



August 2017

## FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

If you weren't able to make our Stated meeting in July, you missed a real treat. Chris Williams, PM of Davy Crockett #1225, and Vice Chairman of the Grand Lodge Education Committee, brought us the first of what I hope will be a long line of educational talks and discussions about the Craft. Brother Chris gave a talk on how important investigations are to not only the lodge and to the candidate, but to Masonry as a whole. In his words, "the investigation of a petitioner is the most important job you, I, or any Mason will ever do." Timely words, as well, since we've begun investigations on two new petitioners.

Please stay tuned as we will be having other speakers from both within and without our lodge over the coming months. We've instituted a weekly email campaign to apprise the brethren of upcoming events about the lodge, as well as special called meetings, degrees, etc. If you haven't been getting these email messages, then it's almost certainly because the lodge doesn't have your email address. Please call the lodge

(830-249-8917)

or email us at

[secretary@kendalllodge8987.org](mailto:secretary@kendalllodge8987.org)

with your contact info. If we can't contact you, then we can't keep you up to date on what's going on.

*Dow Mathis*  
Master

## The Master's Apron

by Robert Burns, 1786

Ther's mony a badge that's unco brow ;  
Wi ribbon, lace and tape on ;  
Let kings an' princes wear them a' ,  
Gie me the masters apron!

The honest craftsman's apron,  
The jolly freemason's apron,  
Be he at hame or roam afar,  
Before his touch fa's bolt and bar,  
The gates of fortune fly ajar,  
Gin he but wears the apron!

For wealth and honour, pride and power  
Are crumbling stanes to base on;  
Fraternity suld rule the hour,  
And ilka worthy mason!  
Each free accepted mason,  
Each ancient crafted mason!

Then brithers let a halesome sang  
Arise your friendly ranks along .  
Guid wives and bairnies blithely sing  
To the ancient badge wi' the apron string  
That is worn by the master mason!



SW Matt Archilla Presents 2017 Lamar Medal To Ms. Wanneta Hill, Boerne Champion HS



## FROM THE WEST



Just like that another year has come and gone. However, as with everything, as one thing ends another begins just as quickly. I am honored to be in service to the Lodge again this year, and feel confident that we have an outstanding group of Officers to usher in a new Masonic year.

It seems that the “ink” was hardly dry from last month’s Trestleboard article before it came to time to sit and begin to draw the designs upon such for this month’s. However, after much consideration, I have yet again decid-

ed to stick to a theme for this year’s Trestleboard articles. Last year I wrote concerning virtues within our own fraternity before investigating the core virtues within many of the predominate religions around the world. This year we will be investigating the importance of education, namely the Liberal arts and Sciences, as well as the Mysterious, and often overlooked, subject of Sacred Geometry.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as an Officer for this Masonic year, and stay tuned for our regularly scheduled program.

**'You have power over your mind—not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength.'**

Marcus Aurelius

*Matt Archilla*  
Senior Warden



**Masonic District 51 M.C. Holman Masters Wardens & Secretary Association’s New Officers**  
 (l to r) Chaplain Deacon Wall (all lodges), Secretary/Treasurer Gary Bausell, (Kendall #897)  
 President Bill Lynn (Kerrville #697), VP Fred Ayers (Fredericksburg #794),  
 and President-Elect Dow Mathis (Kendall #897)



## FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

As stated in last month's trestleboard article, the topic I wrote about regarding growing in masonry as well as within yourself. Of course, if life came with instructions, experience would be a lot easier, but would we have really learned the lesson without the struggle? I have heard people say if life came with an instruction manual, things would have been different or easier. Life does come with an instruction manual; it's called the Bible, being one of our jewels in our Lodge. Another good instructional manual is our trestle board.

"A Masonic trestle board is a design board for the Master Workman (Architect) to draw his plans and designs upon to give the workmen an outline of the work to be performed. In today's terms, we might call it a blueprint"

I read a short article where Hiram Abif's tracing board (or trestle board) was constructed out of wood. To communicate his plans/ instructions to his Master Mason's, the piece of wood was covered in wax. When the wax dried, Hiram began etching his plans, being whatever symbols or measurements, into the wax directing his Master Mason's to achieve what needed to be done. At the end of job, the wax was scraped off the wooden board and a new layer of wax was layered on to dry for the next instructions written the next morning after drying.

