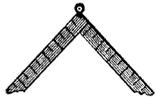




Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 AF & AM
897 East Blanco Road • Boerne, Texas 78006

September 2015



FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

Now that September has arrived, I hope that everyone had a great summer with family and friends. August was another busy month for our Lodge.

But first, it saddens me to inform you that Brother Hugo Louis Boehm Jr. passed to the Heavenly Grand Lodge on August 9, 2015. Brother Boehm was a 50 year Mason and a member of Kendall Lodge since 1971. A Masonic Funeral Service was held on Thursday, August 13, at Vaughan's Funeral Home in Boerne, Texas. Brother's Abb Kestler was Funeral Master, David Vaughan, Chaplain, Bill Carder, Tyler, Clarence Smith, Senior Warden, and David Bruton, Junior Warden. Other Brothers who attended were Dutch Hutsell and Bill Mayo. Our prayers go out to the Boehm family.



Our August stated meeting covered many important subjects and included our second DDGM visitation. R:W:: Ramsey brought us the Grand Master's message which included his Masonic Education Program and information on our 51st District Briscoe Workshop. Our district's workshop will be held 6:30 pm, Wednesday, September 23rd, at Rising Star Lodge #429.

During the stated meeting, we installed Brother Charlie Clark as our Musician and Brother Billy Lieck as our Junior Steward.

We also voted on a new petition for the Degrees in Masonry. He will be initiated as soon as a date can be arranged.

On August 7th, our Lodge Banquet Room A/C was replaced and is working fine. We can dine in comfort!

IPM David Bruton reported that we had received the insurance check to replace lodge roof. A meeting was held on August 19th with PM Jeff Sill and plans were made to replace the roof as soon as possible.

Our 2015-2016 Budget was approved as presented at the July stated meeting.

The Fall Raffle is now off and running. Please see PM Bob Easterling's report on page 4.

Our Activities Program begins the weekend of September 25th—27th with our Second Annual Rockport Fishing (Redfish & Fun) Trip. This is a family get together. Last year we had 15

brothers, wives, and children spend a weekend at the Drifters Resort in Rockport. We arrived on Friday afternoon and had a great seafood dinner that night. Then, some of us went out Saturday morning with the fishing guides while others shopped in Rockport, visited the beach in Port Aransas, or sightsaw in Corpus. Saturday night we gathered for a fun evening of dinner and social activities at another great local eatery. Some returned to Boerne early on Sunday, while others had a farewell breakfast before heading home. You are welcome to come for just the fishing or the social activities and return to Boerne whenever you like. The resort has RV hookups available if you have a camper. If you want to join us or would like more details, please contact me ASAP @ (210) 218-2994.

We look forward to seeing you soon at the lodge or at some of our future activities.

**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
Sep 1	<u>1st Tuesday</u> 7:30—9:30 pm	Boerne OES #200 Stated Meeting
Sep 2	<u>1st Wednesday</u> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Dinner Stated Conclave
Sep 9	<u>2nd Wednesday</u> 6:30—9:00 pm	THC DeMolay Dinner & Stated Meetings
Sep 16	<u>3rd Wednesday</u> 6:30—8:30 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Floor Practice
Sep 20	<u>3rd Sunday</u> 3:00—4:30 pm	THC DeMolay Advisory Council
Sep 21	<u>3rd Monday</u> 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Kendall #897 Dinner Stated Meeting
Sep 23	<u>4th Wednesday</u> 7:30—9:00	THC DeMolay Stated Meeting
Sep 25	<u>Lodge Fishing Trip</u>	Rockport



FROM THE WEST

The Floor of King Solomon's Temple

...from Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 1929:

Mosaic work consists properly of many little stones of different colors united together in patterns to imitate a painting. It was much practiced among the Romans, who called it museum, whence the Italians get their *musaico*, the French their *mosaique*, and we our mosaics. The idea that the work is derived from the fact that Moses used a pavement of colored stones in the tabernacle has been long since exploded by etymologists.

The Masonic tradition is that the floor of the Temple of Solomon was decorated with a mosaic pavement of black and white stones. There is no historical evidence to substantiate this statement. Samuel Lee, however, in his diagram of the Temple, represents not only the floors of the building, but of all the outer courts, as covered with such a pavement.

The Masonic idea was perhaps first suggested by this passage in the Gospel of Saint John xix, 13, "When Pilate, therefore, heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, and sat down in the judgment-seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, *Gabbatha*." The word here translated Pavement is in the original *Lithostroton*, the very word used by Pliny to denote a mosaic pavement.

