



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



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FROM THE EAST



Greetings and Salutations from the East:



Grand Lodge is passed and your Lodge is rushing into Spring! In five months you will be electing new officers who will lead this magnificent and venerable masonic lodge into the future.

Your Lodge was recognized as one of a very few lodges in Texas, which have qualified for the Vanguard Award. The Grand Lodge establishes a number very high requirements for a Lodge to meet in order to receive the award. There is a long list of criteria regarding Lodge activities which must be met. Only a fraction of Texas Lodges meet these high standards. Kendall Lodge has met and exceeded these high standards every year since Grand Lodge initiated the program 30 years ago!

BROTHERHOOD FRATERNITY FRIENDSHIP.

All these words are the essence of being a Mason. We should all remember that Masonry is comprised of friends and brothers who should always be focused on brotherly love and affection. Like a family, Brethren may disagree, but Brethren should always remember that – even if there is disagreement – nothing should ever separate us as Brothers. Our Masonic ties are greater than and should always overcome any interpersonal conflicts. Masonry is bigger than any individual, so no individual can overcome the strength of the Fraternity!

We are brothers, be we of different backgrounds, color or creeds. Never should we allow these differences separate our bond of brotherhood. We are reminded that no sectarian issue should ever come within the lodge. I am attaching a poem [Page 3] by another brother, Rudyard Kipling, that talks about the beauty of our brotherhood. It is based upon his lodge in India. Brethren of all colors, creeds, casts and backgrounds

whether high or low – all meet upon the Level in our Lodge. We are all equal in masonry.

See you in Lodge!

Jonathan Cluck
Master

Ft Hood Troops Welcomed Home With Our Christmas Gifts They Are Sending Their Thanks!





FROM THE WEST



Hello Brethren,

I hope everyone is enjoying your holiday season. I am sure there are those of us who are traveling home as well as haven't even left yet. For those who are traveling, please be safe. For those who are still out for the holidays, please enjoy and safe travels back home.

As we are starting this New Year, I would like to share a different outlook. I am sure we have all heard or have read about new beginnings and New Year resolutions. I never really thought about it like this until I heard someone speaking about the similarities between starting a New Year and getting on a plane.

For those who have travelled by plane, we all know you can take on a carry-on bag. Usually, people put in this bag the things they for sure don't want to lose, need for the trip (i.e.: iPad or tablet) or for whatever reason. Regardless of what the item placed in the bag is, there is value to it and it serves a purpose. Even more now than ever, because of rules and regulations, we are controlled with how big our carry-on bag can be much less what we can place in it to take onto the plane. Conclusively, the traveler needs to plan accordingly with what they place in their bag to board the plane for their destination.

As we begin our New Year of 2019, let us stay focused as we all pack our "carry-on bag" we take into this coming year. New beginnings are that, they are new. We all are travelling and need that bag which has our essentials. Some of us carry burdens of grief, anger, resentment, and assumptions. Others carry encouragement, generosity, forgiveness and passions. What is interesting is that both of the two lists are endless to a certain degree. As a traveler, only you pack "your bag". No one else does it for you. Where ever we go, we take our bag with us. Now ask yourself, if the things you put in your "bag" are essential and beneficial for your travel.

Let us all enter this New Year with not only new beginnings, but to be able to stay focused on where we want to go for yourself and our fraternity.

One of the many great things of being a Traveler is that you can go where ever you want to go, as well as how far.

Stay safe and travel well my Brothers,

Ovidio Flores
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

We have completed 2018 and are already pushing into the second month of 2019. I believe that we have had a really good year with successful BBQ and Fish Fry fundraisers for our scholarships and a spectacular effort on the troop Christmas package drive. These can't be successful without the efforts of a lot of dedicated people. My hat is off to all who put forth their time, effort, and money to make them happen.

There were several of us attending Grand Lodge in January and we were able to witness firsthand as well as participate in the business of Grand Lodge. We all had a great time fellowshiping with each other and creating a stronger bond as Masons.

The upcoming year will find us doing these things again and I hope that we have even more participation to make every event more successful than ever.

We have multiple petitions to review and degrees to perform in the very near future and need everyone to participate in some form or fashion. Come to lodge and see how rewarding it can be to help make new masons. We have several practices scheduled this month and would love to see more of us working together for this common goal.

Kyle Jackson
Junior Warden



The Mother Lodge

THERE was Rundle, Station Master,
An' Beazeley of the Rail,
An' 'Ackman, Commissariat,
An' Donkin' o' the Jail;
An' Blake, Conductor-Sergeant,
Our Master twice was 'e,
With im that kept the Europe-shop,
Old Framjee Eduljee.

