



September 2018

FROM THE EAST



My Brethren All –

Masonic Greetings and Salutations as we move into September and hopefully cooler weather and RAIN!

Years ago I heard Past Grandmaster James Martin speak on two important aspects of Masonry:

1. How wonderful the World would be if everyone treated others as Masons should treat Brother Masons; and
2. "Guard ye well the West Gate!"

As Masons, we must live, act, treat and hold Brother Masons to a higher standard of behavior. This is essential to what it is to be a Mason. We've all knelt at the Altar and PROMISED before God and fellow Masons that we would observe and live a different life as contained in the Master Mason's Obligation. This includes "being there" to help a Brother when he stumbles along Life's rocky journey—a journey during which Life may be unexpectedly lost and the grim messenger Death takes us away. However, we as Masons, have chosen to set ourselves apart and work daily to live as The Craft teaches. Our values and standards are not of the secular world, but of the Obligation which we voluntarily made. We are each accountable to other Brethren for our actions—not only to other Brethren, but to the secular World at Large. Remember that if you wear a ring, lapel pin or have a Masonic License plate, YOU are a Masonic Ambassador. Your action-good or bad-reflect upon all others who wear the ring, lapel pin, or have a Masonic symbol on their car. You never know who might be watching.

We had an awesome turnout for Steward Bubba Peel's Panko Crusted fried fish supper and our own DDGM, R.:W.: Robert M. Tucker's official visit to his home Lodge to observe and grade us on our opening/

closing and reception. I'm certain that he was duly impressed by the massive turnout of the Brethren to welcome him to his home Lodge!

The fall fishing trip is still under consideration, as is sporting clays shoot at Joshua Creek Ranch (being coordinated by our Singing Shootist aka Brother Musician). More to follow. How about a Lodge night at the movies? Santikos Palladium is showing classic movies (I recall when they came out the first time!) Watch your email for more info. Might be fun! I hate to break it to some Brethren, but Clarke Gable and Greta Garbo are not making movies anymore!

The Fall BBQ fundraiser approaching in October. JD Brenan Cook is coordinating with SD Garrett Etheridge's help. Contact them early to offer your help. Success is essential to our continued support of \$2000 scholarships and support of other community organizations!

PM Charlie Lloyd reminds us to turn in those Charity slips so he can tote up our charitable support! Slips are by the Tiler's desk. Charlie reported that your Lodge provided over \$59,000.00 worth of charitable activities to the community last year!! Gold stars to all! I'll try to fill my slips in! Remind me!

PM Bob Easterling has graciously agreed to spearhead a new program for Kendall 897—Christmas packages for our Troops. We need Brethren to step up and assist Bob in soliciting donations and names. Perhaps your church group or a school class would like to partner with us on this project? Remembering our Troops is important-especially when they are serving away from home!

I found a Cowboy Poem about Masonry in Bro. Doug's Saddle Shop's wall and wanted to include it for your enjoyment [See Page 2]. Bro. Doug is an awesome Brother and craftsman! Stop by and visit with him and thank him for making our Tiler's Sword case (for the 2d time!).

Jonathan Cluck
Master



FROM THE WEST



Hello Brethren,

I hope all is well and wish you peaceful blessings. As a continuation from my article last month about the 24 inch gauge. I commented school was about to begin along with the other new beginnings which come with a school year. I concluded last month's article questioning how were we suppose to apply the 24 inch gauge? The best way I can put this in a comment my father used to tell me as I helped him in his shop.

My father has been in plastic fabrication pretty much his entire life. As part of his profession in fabrications, he had to do a lot of cutting; therefore, my father had a tape measure everywhere he went. As a child, I always heard him say "measure twice, cut once." Of course, I took the meaning as you better have the right measurement because once it is cut, there is no going back. Growing up, I remember him saying the same phrase regarding school work and other activities. This phrase never left my inner thoughts. Never did I ever think there was a whole deeper meaning to the phrase.

Is there any relevance to "measure twice, cut once" and the 24 inch gauge? To me, it carries a very supporting detail. What are the parallels with a measuring tape and a 24 inch gauge? Sure we can get the usual obvious answer of dividing your time with your job, your family life, and rest, but how about challenging the view point from a different angle?

