



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

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March 2016



## FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

February is now behind us, and it was a very productive and exciting month for the lodge. After putting on two Fellowcraft Degrees in January, we passed another brother to the position of Fellowcraft on February 6th. All three are working on their FC proficiencies at this time. We still have two other EA's who will be ready for their proficiencies in the near future. Therefore, we will be raising three Master Masons in the immediate future with two others not far behind. With this in mind, it is important that we put together our degree team and continue our practice sessions. There are several open positions that must be filled ASAP, and we are asking for our brothers to step up and help us if you can do so. With the exception of our Stated Meeting night, we practice most Monday nights starting at about 6-6:30pm. We also practice on Saturday mornings and Wednesday mornings at around 9am, so please join us when you can.



On February 8th we held our second quarterly Philosophical Round Table & Dinner at Hillbillyz of Texas. Although the turnout was a little smaller than our first, (no EA's, or FC's could attend), it was by all accounts a huge success. We enjoyed a great BBQ buffet and then shared a spirited roundtable discussion.

Our thanks go out to Matt Archilla who put on our program and Billy Lieck for allowing us to meet at his restaurant.

Everyone who attended had a great time and all look forward to our next social meeting some-time during the next quarter. Stay tuned.

February 13th saw us hosting our annual Sweethearts Luncheon and Program. Thanks to all of you who came out and supported our ladies. A special thank-you must go out to Brother David Vaughan and to his wife Judy, as well as to Brother Dutch Hutsell for all of their hard work. Job well done.

March will also be a very busy month for our lodge. In addition to our Master Mason Degrees, here is a summary of other upcoming events, meetings, and activities:

- \*\* March 5th -- San Antonio Grand Master's Conference
- \*\* March 14th -- Monday at 7pm, Kendall Lodge EA Education Night
- \*\* March 21st -- Monday, 7:30, Stated Meeting with Dinner at 6:15pm

Please plan ahead and mark your calendars now to save these dates.

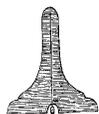
Please feel free to contact the Secretary or me concerning any questions you may have. Contact the Secretary at (830) 249-8917 or email at [kendall897@gvtc.com](mailto:kendall897@gvtc.com).

You can contact me at (210) 218-2994 or email at [williamcarder@earthlink.net](mailto:williamcarder@earthlink.net).

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Bill Carder

Worshipful Master



## FROM THE WEST

I came across this on the web

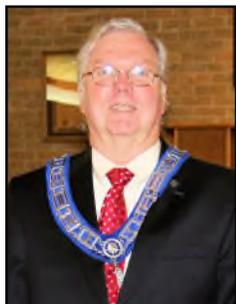
### Freemasonry - a process in an event- fueled society

In Freemasonry, one question that we as a fraternity are facing is how to maintain the interest of our newer members. This is by no means a new question or a new problem. A look back at the minutes of Masonic Lodge meetings from a hundred years ago shows that this is a challenge faced by every generation of Freemasons. Unfortunately, that same look back shows that what worked in the past will not necessarily work today. Society changes and we have to change along with it if we are to remain pertinent to the members of our Craft.

The society that we live in today is an event fueled society. Everything is an event, and then it's over and we're on to the next event. We go to a movie, out to dinner, on vacation. Our jobs are divided into projects that we plan, design, execute and then we start another project. T.V. time at home is an event; quality time with the kids; our lives are event-full. And, in most cases we either don't realize or don't see the processes that make those events possible.

#### Freemasonry happens

We've become so accustomed to our lives being a series of events that we, at best, ignore the processes or, at worst, find them boring and uninteresting. The Masonic society is filled with events: the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason; Lodge meetings, Lodge functions, Reunions, Festivals, Ceremonials, and the list could go on and on. *Freemasonry*, though, is not an event; it is a process. It is what happens in the background and in between and during those events. It is the processes involved in bringing those events to fruition that manifests as Freemasonry.



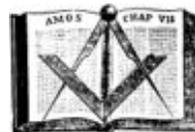
Masonry is working side by side with others toward a common goal and for the common good. It unites men who otherwise would never have met, and brings them together in an atmosphere of genuine support and affection. It is what happens in the heart and in the mind when men labor together to succeed, or even to fail, in shared aspirations. It is the admiration and respect of one man for another, not for material accumulation but for strength of moral character and selfless service. It is holding oneself up to an ideal even knowing that our human frailties make it impossible to achieve that ideal. Masonry is a process by which a man comes to know himself.

#### The Masonic Degrees are not Destinations

As we investigate potential candidates and discuss the fraternity with our newer members we need to help them understand that the three degrees of the Craft are only the first three steps in a lifelong journey. To presume to know Freemasonry from the first three degrees would be to stand on the seashore, take three steps, and presume to know all there is of the sea and everything it touches. The degrees of Masonry are intended, not to impart, but to ignite a desire for more Light, more knowledge.

In our event-filled society it is easy to take for granted or lose sight of the processes that make the events possible. The processes, though, are where most of the learning, growth and progress happens. By understanding our own motivations and being able to express those motivations to others we can help our fledgling brethren to appreciate the truly precious jewels of Masonic brotherhood. Find a quiet place to contemplate what being a Freemason means to you, and why it means so much to you. Then, put it into words so that the next time someone asks why you are a Mason you'll know exactly what you want to say.

