



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



March 2019

FROM THE EAST



Soon-to-be-Spring Fraternal Greeting to my Brethren All:



February is past and Spring is soon to spring, so spring over to your Lodge for a lot of activity!

First, I need to congratulate the 20 Brethren who came out and filled 30 spots for the 3 EA degrees the Last Monday in February! WOW! While some lodges have a hard time rounding up enough Master Masons to open a lodge, Kendall had over 20 attend and 20 who felt comfortable in the work to participate! Want to get in on the action? Come on over on Monday nights or Saturday mornings after 9 and our Chief of Instructions and Suggestions, David Bruton, will get you going! Thanks David for making Kendall Lodge renowned for the work!

As many of you know, a fine Brother, Tom Rogers, passed to that house not made with hands last week. Tom leaves a big hole in the fraternity and in local domino playing circles as well as a source for those "special" made items like key fobs and Apron cases. Remember his wife and family. The reason I point this out is that there is a GL form (imagine that!) that lets a Brother notify his family and Lodge of what he wants done with his Masonic property and if he wants a Masonic Burial Ceremony (PGM Mike Gower did a fantastic job at Tom's service!) Completing this form helps your family, your Lodge, and your Brothers render that last greatest honor one Brother may give to another. A copy of the form is in this Trestleboard [Last Page]. Look it over; fill it in; and give copies to your family and Lodge. Life is uncertain, don't leave your wishes to chance!

The Lodge's last big fundraiser is the Fish Fry

on April 20, 2019 from 1130 am to 2 pm. Tickets were mailed out and we've got to get to selling! This has been a hyper successful event in the past and we need it to be another hyper successful event this Spring! SD Garrett Etheridge is the Fish Fry King this time and needs as much help as possible and we're cooking the fish ourselves at the Lodge.

Contact Garrett and sign up!

My Masonic year as your Master has been awesome! For some reason I've enjoyed it more the second time around. SW Ovidio Flores is gearing up to take over in June (Brethren willing) and he's got some great ideas and intends to continue some of what Kendall Lodge has been known for! He will need your support. Help him when you can. That doesn't mean: "well back when....". If you see some community oriented project that would be a good fit for your Lodge, get the details and get with Ovidio. Remember, you may have discovered the next new way to introduce someone to Masonry!

**See you in Lodge soon!
 Fraternally,**

Jonathan Cluck

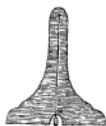
Master



Early Arrivers at Kendall Lodge's Table for the March 2nd Grand Master Conference



FROM THE WEST



Brethren,

I hope all is well with you all. We have had some great exciting things happening in our Lodge. As you have read in Worshipful's and the Junior Deacon's article. Please come and fellowship.

Today was the Grand Master's conference held at the Alzafar Shrine Temple. What a great day it was as well. It was nice to see our Brothers from all over the area in one room for great fellowship and it reminded me of the following poem.

The Brethren
By: Edgar Alan Guest

The world is needing you and me,
 In places where we ought to be
 Somewhere today it's needing you
 To stand for what you know is true.
 And needing me somewhere today.
 To keep the faith, let come what may.

The world needs honest men today
 To lead its youth along the way,
 Men who will write in all their deeds
 The beauty of their spoken creeds,
 And spurn advantage here and gain,
 On which deceit must leave its stain.

The world needs men who will not brag,
 Men who will honor Freedom's Flag,
 Men, who although the way is hard,
 Against the lure of shame will guard,
 The world needs gentle men and true
 And calls aloud to me and you.

The world needs men of lofty aim,
 Not merely men of skill and fame,
 Not merely leaders wise and grave,
 Or learned men or soldiers brave,
 But men whose lives are fair to see,
 Such men as you and I can be.

Stay safe and travel well my Brothers,

Ovidio Flores
Senior Warden

FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

Another month has flown by and lodge has been busy with 2 Master Mason degrees and 3 EA degrees completed in February. Thanks to all those brothers who practiced, participated and attended these degrees.

We had the Masters Wardens and Secretary's meeting this past Wednesday at Fredericksburg Lodge with a huge turnout by Brethren and their Ladies from the 51st District. The prime objective this meeting was the Fantastic Teeth program bag stuffing. These folks did a fabulous job on this great program; the kits were prepared and distributed to all first graders the 51st district's public schools.

Remember, all brethren are welcome to attend MWS. This is a good way to meet other brothers in our district and find out what other lodges in the district are doing.

We have our upcoming visit on March 18 from our new DDGM Right Worshipful Butch Mize for which we will need to practice his reception for, please attend. Our upcoming Fish Fry fundraiser will need a lot of help from the brethren. Ask SD Garrett Ethridge how you can help on this event.

As always, I encourage you to attend Lodge and fellowship with us.

Kyle Jackson
Junior Warden



SECRETARY'S CORNER



Brethren... Just a note. We're now into March and I still have over twenty 2019 Dues Cards on my desk. If you haven't sent in your 2019 dues please do it now as they are late. If you by chance did not get the dues notices I sent out in December, you should know that we didn't change the annual dues this past year. They are still \$125.00. Send them to me by check or cash and I'll get your card out to you. If you're local drop them in the mail slot at the lodge and save a stamp.

Also, we conferred three (3) EA Degrees' on the 25th of February. Hope you came and showed these new brothers what it means to be a Mason. They are already working with their instructors. If you weren't there... why not?