The Greek word, as well as its Latin equivalent is used to denote a pavement formed of ornamental stones of various colors, precisely what is meant by a Mosaic Pavement. There was, therefore, a part of the Temple which was decorated with a mosaic pavement. The Talmud informs us that there was such a pavement in the Conclave where the Grand Sanhedrin held its sessions.

By a little torsion of historical accuracy, the Freemasons have asserted that the ground floor of the Temple was a mosaic pavement,



and hence as the Lodge is a representation of the Temple, that the floor of the Lodge should also be of the same pattern. The mosaic pavement is an old symbol of the Order.

It is met with in the earliest Rituals of the eighteenth century. It is classed among the ornaments of the Lodge in combination with the indented tassel and the blazing star. Its parti-colored stones of black and white have been readily and appropriately interpreted as symbols of the evil and good of human life. Freemasonry.

Clarence Smith
Senior Warden

September Birthdays

Brother	Birthday
Scott L. Williams	9/2
James A. Earl IV	9/2
Daniel E. Gudas	9/3
James H. Alston	9/3
Koyle D. Knappe	9/4
Thomas E. Carnes	9/5
Gary L. Bausell	9/7
Steven L. Dearing	9/7
Roger D. Duncan	9/7
Lee J. Raspberry	9/7
Joseph A. Carrola Sr.	9/8
Albert S. Rosenberg	9/9
Gordon S. Waldeck	9/9
Cary L. Clark	9/12
Robert P. Rush	9/12
Michael R. Arthur	9/12
Ronald G. Trine	9/16
Michael G. Ethridge	9/16
William R. Lemmons Jr.	9/17
Curt G. Campbell	9/23
Charles A. Richter	9/24
Richard Leeder Jr.	9/27
John W. Uecker	9/29
Jack L. Greenfield	9/30



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South

It's September, and hopefully cooler days are coming. For this month's stated meeting, the Stewards will be serving Chili Casse- role with Mexican Cornbread. I can't wait!



Brother Ray V. Denslow (1885 -1960), PGM, served as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in 1931—32. He was a prolific Masonic author. The following essay is attributed to him, although I also found it attributed to Anonymous, and "An old English Masonic gem circa 1775". Regardless the source, I found it very thought provoking and hope that you will too.

Dow Mathis
Junior Warden

I Am Freemasonry

I was born in antiquity, in the ancient days when men first dreamed of God. I have been tried through the ages, and found true. The crossroads of the world bear the imprint of my feet, and the cathedrals of all nations mark the skill of my hands. I strive for beauty and for symmetry.

In my heart is wisdom and strength and courage for those who ask. Upon my alters is the Book of Holy Writ, and my prayers are to the One Omnipotent God, my sons work and pray together, without rank or discord, in the public mart and in the inner chamber. By signs and symbols I teach the lessons of life and of death and the relationship of man with God and of man with man.

My arms are widespread to receive those of lawful age and good report who seek me of their own free will. I accept them and teach them to use my tools in the building of men, and thereafter, find direction in their own quest for perfection so much desired and so difficult to attain.

I lift up the fallen and shelter the sick. I hark to the orphans' cry, the widow's tears, the pain of the old and destitute. I am not church, nor party, nor school, yet my sons bear a full share of responsibility to God, to country, to neighbor, and themselves. They are freemen, tenacious of their liberties and alert to lurking danger. At the end I commit them as each one undertakes the journey beyond the vale into the glory of everlasting life.

I ponder the sand within the glass and think how small is a single life in the eternal universe. Always have I taught immortality, and even as I raise men from darkness into light, I am a way of life.

I Am Freemasonry.

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 Death



Brother Hugo L. Boehm Jr.

(August 9, 2015)

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

Building Preservation Fund August 2015 Donations

<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Abb Kestler	Bro. Rich Ethridge
Bob Easterling	Ann Easterling

Masonic Humor

Bob and Bill were brother masons and great friends for most of their lives.

Each had agreed that when one of them passed on to that Grand Lodge above, he would attempt to make contact with the other and tell him all about what heaven was like.

As so happened, Bill went to heaven, first.

One night Bob was just drifting off to sleep when he heard Bill's voice calling to him.

"Is that you, Bill?"

"Yes, Bob. I am honoring our agreement."

"Oh, MY,.... what's it like?" Bob asked with some anticipation.

"It's like nothing you could ever imagine. The lodge here is fantastic,... better than any lodge we ever saw on Earth.