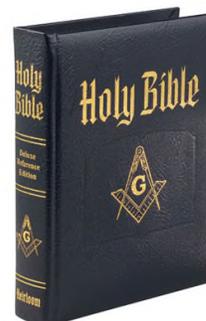
Throughout the years, when Mason's met, the same tracing board principle was put into effect. Masons drew their tracing boards in the dirt where they met or on the ground floor

with a piece of chalk to communicate what the "architect's" plan was to be. Master Masons received and understood their duties and responsibilities. When all participation was concluded, the tracing board was erased showing no trace of anything. The dirt would be shuffled and scattered, the chalk was mopped up. As time continued, the tracing board was hung and displayed on an easel, or a trestle board.

As a Freemason, I received a different perspective from this article in addition to endless interpretations. A blue print showing what needs to be done then erased at the completion of it. We all have made an obligation to what we hold sacred to ourselves. Our Bible on our altar, our blueprint giving us instruction for what our God instructs us to do. Once completed, are we then called back to the Grand Architect of the universe? Is the new daily trace board replaced because after one good act we should not be letting our left hand know what the right hand is doing (Matthew 6:3-4)? What is written on your trestle board and who is writing it?

As I stated earlier, interpretations are limitless. We should all be taking advantage of our Masonic trestle board, because it is filled with good instruction to make us better men instructing us on what needs to be done.

*Ovidio Flores*  
**Junior Warden**





**SECRETARY'S CORNER**



**Brethren...** in case you haven't looked at the email notices of our Degrees lately, in early July we conferred three Fellowcraft Mason's Degrees on the same day. Then with hard work all three Brothers completed their Fellowcraft proficiencies in two weeks and were ready for their Master Mason's Degrees. We conferred two of the degrees on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The third Brother had his Master Mason's Degree conferred at his home lodge, Victoria Lodge No. 40 in Victoria, TX on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all three of these Brethren.



We're not done as we're also conducting investigations on two candidates who submitted their petitions for the degrees prior to the July Stated Meeting! The WORK continues!

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



**Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**, will be our **August 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. 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.



On **Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** the **M. C. Holman Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association of the 51<sup>st</sup> Masonic District, Grand Lodge of Texas** will meet in Kerrville Lodge No. 697 in Kerrville, TX. Light dinner at 6:30 PM with a short meeting at 7:00 PM. Come check us out and wives or visitors are welcome to attend.

**PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:**



We have been officially notified that our second official visit from Right Worshipful Jim Harrell, District Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas will be at our September Stated Meeting on September

18<sup>th</sup>. Come and see what Grand Master Most Worshipful Jerry Kirby wants us to know.



The Boerne Shrine Club meets on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> this month. If you would like to attend we'll be dining upstairs at Longhorn Café in Old No. 9 at Esser Road and River Road in Boerne with Fellowship Hour at 6:00 PM and a short Business Meeting at 7:00 PM. Come and join us. We're getting ready for our Tailgate Party for the Shriners participating in the Kendall County Fair Parade on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

***Don't say that there is nothing going on at Kendall Masonic Lodge for you or that you don't have time. We always find times for those things we consider important. Many of you have gotten out of the "habit" of attending lodge. Well... start a new "habit" of being an active part of our Fraternal Brotherhood and not just "card carrying" members.*** We're here and we always have something going on that you can be a part of and make a difference.

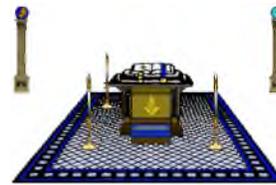
*Gary L. Bausell*  
Secretary

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Russell Copeland	
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<i>August Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Date
Cecil L. Noah	8/2
Ovidio M. Flores	8/4
Herman W. Floyd	8/5
Ronnie D. Pfeil	8/5
John W. Angle	8/6
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Antonio Hidalgo	8/22
Eugene Wall	8/22
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Chad T. Shirley	8/24
Arthur B. Williams	8/27
Ralph C. Lawless	8/28
Jay M. Miller	8/29
Mark D. Dalpiaz	8/29

<i>August Service Anniversaries</i>	
Brother	Years MM
Daniel J. Basarich	59
Howard H. Hutsell Jr.	58
Eugene Wall	57
Rudolph Aue III	56
Terrell E. Norris	53
Donald W. Jones	48
Richard D. Baggs	40
Mark D. Dalpiaz	36
Douglas R. Babbitt	35
Darrell S. Noah	33
Steven D. Fisk	16
Gary L. Bausell	15
Brent W. Berry	15
Charles M. Harvey	14
Stephen W. McMahan	12
Robert B. McGill	12
William H. Carder III	10
Todd J. Caron	5
Charles L. Clark	3



**Brothers, Families, & Guests Enjoy Another Of Steward Billy Leick's Great Meals Before The July's Stated Meeting**