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FROM THE EAST



An Interesting Article From The “[Masonic Find](#)” Website



Many times, since I became a member of this grand fraternity, I have in retrospective moments, asked myself, why I am proud to be a Mason and I dwell upon those things that Masonry has brought before me.

The feelings of warmth, friendship, and potential comfort in times of distress are always with me, yet they seem to appear most readily in Lodge.

I think that Masonry is many things to many people, and we all take from Masonry those things from within us that are weaker and more vulnerable; it is a kind of storehouse of moral fiber, as well as a refuge from a mad and seething world.

To be a Masonic brother affords a time when all is tranquil, when all is at peace, and in a world of turmoil, this aspect of our Brotherhood is most rewarding.

In a society in which man feels so alone, so alienated, it is comforting to be with others who share the same feelings.

However, more importantly, to carry those feelings away from lodge, and practice them in my daily living, and in dealings with all people at all times, to make brothers of all men, for we are after all, brothers in a larger and broader sense.

I know full well that these noble aims are impossible to achieve at all times, but Masonic teachings has made me fully aware that we should at least attempt to live by these precepts whether they are fully achieved or not.

In fact, by their pursuit alone, successful or not, we have become better men; in effect, become better Masons.

Since the coin has two sides, what do I bring my lodge in return for that which I obtain?

My monetary dues are so mundane and insignificant, it matters for little in the larger realm.

I do what I can for my lodge and my brothers when I can do them, and I do it readily and without hesitation; without thought of “repayment” in any fashion, and I know, that if called upon again and again, I would perform unstintingly to the best of my ability.

That, I think, is the essence of Masonic teachings.

We take from our fraternity and we give back; it is a sort of unending and open-ended life of ethics that renews itself as

surely as the sun rises every day.

Frequently, I ask myself, what does Masonry do for my community? This is a question sometimes asked by town folks and it may be harder and more nebulous to answer.

The presence of a Masonic lodge in any community is an asset, and most people realize this.

The teachings of our order do not lie strewn about the lodge-room floor when the Master has closed his lodge; they are not discarded until the next meeting to be picked up again like comfortable old clothes.

They go back into the community in the minds and hearts of all the brothers, and in so being disseminated, the teachings of Masonry do indeed bring benefit to the community of which it is a part.

Who is to say, that a certain flower in a bouquet does not impart a particularly wonderful aroma to the bouquet of which it is a part, without whose presence the scent might be much less inviting?

So it is with the Masonic lodge in any community. It enhances the “aroma” of communal living in a subtle but definite fashion.

In fact, I feel that this contribution may well far outweigh the community events in which our lodges regularly participate. Events come and go, but friendship and reverence, for both our Creator and fellow man, are as permanent as the stars in heaven.

First, I think we must realize from the outset, that the Masonic order is primarily interested in the welfare and wellbeing of its own; after all that is the primary and most noble aim of any fraternal organization.

If it were not for this feeling of self-interest and self-perpetuation, where would any fraternal organization garner its’ strengths and foundation?

Lastly, I ask myself again, just once more, why did I become a Mason?

I think my answer is much like the mountain climbers, paraphrased perhaps, but applicable to a degree: because Masonry was there and I felt its call, to become, as we all would want to be, a better man, a more compassionate brother to all my brothers, and a more deserving servant to the Grand Architect of the Universe.

What more could any man want to be, or ever hope to be?

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THE BLUE SLIPPER

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I came across the Masonic Blue Slipper pin while wasting time on eBay a few years back. I had never heard of it in my years in the Craft and had never encountered it in my reading, which I assume is the same for most, if not all, of you. It is a small pin in the shape of a slipper with the toe pointed downwards. At first glance one might actually mistake it for the trowel – another symbol of Masonry that is not well recognized but a topic for another evening. The all-seeing-eye is located on the heel of the slipper and is thus at the top of the pin. The sole of the slipper is blue with the square and compasses with the letter 'G' picked out in gold. It is intended to be worn by our ladies, daughters and Masonic widows, while away from home, in order to identify them as having a Masonic connection and therefore deserving of special attention from all Brethren.

The pin is based on the Biblical story of Ruth. During a famine in Egypt, Elimelech left Bethlehem and took his wife Naomi and their two sons to Moab, located south east of Jerusalem on the east bank of the Dead Sea. The sons married two Moabite women, named Ruth and Orpha, even though there was a long history of conflict between Moabites and the Israelites. Not long after arriving and seeing his sons married, Elimelech died as did his two sons leaving Naomi in a strange country with two daughters-in-law and no one to protect or look after them. Naomi decided to return to Bethlehem and her people. At first both Ruth and Orpha wanted to accompany Naomi, but Naomi would not agree. Orpha was finally convinced to remain amongst her people but Ruth insisted on accompanying Naomi.

