







Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 A.F. & A.M.
 897 E. Blanco Road, Boerne, Texas 78006



September 2017

FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

Wow, here it is, September already. Hard to believe that school has started and that Summer break is a thing of the past. As things are gearing up in our community, they are gearing up in Kendall Lodge as well. In the last six weeks, we have raised two Master Masons and said a final farewell to one of our great Past Masters. While it saddens me to say goodbye to Brother Dutch, I find that I'm comforted by the growth I see in our younger members, and I know that Dutch was excited by them too. The last three Masters raised in Kendall lodge were all 18 years old. What a great thing to be able to say! Here are good, young men who are wise enough to make the decision that I didn't make until I was 47. What a long and wonderful journey lays before our newest brethren. If you get the chance to talk or correspond with Bros. Archilla, Gipson or Hardin, please make it a point to tell them how proud you are of them! These young men, and others like them, are the lifeblood and the future of our fraternity.

As I said above, things are picking up speed this month. September's Stated Meeting on the 18th sees the second official visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, R □ W □ James E. Harrell, who will be bringing us a message from the Grand Master. Please plan on attending to meet the DDGM if you don't already know him. Also on the 18th, we will be rolling out our fall scholarship fund

raiser. It's a little different this year, so be sure to attend the Stated Meeting to learn more about it. Then on Saturday, September 30th, we will have our annual Sausage and Brisket dinner. Jr. Deacon Garrett Ethridge is heading it up this year, and Sr. Steward Billy Lieck has agreed to cook once again. Please plan on attending both of these very important events.

As we continue into the fall of the year, let us all remember that it is the camaraderie of the fraternity that helps bind us one to another. Gather up your working tools, come out to the quarry, and work with us, brother!

Dow Mathis
Master

Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897
BBQ Sausage & Brisket Dinner



Great BBQ!

Saturday, September 30, 2017
 11:30 am — 2:00 pm

897 E. Blanco Rd, Boerne, Texas
 (Next to the Post Office)

Donation: \$10 (Includes Tea & Dessert)



FROM THE WEST



While it appears there is no end to the summer heat, just upon the horizon is the end of summer vacation for many of our school systems. Whether or not you have a child attending school, rest assured you will be caught in the added traffic, and watch those school zones! While a primary and secondary education is fairly common place these days in most Western Countries, and more common these days in less developed areas of the world than ever before, that was not always the case. Primary and secondary school aside, we have access to an immense amount of knowledge with just the flick of a finger. Although taken at face value it seems obvious to celebrate our advancements in knowledge and education. However, just under the surface of such great knowledge is a great moral decay taking place, and one that could threaten our very existence in more ways than one. Although virtues (morals) was the topic of exploration last Masonic year, before we dive head long into the liberal arts and sciences it is necessary that we explore the importance of moral virtue over knowledge.

Throughout much of mankind’s history, depending on which time period, region and culture, receiving a basic education was limited to few within a society or was based on logistical access to such. Even more restrictions were placed on access to receiving knowledge in the “higher” sciences and mathematics. Later in history the study and practice of any higher knowledge was considered heretical, punishable by the forfeiture of one’s life, which delivered a considerable blow to the advancement of knowledge. However, even at the risk of death, groups of men continued in secret to study, practice and advance the fields of science and mathematics. Whether or not access to knowledge should be restricted to a select group of people is justified, it is an interesting question to ponder and debate given the proper background.

In ancient times, the study of the sciences and mathematics was restricted to a few select people with the simple justification of moral implications. In order to be considered for a particular school a person had to undergo what we would consider an intense study of morals, namely that of moral virtues. In most schools, this was roughly seven years of theory, debate and practice. To be advanced into the Arts of higher knowledge, a person had to “prove” they were worthy by demonstrating strong virtues, which would in theory safe guard against the desire to use a form of higher knowledge for personal gain. Although there are many examples to demonstrate abuse of knowledge throughout history, too numerous to mention in a short article, weapons of war have been made for mass destruction utilizing science and mathematics; rhetoric, logic and the study of philosophy have been used to manipulate, and sway the masses into a host of false ideas, and even to convince people to buy stuff they don’t need.

