



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



FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

As we near the end of the 2015-2016 Masonic Year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the Brethren, for the honor of serving as Worshipful Master of Kendall Lodge #897. I want to thank everyone for the support you provided to me and to all our officers this Masonic Year. Our lodge officers are to be congratulated for the great job they did throughout the year, for without their hard work and dedication, we could not have accomplished our goals.



I hope that each of you enjoyed your Memorial Day weekend and that all honored the men and women who have served our country and given so much for our freedom. Thank you for your service.

On May 23rd we held our Quarterly Philosophical Roundtable & Dinner at Hillbillyz Restaurant. We had a large turnout and all who attended had an excellent meal and an interesting roundtable discussion. Please try to join us at the next Roundtable that will be held sometime in August.

The month of June will be very special and busy for the lodge. On Monday, June 6th our Past Masters Appreciation Dinner will begin with

fellowship and dinner at 6:30 PM, to be followed by the program in the lodge room. All Master Masons are encouraged to attend in honor of our Past Masters.

After dinner at the June 20th Stated meeting, we will honor our three high school scholarship recipients. Later, we will open the stated meeting and hold the election of officers for the coming year. Please, brethren, try to attend this very important meeting to participate in selecting the new officers. Also, as this will be my last Stated Meeting in the East, it would mean a lot to me if we had a large turnout.

Finally, on Saturday, June 25th at 8:30 AM we will open a Master Masons Lodge for the purpose of installing our new Officers for 2016-2017. Since the 10 AM installation is an open meeting, all family and friends are invited to attend.

In closing, I am truly blessed to have served in the East this past year and would like to wish the new officers all the best in the coming Masonic Year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bill Carder,

Worshipful Master





FROM THE WEST



In the ritual of the Entered Apprentice Degree is the prayer.....

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father of the Universe, to this our present convention; and grant that this candidate for Masonry may dedicate and devote his life to Thy service, and become a true and faithful brother among us. Endue him with a competency of Thy wisdom, that by the influence of the pure principles of our Order he may the better be enabled to display the beauties of holiness to the honor of Thy Holy Name. Amen.

Having heard and read the prayer many times I had not considered the meaning of this prayer, here are my thoughts.

Vouchsafe Thine aid,

to speak the word in this appointed hour

Almighty Father of the Universe,
The Universal Father is the God of all creation, the center of all things, one God enabling mortal man to comprehend the Father as divine creator and in control.

to this our present convention;
as we proceeded with our ritual, an explicit agreement such as a promise occurs,

and grant that this candidate for Masonry

His motives are favorable, without blemish, will faithfully observe the precepts of moral law and lead a virtuous life

may dedicate and devote his life to Thy service,

open the hearts of all who hear, to making room for the Savior; let faith by hearing come, Lord prove your divine power to sinners that believe. That a man set apart and devote the rest of his life to the service of God, true freedom comes from the study of God

and become a true and faithful brother among us.

That we become true witness to the world and experience the moral teaching of masonry with brothers, the faithful must truly and continuously with conscious embrace the true meaning of Masonry.

Endue him with a competency of Thy wisdom,

The intellectual capacity for knowing God that is God-consciousness; the spiritual urge to find God; God-seeking, craving to be like God the wholehearted desire to do his will.

that by the influence of the pure principles

pure in heart, keeping the principles of masonry; piety, knowledge and virtue would sacrifice his life for those principles, improve understanding of our teachings; to do no evil- refrain from causing harm to anyone, to do good – to act from compassion and love, to save all beings- creating an opportunity for a brother to excel.

of our Order
fraternal order of men associated together for the purpose of promoting masonic morals and dogma

he may the better
That this candidate may be more favorable and better suited to embrace a higher moral value

be enabled to display the beauties of holiness.

“Give to the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering and come before HIM. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” Holiness is defined as “that quality of life evidenced by godliness, purity and consecration to God”

to the honor of Thy Holy Name
I bow before your holy Temple as I worship. I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for you promises are backed by all the honor of your name. (psalm 138.2)

Amen.

