



Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 AF & AM  
897 East Blanco Road • Boerne, Texas 78006

August 2014



## FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

Our new Masonic year has started as the new officers of Kendall Masonic Lodge were recently installed. We had a very good attendance with friends and relatives coming out to support each of the officers in their new endeavors. Each year we build upon the traditions and continue to achieve our objectives with our leadership taking the initiative to better our Fraternity.

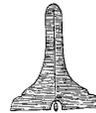
Several goals our officers are planning for this year will challenge our Lodge and make way for its future progress and growth. Degree work is one of the primary functions of a Masonic Lodge. Each of us have been the recipient of many long and enjoyable hours of work as we received our degrees and produced our proficiencies. We will complete three graded degrees this year, the Lord willing.

Our lodge building requires periodic repairs and in the years to come it will require larger repairs such as the replacement of a roof, a parking lot, as well as other repairs. The establishment of a major building repair savings has been accomplished and is still in need of additional funding. We are looking at several alternative methods of meeting our Goal of \$25,000 during this Masonic year.

Lodge membership is dependent upon admitting, initiating, passing, and raising Masons. In the last several years we have witnessed an increased interest in men becoming masons. With the movie, *National Treasure* and the book, *The DaVinci Code* many men have become more curious about our Fraternity. Several of our sister lodges have instituted "bring a friend nights" which have proved to be very effective methods of educating men about Masonry. We plan to learn their methods and institute this type of educational program in Kendall Lodge. If you know the right kind of man who would benefit from this type of evening please contact the Lodge Secretary or me so we can get him on our dinner program list.

We do have several challenges ahead of us this year which will make us stronger as a fraternal group. Making good men better is very important today as it has been since our Fathers, Grandfathers, and Forefathers walked and talked along the same roads which challenge us today. We need your help in doing our best as Masons and as a Lodge in building that bridge for those that will follow.

**Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
David Bruton, PM  
Worshipful Master**



## FROM THE WEST

First, I want to again thank all of you who have given me your vote of confidence by electing me to serve as your Senior Warden for 2014-2015. Our Worshipful Master has laid out many new and exciting plans for Kendall Lodge this year. With the assistance of the newly-elected officers and the participation of all our brothers, this should not only be a fun year, but also one of which we can be very proud. I personally look forward to working with each and every one of you in bringing Worshipful Bruton's plans to fruition on continuing to make our lodge a better place to work and enjoy fellowship.

On another note, I will need to call upon all of you to help make our new candidates feel welcome and to willingly assist with their instruction through all three degrees. It takes several instructors to bring a brother to his goal of becoming a Master Mason and an active member of our lodge.

Please attend as many lodge functions as you can. We look forward to your active participation in making this exciting year a huge success.

**Fraternaly,  
Bill Carder  
Senior Warden**



## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

The menu for our August stated meeting will be BBQ.

### Thoughts on Masonry

The meaning of Masonry, its very essence is contained in one word “Brotherhood”, which is perhaps the most important word in any language. A Mason must accept it without evasion, equivocations or mental reservation of any kind, and the Mason will attain his full Masonic stature; reject it or qualify it, and no Mason, no matter what degree he holds, has any right to enter the Lodge.

Brotherhood to the Mason is what sunlight is to all living things; and just as sunlight may be broken up into infinite shades and colors, and its power transformed into countless forces and manifestations of life, so may the spirit of Brotherhood shining in the hearts of men illuminate their natures and inspire their actions in ways as countless as the sands of the sea, and as diversified as the flowers of the field.

Regardless of how the profane view the world and respond to its stimuli, the spirit of Brotherhood encompasses our Masonic life, illuminating it with wisdom, sustaining it with omnipotent strength, and making its beauty radiate to the utmost ends of the earth.

**Fraternally,  
Clarence Smith  
Junior Warden**



**Kendall County Women’s Shelter Staff Members  
Ms. Dina Puleo and Ms. Emma Merrill Explain Their Mission at the July Stated Meeting**




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**Kendall County  
 Women's Shelter**

*A Safe Place*  
*An advocate is available 24 hours a day to offer  
 services, support, information, and referrals.*



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Last month, Brethren, I made the statement that, "...the cycle of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth never ends. It's been practiced since Masonry began and will be passed on by the Brethren today to those new Masons we instruct tomorrow." In thinking about that statement this month, it occurred to me that we the Brethren of Kendall Lodge can't pass along anything if we don't first share what Masonry means to us with someone else. We all know men who we not only work with but socialize with after work, sports, or other activities who we know to be good men. What do they know about where Masonry fits in your life? Based on what they have heard and seen in your life would they be inclined to ask you, "What does it take to become a Mason?" Our Charter from the Grand Lodge of Texas says that we are to seek out, bring in, instruct, and make good men Masons. How do you think that we are doing? How are you doing? Who have you brought to Masonry recently?

Also when you see one of the officers of the Lodge this year, thank him for taking on the responsibility for his office. Each Officer's position has responsibilities tied to it whether it's elected or appointed. This means that these men have accepted the fact that some things in their lives have to be reprioritized for a time. I never take this for granted and try to tell these men how much (1) I appreciate them accepting the position and (2) what their effort means to Kendall Lodge in particular and Masonry in general.