In summary, knowledge, in the form of the liberal arts and sciences, has a high potential for abuse given to those with a personal agenda, and to prevent such abuses the ancient’s safe guarded the information by vetting candidates for entry, and mandating the study and practice of morals through the development of individual virtues. Although clearly an elitist theory and practice, nevertheless, one has to wonder, given the current state of affairs throughout the world, if this practice is founded in some merit. Now that the importance of virtues has been properly established we are set to continue an investigation into the liberal arts, the sciences and the mysterious art of sacred geometry in the months to come. In the meantime, food for thought, in whose hands does knowledge belong?

Matt Archilla
Senior Warden

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Bob Easterling	Ann Easterling
Abb Kestler	Bro. Dutch Hutsell



FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

I hope all are doing well and are in good spirits. This was a very interesting stated meeting we had this past Monday evening. It was great having a good attendance. If you missed it, I encourage you to come. For those that missed this past Monday night, we encourage you to come and join us and get reacclimated back with your fraternity.

As some of you all know, at times, we have a philosophical night where Master Masons gather to discuss philosophical subject matter. It was during one night, I surprised myself by making reference to our checkered floor pattern within the Lodge room. The blue and white checkered pattern. Some mosaic patterns are black and white; however, the same esoteric (special) meaning is still the same. We all know and are aware, the checkered floor is one of the most recognizable symbols within Masonry. In addition, no matter, where you go, whenever a Mason sees a checkered pattern, I bet you automatically think of Masonry or your Lodge. The checkered floor is a symbol of a particular concept regarding life blended with both good and evil.

Regardless of the color scheme being black or blue with a white checkered patter, the idea of darkness and light is still the same. Imagine standing in the floor right now. It doesn't matter if you have recently been in a Lodge or if you haven't been in a while. Imagine you are there standing on the floor. How symbolic is it with you standing on the symbolic floor of good and evil. Now open your eyes and notice the ground you are walking on or about to stand on. Ironically, the check-

ered pattern floor isn't there, but the good and the bad things in life are. Every day, no matter where you go, it is part of our life in dealing with the good's and the bad's, the pro's and the con's and such.

There really isn't much different in our reality if we think about it. No matter where you step on the checkered floor in the Lodge room, you will step on a dark tile and a white tile. No matter what you are doing in your everyday life, as we are engaged in whatever activity we are doing, we are engaged in the duality of making the right decision. There will always be this accord of goods and bad/ rights and wrongs.

The majority of people are taught the difference from right and wrong. Since childhood until right now in your adult life, we all work on our balance of this. There are many shades of positives and negatives, rights and wrongs, light and dark, happy and sad and the list can go on. All of us have different interpretations of what these are as well, but only you know yours. Mine may be different from yours.

Now needless to say when you combine these with a step, whether spiritual or physical, there is advancement. There is the advancement of learning about you. There is learning about where you want to walk and why. I read a great line being "Every Mason is intended to be the High Priest of his own personal temple and to make of it a place where he and Deity may meet". Imagine the challenge of one's self to accept the dealings of the checkered floor. Try your best to manage and control the directions you want to step in. After all, if you stare at the floor long enough, it starts moving. Ironic design of the floor or is there a deeper philosophical lesson while looking at it? As we walk, we are deciding what we want to master or do we let it master us?

Ovidio Flores
Junior Warden



**Brother Dutch's Burial Included Military As Well as Masonic Services
Brother David Vaughan Was Funeral Master And Delivered A Beautiful Service**



SECRETARY'S CORNER



Brethren... there are a lot of things coming up in the next few months. We're preparing for two degrees for our two new candidates who were just elected to receive the Degrees in Freemasonry. We have our Fall BBQ/German Sausage Fundraiser in a couple of months. We're looking for a date for our Service Awards this fall. The WORK continues!