Tim Couch  
MasonsSmart.com





# FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings from the South:



Take Off All Your Clothes!

by Dr E. Otha Wingo

This stark demand, said to a candidate in the preparation room, is not designed to inspire confidence or to ease anxiety about the unknown experience before him. Some misguided brethren seem to think this is amusing. It is not. We should do everything possible to make the candidate comfortable about receiving his first degree in Freemasonry.

Here is a suggested way to explain his preparation for the initiation: "Mr. Doe, for the purpose of your initiatory degree, it will be necessary for you to remove your street clothing for our ceremonial clothing. We will step out of the room, while you slip into this degree garment and we will continue with your preparation.

Brethren, the candidate's comfort is very important for his full participation in his initiation. We should make him comfortable in body and mind. There is always uncertainty and a bit of nervousness about the unknown. A bit of mystery about the initiation enhances the experience. However, he should not be worried or frightened. Make sure your candidate is reassured that nothing either hurtful or embarrassing will happen to him.

The importance of making the candidate comfortable at all times came sharply to my attention recently from two situations. I heard the story of one candidate who was in the preparation room ready to receive the first degree, but he refused to change into the clothing provided. He was very nervous and said that he was leaving.

Several brethren, including close friends, tried to assure him that the initiation was totally serious and in no way embarrassing. It was too late to convince him and he left the building. This candidate had not been properly instructed by his brethren.

Another candidate was scheduled for his initiatory degree in my lodge. I called to confirm his appearance that evening. I stated that he would enjoy a very meaningful and memorable experience and I hoped he was looking forward to it. He said, "well, I guess so...". I asked if he had been given any information about what to expect. He hadn't. I

asked if he was aware that for part of the initiation he would wear a ceremonial garment instead of his own clothing. He wasn't. I stated that he would be asked to change into different clothes for the initiation and that he would not be embarrassed in any way whatever. I then asked if he knew that he would be blindfolded for a time. He didn't. I told him that he would be accompanied by two persons who would make sure he was safe and comfortable at all times.

I had a sudden inclination to ask him one further question: Has anyone jokingly suggested that you would have to do some ridiculous or embarrassing things? Yes, he had heard innuendos of such. I strongly assured him that such things are not a part of the Masonic degrees, which are in every way serious. He later thanked me for putting his mind at ease about some of his uncertainties.

The Masonic Education of a candidate should begin long before he appears at the lodge to receive his first degree. Typically, he receives a petition from a friend, who can answer some of his questions and tell him what to expect. When his petition has been received in the lodge, he will meet the investigation committee, which determines whether he meets the qualifications to become a Freemason. This committee is crucially important also in instructing the candidate in such basic information as mentioned above.

Making a candidate comfortable involves physical as well as mental comfort; accommodating any physical condition that would make him uncomfortable during the degree. Be aware of the need to return his eyeglasses when appropriate or to adjust for a hearing problem.

Extend the comfort zone to the candidate's first meeting after his first degree. Instruct him in the proper way to respond to the Master, how to give signs, how to enter and leave the lodge. Be aware that a long time member, attending lodge after a long absence, may appreciate a quick review of words and signs for the opening. Extend this same courtesy to visiting brethren.

Make sure your lodge is a place where candidates, members and visitors are comfortable and glad to be a part of Freemasonry.

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Meal for the March stated meeting will be Corned beef and Cabbage



| <i>March Birthdays</i> |      |  |
|------------------------|------|--|
| Brother                | Day  |  |
| L.D. Martin            | 3/11 |  |
| Alexander Zogheib      | 3/25 |  |
| Charley Taylor         | 3/8  |  |
| Daniel Basarich        | 3/9  |  |
| David Clerico          | 3/4  |  |
| Dow Mathis             | 3/15 |  |
| Fred Waterman          | 3/3  |  |
| Gavin Waldeck          | 3/31 |  |
| James Gooden           | 3/31 |  |
| James Berne            | 3/21 |  |
| Joseph Sill            | 3/25 |  |
| Larry Ross             | 3/12 |  |
| Lyndon Herridge        | 3/19 |  |
| Mark Morley            | 3/13 |  |
| Ottie Konkright        | 3/25 |  |
| Robert Magers          | 3/8  |  |
| Robert Tucker          | 3/11 |  |

