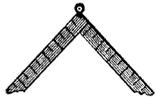




Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 AF & AM  
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## FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

By the time this article arrives within your email inbox or in your mailbox Kendall Lodge will have completed two of our annual goals. Cooperatively we will have had a very successful Fall BBQ Fundraiser and completed an EA Graded Degree. What a pleasure it is to see Masons working together in peace and harmony and in an orderly fashion doing good for themselves, their brothers, their Lodge, our Masonic District, and the Grand Lodge of Texas.

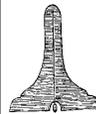


I am very thankful that the members and officers of Kendall Lodge have made our Degree Work a priority this year by setting the lofty goal of working toward and achieving three Graded Degrees. In setting these goals and being willing to put in the time, effort, and energy it takes to complete this laudable work our future effectiveness as a working Lodge is made more secure.

Another work of which we should all be proud is Leadership Development. If we want our Lodge to be strong in the future we will encourage our brothers to learn the workings of the Lodge in the areas of programs, budgetary matters, and fellowship. The execution of our recent fundraiser is a good example of how this too can be accomplished. Within the structure of our standing rules our Lodge has delegated responsibilities in the areas of chairmen and committee work to assist our members in

accepting tasks which prove them worthy in their respective offices. We thank those who have gone before us for these procedures and plans.

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



## FROM THE WEST

### King Solomon's Temple

The origins of our fraternity date back to the building of King Solomon's Temple about the tenth century BCE. King Solomon was the son of King David who was the first to unify Israel. The main source of the temple's existence is the Old Testament of the Bible. The exact site of the temple is unknown but is thought to be on the site of the Second Temple in the area known as the Temple Mount where the Dome of the Rock now stands. King Solomon's Temple was considered the finest building constructed during the Biblical era. It was believed by some scholars to have been built using sacred geometry and some early scholars considered it one of the Great Wonders of the world. In the center of the temple was the "Sanctum Sanctorum" where the Ark of the Covenant was said to be kept to hold the Ten Commandments given to Moses. The temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 597 BCE along with most of the city. It was then rebuilt but was once again destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE. Today, only the stone foundations are believed to exist in Jerusalem. The surviving part is known as the Wailing Wall.



It is recorded that King Solomon's Temple had two distinct bronze pillars erected at the porch entrance that were given the names of Jachin and Boaz. The pillars are described in the Bible in Chronicles 3:15-17 and in 1 Kings 7. These pillars have played an important part in Freemasonry lore for centuries. Boaz, the left pillar, and Jachin, the right, represent strength and establishment. When studying to become Master Masons, we had to pass between the two pillars on our way to the Middle Chamber of the Temple.

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# BBQ FUNDRAISER PHOTOS

(Thanks to PM's Lon Jett & Bob Tucker)





## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

Our November 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting Dinner will be turkey & dressing with all the trimmings!



### Masonic Sermon

*(Inscription on a large medal struck in December, 5838 A.L. in response to an interdict against the Masonic Order by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Mechlin. Around the border is inscribed a Latin phrase meaning "Masonry will Live, God wills it")*

- Masonic conduct is to adore the Grand Architect of the Universe:
- Love thy neighbor: Do no evil: Do good: Suffer man to speak:
- The worship most acceptable to the Grand Architect of the Universe consists of good morals and the practice of all the virtues:
- Do good for the love of goodness itself alone:
- Ever keep thy soul in a state so pure as to appear worthily before the presence of the Grand Architect, who is God:
- Love the good, succor the weak, fly from the wicked, but hate no one:
- Speak seriously with the great, and prudently with thy equals, sincerely with thy friends, pleasantly with the little ones, and tenderly with the poor:
- Do not flatter thy Brother, that is treason:
- If thy Brother flatter thee, beware that he doth not corrupt thee:
- Listen always to the voice of conscience:
- Be a father to the poor: Each sigh drawn from them by thy hard-heartedness will increase the number of maledictions which will fall upon thy head:
- Respect the stranger on his journey and assist him, for his person is sacred to thee:
- Avoid quarrels and forestall insults:
- Ever keep the right on thy side:
- Respect Woman, never abuse her weakness: Die rather than dishonor her:
- If the Grand Architect hath given thee a son, be thankful, but tremble at the trust He hath confided to thee: Be to that child the image of Divinity: Until he is ten years old let him fear thee: Until he is twenty let him love thee and until death let him respect thee: Until he is ten years old, be his master, Until twenty his father and until death his friend: Aim to give him good principles rather than elegant manners, that he may have enlightened rectitude, and not a frivolous elegance:
- Make of him a honest man rather than a man of dress:
- If thou blushes at thy condition it is pride: Consider that it is not the position which honors or degrades thee, but the manner in which thou dost fill it:
- Read and profit, see and imitate, reflect and labor:
- Do all for the benefit of thy Brethren that is working for thyself:
- Be content in all places, at all times, and with all things:
- Rejoice in justice, despise iniquity, suffer without murmuring:
- Judge not lightly the conduct of men, blame little, and praise still less:
- It is for the Grand Architect of the Universe who searches the heart to value His work:

**Fraternally,  
Clarence Smith  
Junior Warden**



## FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren,

If you weren't able to be at the Graded Entered Apprentice Degree that your lodge put on last Monday night, October 27<sup>th</sup> you missed an excellent opportunity to see the work. We have a new Masonic Brother beginning his work in the Entered Apprentice Degree and we shouldn't miss giving him all the support that he needs as he begins his instruction. This is our lodge's second graded degree in the past two months.