Also a note to welcome William Holt Jr. who affiliated with the lodge at August's Stated Meeting. He is the Brother who purchased Vaughan's Funeral Home from David Vaughan. Welcome him to our lodge when you run into him....figuratively I mean!

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

 **Monday, September 18th**, will be our **September 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.

 **Right Worshipful Jim Harrell**, District Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas will be at our Dinner and **will be coming to this Stated Meeting making his Second Official Visit for 2017**. If you say you don't know what's going on... come, listen, and see what our Grand Master Most Worshipful Jerry Kirby wants us to do and know.

 On **Wednesday, September 27th** the **M. C. Holman Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association of the 51st Masonic District, Grand Lodge of Texas** will meet in Bandera Lodge No. 1123 in Bandera, 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.

 Brethren the 51st Masonic District will be holding the **2017 Randall E. Briscoe Workshop Program at the September MW&SA Stated Meeting** (noted above). Prepared by the Masonic Services and Education Committee at the Grand Lodge of Texas it will be presented by our Immediate Past President Robert Webb assisted by Kendall Lodge's Immediate Past Master Clarence Smith. It will last probably an hour or less. Come and learn something about Masonry and Masonic Ritual!

 Also Brethren... in case you haven't heard. Medina Lodge No. 1319 has officially laid down its working tools and consolidated with Bandera Lodge No. 1123. At our last MW&SA meeting in July Brother Secretary PM Neal Keiser told me that they had turned their Charter over to R.:W.: Harrell for transport to Waco that evening. Final Grand Lodge acceptance will be at the January 2018 Grand Communication by the Grand West. While the 51st District will lose one lodge, we have all of the Brethren in Bandera Lodge which is where Medina Lodge originally was formed.

PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:



The Boerne Shrine Club meets on Wednesday, September 20th this month. If you would like to attend we'll be dining at Lung Fung's Chinese Restaurant at 1004 North Main Street 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 2nd. Come, eat, and enjoy the company.

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

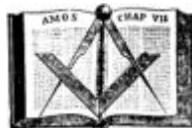


**It's Kendall Lodge BBQ Time Again
Come Join Us On Saturday, September 30th!**



<i>Sept Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Date
Scott L. Williams	9/2
James A. Earl IV	9/2
Daniel E. Gudas	9/3
Jacob T. Hardin	9/4
Koyle D. Knape	9/4
Thomas E. Carnes	9/5
Roger D. Duncan	9/7
Gary L. Bausell	9/7
Lee J. Raspberry	9/7
Steven L. Dearing	9/7
Joseph A. Carrola Sr.	9/8
Albert S. Rosenberg	9/9
Gordon S. Waldeck	9/9
Cary L. Clark	9/12
Michael R. Arthur	9/12
Michael G. Ethridge	9/16
Ronald G. Trine	9/16
William R. Lemmons Jr.	9/17
Charles A. Richter	9/24
John W. Uecker	9/29
William L. Holt Jr.	9/30

<i>Sept Service Anniversaries</i>	
Brother	Years MM
Stanley D. Young	57
Charles M. Straayer	56
Jack E. Cameron	54
Henry E. Martin	50
Donald D. Sharp	45
Josue' M. Martinez	43
Alvis R. Mathison	37
Jonathan B. Cluck	34
Jimmie C. Adam	32
Antonio Hidalgo	32
Arthur K. Peel III	29
Terry J. Reagan	20
Steven L. Dearing	19
Gilbert W. Alexander	13
Thomas L. Cottle	12
Robert M. Tucker	11
Garrett M. Ethridge	11
Michael G. Ethridge	11
Jerry D. Walker	11
Duane J. Garza	6



**Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897
Deaths**



Howard H. "Dutch" Hutsell

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



PM Brother Dutch Hutsell As Chaplain