



June 2017

FROM THE EAST



Greeting Brethren,

As we near the end of the 2016-2017 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 enjoy your Memorial Day weekend and that all honor the men and women who have served our country and given so much for our freedom. Thank you for your service.

- **May 27th** Open House 10 AM— 2PM Come and visit with the public as they are provided tours of our Lodge facility.
- **June 2nd** OES Installation of Officers 7 PM
- **June 5th** We will honor our Past Masters with a meal and program that you should not miss.
- **June 19th** at our stated meeting will be electing officers for 2017—2018 Masonic year.
- **June 24th** at 8:30 AM we will open a Master Masons Lodge for the purpose of installing our new Officers for the 2017—2018 Masonic year. The installation will begin at 10 AM.

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

I Knelt Where Hiram Knelt

Author unknown

Last night I knelt where Hiram knelt
and took an obligation.
Today I'm closer to my God
for I'm a Master Mason.

Though heretofore my fellow men
seemed each one like the other,
today I search each one apart.
I'm looking for my brother.

And as I feel his friendly grip
it fills my heart with pride.
I know while I am on the square
that he is by my side.

His footsteps on my errand go
if I should such require.
His prayers will lead in my behalf
if I should so desire.

My words are safe within his breast
as though within my own,
his hand forever at my back
to help me safely home.

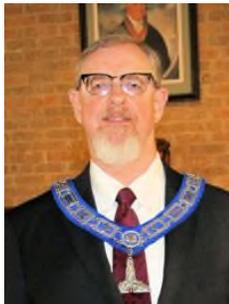
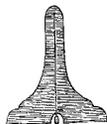
Good counsel whispers in my ear
and warns of any danger.
By square and compass, Brother now
who once would call me stranger.

I might have lived a moral life
and risen to distinction
without my Brothers helping hand
and the fellowship of Masons.

But God, who knows how hard it is
to resist life's temptations,
knows why I knelt where Hiram knelt
and took that obligation.



The FROM THE WEST



Importance of Communication

Recently, while talking with my wife, Beth, she said something to the effect of, "What are you cooking tomorrow?" Now, I didn't want to look like a total idiot, so I said something like, "Well, what would you like," instead of what I was really thinking, which was more along the lines of, "What in the world are you talking about?" This little exchange brought home to me (again) the importance of knowing what's going on, what's planned, and what plans have changed. In addition it made me realize (also again) the importance of knowing those things early enough to make the proper arrangements.

With these ideas in mind and because I saw similar things being done in other lodges, I took it upon myself to set up a free account with Vertical Response, an email marketing outfit. The purpose will be to make sure that we notify our brethren of important upcoming activities and events involving Kendall Lodge. If you have a registered email address then you should have already started receiving these on a weekly basis (except for the first week, which required a supplemental mailing to correct some mistakes). If you didn't receive an email then please check your spam bucket. If it's not there, please contact us here at the lodge to confirm your email address so that we can get you on the list.

I hope that you'll find these notices useful and that you'll make every effort possible to attend some of the events that we have coming down the pike. Also, please let us know what you think of the emails and the information they contain.

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 Deaths



Dean Cook Reynolds

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

Member Happenings



US Navy veteran and Kendall 897 member, Brother Zane Maltsberger (above right), a Deputy in the San Diego County (California) Sheriff's Department, received a Lifesaving Medal for risking his life to rescue a passenger trapped in a burning vehicle.

Brother Zane was previously recognized as the Vista Chamber of Commerce "Deputy of the Year".



A century of service: (l to r) Bro. Lewis "Knuckles" and Lady Betty Gimbel; Ms. Louise Currington and Bro. Jim Davies

Past Masters Lewis Gimbel & Jim Davies received 50 year Service awards from R.:W.: James Harrell



FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

As our Masonic year comes to a close so does our journey through the various religions and their respective virtues. However, before we end our journey we have one more stop to make in the East. The last of the religions in which we will be investigating the virtues thereof is that of Taoism. While I could not find a religious temple, or local organization with which to speak concerning the virtues within Taoism, this is a religion that has peaked my interest from my earliest years of self study in comparative religion. I have read extensively in regard to Taoism, and find it to be by far one of the most interesting of the religions to study, but one of the hardest to explain; it's one of those "you had to be there kind of experiences." For the purposes of this article we will keep it fairly simple with a brief look at some of the history of Taoism before we finally conclude this journey with the virtues of Taoism, otherwise known as The Three Jewels.

As far as old religions go Taoism falls into number seven on the list dating to between the 3rd and 6th century BCE. The book considered to be the fundamental work of the Taoist tradition is the "Tao Te Ching", written by a man named Lao Tzu, which tradition states was born of a virgin some 2500 years ago. The story goes that Lao Tzu was an important record keeper within one of China's most powerful dynasties. Over time, and through access to records, Lao Tzu detected a pattern of declining morals within the people of China. In response to this Lao Tzu became a traveling preacher teaching the principles of the Tao, which means the way or path. At some point Lao Tzu decided to become a hermit, collected his things and began leave the royal city. As the story goes, on his way out of the royal city one of the guards at the gate recognized him and convinced Lao Tzu to write down all the teachings of the Tao, which eventually became the holy book the "Tao Te Ching". To date there is little to no evidence that Lao Tzu ever lived, leading many historians to attribute this story to mythology. I have even read a theory that assigns authorship of the "Tao Te Ching" to Methuselah. As far as Taoism as a religion, many scholars argue that it does not fit the traditional definition of a religion, but is rather a movement of thought (philosophy), or a way of life. Either way, an estimated 173 million people practice Taoism as a religion and are mostly

concentrated in China.

