



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



January 2016



## FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

The officers of Kendall Lodge hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and a Happy New Year.

December was a very busy and productive month for the Lodge. It's hard to believe that 2015 has come and gone already. My year is half over and there is much yet to be done. But first, a few important things that happened in December.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, The Grand Lodge of Texas held its Annual Communication in Waco. Most of our senior officers and several past masters attended. Many amendments were voted upon, but one that really stood out was the changing of the date for all future annual Grand Lodge Communications from the first weekend of December to the second weekend of January. This passed by a large majority and was done for the purpose of avoiding the annual Baylor football home game which occupies most of Waco's hotel rooms the first weekend of December. Thus, the next Grand Lodge Communication is scheduled for January 5-7, 2017.

December also brought us another new Entered Apprentice brother. An EA Degree was performed on December 14<sup>th</sup> and the new brother is now beginning his journey through the degrees of Masonry.

We held our annual Christmas Party and packed our gift food boxes on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The boxes were then delivered the next morning to 15 needy families in the Boerne area. I would like to thank the OES ladies for all the cookies and baked goods they provided; and thanks also goes to our DeMolays who assisted with packing the food boxes for the families. Everyone enjoyed the evening.

Our December 21<sup>st</sup> Stated Meeting dinner was also the occasion to draw the winner of the Fall Raffle for our Kendall County High School Scholar-



ships. It was a very successful fundraiser and we wish to thank the committee chairman Brother Bob Easterling, who did a great job planning and executing this fundraiser.

Our new brother mentioned above joins four other EAs who are all actively working with their instructors. Two of the brothers have now completed their proficiencies and are awaiting their FC Degrees, planned for later this month. This busy month will be filled with multiple EA proficiencies as well as several FC Degrees. We would like to encourage all of our brethren to please come out to our regular practice sessions held on most Monday nights, Wednesday mornings, and Saturday mornings. Also, please watch our lodge calendar and emails for the upcoming dates for the FC Degrees. We need your support at the lodge when a new brother receives his next Degree. This is a great opportunity for you to meet and get to know your new brethren.

On Monday night, February 8<sup>th</sup> (the December Trestle Board mistakenly printed February 9<sup>th</sup>), our second quarterly Philosophical Round Table/Social Activity will be held at Billy Leick's restaurant, HillBillyz of Texas, on FM 473, just outside of Boerne. Our first was held in November and was a great success. Sixteen brothers attended and everyone had a good time sharing a wonderful buffet and discussing a Masonic topic presented by Senior Deacon Matt Archilla. Watch for more details and directions in the near future.

We look forward to seeing you soon at the Lodge and at some of our future activities.

**Sincerely and Fraternaly,**

*Bill Carder*

**Worshipful Master**

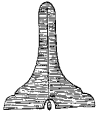
## Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 Death



**Brother Jerry L. Collins**

(December 13, 2015)

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



## FROM THE WEST

**Freemasonry has at its heart the three core principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.**



In 1850 Bro. Charles W. Moore penned the Masonic Creed as Faith, Hope and Charity. Faith in God; Hope in Immortality, and Charity to all mankind. A Faith, which has a living, abiding and active reliance upon all the promises of God. Hope, which takes hold of those promises of that blessed life and immortality which was brought to light by Him who put death under his feet. And Charity, which consists not and contents not itself alone in alms-giving, or in the still more grateful and noble office of administering consolation to the weary and afflicted should but a charity that leads us to judge of other with lenity and to speak of them without reproach.

These thoughts and ideas were put to the test a decade later when the Gray and Blue clashed on the battlefields. Practicing charity in peacetime is vastly different from charity in war and Masons were in a quandary on how to support and defend their Constitution without violating their Masonic Oath.

As the battles were fought and the men fell, regardless of the color of the uniform, one brother might know another, and in fulfillment of his obligation, would provide help aid and assistance to the injured brother, fulfilling a social contract, the obligation. It is this obligation that sets Masons apart from the profane world and hold us to a higher standard.

There were ninety-eight military lodges in the Union Army and 133 in the Confederate Army (thirty-three from Texas). Lodge meetings were held often with members crossing the line to attend meetings, peace and harmony did prevail.

