



October 2018

FROM THE EAST



Greetings My Brethren All –

Fall is here and we've had good rain, so cooler weather hopefully won't be too far behind! Your Lodge is busy! We've initiated another fine young man as an EA, started a 1st responders night and supper and have unleashed PM Bob Easterling on a new project-collecting Christmas gifts and cards for our troops abroad and at home! Your fellow Lodge brothers are really putting a face on Masonry in our community!

Our big fall BBQ/sausage fundraiser Will be on October 27th. This is a major fundraiser for our lodge. Please plan on attending, but the most important thing is to sell those tickets like crazy!!! You should have gotten a package of tickets. If you didn't, please contact Gary and get yours. You can either write a check and get us the money or sell them.

The Grand Lodge has several charges to Mason's regarding our conduct in our daily lives. Those are found in the Grand Lodge law. I am asking that they be copied and included in this month's *Trestleboard*. I heartily encourage you to read them and to instill them in your daily life!

Attendance at degrees and stated meetings is way up, but we have plenty of room for the Brethren to come and be a part of Masonry!! Masonic friendship gets those fraternal batteries charged-so come!

Fraternally!

Jonathan Cluck
Master

CHARGES OF A FREEMASON LODGE DECORUM

1. OF BEHAVIOR IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED

You are not to hold private committees, or separate conversations, without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinent or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any Brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; not use any unbecoming language upon any pretense whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and Fellows, and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the Brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry it by appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

2. BEHAVIOR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER, AND THE BRETHREN NOT GONE

You may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another accordingly to ability and avoiding all excess, or forcing any Brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive or that may forbid an easy and free conversation; for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only, as Masons, of the catholic religion above mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conducted to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will. This charge

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FROM THE WEST



Hello Brethren,

I hope everyone is doing well and are in good health. For those who have not heard, I would like to ask for specials prayer for PGM Gene Carnes. Please keep him in your prayers as he was involved in a bad accident recently.

A few weeks ago, I was at an office engaged in a conversation with several people. While speaking of the subject matter, one of the persons used a word which was very familiar to me. As other people were talking, I looked at the person and asked him if he was a Mason. His semi smiled and said no. I replied back saying nobody uses the vernacular you just used in such context. He laughed a little bit and continued to say he used to be a Mason.

I continued the conversation and asked him what he meant by that. He stated he used to be, but got away from the Craft due to it taking too much of his time, he had other priorities and work was overwhelming at the time. He continued to explain, he had wanted to get back into it, but time went by and the distance got greater and greater to get back to the Lodge. He continued mentioning he was embarrassed to say he was a Mason because so much time had gone by and it was at the point where he felt like he shouldn't call himself a Mason because of the inactivity.

How ironic I was having this conversation with this person considering my last article was about the 24 inch gauge. We spoke about how Masons prioritize using the gauge for oneself. I invited him to come back to the Craft when he was ready. He said he would and the meeting concluded.

Afterwards, I began thinking about the comments he made about him not coming to the Lodge as well as his own self convictions. Then I began thinking of all the brethren we have here in our Lodge and

not seeing certain brothers as much and some I have never even met. I remember seeing brothers at our fundraisers and such.

I would like to take this time to put out we are all brothers of the Craft. Time takes its toll on us... I would like this to be an article of encouragement to all brethren. For whatever reasons you have not been around, inactive and or haven't been able to make it in a while, please know you are always welcomed at our Lodge, your Lodge. I would sincerely hate to know one of our brethren felt like the Mason I was speaking to in the beginning of this article.

Our fraternity has lasted over several hundreds of years due to the love we have for our Grand Architect of the Universe and for our community. Please know you have brothers at your Lodge and elsewhere. Come in, even if it's now and then, but please don't ever feel you "used to be a Mason". Once a brother is raised, he always stands as a Master Mason.

Have a great week!

Ovidio Flores
Senior Warden

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has been always strictly enjoined and observed; but especially ever since the reformation in Britain, or the dissent and secession of these nations from the communion of Rome.