The Three Jewels of Taoism are actually the virtues of such. As I lay them out I will first do so straight out of the book, in Lao Tzu's words so to speak, then in more western terms. These virtues are to be found in "chapter 67" of the "Tao Te Ching" and are as follows:

"Not harming others"...This is the virtue of compassion. "According to Lao-Tzu, compassion leads to courage. When we see living beings suffering, we are motivated to help alleviate their difficulties. Compassion flows from an understanding that all things are one and interconnected. When we realize that we are of the same substance as all things, our sense of identity naturally begins to expand to include all beings."

"Simplicity"...This is the virtue of moderation. "Moderation...is a commitment to avoiding overindulgence and excess. Lao-Tzu points out the moderation leads to generosity, because those who are frugal with their resources have more to give when their energy is really needed. In addition to the tradition meanings of the term, moderation in the Taoist sense promotes a modest, wholesome, and non-materialistic lifestyle."

"Not daring"...This is the virtue of humility. "In advising us to "dare not to be ahead of others," Lao-Tzu echoes the famous sentiment of Jesus that "many who are last shall be first."

The *Tao Te Ching* teaches that in a spiritual sense, the best way to lead is remain humble and set an example from behind the scenes. In addition, such an approach helps us stay out of life's line of fire, which can help us reach our full potential without being cut short by misfortune."

Taoism is no doubt one of the oldest known religions currently practiced by millions of people either as such or simply as a philosophy. Regardless of how a person practicing Taoism implements it into their lives, we can all agree that their virtues are ones that echo across the spectrum of many faiths and are honorable indeed.

Next month Brethren we will come full circle, back to the beginning of our journey, and give this adventure purpose and meaning within Masonry. In the mean time please join us next month for our usual business meeting, and our annual election of Officers. Lastly, there is a tentative plan for our next philosophical round table to be held on June 26th; pencil that into your calendars and stay tuned for details.

Fraternally,
Matthew Archilla



SECRETARY'S CORNER



Well Brethren... we are nearing the end of this Masonic year and will have elections at our June 19th Stated Meeting followed by the Installation of Officers for 2017-2018 on the following Saturday, June 24th. Come and thank this year's officers for the job that they've done and congratulate those that will lead us for the next twelve (12) months.

May flowers leads to June and summer, but put these events on your calendar this month:



On the 5th of June at 6:30 PM we will be honoring our Past Masters from Kendall Lodge as well as those affiliated with us since they were a Past Master in another lodge. In case you're wondering there are 34 of us at Kendall right now. **Right Worshipful Keith Reynolds will be bringing us the program following dinner.** Bring your wife with you and enjoy the evening, but please RSVP to the Lodge email or voicemail. We don't want to run out of food.



We will be honoring our graduating 2017 senior scholarship winners from **Boerne, Champion, and Comfort High Schools at this month's Stated Meeting.** Lamar Medal(s) will be presented at this dinner as well. So come and congratulate all of them.



And **Monday, June 19th** will be our **June Stated Meeting** with Dinner starting at 6:30 PM, Food and Fellowship lasting until 7:20 PM or so, and our Stated Meeting starting at 7:30 PM. Remember that 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're currently planning our **2ndQ2017 Philosophical Round Table meeting for Monday, June 26th at Hillbillyz** on Highway 473. Dinner will be from Billy's menu at 6:00 PM with the meeting starting around 6:30 PM. Come and philosophize with us about Masonry.



Has it been awhile since you've been to the lodge? Did you come to our Open House on May 27th? Then come in and meet the officers and members! Don't put it off again!

PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

- **Friday, June 2nd will be Boerne Chapter No. 200 OES's Installation of Officers at 7:00 PM.** Come and support one of our affiliated bodies.
- On June 19th we will be **honoring our scholarship recipients and presenting our Lamar Medals to their recipients** at the June Stated Meeting on **Monday, June 19th. Don't forget.**
- **We will also be voting on the 2017-2018 Officer Corps** at the June 19th Stated Meeting.
- And last, but not least, **we will have our Installation of Officers at 10:00 AM on Saturday, June 24th** at Kendall Lodge. Come and participate.
- On June 28th the M. C. Holman Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association will meet in Center Point at Rising Star Lodge No. 429. Light dinner at 6:30 PM with a short meeting at 7:00 PM. Come check us out and wives are welcome to attend.

Gary L. Bausell
Secretary



<i>June Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Date
Eric V. Viereck	6/2
Lewis F. Gimbel Jr.	6/3
Darrell S. Noah	6/4
William H. Sorenson	6/7
Terry A. Stahl	6/7
Brenan S. Cook	6/11
Bryan W. Dedeker	6/12
John D. Pritchett	6/13
Henry E. Martin	6/19
Donald K. English	6/22
John W. White	6/24
Jeffrey D. Roach	6/24
Ronald L. Eckert	6/27
James W. Ziehmke	6/30



Past Masters David Bruton and Bill Carder Present Kendall's 2017 Golden Trowel Award To Brother Jim Davies



Bro. Jim Davies Receives His 50 Year Service Pin



Bro. Lewis "Knuckles" Gimbel Receives 50 Year Pin

June Service Anniversaries

Brother	Years MM
Edward A. Heath	55
Michael L. Whiteside	53
Joseph E. Sill	52
Albert S. Rosenberg	39
Roger D. Duncan	39
Rodney G. Edmondson	33
Alexander H. Zogheib III	31
Claude Smith Jr.	31
Thomas L. Taylor	21
Larry D. Ross	20
Jerry L. Kelley	19
James W. Ziehmke	19
Brandt C. Klutts	14
Ryan J. Maltsberger	11
Zane L. Maltsberger	11
Jeffrey D. Roach	10
Daniel E. Roane	7
Scott D. Hoiberg	6