An example of this higher standard:

A Union P.O.W. was interned at Camp Lawton, near Savannah, Georgia—L. J. Williams, serving in the 114<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry and a Fellowcraft Mason from Downsville Lodge No. 464 Delaware County, New York. His home lodge conveyed a request to Zerubbabel Lodge No. 15 in Savannah requesting the lodge to complete his Masonic work. When permission was granted he was taken from the prison to the Lodge Room and raised to the sub-

lime degree of a Master Mason. Later Williams escaped and made his way to the Union Army lines. He maintained that he never knew the identity of his rescuer only that he was aided by a widow's son.

and

Union General Winfield Scott Hancock and Confederate General Lewis Addison Armistead who were personal friends and Masons. Before the war, they served together as officers in the Union Army. Armistead refused to fight against Southerners and joined the Confederate Army.

These two men met again on the Battlefield at Gettysburg. During Picket's Charge, General Armistead was shot twice and as he fell to the ground he gave a Masonic sign, Union Captain Henry Bingham came to his aid and helped him off the field of battle where he might receive medical treatment. General Armistead died from his wounds two days' latter.

On this battlefield is a monument depicting Captain Bingham providing aid to General Armistead. The monument was presented by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and dedicated as a memorial to the Freemasons of the Union and Confederacy (1993). Titled Friend to Friend, A Brotherhood Undivided.

A brotherhood undivided can be found in our Monitor of the Lodge pages thirty-three and thirty-four under the sub titles of **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.**

*"Freemasonry is not about me changing them, but me changing me"*

<http://www.themasonictrowel.com/ebooks/freemasonry/eb0205-3.pdf>

The Better Angles of Our Nature, Halleran 2010

<http://gettysburg.stonesentinels.com/other-monuments/friend-to-friend-masonic-memorial/>

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
*Clarence Smith*  
Senior Warden

### 2016 - Grand Master Conferences

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	San Antonio Alzafar Shrine
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Corpus Christi Al Amin Shrine
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Waco Scottish Rite



## FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South:

Once again, I turn to those wiser than myself and offer, for your consideration, the words of R.:W.: Brother Wayne Anderson. R.:W.: Anderson is the author/publisher of the *Sunday Masonic Papers*.



**Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Dow Mathis  
Junior Warden**

### Tonight Is Lodge Night

Wayne Anderson, FCF, MPS  
D.D.G.M. Frontenac District 2015-16

He slowly opened the door to his locker. He hung his police uniform on the hooks and took out his suit. It was Lodge night.

He watched as the last employee left his business, locked the building and made the evening bank drop. He then headed off with a whistle on his lips and a spring in his step. It was Lodge night.

The young man helped his wife clear the table. He then said good night to his children and snuck into his room to change his clothes. Upon leaving he smiled at his wife and kissed her. It was Lodge night.

It had been a hard day. Navigating through the complexities of the legal system was rewarding work. It was all so tiring. Normally he would have been headed home for a relaxing evening. But tonight was not normal and he felt none of the usual fatigue as tonight was Lodge night.

Life had not been pleasant since his wife died. His family lived far away and with each passing year it became harder and harder to do the simple things in life. And most of all he missed his life long partner. Tonight he felt a little less pain and life didn't seem nearly as bad. It was Lodge night.

The accident had been terrible. But there was some consolation that his skills as a doctor had saved a life. Still it would not be easy and there were possibilities of complications. But for a while he could place his worries in the hands of others as tonight was Lodge night.

It is hard looking for work when the job market is scarce. Each day he faced the nameless horde of people who continue to tell him that he was not needed. He faced rejection and the possibility of hardship at every turn. Tonight he knew he was wanted and needed, it was Lodge night.

He sat alone in the small room wearing clothes that were not his. He had received warm welcomes from a number of men he didn't know and a few he did. Now with an ancient relic of a bygone age they told him to wait patiently, yet he looked forward to it with anticipation. It was his first Lodge night.

From all walks of life we come. We donate our time to an age honored tradition. We donate our money to help those who cannot help themselves.

We gather in fellowship and part in peace. For a while we can lay aside our differences and worries to bask in our shared experiences. We can talk with men who are our equals, men who work to better themselves.

