



November 2016

From the East



Greeting Brethren,

October has certainly been a busy month...We presented the Community Builders award to Mr. David Stelmazewski Superintendent of Boerne ISD. The presentation was made by myself and Bro. Bill Lemmons on the forty-yard line prior to the Champion HS home coming game.



Oct 23rd we held our first open house of the year. I want to thank all who helped prepare the Lodge for the event and especially the Brothers who were there to greet and explain Masonry to our visitors. All visitors to the lodge were escorted thru the lodge with explanations of the Stations and Places, as well as the Great Light in Masonry and the Charter. I look forward to another event such as this in the Spring.

The Briscoe workshop was conducted Oct 26th. Lodges of the 51st district were in attendance; Kendall Lodge was well represented at the function. It was well presented by R.W.: J.T. Avery DDGM of Masonic District 51 and PM David Bruton Masonic 51 District Instructor, it was a well-received learning experience for all participants.

Bro. Dow Mathis , Senior Warden, has been diligently working on a new web page for the lodge. It is online visit the page check it out. He has done a fantastic job. Thanks Bro. Mathis

Looking forward: **Monday December 12th 7 PM** we will honor members of our Masonic Family with **service awards**. I encourage all members to attend this function.

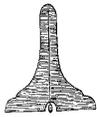
Albert Pike.....

Albert Pike, born December 29, 1809, was the oldest of six children born to Benjamin and Sarah Andrews Pike. Pike was raised in a Christian home

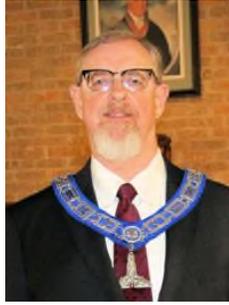
and attended an Episcopal church. Pike passed the entrance examination at Harvard College when he was 15 years old, but could not attend because he had no funds. After traveling as far west as Santa Fe, Pike settled in Arkansas, where he worked as editor of a newspaper before being admitted to the bar. In Arkansas, he met Mary Ann Hamilton, and married her on November 28, 1834. To this union were born 11 children.

He was 41 years old when he applied for admission in the Western Star Lodge No. 2 in Little Rock, Ark., in 1850. Active in the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, Pike took the 10 degrees of the York Rite from 1850 to 1853. He received the 29 degrees of the Scottish Rite in March 1853 from Albert Gallatin Mackey in Charleston, S.C. The Scottish Rite had been introduced in the United States in 1783. Charleston was the location of the first Supreme Council, which governed the Scottish Rite in the United States, until a Northern Supreme Council was established in New York City in 1813. The boundary between the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions, still recognized today, was firmly established in 1828. Mackey invited Pike to join the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction in 1858 in Charleston, and he became the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council the following year. Pike held that office until his death, while supporting himself in various occupations such as editor of the Memphis Daily Appeal from February 1867 to September 1868, as well as his law practice. Pike later opened a law office in Washington, D.C., and argued a number of cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. However, Pike was impoverished by the Civil War and remained so much of his life, often borrowing money for basic living expenses from the Supreme Council before the council voted him an annuity in 1879 of \$1,200 a year for the remainder of his life. He died on April 2, 1892, in Washington, D.C.





FROM THE WEST



The following is attributed to The Grand Lodge of Texas. However, I haven't been able to discover where or when it was published originally, nor do I know the original author. I have it from themasonictrowel.com, and recommend you read it in its entirety there, as it is a fascinating article.

The Compasses

During his initiation, the Entered Apprentice Mason is told that the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses are the Three Great Lights of Masonry while they are presented as the Furniture of the Lodge in the Entered Apprentice Lecture. During the lecture, he is told the Holy Bible is dedicated to God because He presents His divine will to us through His sacred writings, the Square to the Master since it is the proper emblem of his office, and the Compasses to the Craft.

