



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

June 2015



FROM THE EAST

Greetings Brethren,

As this Masonic Year comes to a close we look back over Kendall Lodge's accomplishments as well as look to the future. This will be the last article for this Worshipful Master and we look forward to having our new officers in place and installed by the time another newsletter comes out to each of you.



As we look back at our activities and accomplishments of this Masonic year several items come to mind. The prestigious Vanguard Award was established by our Grand Lodge and Kendall Lodge has received this award every year since its inception. It appears that we will receive this award again at our Grand Communication in the first part of December. Another accomplishment of Kendall Lodge has been in the area of our Graded Degrees. We have received two Certificates of Excellence this Masonic year. At Grand Lodge we were awarded the best Master's Degree in the whole state of Texas. You have to know that this Master was so proud to walk up on the stage of the Grand Lodge of Texas and receive that award for our Lodge's accomplishment.

Another accomplishment of Kendall Lodge this Masonic year is in the area of Esoteric Certificates. Brother Gary Bausell answered the challenge and received his class B esoteric certificate at our District forum and certificate exam at Medina Lodge back in April. This is so important to the lodge as it lays the foundation of our existence and the continuation of our lodge in being able to confer the Degrees of Masonry on prospective candidates. Without those industrious individuals that learn and con-

tinue to learn our work we have little future as a lodge. Thanks to those brethren who strive for excellence.

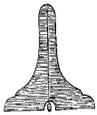
Thank you for placing your trust and support in the right places this year in order to enable Kendall Lodge to continue it's traditional practices here in Boerne. Our Lodge has opened it's doors to the Brethren and to our local community in it's practice of the precepts and virtues to which we all subscribe.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
David Bruton, PM
Worshipful Master



Building Preservation Fund May 2015 Donations

<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Gary Bausell	Bro. Billy D. Taylor Bro. Kevin D. Taylor PM
Abb Kestler	Bro. Claude Hollen
Bob Easterling	Mrs. Marge Hoops



FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

Our spring scholarship raffle is now history and I would like to thank all of my brothers who helped make this a successful fundraiser. Thanks to those who sold tickets as well as to everyone who purchased them. This raffle, combined with the fall raffle, allowed us to fully fund our three Kendall County high school scholarships.



Also, on May 20th we presented checks to the Kendall County Women’s Shelter and to the Kendall County’s Emergency Medical Services Association. A press release with photos has been sent to the *Boerne Star* and *Hill Country Weekly*.

Finally, I would like to encourage all of you to attend the June 15th stated meeting to elect our new officers. Then, please join us on June 27th at 10 am for the installation of the 2015- 2016 officers and lunch afterwards. Please remember, too, that friends and family are always welcome at open installations.

**Fraternally,
Bill Carder
Senior Warden**



(Secretary Gary Bausell, JW Clarence Smith, Rob Cook, Kendall County EMS’s Administrator - Jeffery Fincke, Brett Humphus, SW Bill Carder



Secretary Gary Bausell, SW Bill Carder, Kendall County Women’s Shelter’s Executive Director - Ms. Hattie Allen, JW Clarence Smith

June Birthdays

Brother	Birthday
Eric V. Viereck	6/2
Lewis F. Gimbel Jr.	6/3
Darrell S. Noah	6/4
William H. Sorenson	6/7
Terry A. Stahl	6/7
Bryan W. Dedeker	6/12
John D. Pritchett	6/13
John W. Edgar	6/14
Henry E. Martin	6/19
Donald K. English	6/22
James W. Ziehmke	6/30

June Service Anniversaries

Brother	Years MM
Jack L. Greenfield	58
Edward A. Heath	53
Joseph E. Sill	50
Albert S. Rosenberg	37
Roger D. Duncan	37
Rodney G. Edmondson	31
Alexander H. Zogheib III	29
Claude Smith Jr.	29
Thomas L. Taylor	19
Larry D. Ross	18
Jerry L. Kelley	17
James W. Ziehmke	17
Brandt C. Klutts	12
Ryan J. Maltzberger	9
Zane L. Maltzberger	9
Daniel E. Roane	5
Scott D. Hoiberg	4



FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

The meal for the June Stated Meeting will be King Ranch Chicken, Spring Salad, & Garlic Bread.