Just a quick note to all of you to point out that this

month's Stated Meeting will be the Second Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Jim Wheeler. Come and join us as he brings Texas Masons a message from our Grand Master Jerry Martin. Remember dinner starts at 6:15 PM!

Kendall is practicing for a Graded Master Mason's Degree for one of our candidate's. It will be held on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 P.M. with a light dinner to precede it. Right Worshipful T. K. Anthony from the Grand Lodge of Texas' Committee on Work will be present to do the grading. Come and join us to first, show that Kendall Lodge Brethren supports its candidates and second, to support the degree team members putting on the Master's degree. We would like to have a full house looking on.

Finally, the 2014 Grand Master's Workshop for the 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Masonic Districts will take place in Kerrville on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at Kerrville Lodge No. 697. It will start at 10:00 A.M. and Kerrville Lodge will have a light lunch following the meeting. You don't have to be an officer or Past Master to attend, just a plain ol' Master Mason. Come and learn with us!

**Remember:**

**On every third Monday we have a great fellowship and a good meal with our Brethren, their families, visiting Brethren, visitors, and guests. We start serving at 6:15 PM and don't stop until just prior to our Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM. Our Stewards work hard to make each meal great! So you, your wife, and children come and join us. I guarantee you that you will come back!**

**Gary L. Bausell, PM**  
 Secretary

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<b>Bob Easterling</b>	<b>Angela Hoops</b>
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### 2014—2015 Officers

- Front Row:** Charlie Lloyd-Tyler, Dow Mathis-Senior Deacon, Dutch Hutsell-Chaplain, David Bruton-Master, Phillip Archilla-Musician, Duane Garza-Senior Steward
- Second Row:** Don Sharp-Marshal, Clarence Smith-Junior Warden, Jim Hardin-Master of Ceremony, Gabe Garner-Junior Steward
- Back Row:** Matt Archilla-Junior Deacon, Bill Carder III-Senior Warden, Gary Bausell-Secretary, Abb Kestler-Treasurer

### Two Horses

(Author Unknown)

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you get a closer look you will notice something quite interesting...

One of the horses is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made him a safe and comfortable barn to live in.

This alone is pretty amazing. But if you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. It is coming from a smaller horse in the field. Attached to the horse's halter is a small, copper-colored bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two friends you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting he will not be led astray.

When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, he will stop occasionally to look back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect. Or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse, being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives. And at other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way.



## True Masonic Stories and Events

### THE MASONIC OAK OF TEXAS

In 1835 a group of Masons met under a large oak tree in Brazoria, Texas, and took the first step to form Holland Lodge No. 1. The tree, known as the Masonic Oak, has continued to grow and is still in existence.

On May 15, 1966, the Masons of Texas made a pilgrimage to the Oak. There was singing, dinner, preaching and much fun. The Grand Master, H. W. Fullingim, dedicated the place by placing a Texas State Historical Marker near the Oak to commemorate the start of the lodge there.

### ALBERT PIKE'S MASONIC LIBRARY SAVED BY ENEMY BROTHER

A Union general, Thomas H. Benton, Grand Master in Iowa, 1860 - 1862, saved Albert Pike's Masonic Library at Little Rock, Arkansas, by placing Federal Troops around Pike's home when the city was invaded during the Civil War.

### UP IN THE WORLD

The lodge with the highest meeting place on the globe is Roof of the World Lodge No. 1094, of Oroya, Peru. The elevation of the lodge room in the Andes Mountains is 14,167 above sea level. The closest competitor in the United States is Corinthian Lodge No. 35 at Leadville, Colorado elevation about 10,200 feet.

### WHY PRESIDENT MCKINLEY BECAME A MASON

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happened to become a Mason he explained: "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook the hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:

"Did you know these men or ever see them before?"

"No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before."

"But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?"

"Well," said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

"I said to myself, If that is Freemasonry I will take some of it for myself."

### AN IRISH MESSAGE ON STONE

In 1860, at Limerick, Ireland, there was found in a small chapel a stone dated 1517 with the following inscription:

*"I will serve to live with love and care, Upon the level, by the square."*

### THE STATUE OF LIBERTY AND FREEMASONRY

The famous Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor was designed by a Frenchman, Frederick A. Bartholdi, a Freemason. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone with masonic ceremonies on August 5, 1885.

### RUDYARD KIPLING AND THE CRAFT

Rudyard Kipling, the famous English author, was born in India of English parents. He was educated in England but returned to India in 1880. He was initiated in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, Punjab, India in 1886. A special dispensation was necessary as he was only twenty years and six months at the time. When he took the degrees, there were four Holy Books upon the altar representing the dominant religions in the area. Upon his rising he was immediately elected secretary; and he prepared the minutes of that meeting himself.

Many years later he wrote: "I was secretary for some years of Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, E. C., Lahore, which included Brethren of at least four creeds. I was entered by a member of Brahma Somaj, a Hindu; passed by a Mohammedan; and raised by an Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew. We met, of course on the level, and the only difference anyone would notice was that at the banquets, some of the Brethren, who were debarred by caste from eating food not ceremonially prepared, sat over empty plates."