3. BEHAVIOR WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE FORMED

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner as you will be instructed, calling each other Brother, freely giving mutual instruction, as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overhead, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from the respect which is due to any Brother, were he not a Mason; for though all Masons are as Brethren upon the same level, yet Masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before; nay, rather, it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners.

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FROM THE SOUTH



Hello Brethren,



I spent the week burning up the road to Corpus Christi for work and headed back down there last Friday for the Grand Lodge Leadership Conference. All I can say is if you have never been to this it is a worthwhile endeavor. The days are long, but there is a lot of information that must be packed in a weekend. We receive a lot of enlightening information about the way a lodge should be run and about Grand Lodge law. We were challenged with how to solve different scenarios and answered questions as groups.

Saturday evening most of us went to the USS Lexington to watch a master masons degree put on by OSO Naval lodge. The Most Worshipful played a part in the degree and did an excellent job.

Sunday's meeting was a challenge between the 101 class and the 201 class to see who learned the most. Everyone who participated received a certificate (including the ladies) and got their picture taken with the Grand Master. I took my wife Sherry, who enjoyed the conference equally and along with the other ladies, was given an opportunity to quiz the Grand Master and Grand Senior Warden in their class.

One of the highlights of participating in this conference was meeting other master masons from all over Texas.

If you are involved in leadership at any level, are thinking about getting in the line or are just wanting to delve deeper into Texas Masonry, I highly recommend attending one of these conferences. I hope that the things that I learned there will be beneficial to Kendall Lodge.

Thank you,

Kyle Jackson

Junior Warden

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4. BEHAVIOR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS NOT MASONS

You should be cautious in your words and carriage that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and, sometimes, you shall divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honor of the worshipful Fraternity.

5. BEHAVIOR AT HOME AND IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man; particularly not to let your family, friends and neighbors know the concerns of the Lodge, etc., but wisely to consult your own honor, and that of the ancient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health, by not continuing altogether too late, or too long from home, after Lodge hours are past; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

You are cautiously to examine him, in such a method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and before of giving him any hints of knowledge. But if you discover him to be a true and genuine Brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want, you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days, or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability, only to prefer a poor Brother, that is a good man and true, before any other poor people in the same circumstances.

FINALLY, All these charges you are to observe, and also those that are to be communicated to you in another way; cultivating BROTHERLY love, the foundation and cap-stone, the cement and glory of this ancient Fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarreling, all slander and back-biting, nor permitting others to slander any honest Brother, but defending his character, and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your honor and safety, and no farther. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and

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SECRETARY'S CORNER



Brethren... I hope that you had a good month. I'm pretty sure if you lived around Boerne or this area you had plenty of rain. At our house in Leon Springs I have had 18 ¾ inches through Sunday, September 16th. The forecasters also say more to come this month.

Just a note: We Initiated a new Entered Apprentice last month and we had a Master Mason proficiency on October 1st. Kendall is still moving along. Are you helping us by being a role model for people around you?

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



Masons and your families. On **Saturday, October 13th, Alzafar Shrine Center is throwing a Masonic Picnic and Chili Cookoff** for all Masonic Brethren. No Cost, just come and enjoy. The morning will start with the Oklahoma Native American Degree Team in full costume putting on a Master Mason's Degree. This will be followed by Lunch, a Chili Cookoff, Dinner, and Dance. So don't sit at home wondering, get moving!



Monday, October 15th, will be our **October 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.



I hope you were at **Kendall Lodge's 1st Annual First Responders Dinner on September 27th**. We had a great time and met some fine individuals. Some are Mason's, and some are not. We invited Boerne's and Kendall County's First Responders - Police Department, Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, and Emergency Medical Services to attend with their families or stop by on their breaks and eat if they are on call. We plan on doing it next year as well.



Well, it's almost time for the Kendall Lodge BBQ Brisket and Sausage Fundraiser. It will be held on Saturday, October 27th, from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. We'll have Brisket, Sausage, Potato Salad, beans, condiments, and desserts from the Boerne Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Tickets are already sent out, so send you money in and get ready for a really good

dinner.