Let us now consider the Masonic symbolism of the Compasses. It is one of the first symbols presented to the new Freemason, where he is told it is dedicated to the Craft as an emblem of the self-restraint that enables him to act according to right on all occasions. The Compasses, as such, teaches the Freemason the obligation he owes to himself. That obligation needs to be made plain. It is the primary and imperative duty of circumscribing his desires and keeping his passions within due bounds. As Solomon says in Proverbs 16:32, "Better is he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

In short, the Compasses represent self-knowledge, self-reverence, and self-control. Without these three characteristics, one's life may lead toward confusion and chaos. All three are required for the proper balance in our relationships to God, our fellow man, and ourselves. To know ourselves, our strengths and weaknesses and our limitations, is the first key to wisdom and security against many a pitfall in life. Without this knowledge, or by disregarding it, a man can go too far, exceed his limita-

tions, and lose control of himself. In doing so, he loses some measure of his self-respect, which leads to losing respect for others and ultimately losing respect for God.

We live within physical and spiritual spheres that are both limited and unlimited. Hemmed in and restricted we strive for liberty without rule or limit. However, limitless liberty is anarchy and slavery. Liberty rests upon law, and it is a wise man who takes account of both, who knows how to qualify one by the other. The Compasses teaches the Freemason how to achieve this balance, in his physical and spiritual life.

Political philosopher Edmund Burke wrote, "Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains upon their own appetites; in proportion as their love to justice is above their rapacity; in proportion as their soundness and sobriety of understanding is above their vanity and presumption; in proportion as they are more disposed to listen to the counsels of the wise and good, in preference to the flattery of knaves. Society cannot exist unless a controlling power upon will and appetite be placed somewhere, and the less of it there is within, the more there must be without. It is ordained in the eternal constitution of things that men of intemperate minds cannot be free. Their passions forge their fetters."

Much of our life is ruled for us with the laws of nature governing the universe while the laws of the land make us aware that the rights and liberties of others limit our liberty. In addition, we are faced with the norms of society that we dare not to defy altogether. These represent many areas from which our passions and desires can stray at our peril. However, there are many areas of our life where we have freedom and these are the places where most of our joy and sorrow lie. It is in the realm of desire and emotion within ourselves where we are the freest and the most alone. It is here that the Freemason needs the wise and faithful use of the Compasses.

How to use the Compasses is one of the finest arts, requiring the highest skill of the Master Ma-

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son. If he is properly instructed, he will rest one point on the innermost center of his being and with the other draw a circle beyond which he will not go, until he is prepared to go farther. He will live and labor within his limits, striving to increase his moral and spiritual knowledge until he reaches the outer rim of his circle, his bounds. He will then draw another circle and grow to its bounds until he attains a full-orbed life, balanced, beautiful, and finely poised. No wise man should dare to forget the saying, "In nothing too much," for there are many situations encountered in life where a step too far or a word too much leads to disaster. If he experiences a quick tongue, a hot temper, or a bad mood, he will apply the Compasses to keep his weaknesses within his circle of strength and control his passions.

As we consider our relationship to God, we must also use the Compasses to draw a circle encompassing as much of His nature as we can understand, enlarging the circle as our spiritual understanding grows. While it is beyond man's grasp to fully understand God's nature in this life, He does provide for us an avenue to understand that nature when we are instructed to "love our neighbor as ourselves." In this sense we are reminded of the inscription at the Salisbury Abbey when truth and loyalty should never deviate towards our fellow-man.

It is fitting to close this discussion with the symbolic explanation of the Compasses provided in Akin's Manual. The words warrant our careful reflection. "The Compasses remind us of His unerring and impartial justice, which, having defined for our instruction the limits of good and evil, will either reward or punish us, as we have obeyed or disregarded His divine commands."