A word from before the 12th century used to express a solemn ratification of faith



From the South

I hope you enjoy the following. It's from the "Old Tiler's Talks," which were first published in the 1920's. I believe that the words found here are equally appropriate almost 100 years later.

IN MEN'S HEARTS

"Where is the most beautiful Masonic temple in the world?" asked the New Brother of the Old Tiler.

"Wouldn't the answer depend on one's idea of beauty?" retorted the Old Tiler. "I might think one, and you another, while an architect or an artist might choose still another."

"Well, which one do you choose?" persisted the New Brother.

"I don't!" answered the Old Tiler. "The House of the Temple in Washington is impressive; Detroit has a wonderful temple; Philadelphia's temple is massive and beautiful, the Albert Pike memorial in Little Rock is considered fine. I cannot choose."

"You think it is one of these?"

"No, I am simply trying to oblige," laughed the Old Tiler. "I know three temples which impressed me more than any of these."

"I asked because I am taking a winter vacation. I'd like to see the wonderful temples Masonry has erected. Tell me where your three are located!"

"One temple that to me is great in beauty is in a town of about 2,000 people in the Middle West. The lodge room is over a country store. The floor is bare of carpet. The chairs are plain wood. The heating plant is one large stove; it is the Junior Deacons' job to feed it during the meetings. The walls are stained, the lamps are kerosene, there is no organ or piano and the ribbons in the lodge jewels are frayed. Not very up-to-date, the members of this lodge. But this lodge made a boy of twenty-two a Master Mason just before he went to France in the First World War. After Soissons he lay all night on the field with a shattered leg and an arm so badly mangled that later they cut it off. While he lay there he heard familiar words from the familiar burial service of a Mason; 'this evergreen, which once marked the temporary resting place of the illustrious dead is an emblem of our faith in the immortality of the soul.'

"The wounded boy called for help. Came crawling to him was a man slightly wounded, who had said



the service over the remains of a comrade. At the risk of his life he hauled the wounded boy to safety. That wounded boy came back to this little country lodge to tell his brethren of what Masonry means in men's hearts when they carry it into the battlefield. As I listened the plain board walls fell away, the floor became tessellated marble, the low stained ceiling became a vaulted archway and the Great Architect Himself entered the East Gate.

"Another beautiful temple I only heard of. Civil engineers were building a railroad in the Andes. One of their laborers, a Mason, had fever and had to be sent home. This party of five sat out under the trees and the stars and talked on the square. Each of them gave a month's salary to the sick laborer. He had a wife and two babies in Denver. Our ancient brethren met under the stars, where their 'covering was no less than the clouded canopy or starry-decked heaven.' But none of these ever held a more beautiful lodge than those five young men, filled with Masonic charity, giving each more than he could afford for a day laborer in hard luck, because he was a Mason.

"My third most beautiful temple was made of many little tents. There were children in them, large and small, and there was no distinction between them of race, creed, color. All a child had to be was poor to have two weeks in the open. Nor was this a lodge charity; it was the work of a Masonic club, and run by individual contributions. As I looked I heard the organ peal as I have never heard it in many temples of stone.

"As a teacher said, 'for where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.' Where three, five, seven or more Master Masons gather in the name of Masonry, there is the temple. It is right and wise that we build great temples of stone and carving; which give testimony to all the world that here men gather in brotherhood. Masonic structures play a great part and we could spare them ill. But the greatest Masonic temples are built in men's hearts.

"If you would visit beautiful temples in your travels, seek less for mighty building and more for a house not made with hands. 'Masonry builds her temples in the hearts of men' and in men's hearts shall you seek for, and find, those most beautiful." The Old Tiler ceased and looked off into space as if he saw a vision. The New Brother looked at the Old Tiler. "I do not need to travel far to see one of the most beautiful temples," he said.