Naomi and Ruth arrived in Bethlehem-Judea at harvest time and Ruth worked in the fields to support them. While working, Ruth was seen by Boaz, who was not married, and he arranged for Ruth to continue working and ensured that she was not bothered by any men in the area. Naomi and Boaz were related to one another and therefore Boaz had a responsibility to the family of Elimelech. Naomi was a bit crafty, advising Ruth to bathe, anoint herself with fragrant oil and to go and lie at the feet of a sleeping Boaz. Boaz discovered her in the night, gave her some barley and asked her to leave without being seen so as to avoid any scandal. Before long Boaz fell in love with Ruth.

The close relatives of Elimelech were, under law, able to take control of Elimelech's property. Boaz was a relative but not the closest. He set himself outside the gates of Bethlehem, called on ten elders of the city to act as witnesses and advised Elimelech's closest male relative kinsman of the situation with the estate. At first the relative was prepared to take the estate but when he

found that he would be responsible for Naomi and Ruth as well he declined. Boaz was then the next relative in line. Long story short, the first man took off his shoe and gave it to Boaz as testament that he would allow Boaz to claim the property. Boaz immediately held the shoe aloft and declared that he would be Naomi's protector, pledging to be Ruth's husband and that he now controlled Elimelech's estate.

Boaz took Ruth as his wife and together they had a son called Obed who fathered Jesse who fathered King David – yes, the same Boaz, great-grandfather of David, we revere in Masonry.

If you think that you do not know the story of Ruth you may find that you are well aware of it. When Naomi tried repeatedly to convince Ruth to stay in Moab with her people Ruth explained her intentions to Naomi as follows: "Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you: for whither you go, I will go; and where you lodge there I will lodge; your people shall be my people and your God, my God; where you die there I will die and be buried; the Lord punish me and more if anything but death shall separate us". This is arguably the purest declaration of love in the Bible, some claiming that it would be a good marriage vow. It is, in fact, the sincerest pledge of devotion, support and friendship that an individual can make to another. In similar fashion consider the candidate in the Third Degree who pledges to look after Brother Masons and their families with the words: "I will boldly repel the slanderer of his good name and most strictly respect the chastity of those nearest and dearest to him in the persons of his wife, his mother, his sister and his child".

We all know that the Craft Lodge is known as the blue Lodge. Blue is a colour that is seen as implying trust, honesty, and loyalty. It is regarded as being reserved and quiet and unlikely to draw attention. Is it any wonder that blue was used as the colour of the first Lodge of the Masonic family? We all know what the square and compasses mean in Masonry – squaring our lives by the Masonic rule and line and to remind us to keep within due bounds of all men most especially Master Masons.

Bringing all these elements together we see that the shoe or slipper is an ancient symbol of a promise or a solemn oath. Blue on the pin is a reminder of our Craft Lodge pledge to protect the most important members of a Brother's family. The square and compasses remind us of our obligation to act honestly with all men, most especially our Brothers. The 'G' in the symbol reminds us of God the Grand Geometrician of the Universe and the all-seeing-eye reminds us that our actions are observed and recorded by the Most High. Thus the elements of the slipper pin when worn by a woman travelling alone become a sign to all Masons that she is due any support or assistance that we can provide much as we would expect the same to be done by our Brothers.



April 20, 2019 - Kendall Lodge Fish Fry
Senior Deacon Garrett Ethridge Sends These Pictures And His Thanks For Helping Make It A Success!



SECRETARY'S CORNER



Brethren... we now have **ten (10) Entered Apprentices** and one **(1) Fellowcraft** working on their Esoteric Work. We have one **Master Mason** candidate who will finish his Esoteric Work early in May. We also have several men visiting with us who will in all probability take a petition soon. Kendall Lodge is ***OPEN*FOR*THE*BUSINESS*** of making Masons.

Kendall Lodge will be putting degree teams together for at least **two (2) Fellowcraft degrees, one (1) Master Mason's Degree**, and as I said **possibly some Entered Apprentices degrees** soon. Come work with us on the degrees. If you think that you're not ready, not a problem. Come to practice and we'll teach you a position or refresh your skill in the degree work.

Now Guys... I don't want to sound like a broken record, but **I still have too many dues cards on my desk.** The Second Notices are out, so please send me your 2019 dues so that I can send your cards to you and close out this year.