From the South



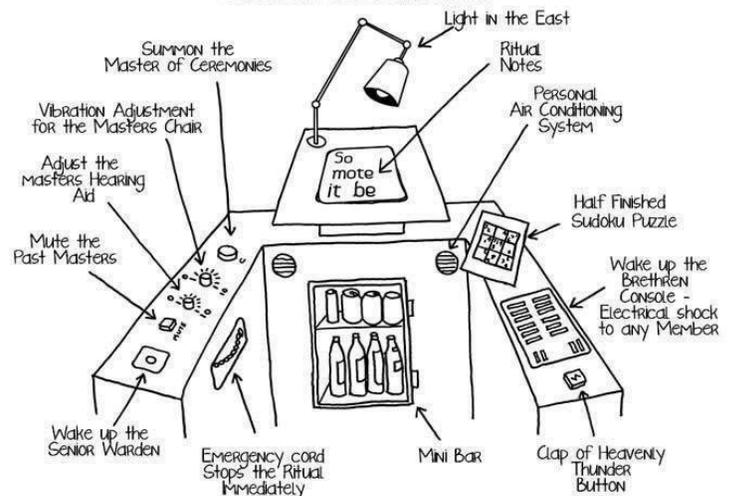
After much thought of what to write in this month's trestle board I decided to undergo a project which will take up the majority of my term as Junior Warden. For this month's article I will give a brief overview of the content that will be covered throughout the remainder of the Masonic year.

In the September trestle board I wrote about, what I believed, was the foundation of our moral system, and as a quick reminder the theory that I proposed was that our moral system was based on the virtue theory, "that is morality that makes virtue the central concern". We are not the only organization that clings to virtues in the development of morality, in fact there are many. Over the next coming months brethren please join me on an exploration of various religions and organizations to explore the virtues within, and shed just a little more light into our lives and the world around us.

As we welcome the start of the holidays in the month of November please join us for a well prepared ham feast by our always faithful Stewards.

Fraternally,
Matthew Archilla
Junior Warden

The Worshipful Masters Chair Control Instructions



Building Preservation		October Donations	
<u>Donor</u>		<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>	
Billy Lemmons Jr.		Bro. Billy Lemmons Sr.	
Abb Kestler		Bro. Claude Hollen	
Bob Easterling		Sharon Arce	



<i>November Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Date
Clarence Smith	11/3
Henry C. Kohl	11/4
Jonathan B. Cluck	11/4
Johnnie R. Wimpy Jr.	11/4
Herman H. Haas Jr.	11/5
James K. Duncan	11/6
William D. Hammett Jr.	11/7
Daniel E. Roane	11/9
Jeffery R. Christoff	11/9
Ralph H. Wiesepepe	11/9
Herman H. Hass	11/10
John E. Davis	11/10
Jimmie C. Adams	11/11
John D. Smith	11/14
Jeffery L. Hamilton	11/15
Calvin S. Sachers	11/16
Jackie D. Elliff	11/17
Robert B. McGill	11/17
Roger F. Towns	11/18
James R. Lloyd	11/20
Scott A. Hardin	11/23
Terry S. Trotti	11/25
Carl G. Prasel	11/25
Donald F. Hoose	11/27
David L. D'Spain	11/28
Charles C. Lianza Jr.	11/30

<i>November Service Anniversary</i>	
Brother	Years MM
William H. Sorenson	55
Oscar B. Martin	52
James T. Stewart	47
Herbert A. Rittimann Jr.	46
Ralph H. Wiesepepe	40
Don E. Herald	33
James L. Baker	32
Fred L. Waterman	23
Mark E. Morley	19
James A. Earl IV	18
Jeffery L. Hamilton	17
Scott A. Davis	16
James E. Berne Jr.	10
Kenneth L. Fitzpatrick Jr.	10
Lee J. Raspberry	10
Jon B. Tipton	10
Ronald G. Trine	8
Terry S. Trotti	6
James K. Hardin	6
Herman W. Floyd	3

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897
Death



John W. Edgar

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

Check Out Kendall Lodge's New Website!

Senior Warden Dow Mathis has spent many hours modernizing our website:

www.kendalllodge897.org

Take a look & give him a "thanks."



