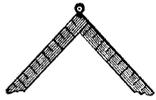




May 2016



FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

A busy April has come and gone with an even busier May in front of us. On April 4th our third



Fellowcraft received his MM Degree. I would like to commend our three new Brothers for their hard work in preparing for the degree and thank everyone who helped with their memory work. Also, a thank you to all the Brothers who participated in putting on the three degrees in less than a month. Job well done.

On April 11th, we presented the Community Builder Award to Mrs. Angie Lemmons, local school teacher and active participant in various community organizations. This prestigious award is given each year to an outstanding non-mason in our community. Angie has given her time and hard work for many years to Kendall County which has greatly benefited from her efforts.

If you have received this “Trestleboard” in time to attend our EA Education Night on Monday, May 2nd at 7pm, I would like to encourage all of my brothers to do so. Senior Deacon, Matt Archilla, will present a program that I am sure will be interesting to all of us. Please make every effort to attend.

The annual Spring Fish Fry Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 7th at Kendall Lodge from 11:30am to 2:30pm. Desserts will again be provided by our Eastern Star sisters. This fundraiser is extremely important to the support of our lodge. It also requires a total effort of our brothers and sisters to run the event. In the past we have had a large group of De Molay to help us, but this year there are not as many available. Therefore, I am asking each of our brethren to come out on the 7th and give us a hand. Some of us come early and stay all day. Others can work in the morning or afternoon only. We always need workers, so please come give us a hand, support your Lodge, and visit with all the brethren.

Our next Philosophical Round Table/ Dinner will be held on Monday night, May 23rd at Hillbillyz restaurant on FM-473. A huge All-You-Can-Eat BBQ Buffet for \$10 will be served from 6-7pm, followed by our group round table discussion from 7-8pm, allowing us to return home before dark. This time the discussion will be on a Master Masons topic of Matt Archilla's choosing. Therefore, only Master Masons may attend this event. I would especially like to encourage our three newest MM's to attend. If anyone would like to car pool, please be at the lodge at approximately 5:30pm on the 23rd.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary at (830) 249-8917 or e-mail kendall897@gvvc.com. You can contact me at (210) 218-2994 or e-mail me at williamcarder@earthlink.net.



FROM THE WEST



Zabud a son of Nathan was the chief minister to Solomon and made daily tours about the construction site making sure the rubbish from construction of the Temple was carried in a westerly direction thru the Sha'ar Ashpot gate and dumped in the designated area, that the prevailing westerly winds carried the odor away from the Temple.

Satisfied that construction in the area of the Temple was proceeding according to the designs upon the Trestle board, he made his way to the center of the Northern wall and through the Shar'ar Shkhem gate, one of the nine gates into the city. Following the road from the gate it would lead one hundred thirty-five miles to Damascus via the city of Nablus.

Zabud made a right turn as he exited the gate and made his way about two hundred yards along the north wall to the rock escarpment of Mont Moriah, to the quarry entrance which was located, under the city of Jerusalem. He was met at the entrance of the quarry by Adoniram, the son of Abdar, it was he who was in charge of the five-acre underground quarry. Hiram's workmen and men from the city Byblos, were excavating the stone to be used in construction of the Temple.

Adoniram pointed out to Zabud the three different types of stone being quarried; Meleke which was not too hard and did not flake off and most commonly used to dress the buildings. These were the first stones to be quarried and were used to build the porch. The Mizzi Helou, sweet rock, which is more easily workable and used in the higher elevations of the Temple. The Mizzi-Ahmar contained iron which made it appear red in color, difficult to quarry and used in decorative stonework. The Mizzi

Yehudi stone was too hard to cut for use in the Temple.

The plumb line and square were used to lay out the cut lines in the limestone, these lines were then etched into the stone and wooden wedges driven into the stone. When all of the wooden wedges were in place water was poured on to the wedges as the wood expanded the limestone would crack along the lines. The limestone was then moved into an area where it was squared, then transported to the temple.

