



August 2018

FROM THE EAST



My Brethren All –

Masonic greetings and best wishes to each of you and your families.

A big Masonic thank you to Lodge member and PGM Gene Carnes for such a great installation of your Lodge Officers. Thank you to my lovely wife, Karen for planning and execution of the post-installation luncheon with the help of your Senior Steward Bubba Peel.

Your Lodge has done a lot in our first month – an awesome Master Mason’s Degree and setting the stage for a very busy twelve months. Thank you to the Brethren who showed up and did such an excellent job! Our Member and District Instructor, David Brunton did his usual job of getting the Degree Team ready.

We are planning on having a First Responder’s meal in September – more to come on this. Kendall Lodge hasn’t done this before although we traditionally have supported First Responders in Kendall County.

Your Lodge is also planning to have an event for school nurses and counselors where representatives from Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, Shrine Hospital and the York Rite Reading and Dyslexia Centers, so that we can get the word out on how Masonry can help others in our community.

Your Lodge is planning on helping with school supplies for local kids. Please come by the Lodge and drop your school supplies that will be donated to Boerne Independent School District. Check the BISD website for what is needed.

PM Bob Easterling has agreed to spearhead a new program for our lodge - Christmas for Our Troops.

We will be putting together Christmas packages for our troops. Bob is looking for help and donations. This is a super program for our Lodge and I trust you will support it.

We are considering a guided fall coastal fishing trip to the Rockport/Fulton area. Other lodges have done this to build intra-lodge fraternity, so we’re exploring it. Let me know what you think.

Lots of things happening at Kendall Lodge, but you’ve got to be at the Lodge to get the latest info!

Finally, my Brethren, please remember that your Lodge needs YOU! We have floor practice every Monday at 6:30 pm and additional opportunities on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. We’ve laid out an ambitious agenda but it won’t happen without you! As the old Chinese proverb says “Many make light work!”

See you in Lodge! It’s cooler than working in the yard.

Jonathan Cluck
Master

A Bible Presentation to a Master Mason

My Brother, you have served your apprenticeship as a bearer of burdens and hewer of stone in the quarries and have come at last to that exalted position as an overseer of work,....a Master Mason, free to travel into foreign countries, to work and receive Master’s wages.

We have given you your tools to work with and taught you their Masonic uses. We taught you how to properly divide your time by the 24 inch gauge, that you might have 8 hours in which to rest and 8 more to serve your fellow man and worship your Creator.

We gave you the common gavel with which to rid your mind and conscience of all the vices and superfluities of life, so that when your appointed time arrives, you may find your proper place in that spiritual temple, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

We taught you to walk uprightly by the plumb, to square your actions by the square of virtue, and how to meet and

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FROM THE WEST



Hello Brethren,

I hope this finds you all in good spirits and good health. So another school year is about to begin and back to the grinder. For those of us with kids in school, regardless of grade school, high school or college, one thing is inevitable. That is the spending of money and time then finding the balance to divide it all up plus some. Sound familiar?

Going on with our day to day lives, especially right after the end of summer, we all get back into the swing of things. New job tasks, different responsibilities, family and such all lead up to the division of time. Thus resulting to do recalculations to our own 24 inch gauge we carry within ourselves. For the most part, it is easy to get caught up in the act of doing, doing and doing. Go here, go there, volunteer for this or that, but isn't there so much more?

As Masons, we are taught "The Twenty-four-inch Gauge is an instrument used by operative masons to measure and lay out their work; but we' as Free and Accepted Masons are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of dividing our time. Being divided into twenty-four equal parts, it is emblematical of the twenty-four hours of the day, which



we are taught to divide into three equal parts; whereby we have eight hours for the service of God and distressed worthy brethren, eight for our usual vocations, and eight for refreshment and sleep."

What has always been interesting to me when I hear this part in the ritual is there is an isolated specific instruction unlike other parts. I am referring to the highlighted portion above. I am not sure about you, but in my vocation, the 8 hour work day can easily change into an 8 plus hour work day which can cause scale to tip over! Now we are caught in managing the kids piano lessons, cheer/dance practice, helping with school work, the honey do list, personal reflection time with my God, relaxing time, wife investments, dealing with personal struggles and balancing those phone calls from work, even at home. Sleep hasn't even been mentioned yet!!!

So how are we supposed to divide this time up? How are we supposed to look at or interpret this emblematical tool? Do we take it on a literal meaning or is there more to it? A person can't manipulate the 24 inch gauge. You can't take give or take hours in a day to use them elsewhere. So how do we do this?