*Outside - " Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!
Inside - 'Brother," an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,
An' I was junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!*

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,
An' Saul the Aden Jew,
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman
Of the Survey Office too;
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds,
The Roman Catholic!

We 'adn't good regalia,
An' our Lodge was old an' bare,
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,
An' we kep' 'em to a hair;
An' lookin' on it backwards
It often strikes me thus,
There ain't such things as infidels,
Excep', per'aps, it's us.

For monthly, after Labour,
We'd all sit down and smoke
(We dursn't give no banquets,
Lest a Brother's caste were broke),
An' man on man got talkin'
Religion an' the rest,
An' every man comparin'
Of the God 'e knew the best.

So man on man got talkin',
An' not a Brother stirred
Till mornin' waked the parrots
An' that dam' brain-fever-bird.
We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious,
An' we'd all ride 'ome to bed,
With Mo'ammed, God, an' Shiva
Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Guv'ment service
This rovin' foot 'ath pressed,
An' bore fraternal greetin's
To the Lodges east an' west,
Accordin' as commanded.
From Kohat to Singapore,
But I wish that I might see them
In my Mother-Lodge once more!

I wish that I might see them,
My Brethren black an' brown,
With the trichies smellin' pleasant
An' the hog-darn passin' down;
An' the old khansamah snorin'
On the bottle-khana floor,
Like a Master in good standing
With my Mother-Lodge once more.

*Outside - Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!
Inside- Brother," an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out there!*

First published in the *The Pall Mall Gazette* and the
Pall Mall Budget on May 9th 1895. In the *Sussex Edi-
tion* the poem is dated 1894.

Brother Rudyard Kipling





SECRETARY'S CORNER



Brethren... two EA Degrees' on the 9th of January and two Master Mason's Degrees on the 2nd of February. We're getting ready for another three later this month or possibly the next. If you're not here... why not. We could use the help!



Last month we attended the 2019 Grand Communication in Waco and the Installation of the 2019 Grand Officers. You can log on to the Grand Lodge of Texas website to see how the Resolutions and Grand Master Recommendations turned out.



On Saturday, January 26th, Kendall Lodge sponsored a Children's Magic Show at Champion High School. The audience really CJ and was amazed by the illusionist and his assistant. We'll know soon how much this contributed toward our three (3) High School Scholarships to send deserving seniors to a college or university of their choice. Also remember that we'll have a gospel show, probably in the late Spring, and it will also support our scholarships.

HERE ARE A FEW THINGS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2019:



We're getting ready for our **annual Sweetheart's Luncheon** for our wives and the wives who husbands have gone on to that Celestial Lodge in the Sky. We will hold it on **Saturday, February 16th at 11:15 AM** or two days following **Valentine's Day**. We'll send out "Hold the Date" invitations to our widows, but you're expected to let us know that you and your wife will be attending. **So put it on your calendar... now!**



Monday, February 18th, will be our **February 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!** Several 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.



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:



Nobles of Boerne Shrine Club and families. Our February 20th Stated Meeting location will be at **El Rio Mexican Restaurant** at 1361 S Main St. 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, February 27th, 2019** at **Fredericksburg Lodge No. 794 in Fredericksburg, 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
February 2019



February Birthdays

Brother	Date
Robert L. Carpenter II	2/3
Scott A. Davis	2/7
John J. Vidas	2/7
Steven C. Marsh	2/9
Edward J. Vogt	2/11
Frank W. Lieck	2/14
Robin L. Scheel	2/14
William H. Mayo	2/16
William A. Campbell II	2/18
Sermet D. Agolli	2/19
Kenneth L. Fitzpatrick Jr.	2/19
Josue' M. Martinez	2/20
Lyle B. Schichner Sr.	2/22
Scott D. Hoiberg	2/23
Charles L. Clark	2/28
Robert F. Todd	2/28
Gary M. Coffey	2/29

Raised In February

Brother	Years Ago
Carl E. Praesel Jr.	53
John L. Eaton	49
Gary D. Lawson	48
Stephen L. Hill	45
Thomas I. Pipes	44
Gaylin E. Kinsey	42
Michael R. Arthur	41
Gary M. Coffey	40
Alfred C. Gray	39
David K. Clerico	35
Lennox W. Stewart	33
John J. Vidas	18
John E. Davis	8
James A. Whitt	8
Gabriel H. Garner	5
Wayne H. Gately	1



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With The Best Christmas Gift
Of All!**



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Abb Kestler Jr.	Knox Duncan