The meetings are always well attended, the ritual is letter perfect, the friendship nights always have tons of new people just itching to join, and the spirit of fellowship blankets the entire place."

Bob's eyes teared up.

"Oh, my, it's just like we'd hoped. I'm so happy for you. But I have to ask,... that sounds really great, but you didn't really seem all that excited. What's wrong?"

"Well, I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we're raising a fellow to the third degree next Wednesday."

"That's fantastic. What's the bad news?"

"Your name is on the list to be the Senior Deacon."



FALL RAFFLE FUND RAISER 2015!!!

Brethren,

We started selling tickets for our fall raffle fund raiser the 1st of August and I am serving as the chair for the committee. We have great prizes for this raffle, and some lucky person is going to win two handguns (his & hers), two beautiful presentation cases, and two certificates for Concealed Handgun License classes. **All this goes to one winner!!!**

I would love to see a member of our lodge win these prizes, and the only way that will happen is for the members to purchase tickets. **What a bargain!!** Tickets are only \$5.00 each or five tickets for \$20.00, and ***you do not have to be present to win.***

As you know, the two raffles we conduct during each Masonic year are how we raise money for the three \$2,000 scholarships we award each spring and the other charities we support. If you are like me, you have charities and other organizations coming at you from left to right looking to get money for their causes. I would never suggest you ignore the charities you normally support, but I am asking for your support of this raffle for your lodge's charities.

There are two ways you can help us with the raffle. You can sell raffle tickets to your friends, family and associates and give them the opportunity to win these great prizes. If you want to sell tickets, we will provide you the tools to sell them (i.e. flyers, tickets, etc.). I find the flyer does a great job of selling tickets when I show it to folks, and it usually sells the tickets for me. After all, the prizes are great and the tickets are cheap. Additionally, the proceeds go to scholarships for students and great charities in Kendall county!!! You may elect to purchase raffle tickets for yourself. Whichever option you choose, we will be proud to have your support.

You may contact any of the following committee members to purchase tickets or coordinate to sell tickets:



Matthew Archilla	210-317-9821
Bob Easterling	210-241-5268
Gabe Garner	210-378-4042
Duane Garza	210-912-0032
Clarence Smith	210-771-4111
WM Bill Carder	210-218-2994



You may also purchase tickets directly from the lodge by calling the lodge 830-249-8917. You can mail a check made out for the number of tickets you desire to the lodge, and the secretary will mail your tickets to you.

Thank you for your support, and I wish you the best of luck to win the raffle.

Bob Easterling, PM
Committee Chair
Fall Raffle Fund Raiser



FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren... we had an Entered Apprentice Degree the beginning of July and one at the end of August. As I said in earlier articles, we could certainly use your help in the degree work. **So come to our practices, refresh your knowledge, and hone your skills in degree work.** We won't throw you in until you're ready.



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

- ◆ On **Monday, September 21st**, we will have our **September 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.
- ◆ Also, the Banquet A/C has been replaced and is up and running. Thank goodness! Also we will be beginning the replacement of our roof around the September 1st. This was necessitated by a hail storm last year which damaged our roof enough to warrant replacement. Soon we will have a new roof. Hopefully we won't have any other major repairs this year.

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 Alzafar Shrine Center has made Circus Tickets available to all Blue Lodge Masons for the same

price as Noble tickets or four (4) for \$37.00. So if you and your family would like to attend the Shrine Circus on September 10th -13th then give Alzafar a call.

To all of our members: *Do you know the most common reason given for not coming to lodge meetings or events?* It's, "I'm not sure 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! You will be surprised at how fast the ritual returns.

Remember... *do 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 that we need you to be a part of.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Gary L. Bausell

Gary L. Bausell, PM
Secretary

Sept Service Anniversaries

Brother	Years MM
Grover C. Carroll Jr.	60
Richard Leeder Jr.	56
Stanley D. Young	54
Charles M. Straayer	53
Jack E. Cameron	51
Henry E. Martin	47
Donald D. Sharp	42
Josue' M. Martinez	40
Alvis R. Mathison	34
Jonathan B. Cluck	31
Jimmie C. Adam	29
Antonio Hidalgo	29
Terry J. Reagan	17
Steven L. Dearing	16
Gilbert W. Alexander	10
Thomas L. Cottle	9
Robert M. Tucker	8
Garrett M. Ethridge	8
Michael G. Ethridge	8
Jerry D. Walker	8
Duane J. Garza	3