According to my measurements Brethren, the time we are referencing has limitations. Please join me and come back next month to our trestle board for the continuation of this article.

Have a great day!

Ovidio Flores
Senior Warden

Bible Presentation

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work on the level. And, finally, we gave you the trowel with which to spread the cement of brotherly love and affection that binds us into the greatest fraternity the world has ever known; a brotherhood that extends into every far flung corner of the Earth.

But, my Brother, there is one thing that we have not yet given you,...something that every workman must have in order to do the best possible work. We have not yet given you a set of plans to work by, or in our Masonic language, ...your Trestle Board.

So, it is our pleasure and privilege at this time to present you with your Trestleboard. This is the Masonic Bible on which you placed your hands and kissed when you took your 3 Masonic Obligations here at this Masonic altar.

Here is your book of plans, the most complete set of plans ever given to a man. Here you will find a plan to guide you, comfort you, to sustain you in every contingency, in joy or in sorrow, in riches or in poverty, in fair weather or foul. The answer to ever question, to every need, can be found

between the covers of this great book.

How you will choose to use this set of plans, my Brother, is not for me to say. That is something you must work out for yourself. You may find the answer in the words of the prophets...in the 10 Commandments as laid down by Moses...in the records of the Mosaic found in the book of Exodus...in the inspirations of the Psalms and written by David,...or in the wisdom of the proverbs of King Solomon. Or, you may find it by example, the example of that perfect and most successful life lived 2000 years ago by a humble carpenter.

But, let me tell you this, my Brother, and I say it in all sincerity, whenever you turn to this Great Book to find your plan, you may fail it,... but it will never fail you.

So, we give you this Book of Plans...this Trestle Board...with our best wishes and blessings. It is yours to serve and guide you in your social, your business...and most importantly, your family life.

And now, properly equipped with your Trestle Board, go forth, my Brother, and do your work as a man and as a Master Mason!



FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

Another year has passed, and we have elected a new group of officers for Kendall 897. I would like to thank you all for bestowing your confidence in me as your Junior Warden for the upcoming year. There are a lot of things that we need to accomplish this year (such as fund raisers for scholarships and perhaps upgrades for our lodge etc.) and hopefully we can get those tasks done in such a way that it is fun and rewarding for both the brethren and the lodge.

This being my first article for the Trestle Board, I will make it short, please bear with me as I share a recent experience. I was on a trip to Kansas where I met a fellow mason. He saw the ring on my finger and struck up a conversation with me. We exchanged the usual pleasantries and soon found ourselves talking

about Masonry in general, but more so, I was asking about the things they were doing to engage their members as well as the programs they were involved in in their community for the betterment of the community. They were providing scholarships but were also asking the local schools what they could do to help with the needs of those children whose parents couldn't afford items such as their daily supplies, and were helping to meet those needs, as well as being a constant presence in the community and letting people know they were there to help. The way he described the members (I think it was somewhere around 540) they were a close-knit group who had several meetings a month but only one was for the usual lodge business and others were to have fun, do things in the community and connect as masons. The conversation was very enlightening and inspiring. I think we do a lot of the same things in our community, but we can always do better.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do, or if you have any suggestions to make Kendall 897 the Lodge that's being talked about by all Masons in the area as well as the community.

Thank you,

Kyle Jackson

Junior Warden

ATTENTION!!

The past two years our lodge has conducted a "Salute to Veterans" and posted recognition of the veterans that are members of our lodge just prior to and through Veterans Day. We post photos of the veteran along with a brief narrative of his service. We also salute the ladies who are veterans and married to members of our lodge. I am sure many of you have seen our posts and are aware of what I am talking about.



We plan to conduct the "Salute to Veterans" again this year, and I am the current project manager for the program. Although we have photos and info on many of our veterans, I know there are veteran members of our lodge that we are missing photos and narratives of their service.

If you are a veteran who has not provided veteran photos and information to the lodge, I ask you to please contact me and coordinate to provide your veteran photo and information, and allow us to honor you this year and following years.

Our fraternity, Worshipful Master, officers, and members of Kendall Masonic Lodge 897 thank you for your service.

Our new Worship Master has asked me to establish a new program for the lodge this year to mail goodie boxes to troops away from home during the Christmas holidays. It is Christmas in July for our start on this program. We need to start right now gathering names and addresses of these fine folks in order to start our preparations to support these folks. Christmas is the first of the holidays we want to support, but we may be able to extend it to other holidays or birthdays dependent on support and participation. Remember, our military away from home, whether being stationed in the Continental United States, Europe, Asia or a combat zone, need our support. Many folks think of soldiers away from home as being in a combat zone, but a soldier at Ft. Polk, Louisiana away from home and family is just as lonely and missing home as the soldier in Afghanistan. Although many of our military can get leave and spend time at home, many more can not.

