giving service and taking joy in brotherhood as a return, you will know that you are a real Mason, a real lodge member, a real son to a father who learned that the secret of Masonic joy is to give, that it may be given back to you."

"I'll begin now! Don't you want to get a smoke? I'll stay on the door until you come back!"



Brother Masons:

This year is the 72nd year for the Alzafar Shrine Circus in South Texas and I hope you, your families, and friends, will join us in this long standing tradition.

For many years we have offered steeply discounted ticket pricing and "best in house seating" to the Alzafar Shrine Nobility — one of the numerous benefits available to our Shrine families. In the interest of fraternal friendship I am extending this benefit to any and all South Texas Masons. This special offer is available online at www.alzafarmembertickets.com. By selecting the "Blue Lodge Member Ticket Program" button you can purchase **four tickets at the steeply discounted price of \$37.00 (total)** and be seated with the Alzafar Shriners Masons and their families at the show. Please join us for the 2015 Alzafar Shrine Circus in San Antonio on September 10–13 or any of the Satellite Circuses.

John Dunn
Alzafar Shrine Chief Rabban and
2015 Circus Director General



August Service Anniversaries

Brother	Years MM
Daniel J. Basarich	57
Howard H. Hutsell Jr.	56
Eugene Wall	55
Rudolph Aue III	54
Terrell E. Norris	51
Donald W. Jones	46
Richard D. Baggs	38
Mark D. Dalpiaz	34
Douglas R. Babbitt	33
Jerry L. Collins	33
Darrell S. Noah	31
Gary L. Bausell	13
Brent W. Berry	13
Terry D. Welch	12
Robert B. Beseth	11
Robert B. McGill	10
Stephen W. McMahan	10
William H. Carder III	8
Curt G. Campbell	6
Todd J. Caron	3
Charles L. Clark	1

Building Preservation Fund July 2015 Donations

<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Stephen Herber Jr.	Bro. Stephen Herber Sr.
Donna Marie Carder	W.: William Carder III
Brenda Herber	Bro. Stephen Herber Sr.
Bob Easterling	Marge Hoops
Abb Kestler	Bro. Archie Burke



Brother Charles "Charlie" Clark
Was Installed as Kendall's Musician



FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren... things are moving. We had a Fellowcraft Degree the end of June, an Entered Apprentice Degree the beginning of July, and are conducting interviews and investigating another candidate. We could certainly use your help in the degree work. **So come to the practice, refresh your knowledge, and hone your skills in degree work.** We won't throw you in until you're ready.



Also... one note for 2016 Dues. Expenses are rising, and after looking over the trends of our utilities and expenses, it was decided at July's Stated Meeting to change Kendall Lodge's Standing Rules to raise Annual Dues from \$100 to \$125 per year. This was not done lightly, but everything is going up and we also expect that there will be an increase in Grand Lodge Per Capita voted in during this Grand Communication as well. You will see this in the dues notices mailed to you in November of this year.

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

- On **Monday, August 17th**, we will have our **August 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.
- This Stated Meeting will be the **District Deputy Grand Master's 2nd Official Visit** this year. Join us to learn what our Grand Master wants us to know about his second half of this year.
- Please note that Kendall Lodge hosts the **51st Masonic District Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association** this month. It will be on Wednesday, August 26th, With a light dinner starting at 6:30 PM and the Stated Meeting starting at 7:00 PM sharp! We normally are finished in the 30 to 45 minute timeframe. So plan on being here.

Coming Events:

- Grand Lodge will do something a little different this year with the **Briscoe Workshops**. In the 51st Masonic District we will put our workshop on in September during the Master, Wardens, and Secretaries' Association Stated Meeting in Rising Star Lodge No. 429 at Center Point. It will be **Wednesday, September 23rd**. We will have a light meal at 6:30 PM, start the meeting at 7:00 PM, and begin the workshop at 7:30 PM. If you haven't been able to come to the meeting on Saturday morning then come to this one on Wednesday evening.

Also on August 7th we will assist Boerne AC & Heating to replace the overhead and outside units for the Banquet Room. Come and help if you can. Strong backs will be appreciated!

To all of our members: *Do you know the most common reason given for not coming to lodge meetings or events?* It's, "I don't believe that I can get in". Brethren... all that you need are your Texas Lodge Dues Card and your Driver's License. If they're in order then you can come in!

Remember not to 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.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Gary L. Bausell

**Gary L. Bausell, PM
Secretary**

<i>August Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Birthday
Cecil L. Noah	8/2
Ovidio M. Flores	8/4
Herman W. Floyd	8/5
Ronnie D. Pfeil	8/5
William H. Carder III	8/6
John W. Angle	8/6
Charles B. Dreyer	8/8
Garil D. Allerkamp	8/8
James J. Lyssy	8/10
John L. Eaton	8/11
James E. Davies	8/12
Jeffrey T. Praesel	8/13
Donald D. Sharp	8/15
Donald W. Jones	8/15
Thomas C. Williams	8/19
Richard L. Wackerman	8/20
Gaylin E. Kinsey	8/20
Eugene Wall	8/22
Antonio Hidalgo	8/22
Gene C. Worthington	8/23
Arthur B. Williams	8/27
Mark D. Dalpiaz	8/29
Jay M. Miller	8/29