Use your 24 inch gauge to "measure twice and cut once" when it comes to your decisions regarding or involving your family. Should I spend that extra time with my wife/son/daughter/grandchild or should I spend my time doing...? How can I make up extra time at work so I won't have to sacrifice not doing something for family or a friend in need? How much time do I need for rest? How much time do I spend with God? What will be the deciding applications? We are all pressed and working with/against the gauge. You can't have divisions without measurements. Simply put, the common denominator here is "time". As I mentioned last month, you can't take an hour "here" and add it "there". I guess you could manipu-

late spending the time, but it still will be at an opportunity cost type of deal.

Can you divide your day up? Sure you can. The challenge we all meet every day, is measuring the time to spend during the day. So as you apply your 24 inch gauge, remember to "measure twice and cut once" on those choices because those choices lay the ground work for other foundations and investments. I hope this gives a different perspective, it did for me. Thanks Dad!

Ovidio Flores

Senior Warden

A MASON'S BRAND

I was just a maverick drifting,
My head half in the sand,
When I fell in with a well-marked bunch
Who wore a common brand.

They asked in whom I placed my trust?
I said it was with God:
So they cast their ballots with me,
Marked me with their branding rod.

They dressed me in white lambskin,
Informed me of their working tools;
They admonished me to live
By their teachings and their rules.

With precepts good and wholesome,
They honor womanhood;
And through their youngster programs
They do a heap of good.

Their bunkhouse is not spacious,
But in member's hearts it's grand;
The rich and poor sit side-by-side,
Trail boss is just another hand.

If you want to wear their markings,
To live with them and graze,
Best check in at their cutting chute.
They don't go rounding up the strays.

Yes, I wear the square and compass,
And though my brand's grown dim of late,
Those markings won't be vented
Until I reach God's home ranch gate



Jim Ross
Bozeman Lodge #18
Bozeman Montana





FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

Wow, another month has passed since my first article in the Trestle Board and I find myself searching for something to write that will be meaningful, timely, and enjoyable for everyone to read. While I was doing research for my article, the phone was ringing, emails and text messages were interrupting my thought process and got me thinking about how many things I have competing for my time on a daily basis.

My father, who was a Mason, used to tell me that you can get more of everything but time, so use your time wisely and don't waste others' time. We all have to pick and choose how we are going to allocate our time (which is referenced in our masonic work). What criteria do we use to allocate that time? What gives me the most bang for my buck? How much time is something worth? It is usually a cost benefit thing.

I think most of us feel the same way. I believe that this is something that applies to our fraternity as well. As we are looking to increase both attendance and membership in Lodge, we have to make things interesting for the older masons while accommodating the thoughts and ideas of the younger masons—who are the future of our fraternity. But everyone needs to feel like it is a worthwhile way for them spend their time.

I believe that Masonry is a noble and worthwhile way to spend my time and I hope that everyone reading this article feels the same way. I think that the brotherly love and affection you feel when entering Kendall 897 and fellowshiping with other brethren there is time well spent. See you in Lodge!

Thank you,

Kyle Jackson

Junior Warden



It is Great To Be Freemason

By Danny Thomas

(From the October 1990 Fresno Scottish Rite Bulletin with credit to Kansas Masonic Bulletin)

The years found me an admirer of the great work the Masonic Order has been doing in making this world a better place for all of us to live. I have, for a long time, desired to be one of you and rejoice that now I can proudly boast of my membership in one of the world's greatest fraternal associations. I am grateful for those individuals who have in quiet ways motivated me in my work on behalf of unfortunate children. I am grateful for the high moment in my life when the doors of Freemasonry were opened to me. Since then I have had many pleasant times of fraternal fellowship and even opportunities for service in the work of many branches of Freemasonry.

Our Order, for now I can say, "our order," teaches, "the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God" and this is great! The world needs so desperately to discover the value of this great truth in human relationships and world affairs. It is also a truth that will motivate men and women to continue to explore avenues of service and areas of common concerns in order to restore a measure of sanity to the madness of our day and to enrich the quality of life for all peoples everywhere. Now I join hands and heart with you in all your endeavors of philanthropy and say we must not slacken our efforts "to do good to all," especially those with needs that will not be met if we fail in our common task of service to humanity.

On stage, screen, platform, and in private life I have always sought to bring a smile to the face of others and put a little joy in their lives. I am grateful now for the larger opportunity which is mine to adopt the tenets of Freemasonry as my own and hopefully be able to have a small part in spreading Masonry's message of love and caring to a larger audience, for wherever I go, I will be proud to tell others of my work and concern in behalf of all that you are doing, unselfishly, for others.