If you have a family member or friend in the military that we can give some great support to, let us know. Pass the word to your friends and associates that Kendall Masonic Lodge 897 is going to do support packages to the military and ask them to contact us to provide names and addresses of their military member.

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Please help make both programs a big success. We can't do it without you!!!

Fraternally,
Bob Easterling
Past Master



SECRETARY'S CORNER



Brethren... the 2018-2019 Officers held their first Stated Meeting last month and it came off very well. We approved a Petition for Plural Affiliation for **Brother Geoffrey Whitt**, a Petition for Advancement for an Entered Apprentice Brother ready to continue his work, a demit for a Brother Master Mason, and Petition for Reinstatement for **Brother James Whitt**. A busy night.

We also raised a new Master Mason on Friday evening, July 13th. **Congratulations to our new Master Mason, Tom Allison Jr.!** **Yes... we have others getting ready for Fellowcraft degrees. Come and be a part of it!**

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



Monday, August 20th, 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. **Come on and join us!** 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.



Following our Stated Dinner, we will be receiving our **District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Robert Tucker**, from **The Grand Lodge of Texas**. Come and help us honor him and hear **Grand Master Tommy Chapman's** message for us during this second official visit.



Brethren... If you have kind of got out of the habit of attending our lodge meetings, then come to this month's Stated Meeting and meet some new people. Over the past few years we've picked up some great people both going through the degrees and by affiliation. **Why wait? There's no time like the present.**

ALSO OF INTEREST
TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:



Sisters and Brothers of Boerne Chapter No. 200, Order of the Eastern Star. On **August 3rd and 4th** there will be a roundup for **Past Grand Matron Sharon Mosmeyer and Past Grand Patron Tom Murphy** at Kendall Lodge. If you want to attend contact Gay Carnes for information.



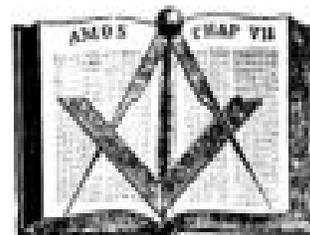
Nobles of Boerne Shrine Club and families. Our **Stated Meeting location for August will be held at the Hungry Horse Restaurant on Wednesday, August 15th**. We meet at 6:00 PM for Fellowship and have a short business meeting at 7:00 PM. If you are a Noble and don't belong to the Boerne Shrine Club then come and eat with us. You might want to join. If you're a Master Mason who is interested in the Shrine and our philanthropy, then come eat with us and we'll tell you what you have to do to join Alzafar Shrine and the Boerne Shrine Club.



The M. C. Holman Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association of the 51st Masonic District, M. W.: Grand Lodge of Texas will meet on Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018 at Kerrville Lodge No. 697 in Kerrville, TX and you can come and join us. We have a light meal at 6:30 PM and a short Business Meeting at 7:00 PM. All Masons, their wives, and other visitors are welcome to attend. This will be the first meeting of our new officers.

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





<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
William H. Carder III	8/6
Garil D. Allerkamp	8/8
John L. Eaton	8/11
James E. Davies	8/12
Donald W. Jones	8/15
Donald D. Sharp	8/15
Gaylin E. Kinsey	8/20
Richard L. Wackerman	8/20
Antonio Hidalgo	8/22
Eugene Wall	8/22
Arthur K. Peel III	8/23
Chad T. Shirley	8/24
Ralph C. Lawless	8/28
Mark D. Dalpiaz	8/29

<i>Raised In August</i>	
Brother	Years Ago
Daniel J. Basarich	60
Eugene Wall	58
Rudolph Aue III	57
Terrell E. Norris	54
Donald W. Jones	49
Richard D. Baggs	41
Mark D. Dalpiaz	37
Douglas R. Babbitt	36
Darrell S. Noah	34
Steven D. Fisk	17
Gary L. Bausell	16
Brent W. Berry	16
Charles M. Harvey	15
Robert B. McGill	13
William L. Holt Jr.	13
Stephen W. McMahan	13
William H. Carder III	11
Todd J. Caron	6
Charles L. Clark	4

<i>Building Preservation July Donations</i>	
<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Billy Lemmons Jr	Bro Billy Lemmons Sr
Bob Easterling	Angie Hoops
Abb Kestler Jr.	Bro. Lewis F. Gimbel Jr



Kendall Masonic Lodge #897 A.F. & A.M.
(Please remember the Building Preservation Fund)



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