November isn't as busy as October, but here are a few things to put on your calendar:

- Kendall will present its **2014-2015 Golden Trowel Award on Tuesday evening, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** to Brother Deacon Wall. Please come and help us honor a brother who has worked tirelessly to help us achieve our goals since he joined Kendall Lodge. We will have a reception following the Open Meeting so wives and families are invited.
- Our **Texas Hill Country DeMolay Chapter will install a new slate of officers on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM.** Brethren... please come and support these young men who are the future of Masonry. If you have young men in your family who are approaching or are in the 12 to 22 year age range, please bring them with you to meet our young men.
- Also remember that this month we honor our veterans for their service on **Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>.** Thank a veteran for their service to our country and us. Also have a great **Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>.** Enjoy your time with your family and be thankful for what you have.
- Reserve the date of **Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM to come to the lodge to honor our 2014-2015 distinguished brethren who have achieved 25, 40, 50, 60, and 65 years of Masonic Service.** This will also be an Open Meeting in order that their friends and family may come and see them receive their honors. There will be a reception following the awards ceremony.

*So don't say that there is nothing going on at the lodge.* We always have something going on that you can be a part of.

Remember that we are still selling raffle tickets for our Fall Raffle. They're going to be **\$5.00 apiece or five tickets for \$20.00.** You might win a **\$500 Gift Certificate to Academy Sports** or a **\$300 Gift Certificate to Best Buy.** This is a win – win situation. You win because you're in the raffle with chances to have your ticket drawn and high school seniors in Boerne and Comfort win as some of them will be given scholarships to earn a higher education. If you're in Boerne or the surrounding area, come by and one of us will be glad to sell you raffle tickets. If you're out of town, mail us a check and we'll mail you the tickets and put your stubs in the drawings to be held at 7:00 P.M. on December 15<sup>th</sup>. **So help us support Education in Kendall County!**

**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*

**Gary L. Bausell, PM  
Secretary**

## Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 Death



**Brother Albert B. "Nick" Nickels**

(October 9, 2014)

Almighty Father! Into Thy hands we commend the soul of our beloved Brother.



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But what do the two pillars really represent by their symbolism? In Robert Macoy's *A Dictionary of Freemasonry*, he gives an example of how far back in time these pillars have played a part in our philosophy. Boaz meant "in strength" and Jachin meant "he that strengthens" or "will establish." Putting them together, the two pillars signify "in strength shall this, my house be established." He gives one example from the cathedral of Wurzburg, one of the oldest cities in Germany, where the delicately crafted pillars played a significant part in the architecture of the building and date from its earliest construction in the year 1042.

From: Brother Den Ardinger, Winter Park Lodge 239, Florida.

Fraternally,  
Bill Carder  
Senior Warden



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### Masonic Trivia

Collected by Ray Dotson, P.M.

- The oldest known Masonic writing, the [Regius Manuscript](#) or "*Poem of Moral Duties*," was discovered to be a Masonic document by a non-Mason, J. O. Halliwell, in 1839. It was written about 1390 and was given the name "Regius" because it was found in the Royal Library of England. It is now a part of the British Museum. Some common Masonic Ritual terms in use today are found in it such as "*So Mote It Be*."
- In China, about 300 B.C., Mencius wrote "A master Mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square." Additionally, in a book called Great Learning, 500 B.C., we find that "A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him; and this is called the principle of acting on the square."
- In 1920, Gate City Lodge #522 in Kansas City, MO met every day of the week except Sunday to confer a record 1,107 degrees, averaging 21 degrees a week.
- Music written by Brother John Stafford Smith (1750-1836) of Inverness Lodge #4 in London was, at one time, used by an Irish Masonic Orphans' Home as their song. Later it became a popular drinking song for many years known as *To Anacreon in Heaven*. Then, some years later, the music was adopted by Francis Scott Key to which he wrote the words to our National Anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*.
- In 1860 in Limerick, Ireland, there was found in a small chapel a stone dated 1517 with the following inscription: "**I will serve to live with love & care, Upon the level, by the square.**"
- In Christchurch New Zealand, there are two natural eroded stone pillars standing at the entrance to Tumbledown Bay. Looking from the land, the one on the left is named Boaz and the other on the right is named Jachin. Leads one to believe that the founders were indeed members of The Craft.
- Lux in Tenebris Lodge # 3856 in London is for blind Masons. The Latin words mean "Light in Darkness."