SECRETARY'S CORNER



Brethren... We have had several busy months since Installation and we're still moving on. We have just started selling **tickets for a new winner-takes-all raffle with a His (Glock 40 caliber semi-automatic handgun) and a Hers (Taurus pink .38 special Pink Revolver)** as prizes. **Tickets are only \$5 each or 5 for \$20.** Buy a bunch and support our Scholarship Program for Kendall County High School Seniors.

NOW... Here are a few things to mark on your calendar for November:



Monday, November 21st, will be our **November Stated Meeting** with Dinner starting at 6:30 PM, Food and Fellowship last until 7:20 PM or so, and our Stated Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Again...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.



Brethren... Past Master Bob Easterling is trying to develop a Facebook Page honoring the veterans of Kendall Lodge. He is asking for the following from either a member or the wife of a member who also served:

- 1.) One or two photos of veteran in uniform (doesn't have to be dress)
- 2.) Entry Date into military
- 3.) Discharge Date from military
- 4.) Rank at Discharge
- 5.) Branch of military
- 6.) Primary job in military
- 7.) Overseas service
- 8.) Combat service



On **Monday, December 12th** we will have our **Service Awards Night** for Masons who have 65, 60, 50, 40, or 25 years of Masonic Service. We'll honor our recipients beginning at **7:00 PM followed by refreshments** in the Banquet Room. Put this important event on your calendars and come and honor these Brothers.



The **51st Masonic District Masters, Warders, and Secretaries Association** is **Dark** during November and December due to holiday conflicts.

In other Fraternal Bodies:



The **Boerne Shrine Club** will meet on **Wednesday, November 16th** at **Longhorn Café's Old Number 9** for their Stated Meeting. Fellowship begins at **6:00 PM with the meeting beginning at 7:00 PM.**



The **Brownwood No. 22 Commandery** at Kendall Lodge will have an **Inspection on Saturday, November 19th** at **5:00 PM.** If you are a member don't forget to attend.



Alzafar Shrine's **2016 Shrine Circus at Freeman Coliseum** will begin on **November 3rd through 6th.** Get your tickets by calling 210-496-1625. Come and bring your kids, grandkids. In-laws, Out-laws of all ages to the Shrine Circus.



The **Grand Lodge of Texas 2017 Grand Communication** will be from January 19th-21st this year in Waco. All Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren are welcome to attend our tiled meetings. Wives are invited to attend our Opening Session on Thursday afternoon, Oration on Friday afternoon, and Installation on Saturday afternoon. There are also several meetings just for you, as well as trips that you and sign up and go on while your Masons are *toiling* away.

To all of our members: The Worshipful Master and Officers of Kendall Lodge wish you and your family a bountiful Thanksgiving, warm hearts, and close fellowship during the holidays. Remember to be thankful for what you have been given, loving to those whom you share your life with, and grateful for the Brethren here to support you. ***Have a safe holiday and see you on the other side!***

Gary L. Bausell

Secretary
November 2016

A Tribute To Veterans

As Veterans Day grows near, I consider our country's current and past support for veterans. Although Veterans Day has been a national holiday for many years, it is not a holiday that allows time off for most Americans to participate in many of the same functions and activities associated with Labor Day or Memorial Day. The banks, federal and state agencies close for business on Veterans Day, but most of the business enterprises do not. I am fully aware our social environment in regard to holidays has changed quite a bit over the years, because I have witnessed the change with age. I can remember when no business was open on Thanksgiving or Christmas Day. Now, we can go shopping on all holidays. I will not go into my views of hard working Americans having to work on either of those holidays, because that is not focus. My primary point of issue is actually recognizing and honoring our veterans. It is very unlikely our country will actually adapt the same considerations for Veterans Day as given for Labor Day or Memorial Day. This would mean the real business world would have to provide time off for employees, lose a day's business, and be forced to pay overtime for those who have to work on the holiday. I am guilty of the same social stigma, and **I am a veteran**. I must admit I am ashamed of myself for not doing more to honor our veterans in past years.

I am proud of the support our citizens are providing for our fine active duty military service members and those recently separated from active duty. These folks deserve the support they receive, plus so much more.