As the stones were cut to a specified size, the stones could not be dragged across the ground as this would change the overall size and shape. The stones were loaded onto sledges with the use of rollers as fulcrums. Moving the large stones over land was an involved process, with friction being the main obstacle. An eight-hundred-ton block would create a ground pressure of 1kg per square centimeter, and a force of over four hundred tons would be required to overcome the friction. The bears of burden reduced the friction to nearly zero by using water as a lubricant on the ground.

Adoniram used two men per ton to move the load over flat surfaces and nine men per ton for a nine-degree grade, and when available two oxen would be the equivalent of ten men. Numerous men were pouring water in front of and along the skids. The stones were moved to their designated place near the Temple where they were to be placed.

As Zabud continued this travel thru the quarry he would occasionally hear the grumbling of the workmen, something he must bring before the Senior Warden.

(Adoniram was later stoned by his people)

Reference: Torah; Talmud; History of the Jews- Josephus

**THE MODEL MASON**

By Bro. ROB. MORRIS

There's a fine old Mason in the land,
he's genial, wise and true,

His list of brothers comprehends, dear
brothers, me and you;



So warm his heart the snow blast fails to chill his generous
blood,

And his hand is like a giant's when outstretched to man or
GOD;

Reproach nor blame, nor any shame, has checked his course
or dimmed his fame

All honor to his name!

This fine old Mason is but one of a large family:

In every lodge you'll find his kin, you'll find them two or
three;

You'll know them when you see them, for they have their
father's face,

A generous knack of speaking truth and doing good always;

Reproach nor blame, nor any shame, has checked their
course or dimmed their fame -

Freemason is their name!

Ah, many an orphan smiles upon the kindred as they pass;

And many a widow's prayers confess the sympathizing grace;

The FATHER of this Brotherhood himself is joyed to see

Their works -they're numbered all in Heaven, those deeds of
charity!

Reproach nor blame, nor any shame, there check their course
or dim their fame -

All honor to their name!

FRATERNITY

By BRO. DAVID E. GUYTON

(From The Builder, Anamosa, Iowa, October, 1915)

We build us temples tall and grand,

With gifts we heap our altars high,

Unheeding how, on every hand,

The hungry and the naked cry.

We sound our creeds in trumpet tone,

With zeal we compass land and sea,

Unmindful of the sob and moan

Of souls that yearn for sympathy.

We hurl to hell, we bear above,

With equal ease we loose or bind,

Forgetful quite that God is Love,

And Love is large and broad and kind.

O Thou Eternal Largeness, teach

Our petty, shriveled souls to swell

Till Thou, within their ampler reach,

In every human heart may dwell;

Till Love alone becomes the creed

Of every nation, tribe and clan,

The Fatherhood of God, indeed,

The blessed Brotherhood of Man.



May Birthdays

Brother	Date
Austin L. Roberts III	5/2
Stanley D. Young	5/4
Alfred C. Gray	5/4
Claude Smith Jr.	5/9
Lennox W. Stewart	5/11
Oscar B. Martin	5/12
James R. Schmitz	5/12
Phillip W. Archilla	5/13
Abner L. Kestler Jr.	5/16
Charles W. Lloyd Jr	5/21
Lon J. Jett III	5/23
Lance L. Lira	5/25
Harold E. Sill Jr	5/26
Gabriel H. Garner	5/27
Thomas L. Cottle	5/31

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
May 3	<u>1st Tuesday</u> 7:30—9:30 pm	Boerne OES #200 Stated Meeting
May 4	<u>1st Wednesday</u> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Dinner Stated Conclave
May 18	<u>3rd Wednesday</u> 6:30-8:30 pm	Brownwood Commandery#22 Floor Practice
May 10	<u>2nd Tuesday</u> 6:30—9:00 pm	THC DeMolay Dinner & Stated Meetings
May 22	<u>3rd Sunday</u> 3:00—4:30 pm	THC DeMolay Advisory Council
May 23	<u>3rd Monday</u> 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Kendall #897 Stated Meeting
May 27/28	Scottish Rite Spring Reunion	San Antonio Scottish Rite