Someone once asked me why did I want to be a Mason and my reply was: "Because Masons care for those who cannot care for themselves." The Shriners have always been a favorite of mine because of their work for crippled and burned children. Also I am excited about efforts proposed at the recent Conference of Grand Masters in regard to drug abuse among young people.

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SECRETARY'S CORNER



Brethren... Last month Kendall Lodge received our **District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Robert Tucker**, from **The Grand Lodge of Texas** for his second official visit. He brought us **Grand Master Tommy Chapman's** message and I hope you were there to hear it.

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



Monday, September 17th, 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.

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. **Dinner Menu will include Honey glazed pork loin; smoked chicken halves, corn on the cob, broccoli/cheese casserole, and boiled cabbage.**



Keep an eye out for **Kendall Lodge's 1st Annual First Responders Dinner** during the month of **September**. Grand Lodge is encouraging lodges to put this on honoring those that put their lives on the line to keep us safe. **Worshipful Master Jonathan Cluck wants us to put this on in September.**

Keep an eye out for the Weekly Bulletins to find out the date for the dinner. Invitations will go out to Boerne's and Kendall County's Police Department, Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, and Emergency Medical Services personnel to attend with their families or stop by on their breaks and eat if they are on call.



Also watch out for **Kendall Lodge's OPEN HOUSE** during to **month of October**. We want people from the Boerne and Kendall County to come by and see our facility and learn about Masonry. Representatives will also be there to talk about Eastern Star and Commandery organizations as well.



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 **September 21st and 22nd** there will be an OES Banquet, Fraternal Visit, and School held at **Kendall Lodge for District 5. Sections 3 and 4** with **Worthy Grand Matron Carolyn Martin and Worthy Grand Patron Burley Jones** in attendance. Come and learn more about the order, as well as what's going on in Grand Chapter.



Nobles of Boerne Shrine Club and families. Our **Stated Meeting location for September will be held at El Rio Mexican Restaurant on South Main Street in Boerne on Wednesday, September 19th.** 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 Alzaraf 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, September 26th, 2018 at Bandera Lodge No. 1123 in Bandera, 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.

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>September Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Date
James A. Earl IV	9/2
Scott L. Williams	9/2
Daniel E. Gudas	9/3
Jacob T. Hardin	9/4
Koyle D. Knape	9/4
Thomas E. Carnes	9/5
Gary L. Bausell	9/7
Steven L. Dearing	9/7
Roger D. Duncan	9/7
Lee J. Raspberry	9/7
Joseph A. Carrola Sr.	9/8
Albert S. Rosenberg	9/9
Gordon S. Waldeck	9/9
Michael R. Arthur	9/12
Cary L. Clark	9/12
Michael G. Ethridge	9/16
Ronald G. Trine	9/16
William R. Lemmons Jr.	9/17
Corey M. Koontz	9/21
John W. Uecker	9/29
William L. Holt Jr.	9/30

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It is great to be a Freemason! I am proud of what we are doing. I shall assist in every way I can our work of mercy, and it doesn't hurt to be a Brother with a "big mouth and lots of television cameras" to help get the message across. Masons are people of goodwill who want to "keep our kids alive" and we are doing this throughout the world. Our purpose is noble and humanitarian. Our labors will be crowned with success, for as Freemasons we will bring to our mission the best we have, regardless of what it demands from us in the way of sacrifice and service. We will make sure that in the tomorrows, life will be better for those who suffer today.

I was a Freemason in my heart long before I was accepted as a member in this great Fraternity. I was an out-sider but now I am one of you, and the remaining years of my life will be spent in seeking in some small way to say to all: "Thank you for making

<i>Raised In September</i>	
Brother	Years Ago
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
Antonio Hidalgo	32
Edward J. Mueller	30
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

Building Preservation August Donations	
<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Billy Lemmons Jr	Bro Billy Lemmons Sr
Bob Easterling	Ann Easterling
Abb Kestler Jr.	Bro. Knox Duncan

me a Freemason." I want always to make you laugh but I trust that I will also make you care and that now, together, we will put melody in the heart of the world that will sing of a better life for all people. The task challenges us to larger efforts and higher goals that will demand from all of us the best we have to make a better life for others. My promise to Freemasons everywhere is that I will give the task my best!

"He who would become an accomplished Mason must not be content merely to hear, or even to understand, the lectures; he must, aided by them, and they having, as it were, marked out the way for him, **study, interpret, and develop these symbols for himself**" ~ Brother Albert Pike

Kendall Masonic Lodge #897 A.F. & A.M.
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