Our country has millions of veterans whose service to their country deserves consideration on Veterans Day. All of these veterans sacrificed to support the **freedom of all** in our great country. We still have a great number of World War II veterans in our midst, as well as veterans of the Korean conflict and all the other military conflicts which followed. Whether the veteran served in a combat or a peacetime environment, each sacrificed for their country. Each can tell their own stories of time away from home and family, hardships endured in performing all kinds of military missions from K.P. (kitchen police) to hand to hand combat. Veterans are generally humble and don't go around bragging about their time in service. If you tell a veteran **thank you** for serving our great country, **most will tell you they were just doing their job and let it go at that**. A few well thought questions can generally draw out some great information from any veteran you speak to. I guarantee you will learn things about the person that will surprise you. Most veterans enjoy speaking about the good times in service and the daily routine hardships of military service. Don't look to hear a bunch of war stories from a combat veteran, because real combat veterans prefer not to re-live the events. As a veteran myself, I truly enjoy visiting with older veterans from World War II and the Korean era, because they give me great insight to what military life was during their active duty time versus mine. I know I would not have liked being a soldier during either era, because daily life and living conditions were quite a bit harsher than the Viet Nam era. I can truthfully say, it is the day to day sacrifices of our service members that most folks in our society are not aware of. The majority of people without military experience get their view of life in the military from movies. Movies portray our service members in combat related situations, with an occasional movie centered on humor. Although movies generally depict our service members in a positive manner, they center on the story line of the movie and the main character's role. The movie must entertain the audience, and time does not allow the depiction of real day to day life in the military. The audience is left with a limited view of life in the military. Thus, the best way to find out about

military life without actually living the experience is to talk to the veteran who has.

I am compelled to address another very important veteran related group who are almost always forgotten on Veterans Day. When we think of veterans we think of our service members who actually served in the military and their sacrifices. I think Veterans Day should also honor the family members who experienced military life along with their significant other or parent. These special folks make tremendous sacrifices too. Military wives and children endure many of the same hardships and sacrifices as the service members. They, too, are subjected to long absences from their loved ones and often live in foreign countries that do particularly care for Americans. Military families have to move frequently without any choice as to when or where. The military determines where it wants its service members stationed in the best interest of our country and the particular branch of service. There are some areas where military families are not allowed to accompany the service member, such as combat zones like Iraq or Afghanistan. Often the military family can not accompany the service member during the initial move to the new duty station overseas and must wait until government quarters or economy housing is available for the family. Thus, the family may not join the service member for many months and must make a decision where to reside until they can join the service member at the new duty station. These moves create hardships for children changing schools frequently and working spouses who must leave their job and find another at the new location. I can go on and on about the difficulties of military families, but it is much more enlightening and entertaining to learn about these in conversation with someone who has lived the life.

I urge those who read this to make a little extra effort this Veterans Day to give a salute to the veterans in their lives, whether it be a co-worker, friend, or a family member. I can't think of one veteran who expects a verbal thank you, a card, a note, a letter, an email, or telephone call to acknowledge the service they performed for our country. I recently received a patriotic card from one of my nieces thanking me for my service to our country. I was truly touched, because she is the first in my family to give me a salute of thanks. I never thought this young lady of modern times ever gave thought to my service in the military. All my family knows of my military service, and I am sure they appreciate it. However, like most folks, they simply never thought to say thank you. I sure understand, because I have never thanked my father for his service in World War II in the Pacific. I assure you a simple thank you to any veteran will make their heart swell with pride.

I am sure the family members who endured the hardships of military life will not expect acknowledgement of their sacrifices, but I think Veterans Day is a great time to remember them too. I suggest my readers consider a salute to the veterans of military family life too. These special people will surely be surprised, and you may get to hear a story or two of military life. It will make the recipient of your salute feel appreciated for their part in military life, and it may even start a new trend for our military families.

Robert D. Easterling
SGM (Ret.) USA
17 Oct. 2008