



Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 A.F. & A.M.
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February 2016



FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

January has come and gone and most of our time was spent teaching our group of EA's their memory work, doing their proficiencies, and putting on two Fellowcraft Degrees on January 25th. Three other EA's are still working towards their FC Degrees and they should be ready to go in the next month or two. That means we should be raising five brothers as Master Masons in the near future. I would like to encourage each of you to come to any of our Monday night, or Wednesday and Saturday morning practice sessions and help us put on a Master Masons Degree for our new brothers. We have a number of parts that need to be filled in order to put on a great degree.



Due to my recent work schedule, which kept me out of town and on the road, and facing our monthly trestleboard deadline, please see the Secretary's Corner article for "details" on the following upcoming activities.

This is a quick summary of the upcoming events, activities, and meetings:

- ◆ Feb 8th—Quarterly Philosophical Round Table
- ◆ Feb 13th—Sweethearts Luncheon
- ◆ Feb 15th—Stated Meeting (DDGM – visit)
- ◆ Mar 5th—San Antonio Grand Master's Conference
- ◆ Mar 21st—Stated Meeting
- ◆ Apr 9th—District 51 Esoteric Forum and Certificate Exams (at Bandera Lodge)
- ◆ May 7th—Spring Fish Fry (**Note New Date**)

We also have several social activities in the works, but no details have been finalized as of this printing.

We hope to see you at the Lodge or at some of the other activities in the near future.

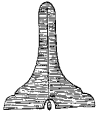
Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bill Carder

Worshipful Master

Your Lodge Building Stays Busy With Commandery of KT; DeMolay; OES, and Annual Shrine Hospital Street Collections





FROM THE WEST

I have been asked on several occasions why am I a Mason? After all I am a third generation Mason, and I should know this. The first time I am not sure what my response was. The question did make me think. I had an answer in my heart but it was difficult to articulate. In reality it was the brotherhood of the fraternity, a group of men with similar beliefs and high moral values.



It is more than just swag (signs, words and grips), it is ideas, beliefs and truths that I had learned from my father. In the ways fathers teach, I was taught lessons in Masonry. We were taught the virtues and principles of life by the example of a Master Mason, dad.

As all kids I enjoyed Christmas time not going to school, gifts, food and seeing relatives I had not seen since last Christmas. But most of all I enjoyed going shopping with dad. At that time Oak Cliff Lodge along with other lodges would provide Christmas gifts for the Masonic Children's Home. He would usually have the name and age of a child. He always purchased two gifts one for the name he had and one just in case there was a shortage. My brother and I would wrap the gifts and most of the time they looked like they were wrapped by a kid. It was part of the ritual...something we looked forward to each year.

What did I learn from those lessons?

Brotherly Love: We are taught to regard the whole human race as family, known and unknown.

Relief: When we encounter someone in need, do what we can to help relieve that distress, a hand shake, an attentive ear, or a kind word goes a long way.

Truth: Should always have the highest priority for without it we are unable to promote the welfare of mankind.

Faith: A belief in something bigger than our-

selves.

Hope: That a better world awaits us. Looking forward to an improved life and educating our children that their life decisions will be good ones.

Charity: We should always work hard to help those around us, preventing distress, not for recognition but to improve some small part of the world.

Temperance: Doing anything to excess can be harmful. Too much truth, truth without tact can destroy a friendship.

Fortitude: Without fortitude no one can survive. At times we just need to suck it up and move on.

Prudence: Prudence is the mark of a polite person, knowing what to say and what not to say.

Justice: Every one of us deserves to be heard without regard to his social position in life, wealth or worldly goods.

I don't recall that he used any of these words, but the ideas and principles he valued he passed to us by his actions and non-actions.

I learned all this from dad, and endeavored to pass these attributes on to my children as well as he passed them to me.

What we leave behind after death, is not as important as the journey of life.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Clarence Smith
Senior Warden

2016 - Grand Master Conferences

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



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South:

In our degree work, memorization plays a supremely important role. After hearing several very good proficiencies during the past several months, I find myself interested in memory and memorization. The following is an interesting take on memory which I found on the website "The Masonic Trowel" under the heading Education <http://www.themasonictrowel.com/education.htm>. Maybe you will find it of interest.