**Kendall #897 Calendar**

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|        | <u>Every Monday w/out Stated or Called Meeting</u><br>7:00—9:00 pm | Kendall #897 Floor Practice                            |
|        | <u>Every Wednesday</u><br>9:00—11:30 am                            | Kendall #897 Floor Practice                            |
|        | <u>Every Saturday</u><br>9:00—10:00 am<br>10:00—11:00 am           | Kendall #897 Esoteric Round Table<br>Floor Practice    |
| Mar 1  | <u>1st Tuesday</u><br>7:30—9:30 pm                                 | Boerne OES #200 Stated Meeting                         |
| Mar 2  | <u>1st Wednesday</u><br>6:00 pm<br>7:00 pm                         | Brownwood Commandery #22 Dinner<br>Stated Conclave     |
| Mar 5  | Alamo Observance<br>9 A.M.   | Alamo  |
| Mar 8  | <u>2nd Tuesday</u><br>6:30—9:00 pm                                 | THC DeMolay Dinner & Stated Meetings                   |
| Mar 21 | <u>3rd Monday</u><br>6:15 pm<br>7:30 pm                            | Kendall #897 OES Appreciation Dinner<br>Stated Meeting |
| Mar 16 | <u>3rd Wednesday</u><br>6:30—8:30 pm                               | Brownwood Commandery #22 Floor Practice                |
| Mar 20 | <u>3rd Sunday</u><br>3:00—4:30 pm                                  | THC DeMolay Advisory Council                           |
| Mar 22 | <u>4th Tuesday</u><br>7:30—9:00                                    | THC DeMolay Stated Meeting                             |

| <i>March Service Anniversaries</i> |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Brother                            | Years MM |
| William D. Hammett Jr.             | 58       |
| William R. Lemmons Sr.             | 56       |
| Charles W. Lloyd Jr.               | 54       |
| Thomas E. Carnes                   | 53       |
| Maurice R. Rose                    | 52       |
| James H. Alston                    | 50       |
| Gene C. Worthington                | 48       |
| Marvil L. Agold                    | 48       |
| Thomas F. Sawyer                   | 47       |
| Charles B. Dreyer                  | 42       |
| Steven C. Marsh                    | 42       |
| Terrance J. Degrood                | 35       |
| Jeffery R. Christoff               | 34       |
| Ronnie D. Pfell                    | 31       |
| William B. Scales                  | 13       |
| Eric V. Viereck                    | 12       |
| Aaron D. Matherly                  | 8        |

**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            |

**Building Presevation Feb 2016 Donations**

| <u>Donor</u>         | <u>In Memory/Honor of</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Bill Mayo's Children | Bill Mayo                 |
| Abb Kestler Jr.      | Bro. Claude Hollen        |
| Billy Lemmons Jr.    | Bro. Billy Lemmons Sr.    |



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren... if you didn't come to our Sweethearts Luncheon on Saturday, February 13th you missed out on a great time. There was good food, great music, and outstanding fellowship. We had five (5) of our Brethren's widows with us and quite a few wives as well. Next year bring your wife and come join us.



I would prefer not to keep mentioning it, but we have Brethren who haven't gotten their new 2016 dues cards from me. Payments for 2016 were supposed to be received before January 1st, which is the beginning of the 2016 Year for Grand Lodge of Texas dues. If you're not sure that you have sent them in then give me a call and I'll let you know for sure. If you are sure you haven't sent them, then please send me the \$125 annual dues and I'll get your card to you.

Also Brethren we have three (3) Fellowcraft Masons working on their Q's & A's. We're going to need your help for the upcoming degree teams. Come to practice on Monday Night and Saturday Morning and let's make these Fellowcraft into Masters!

March is said to "come in like a lion"! That's true and here are a few things to put on your calendar:

> On Saturday, March 5th at 9:00 AM the Grand Master of Masons in Texas will lay a wreath at the Alamo Plaza. If you have not seen the ceremony then please come down and join the brethren and guests at the Plaza.

> Following the Alamo Plaza event a Masonic Youth Brunch will be served at the Alzafar Shrine Center's Ballroom from 11:00 AM to sometime after Noon. The cost is only \$8.00 and goes to our Masonic Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Boys.

> Following the brunch, registration for the Grand Master's Conference will start at 1:00 PM and goes through 2:00 PM start. The conference is open to all Masons (Masters, EA's and FC's), their families and guests. If you want to know what's going on in Masonry, then come on to the conference and find out. You can learn a lot today!

> Monday, March 14th at 7:00 PM will Kendall Lodge's EA

Appreciation Night. Our Senior Deacon is going to have a special program for us so come on out and join us.

> Monday, March 21st, will be our March 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 this meal will be prepared by Boerne Eastern Star Chapter No. 200 to honor our Masons.

Mark the date for the following events in future months:

> Grand Lodge has also set the date for the Esoteric Forum and Certificate Exams as Saturday, April 9th starting at 9:00 AM (Forum) and 1:00 PM (Exams) at Bandera Lodge No. 1123.

> Kendall Lodge will present our 2015-2016 Community Builder's Award to Ms. Angie Lemmons, on Monday, April 11th at 7:00 PM, This is one of our few public events so come and show your support of the lodge

### The Masonic Calendar

#### .Anno Lucis - (A.L. or A:L.L.)

#### In The Year of Light

#### Historical Significance:

The *Year of Light* signifies the date of the creation of the world as we read in the third verse from the Book of Genesis in the King James version of the Bible as well as in the Torah.

1:1 - In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.

1:2 - And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

1:3 - And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

1:4 - And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

**Math:** Anno Lucis is found by adding 4000 years (from the creation of the world to the present date) (4000 B.C.E. + 2010 C.E. = 6010 A.L. (Anno Lucis))