"An Undiscovered Country Whose Bourne No Travelers Return"

"An undiscovered country whose bourne no traveler returns", a phrase that be found in the Bible; Job 0:21 and Ecclesiastes 12:1-7, used by Captain Kirk as he treks through the universe, and in the works of William Shakespeare. Shakespeare uses biblical reference in many of his writings. This particular phrase is central in Hamlet Act 3, Scene1.

**But that the dread of something after death,
The undiscover'd country from whose bourn
No traveler returns, —puzzles the will,
And makes rather bear those ills we have,
Than fly to others that we know not of?
Thus conscience does make cowards of us all;
And thus the native hue of resolution
Is sicklied o'er the pale cast of thought;
And enterprises of great pith and moment,
With this regard, their currents turn awry,
And lose the name of action. —Soft you now!
The fair Ophelia¹**

Hamlet is contemplating death, and finds everything in his life was unsatisfactory and not the way he had envisioned. So, because life is so miserable, he wonders to himself why he should not take his own life and travel to that undiscovered county to escape the realities of life.

The reference to the "undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns" may be a pointer back to the entire passage from Hamlet for us to consider. Both Hamlet's speech and the definition of Freemasonry tell us that how we live our lives is directly influenced by how we view death. Are we afraid of failure and does this fear restrict our actions so that we fail to take any risk or action that it might rush us into failure or embarrassment? Do we leave undone things that we should do out of fear of failure?

Our conduct is the key to the door of what lies beyond in this undiscovered country. Does the fear of failure/embarrassment, ridicule make cowards of us because we are unsure of what our conduct might bring, when we open that door and experience the genuineness of dreams that become a reality? Will this fear turn all of our great ideas into fear of failure and cast a doubt over our thought? Does our actions/reactions in life even matter? Actions without a pure heart are actions without meaning and without substance, but actions with a pure heart will fostered masonic tradition and provide a rewarding meaningful life.

Masonry teaches us what we do does matter. Hamlet implicitly acknowledges this as well, when he asks about the material state of Alexander and Caesar. Granted, their material remains have turned to dust, but their memory remains strong.

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Freemasonry is an instrument in self-discovery, consciousness development, and moral responsibility, of understanding our relationship with God and God’s relationship with man. Understanding this relationship we find that we begin to understand the Master Masons spiritual quest. (The Entered Apprentice Degree gives us the physical challenge, the Fellowcraft Degree provides a mental challenge, and the Master Masons degree gives us the spiritual challenge.)

Or as Bro. John Deacon put it “Masonry is intended to be a philosophy and a way of living one’s life. It is not intended that a man be initiated, passed, and raised and then stop seeking knowledge. It is intended that his search for knowledge be more zealous as he progresses through the degrees . . . It is hoped that a student of Masonry be always studious and inquiring as to the deeper, more hidden meaning of the lessons of our Rituals . . . to gain all there is from masonry is must be constantly studied during one’s life.”²

Educating ourselves in masonry is an extremely worthwhile endeavor one that should be undertaken by all masons, for without the study and research the light will eventually fade to oblivion. We’re all at different junctions in our lives, the same is true of masonry, we are all at different levels of enlightenment regardless of the level we are at, and we must strive for more enlightenment.

To keep the lesser lights bright we must read, study and research the meaning of masonry, not the quotes we find on web sites are in various masonic training manuals, but a search dictated by the heart. A goal that is easy to obtain, simply set aside a few minutes each day for reading, reflecting and meditating on masonry. Start with the Great Light in Masonry, the Monitor of the Lodge and follow your heart.