It is interesting to note that there is not one spiritual teaching that does not have an oral - memory - tradition. From Judaism and Christianity, to Buddhism, to the poems of the ancient Greeks, the sagas of the Norsemen, the philosophies of India and Persia - the most cherished "living truths" were handed down from teacher to student through memory work. There is a reason for this.

Each impression we receive is recorded; nothing is "forgotten". Only our ability to retrieve an impression wavers. The ability to retrieve an impression is directly proportional to the amount of attention given to an impression. Psychologists and hypnotists have verified this.

Each impression received during life exists in our minds, and each impression has its influence in fixing our present intellectual and moral condition. Thoughts and opinions held "now" are the result of a succession of experiences long "forgotten". We are what we are today, because of what we thought and felt about the impressions we received yesterday. Our knowledge is entirely dependent upon memory. Anything we know about anything is only what we remember about it.

The ability to remember something is a function of the intensity of the impression. And the intensity of an impression is affected by the amount of attention given the impression. And the amount of attention given is affected by the amount of interest we have in the impression. And interest is a function of the amount of "will" we can generate for the impression.

Attention is "light" of the mind. The thought that has your attention is "in the light" - like a flash-light on an object in a dark room - all other memories are "in darkness". Men of great intellectual ability are noted for their developed power of attention and their ability to direct and focus their attention. Conversely imbeciles are noted for their lack of attention. Perhaps the most important intellectual ability possible for a man is the ability to learn to focus and give attention to matter at hand.

Attention can be divided into two categories: voluntary and involuntary. Involuntary attention is that which is focused with no effort-will.

Voluntary attention is that which is focused by an effort of the will. Animals and undeveloped men have little or no voluntary attention. Conversely developed man shows a high degree of voluntary attention and this is at the crux of free-will and is one of the primary differences between developed man and an animal - there being little difference between an undeveloped man and an animal.

In lower animals an object must be interesting to hold the attention for more than a moment. A developed man is able, by making an effort of will, to direct his attention to an uninteresting object, and hold it there until he has conveyed to his mind the information desired. He is able to turn his attention from an interesting object to one that is dull by the power of his will.

From another angle, the undeveloped man, having little voluntary attention, is at the mercy of outside impressions. They grab his attention and he becomes lost in them. Having no control over his attention, he might worry all day over something and go to bed tired, having accomplished nothing. And since he has no control over his attention and thoughts, he is unable to make moral or ethical decisions, but is carried along by whatever attracts his attention.

Perhaps the greatest tool of Masonry turns out to be it's rituals and degrees, where memory work is emphasized, and serves unnoticed, to separate the moral from the immoral, the ethical from the unethical, preparing us for a higher and greater purpose.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Dou Mathis
Junior Warden



<i>February Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Birthday
Robert L. Carpenter II	2/3
Scott A. Davis	2/7
John J. Vidas	2/7
Steven C. Marsh	2/9
Edward J. Vogt	2/11
Frank W. Lieck	2/14
Robin L. Scheel	2/14
William H. Mayo	2/16
Kenneth L. Fitzpatrick Jr.	2/19
Sermet D. Agolli	2/19
Josue' M. Martinez	2/20
Lyle B. Schichner Sr.	2/22
Scott D. Hoiberg	2/23
Roy E. Thomas	2/28
Charles L. Clark	2/28
Robert F. Todd	2/28
Gary M. Coffey	2/29

<i>February Service Anniversaries</i>	
Brother	Years MM
Carl E. Praesel Jr.	51
John L. Eaton	47
Gary D. Lawson	46
Stephen L. Hill	43
Thomas I. Pipes	42
Gaylin E. Kinsey	40
Michael R. Arthur	39
Gary M. Coffey	38
Alfred C. Gray	37
David K. Clerico	33
Lennox W. Stewart	31
John D. Pritchett	29
Jay M. Miller	19
John J. Vidas	16
John E. Davis	6
Gabriel H. Garner	3

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
Feb 2	<u>1st Tuesday</u> 7:30—9:30 pm	Boerne OES #200 Stated Meeting
Feb 3	<u>1st Wednesday</u> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Dinner Stated Conclave
Feb 8	6:00—8:00 pm HillBillyz (FM 473)	Masonic Philosophical Discussion & Dinner
Feb 9	<u>2nd Tuesday</u> 6:30—9:00 pm	THC DeMolay Dinner & Stated Meetings
Feb 13	11:00 am	Sweethearts' Luncheon
Feb 15	<u>3rd Monday</u> 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Kendall #897 Dinner Stated Meeting
Feb 17	<u>3rd Wednesday</u> 6:30—8:30 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Floor Practice
Feb 21	<u>3rd Sunday</u> 3:00—4:30 pm	THC DeMolay Advisory Council
Feb 23	<u>4th Tuesday</u> 7:30—9:00	THC DeMolay Stated Meeting