The **Kendall Lodge OPEN HOUSE** will be held in the **month of November**. 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. The exact date will be sent out in our weekly schedules.



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. Thanks to all our members who helped make our OES Banquet, Fraternal Visit, and School at **Kendall Lodge for District 5, Sections 3 and 4** a great success. **Worthy Grand Matron Carolyn Martin and Worthy Grand Patron Burley Jones** seemed to have a good time and we learned a lot from the school. Again thank you.



Nobles of Boerne Shrine Club and families. Our **Stated Meeting location for October will be held at Lung Fung's in Boerne on Wednesday, October 17th**. 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, October 24th, 2018 at Kendall Lodge No. 897 right here in Boerne, 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>October Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Date
Terrell E. Norris	10/1
William B. Scales	10/1
Peter B. Abel	10/3
Jon B. Tipton	10/6
Frederick F. Hoelke	10/13
Carl E. Praesel Jr.	10/13
Gary D. Lawson	10/14
Roy L. Dwyer	10/17
Roger D. Curry	10/19
William R. Kendrick Jr.	10/20
David D. Scales	10/23
Richard B. Daniel	10/24
Stephen W. McMahan	10/26
Jerry D. Tilley	10/26
Fred A. Stahl	10/27
Gregory B. Tom	10/30

<i>Raised In October</i>	
Brother	Years Ago
James E. Davies	52
Mac M. Hopkin	50
Daniel E. Gudas	50
Kenneth L. Fitzpatrick	50
Fred A. Stahl	47
Nelson R. Davis Jr.	46
Joseph A. Carrola Sr.	41
Charles C. Lianza Jr.	41
Scott L. Williams	31
Harold E. Sill Jr.	30
Donald K. English	23
David D. Scales	19
Edward J. Vogt	12
Frederick F. Hoelke	11
Terry A. Stahl	10
Peter B. Abel	10
Earl W. Davis	10
Thomas B. Johnson	8
Matthew P. Archilla	7
Jeffery L. Clark	3

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 from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge at the quarterly communication, and from thence to the annual Grand Lodge, as has been the ancient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course, but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of Master and Fellows, when they would prevent your going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law suits, that so you may mind the affairs of Masonry with the more alacrity and success; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the Master and Brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending Brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process or law suit, without wrath and rancor (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued; that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time. Amen. So mote it be



Building Preservation September Donations	
<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Billy Lemmons Jr	Bro Billy Lemmons Sr
Bob Easterling	Sharon Arce
Abb Kestler Jr.	Bro. Dutch Hutsell

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SOLDIER CHRISTMAS 2018 FROM BOERNE TO THE TROOPS



Kendall Masonic Lodge 897 is conducting a Christmas Care Package project for service members serving away from home during the 2018 Christmas holidays. We currently plan to ship packages to the 3rd Cavalry Regiment normally stationed at Ft. Hood but now deployed to Iraq, as well as other military personnel serving away from their homes and families during the holidays.

We are asking the community to help us with this project by donating the following type items:

- **Shelf-Stable Foods—Non-Perishables:** Beef jerky, Vienna sausage, beanie weenies, chips, cookies, nuts, gum, hard candy, etc.
- **Personal Hygiene Items:** Body wash, deodorant, tooth paste, toothbrushes, foot powder, wet wipes, etc.
- **Leisure Items:** Magazines, writing materials, books, music CDs, etc.
- **Christmas Cards:** from you to soldier.

We are also looking for **shoe boxes** (or boxes of similar size) in which to package items.

Our primary donation station is next to the Boerne Post Office:



Kendall Masonic Lodge 897
897 E. Blanco Road
Boerne, Texas 78006



(Open for donation each Wednesday & Saturday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 AM)

Deadline for donations, to allow for shipping, is Monday, December 3rd. If you can't bring your items to the lodge, call 830-249-8917 or 210-241-5268, and we will make arrangements to pick up your items.

If you don't have the time or ability to shop, you can make a monetary donation by mailing to the above address and identifying the donation as gift for soldiers.