¹ <http://shakespeare-navigators.com/hamlet/H31.html>

² The Profound Pontifications of Brother John Deacon V1, Chris Williams 2009

**Fraternally,
Clarence Smith
Junior Warden**

Kendall #897		
	<u>Every Monday w/out Stated or Called Meeting</u> 7:00—9:00 pm	Kendall #897 Floor Practice
	<u>Every Wednesday</u> 9:00—11:30 am	Kendall #897 Floor Practice
	<u>Every Saturday</u> 9:00—10:00 am	Kendall #897 Esoteric Round Table
June 1	Monday 6:30 pm	Kendall #897 Past Masters Dinner
June 2	<u>1st Tuesday</u> 7:30—9:30 pm	Boerne OES #200 Stated Meeting
June 3	<u>1st Wednesday</u> 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Dinner Stated Conclave
June 4	<u>1st Thursday</u> 6:30—9:00 pm	THC DeMolay Dinner & Stated Meetings
June 6	<u>Saturday</u> 10:00—12:00 am	Boerne OES #200 Installation of Officers
June 8	Monday 6:30 pm	Kendall #897 Close Lodge of Sorrow
June 15	<u>3rd Monday</u> 6:15 pm 7:30 pm	Kendall #897 Dinner Stated Meeting
June 17	<u>3rd Wednesday</u> 6:30—8:30 pm	Brownwood Commandery #22 Floor Practice
June 18	<u>3rd Thursday</u> 7:30—9:00	THC DeMolay Stated Meeting
June 21	<u>3rd Sunday</u> 3:00—4:30 pm	THC DeMolay Advisory Council
June 27	Saturday 10:00 am	Kendall #897 Installation of Officers
June 29	Monday 6:30 pm	Kendall #897 Open Lodge of Sorrow

**Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897
Death**



Brother John Pritko
(May 18, 2015)

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



FROM THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren...

Just a note to all of you that June is upon us and is a busy month. I would like to **congratulate the 2014-2015 officers of Worshipful Master David Bruton's year in the East.** It has been extremely busy and has gone by way too fast.



Also **congratulations to Brother Duane Garza** whose stub was drawn at the May Stated Dinner for our Spring Raffle's \$1200 Travel Package. May he and Mary enjoy their R&R. Also on Wednesday, May 20th several of our officers presented Charitable Donations of **\$250 each to the Kendall County Women's Shelter and the Kendall County EMS Association** to assist them in helping the residents of Boerne and Kendall County.

On a more somber note, **Brother John Pritko of Boerne** passed to the Celestial Lodge above on Monday evening, May 18th. His graveside service will be on Friday, June 5th at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery at 11:30 AM. Please keep his wife Jayne and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Here are a few things to put on your calendar for June:

- A quick note that our **Annual Past Masters' Dinner and Program** is scheduled for **Monday, June 1st with dinner at 6:30 PM and the program immediately following dinner.**
- On **Monday, June 15th**, will have our **June Stated Meeting** with Dinner starting at 6:15 PM, Food and Fellowship lasting until 7:20 PM or so, and our Stated Meeting starting at 7:30 PM. Some 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.
- At the June 15th Stated Dinner we will be **honoring and introducing our three (3) Scholarship winners**, as well as presenting the **Mirabeau B. Lamar Medals to four (4) worthy recipients.** Come and help us welcome them to Kendall

Lodge.

- Also during the June Stated Meeting we will hold the **Election of Officers for the 2015—2016 Masonic Year.** We will install these Brethren at the **Installation of Officers on Saturday, June 27th at 10:00 AM** followed by a light lunch.

And finally, thanks to all of the Brethren who sent their dues in. Letters will be going out to the three (3) Brothers who haven't gotten around to it. I appreciate everyone (or their wives) who remembered and sent theirs in. The Secretary's work is never done!

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

Gary L. Bausell

Gary L. Bausell, PM
Secretary

Tyler Joke

By Bro. Grierson (lodge unknown)

A man was checking into a small hotel on the outskirts of town when he saw a sign on the wall which read, "HIRAM LODGE, Meetings every Wednesday at 7PM."

The man said to the lady at the front desk, "I wonder what they do in there. Do you think they'd ever let me join?"

"I don't think so."

"Well why not?"

"I don't know. That guy there," she said pointing at the man sitting outside the door, "has been knocking on the door for weeks and they won't let him in."