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



Monday, May 20th, will be our **May 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.



On **Saturday, April 20th**, Kendall Lodge held our **Annual Spring Fundraiser Fish Fry**. It appears that our 533 dinners were a delicious success and early results say that we exceeded our budgeted numbers. Thanks to all of you that came and ate or came and picked up dinners for takeout. All of you were a part of making it a success.



Brethren.... Make attending our lodge meetings a habit during this year. Our Stated Meetings are **always** on the **third (3rd) Monday of each month.** Dinner is at 6:30 PM and the Stated Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. This is a family affair and we want your families to come and be a part of it. **Over the past few years we've picked up some really great people who have gone through the degrees or joined with us by affiliation. Why wait longer to start? There is no time like this month.**

ALSO OF INTEREST TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:



Nobles of Boerne Shrine Club and families. Our **May Stated Meeting** will be on **May 15th at Longhorn Cafe** located at 369 Esser Rd. 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.



Nobles of Boerne Shrine Club. Saturday, May 11th will be our **Collection Day for the Shriners' Orthopedic and Burn Hospitals.** Meet at Kendall Lodge between 8:00 AM & 9:00 AM. Go out for collection between 12:00 PM or so. Then regroup and **what we've done for our Shriner's Kids.**



The M. C. Holman Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association of the 51st Masonic District, M.:W.: **Grand Lodge of Texas** will meet on **Wednesday, April 22nd, 2019 at Kendall Lodge No. 897 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.



Immediately the above meeting, the 51st Masonic District Service Team will hold the Spring Workshop at Kendall Lodge. So, come and learn something new about Masonry and have a good time with your Brethren.

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
April 2019



<i>May Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Date
Alfred C. Gray	5/4
Claude Smith Jr.	5/9
Lennox W. Stewart	5/11
James R. Schmitz	5/12
Philip W. Archilla	5/13
Abner L. Kestler Jr.	5/16
Charles W. Lloyd Jr.	5/21
Lon J. Jett III	5/23
Parker W. Archilla	5/26
Harold E. Sill Jr.	5/26
Gabriel H. Garner	5/27
Thomas L. Cottle	5/31

<i>Raised In May</i>	
Brother	Years Ago
Garth W. Gombert	67
Ralph C. Lawless	67
Don M. Edmondson	55
Jackie D. Elliff	49
David L. D'Spain	44
Cecil L. Noah	43
Paul M. Holekamp	41
Jeffrey A. Sill	34
Richard B. Daniel	34
William L. Webb	30
Henry C. Kohl	24
William R. Martin Jr.	20
Herman H. Haas Jr.	17
Scott A. Hardin	13
Clarence M. Smith	13
Robert D. Easterling	11
Carl G. Praesel	11
Aaron E. Basham	9
Cary L. Clark	8
Bradley D. Pecor	8
Philip W. Archilla	6

Taken from Texas Masonic History-Topic 2

Brother Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar (1798 – 1859) Spring Workshop Program 2019

Mirabeau Buonaparte Lamar, soldier, politician, diplomat, journalist, poet, First Vice President and second President of the Republic of Texas, Father of Texas Education, and Brother Mason was born Milledgeville, Georgia on April 16th, 1798 to a well-to-do family.

On January 26th, 1839, in Houston, Lamar signed the Texas Education Act into law, thereby creating for himself the designation of Father of Texas Education. Shortly thereafter Congress set aside 18,000 acres of land for a State education System. Congress reserved another 288,000 acres of public land in central Texas as a source of income for two universities which became Texas A&M and the University of Texas.

In 1950 the Grand Lodge of Texas adopted a program to establish the Texas Public Schools Week which by the way coincides with the March 2nd anniversary of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

In 1988, under the leadership of Grand Master Graham Childress, the Lamar Award of Excellence for Personal Achievement was established. The Lamar Metal is awarded to students and educators in recognition of outstanding personal achievement in academics, citizenship, community service, or sports.

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Building Preservation February Donations	
<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Billy Lemmons Jr	Bro Billy Lemmons Sr
David K Bruton, PM	R.:W.:Graham Childress

On a personal note, a few years ago I had the privilege of working with R.:W.: Childress at Boerne's Agricultural Heritage center as a chuck wagon cook helper.

As a result of that experience we were able, on several occasions, to invite R.:W.:Childress to speak at Kendall Lodge. Each time he drove from Sanderson, Texas and back and expressed his willingness and appreciation for the invitation to speak.

One memory which comes back to me was his love for poetry and committing the same to heart, just like our beloved Brother Lamar- the poet.

David Bruton P.M.