**Mr. Frank Schubert
Was Pleased With His Raffle Prizes**

**Building Preservation Fund
January 2016 Donations**

<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Bob Easterling	Tina Pitman
Abb Kestler Jr.	Bro. Abb Kestler Sr.
Billy Lemmons Jr.	Bro. Billy Lemmons Sr.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren... It is hard to believe that seven (7) months of this Masonic Year has gone by. However a lot of our lodge activities are still to come.

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

- ◆ On Monday, February 8th at 6:00 PM there will be a **Philosophical Round Table** held by Senior Deacon Matt Archilla at **HillBillyz of Texas**, 1931 FM 473.



Brother Billy Lieck has invited the Brethren to come out to his establishment and enjoy food and an evening of Masonic discussions. We had a great turnout in November, so come on again!

- ◆ We will have our **Sweethearts Luncheon on Saturday, February 13th** beginning with fellowship at 11:00 AM. So if you know of a widow of a passed Brother, ask her if she received her invitation. If she didn't receive one, then invite her to come and you can bring your Sweetheart as well.
- ◆ **Monday, February 15th**, will be our **February 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.
- ◆ We will also be receiving our new **District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful James "Jim" Avery**, at this month's stated meeting. When you see him, congratulate him on the honor of representing the Grand Master of Masons in Texas in the 51st Masonic District.
- ◆ On January 25th we passed two of our Brethren to the Degree of Fellowcraft. That means that **shortly we will be preparing to put on two Master Mason Degrees** either toward the end of this or sometime next month. Come to practices and help us prepare to raise these Brothers. **This is what Kendall Lodge and its members are chartered by the Grand Lodge of Texas to do!**
- ◆ **Don't forget:** To be in good standing, 2016 dues are to be received before January 1st, which is the beginning of the 2016 Year for the Grand Lodge of Texas. If you haven't sent them in then please take the time to do that now.

Things to Look Forward To:

- ◆ **Saturday, March 5th at 9:00 AM** will be the **Alamo Remembrance Observance** by Texas Masons which is held downtown at Alamo Plaza. Following that will be the **Masonic Youth Brunch at Alzar Shrine Center at 11:00 AM**. Then following the brunch, the Grand Master of Masons in Texas, M.:W.: Wendell P. Miller, will hold his

San Antonio Grand Master's Conference in Alzar's Ballroom. Registration begins at 1:00 PM and the conference at 2:00 PM. It is open to all Masons and their families.

- ◆ **Grand Lodge Committee on Work** has also set the date for the **Esoteric Forum and Certificate Exams in the 51st Masonic District as Saturday, April 9th starting at 9:00 AM** at Bander Lodge No. 1123. Also the dates for the 2016 Officer Leadership Training Program (previously the Warden's Retreats) have been set. See me for details or go online to the Grand Lodge of Texas website for information and registration.
- ◆ We have coming up our Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason Education Nights, our Community Builder Award, as well a Fish Fry fundraiser. **So come and join us for the FELLOWSHIP and FUN!**

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Gary L. Bausell

Gary L. Bausell, PM

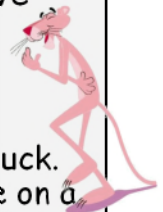
Masonic Light Bulbs?

Q: How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb?

Three. One to screw it in, one to read the minutes of the previous light bulb replacement, and one to sit on the sidelines and complain that this wasn't the way they USED to screw in light bulbs.

CHANGE IT!!!! My grandfather donated that bulb to this lodge!

Three. One to climb the ladder. One to hold the ladder...and one to say, "We don't do it that way in our lodge."



Masonic Light

A small Lodge had had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a steamy evening in June and it's air conditioner had stopped working.

After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the candidate what he most desired.

The candidate replied "a beer".

At this juncture, the SD, being startled, whispered "light" to the candidate.

"OK," the candidate replied, "a lite beer."