Another note: Last month we our annual Sweetheart's Luncheon for our wives and for the wives whose husbands are no longer with us. We had 13 ladies and 7 ladies attend, respectively. We had a delicious luncheon and an interesting program by Mrs. Roberta Lloyd. Our ladies left with gift bags and long stemmed roses. Did your wife get one?

Here are a few things to put on your calendar for **March 2019:**



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



This month **Boerne Chapter No. 200, Order of the Eastern Star** will provide our dinner for the Stated Meeting. We need to thank Worthy Matron Gay Carnes and Worthy Patron Gene Carnes and the ladies of the Chapter for supporting the lodge. Please come and eat as it will, as usual, be a feast.



Our March Stated Meeting will also be the **first Official Visit of our 2019 District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful John H. "Butch" Mize Jr.** Come help us receive him and hear **Grand Master Terry Stogner's** message to the Brethren.



NEXT MONTH: On **Saturday, April 20th**, Kendall Lodge will host our **Annual Spring Fundraiser Fish Fry**. Tickets will go out to all Brethren in early March for them to buy or to sell to friends and neighbors. We have kept the \$10 donation for the ticket. So, come and fill up with delicious **fish fillets, French Fries, Cole Slaw, and Hush Puppies**, along with all the condiments, and I haven't even mentioned the **tea and dessert. All for only \$10!**



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 Stated Meeting location will be at **Lung Fung's Chinese Restaurant** located at 1004 N 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 Alzar 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, March 27th, 2019 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.

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



March Birthdays

Brother	Date
Aaron E. Basham	3/1
Fred L. Waterman	3/3
David K. Clerico	3/4
Travis W. Grahmann	3/4
Charles M. Harvey	3/8
Robert E. Magers	3/8
Charley A. Taylor	3/8
Daniel J. Basarich	3/9
Robert M. Tucker	3/11
Larry D. Ross	3/12
Mark E. Morley	3/13
Dow C. Mathis	3/15
Lyndon R. Herridge	3/19
Thomas E. Allison Jr.	3/21
James E. Berne Jr.	3/21
Ottie L. Konkright	3/25
Joseph E. Sill	3/25
Alexander H. Zogheib III	3/25
Andrew F. Camplen	3/28
Gavin D. Waldeck	3/31

Raised In March

Brother	Years Ago
William D. Hammett Jr.	61
Charles W. Lloyd Jr.	57
Thomas E. Carnes	56
Maurice R. Rose	55
Marvil L. Agold	51
Thomas F. Sawyer	50
Steven C. Marsh	45
Terrance J. Degrood	38
Jeffery R. Christoff	37
Geoffrey R. Whitt	35
Ronnie D. Pfeil	34
William B. Scales	16
Eric V. Viereck	15
Tyler G. Smith	9
Kyle G. Jackson	3
Matthew T. Hite	2

Building Preservation February Donations

<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Billy Lemmons Jr	Bro Billy Lemmons Sr
Abb Kestler Jr.	Knox Duncan

Congratulations to Past Master Dow Mathis for winning 3rd Prize in the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas's 2018 Photo Contest's "Altar" category.

"Where Hiram Knelt"
Dow Mathis
 Kendall Lodge #897
 Boerne, Texas

[See Grand Lodge's Web Site](#)



Masonic Last Rites Request Form

Dear Brother:

Many times we put off the difficult decision in our life feeling the time for it has not yet come. Unfortunately, this lack of action can result in leaving to others decisions we would much prefer to make for ourselves. In an effort to assure that your desires are adhered to, the following form has been designed as a service to help prepare each of us for that time we must approach that undiscovered country, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Completion of this form is not in any way required. This form is merely provided for your convenience as an act of fraternal friendship and brotherly love from the members of this lodge. Check the appropriate boxes and place with the papers or instructions indicating your wishes.

To the members of _____ Lodge No. _____, members of my immediate family, members of the clergy, and the proprietors of the funeral home, upon my death:

I, _____ Member No. _____, would like to have:

- Masonic Funeral Services conducted at the funeral home.
- Masonic Funeral Services conducted at my place of worship, along with religious memorial rites if possible.
- Masonic Grave Side Service
- No Masonic Service

I would like to be remembered in my Masonic eulogy for having:

I would request the following Brothers to serve as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers (if able and willing) at my funeral:

PALLBEARERS

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

I would like to have my Masonic Apron:

- Placed upon my person Draped upon my casket during the service

I would like my Masonic jewelry (rings, lapel pins, watch, etc):

- Left on my person during my last rites and then given to: _____
- Given to my Lodge for future presentation to: _____
- Given to my Lodge for future presentation to a worthy Brother of their choosing.

I would like to have my Masonic mementos (Past Master's Apron, books, literature, awards, etc):

- Given to: _____
- Given to my local Lodge to dispose of as they see fit
- Given to my Grand Lodge of Texas

I would like to:

- Inform my local lodge that I have made a provision in my Will for its future benefit.
- Inform the Grand Lodge that I have made a provision in my Will for its future benefit.
- Inform my local lodge that I have not made a provision in my Will for its future benefit but would like to discuss the possibility with its officers.

I would like (Special Requests):

- Buried with my remains Given to _____ after the funeral

Any Additional Information:

Your completion and submission of this form is strictly voluntary, but it is intended to provide comfort and relief for your family and loved ones at a time when you will be unable to guide them. Should you decide to complete and return this form to your Lodge, please give careful thought to your responses and make a copy to keep with your personal records. You may also wish to give a copy to your funeral director. This form will be kept on file at the Lodge and may be altered or revoked by you at any time.

Signature

Date