**Tonight is Lodge night and I am glad I am a Mason.**



**OES Members Gloria & Bro. John Eaton, Christy Kestler, and Jo Lemon Address Christmas Cards For TMRC Ladies and Christmas Basket Recipients**





## *January Birthdays*

Brother	Birthday
Jeffrey A. Sill	1/4
Zane L. Maltsberger	1/5
Ryan J. Maltsberger	1/5
Zachary P. Adams	1/6
Jonathan B. Cluck Jr.	1/6
Jimmie B. Black II	1/12
Wayne H. Gately	1/14
Richard L. Fulk	1/16
Rodney G. Edmondson	1/18
Dean C. Reynolds	1/18
Stephen L. Hill	1/18
Thomas I. Pipes	1/19
Mark D. Armstrong	1/21
Jerry L. Kelley	1/24
Mac M. Hopkin	1/25
Richard D. Baggs	1/26
Maurice R. Rose	1/30

## *January Service Anniversaries*

Brother	Years MM
John W. Angle	54
Cletus A. Kleen	53
Morris C. Jernigan	53
Abner L. Kestler Jr.	48
James R. Schmitz	39
Robert F. Todd	23
John D. Smith	10
Roger W. Hall	9
Lyle B. Schichner Sr.	9
Roger D. Curry	6
William R. Lemmons Jr.	6

### Building Preservation Fund December 2015 Donations

<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Paul Lemon	Doni & Wolf
John Angle	Bro. Earl Gilbert
Duane Garza	Christmas
Billy Lemmons Jr.	Bro. Billy Lemmons Sr.
David Bruton	Loechelin Family



**Lady Sherry Jackson  
Draws Winning Raffle Ticket**



**Kendall #897, Boerne Chapter 200 OES, & Texas Hill Country DeMolay Pack Christmas Food Baskets**



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren... I hope that you and your family had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Believe it or not... we've now put half of the 2015-2016 Masonic Year behind us. Before you know it we'll be planning the 2016-2017 Masonic Year's Installation of Officers. However before we get ahead of ourselves, here are some of the things going on this month.



Our new **2016 Calendar Year for dues has begun.** To remain in good standing 2016 dues are to be received before January 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the beginning of the 2016 Year for Grand Lodge of Texas dues. If you haven't sent them in then please take the time to do that now.

January has always been defined as a month of new beginnings. Here are a few things to put on your calendar:

- We will soon be receiving our new District Deputy Grand Master, **Right Worshipful James "Jim" Avery** at a stated meeting. If you see him, congratulate him on the honor of representing the Grand Master of Texas Masonry in our district.
- **Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**, will be our **January 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.
- No date set yet, but we're going to be putting on **two Fellowship Degrees in the next few weeks.** Come and give us a hand. According to our 1905 Charter the primary reason we are here is to... instruct candidates to learn, improve, and become Master Masons in every sense of the word.

From last month:

- On Friday evening, December 18<sup>th</sup>, we had our Christmas Packing Party preparing fifteen (15) Christmas baskets and delivered them to the recipients on the following Saturday morning, **Kendall Lodge, Boerne Eastern Star, and Texas Hill Country DeMolay members participated financially and personally in helping people in our community have a Merry Christmas.**
- At the December Stated Meeting, Mr. Frank Shubert won our **Fall Raffle's Top Prize of a Semi-automatic Beretta Model 96 .40 Caliber Handgun and a pink Charter Arms Model 3830 .38 Caliber +P Revolver, each with a Monogrammed Rosewood Presentation Box and a gift certificate for a Texas CHL class.** Thanks to all of you that participated.
- **PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:** Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> for a Luncheon honoring our Masonic Sweethearts (our Widows and Ladies). Plan on coming, visiting, eating, and a

short program.

### Brethren Remember:

That a fire whose coals and embers are scattered is destined to go out and provide no heat or comfort to anyone. However, a fire whose coals and embers are banked together remains warm and will spring back to life when additional fuel is added. Which of these descriptions describes Masonry to you? It is important to get together and socialize with the Brethren from time to time and rekindle that fuel that first brought you to Masonry in the first place.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

*Gary L. Bausell*

**Gary L. Bausell, 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
Jan 5	<u>1st Tuesday</u> 7:30—9:30 pm	Boerne OES #200 Stated Meeting
Jan 6	<u>1st Wednesday</u> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Dinner Stated Conclave
Jan 13	<u>2nd Wednesday</u> 6:30—9:00 pm	THC DeMolay Dinner & Stated Meetings
Jan 17	<u>3rd Sunday</u> 3:00—4:30 pm	THC DeMolay Advisory Council
Jan 18	<u>3rd Monday</u> 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Kendall #897 Dinner Stated Meeting
Jan 16	<u>3rd Wednesday</u> 6:30—8:30 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Floor Practice
Jan 27	<u>4th Wednesday</u> 7:30—9:00	THC DeMolay Stated Meeting