<i>June Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Date
Eric V. Viereck	6/2
Lewis F. Gimbel Jr.	6/3
Darrell S. Noah	6/4
Terry A. Stahl	6/7
William H. Sorenson	6/7
Bryan W. Dedeker	6/12
John D. Pritchett	6/13
John W. Edgar	6/14
Henry E. Martin	6/19
Donald K. English	6/22
Jeffery D. Roach	6/24
Ronald L. Eckert	6/27
James Ziehmke	6/30

<i>June Service Anniversaries</i>	
Brother	Years MM
Jack L. Greenfield	59
Edward A. Heath	54
Joseph E. Sill	51
Albert S. Rosenberg	38
Roger D. Duncan	38
Rodney G. Edmondson	32
Alexander H. Zogheib III	30
Claude Smith Jr.	30
Thomas L. Taylor	20
Larry D. Ross	19
Jerry L. Kelley	18
James W. Ziehmke	18
Brandt C. Klutts	13
Zane L. Maltsberger	10
Ryan J. Maltsberger	10
Jeffery D. Roach	9
Daniel E. Roane	6
Scott D. Hoiberg	5

In the days of the old west, a young fellow held up a bank, and in so doing shot and killed the teller. Several people in the bank and outside saw him well enough to identify him as he rode out of town. A posse was formed and in short order had captured him and returned him to jail. He was duly tried and sentenced to hang for his crime. On the appointed day a scaffold had been erected outside the jail. The fellow was lead up the steps to the scaffold, the Judge read his sentence, and asked the fellow if he had anything to say.

"I sure do, Judge. If it wasn't for the damn Masons I wouldn't be here." The Judge inquired to what he referred. "Well, the Sheriff who pursued me is a Mason, as were most of the posse. The jury was mostly Masons, and you, Judge, are a Mason. If it wasn't for the damn Masons I wouldn't be here." That being all he had to say, the Judge ordered the hangman to proceed.

The hangman put a HOOD over his head, a ROPE around his neck, took him by the left arm and said, "Take one regular step forward with your left foot."



<i>Building Preservation May Donations</i>	
<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Billy Lemmons Jr.	Bro. Billy Lemmons Sr.
Robert Easterling	Margie Hoop
Abb Kestler	Claude Hollen



FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren... this month is the one that we say **congratulations and a job well done to the 2015-2016 corps of officers led by Worshipful Master Bill Carder** as well as **congratulations and welcome to the 2016-2017 Officers**. Want to have a say in the lodge leadership? Then come to the June Stated Meeting and participate in the elections!



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



Up first this month is an evening in which we honor **Kendall Lodge Past Masters and Past Masters currently affiliated with Kendall Lodge**. **Past Masters Night** is going to be on **Monday, June 6th starting at 7:00 PM**. Come and join us for dinner and a program.



Monday, June 20th, will be our **June 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.



At our June Stated Meeting we will honor the recipients of our **\$2,000 Scholarships for three (3) High School Seniors at Boerne, Champion, and Comfort High Schools**. Come and congratulate each of these deserving graduates!



FYI... On Saturday, May 14th, a Special Session of the Grand Lodge of Texas was held in Waco and the Grand West decided that the **2017 Grand Communication will be held in Waco starting on January 19th through January 21st**.



A quick note of interest is that Boerne Chapter No. 200, Order of the Eastern Star will hold its Installation of Officers on Saturday, June 18th at 6:00 P.M. The incoming Worthy Matron and Patron will be Debbie and Bob Tucker. Everyone's invited to come.



Kendall Lodge will follow on **Saturday, June 25th, with our Installation of Officers at 10:00 A.M.** Please come and celebrate with us!

And finally, Brethren 😊, **we're down to about 10 or so Brothers who haven't remembered to send in their dues**. So if you've waiting until the last minute, it's here! Final reminders will go out shortly.

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