May Service Anniversaries

Brother	Years MM
Garth W. Gombert	64
Albert M. Racer	57
Don M. Edmondson	52
Lewis F. Gimbel Jr.	49
Jackie D. Elliff	46
James K. Duncan	44
Johnnie R. Wimpy Jr.	43
David L. D'Spain	41
Cecil L. Noah	40
Garil D. Allerkamp	38
Jeffery A. Sill	31
William L. Webb	27
Henry C. Kohl	21
William R. Martin Jr.	17
Herman H. Hass Jr.	14
Scott A. Hardin	10
Clarence M. Smith	10
Carl G. Praesel	8
Robert D. Easterling	8
Cary L. Clark	5

Building Preservation April Donations

<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Billy Lemmons Jr.	Bro. Billy Lemmons Sr.
Robert Easterling	Robin Cypert
Abb Kestler	Abb Kestler Sr.
Estate of Charles W. Long	Charles W. Long



FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Last April I wrote the following:

Brethren... I want to make a few comments about our lodge and the community of people and businesses in which we live and serve. We only have a few opportunities (we call them Open Meetings) during the year to put a public face on our lodge, our Brethren, and our ceremonies. Those typically are our Installation of Officers in June, our Golden Trowel Award (GTA) Ceremony honoring one of our Brethren for his service, and the Community Builder Award (CBA) Ceremony presented to a non-Mason (man or woman) who serves our community in a manner worthy of a Mason. Other than Masonic Funerals we don't typically interact with a public audience. I believe you would agree that impressions, particularly first impressions, are lasting and we want to make our opportunities good ones.



Well I had hoped that the paragraph above would remind us that it is important to come out and meet our leaders and citizens when they come to our Open meetings. **On Monday, April 11th we presented our 2015-2016 CBA to Mrs. Angie Lemmons.** She is very deserving of the award and had family, friends, co-workers, and committee members with whom she serves come to see her receive the Award. We are a lodge of almost 230 Members and only had six (6) Officers and another six (6) Brethren including her husband, Billy, and father-in-law, William Lemmons, present. Please don't get me wrong. I appreciate those Brethren and wives who came, but we are Masons and can do better! **We need good attendance to show our community and our leaders that we care about them and their families.** If we don't... why should we expect them to have positive opinions about us and, moreover, support our lodge during fundraisers and raffles? **So when we have an opportunity then come out, meet with, and interact with Boerne's leaders and citizens with whom we live and serve.** We are not a secret society, but we are a private fraternal order. It could be that from one of those very people you talk with that a new Mason may come!

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

It's pretty early this month, but our **Entered Apprentices' Education Night** is going to be on **Monday, May 2nd starting at 7:00 PM.** So come and join us for the fellowship and the lesson.

Saturday, May 7th is going to be our annual Fish Fry Fundraiser. We will serve from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM or when the fish runs out! Remember that drinks and desserts are included.

Saturday, May 14th will be a Special Session of the Grand Lodge of Texas held in Waco and starting at 10 AM. It concerns changing the date of the 2017 Grand Communication.

Monday, May 16th, will be our **May Stated Meeting** with Dinner starting at 6:15 PM, Food and Fellowship last until 7:20 PM or so, and our Stated Meeting starts 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.

Monday, May 23rd will be our next Philosophical Round Table at Hillbillyz on SH-473. This will be for Master Masons only and will start at 6 PM with a buffet for a very reasonable price,

A quick note that our **Annual Past Master's Dinner and Program** is currently scheduled for **Monday, June 6th at 7:00 PM.**

And finally, thanks to those Brethren who have sent their dues in. We're down to a dozen or so Brothers who haven't gotten around to it, but I appreciate everyone (or their wives) who remembered and sent theirs in. The Secretary's work is never done!

So don't say that there is nothing going on at the lodge for you. We always have something going on that you can be a part of.

Gary L. Bausell

Secretary, May 2016

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897

Death



Roy Edward Thomas

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