



July 2019

FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

What an honor it is to be installed as the Worshipful Master of Kendall Lodge #897 AF & AM for this coming year. The installation ceremony was a humbling experience and I am truly honored to be in this position. I will do my best to serve our lodge and our community. I would like to give special recognition and appreciation to the Installation Officers as each one of you were specifically selected and you all did a great job making this monumental for my family, my children, and friends. As well as a gracious thank you to all the brethren of our Lodge for electing and supporting me for this position. Lastly, a special thank you for the line officers. I appreciate the sacrificing commitment you all have made to the Lodge and our community this year.

I am excited for this year and let me say we are off to a great start by retrieving the Traveling Gavel from Kerrville Lodge #697. Immediate Past Master Jonathan Cluck, Past Master D. Mathis, and our newly positioned Junior Warden B. Peel, joined me the evening of Tuesday, July 2, 2019, in attending Kerrville's stated meeting. It was a great time of fellowship and fun. I encourage all brethren to come with us when we travel to other lodges in our district for food, fun, and fellowship in claiming the Traveling Gavel!!

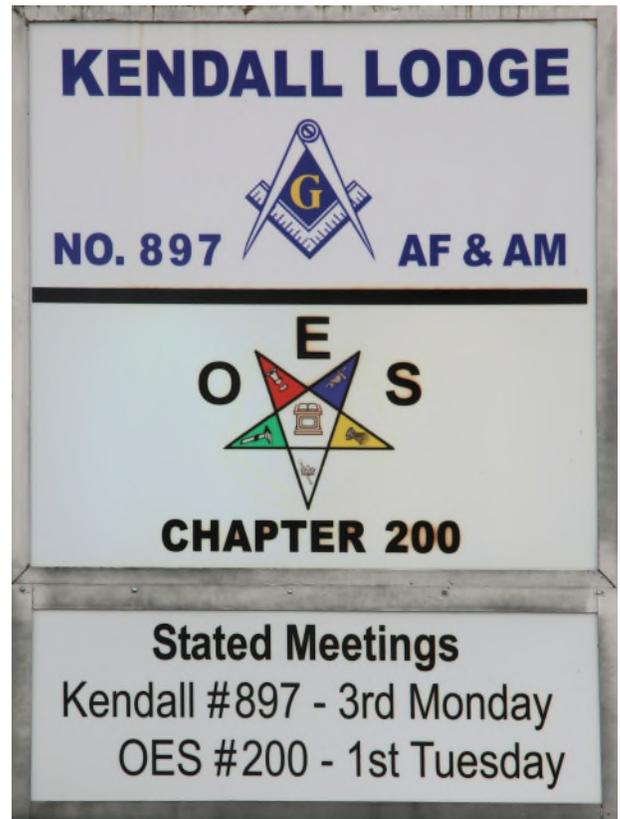
I am very enthusiastic looking forward to this coming year. For our acts to come into fruition, I am calling an Officer's meeting for Monday, July 22, 2019

at 6:30pm. I encourage all brethren to come. We will be putting together committees and planning accordingly. For those interested in learning about what committees we have and serving on one, please come out.

Let's have an active year by working together in harmony. If you haven't been to lodge in a while, please come out and come say hi. The only way to have an active lodge is for all of us to participate. Come out and meet new friends. Don't let anything hold you back, as we all serve one another as well as this community. There is always a place for you at our Lodge!

I look forward to seeing you,

Ovidio Flores
Master





***Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 A.F. & A.M.
2019 - 2020 Lodge Officers***

(Pictured—Left to right)

<i>Junior Steward</i>	<i>Howard. D. “Doug” Eubanks</i>
<i>Senior Steward</i>	<i>Travis Grahmann</i>
<i>Senior Deacon</i>	<i>Matthew T. “Matt” Hite</i>
<i>Senior Warden</i>	<i>Kyle G. Jackson</i>
<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>	<i>Edward J. “Ed” Mueller</i>
<i>Worshipful Master</i>	<i>Ovidio M. Flores</i>
<i>Junior Deacon</i>	<i>Arthur K. “Bubba” Peel III</i>
<i>Junior Warden</i>	<i>Garrett M. Ethridge</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Gary L. Bausell, PM</i>
<i>Tiler</i>	<i>John L. Eaton, PM</i>

(Not Present)

<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Abner L. “Abb” Kestler, PM</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>E. W. “Duke” Davis, PM</i>
<i>Marshal</i>	<i>Steven D. “Steve” Fisk</i>



47th Problem of Euclid

W.Bro. Shawn Belanger, Rideau Minden No. 253, GRC

Brethren, I wanted to give a brief bit of education this evening. At least I hope it's educational – I'm assuming that if I didn't know something, then at least some of you will find this interesting too.

When I was preparing to be installed as Master, I was memorizing the speech for the installation of the Immediate Past Master. A part of that ritual identifies the IPM's jewel as "the 47th problem of the 1st book of Euclid, and one of the most important discoveries of the learned Pythagoras." Now, I knew from grade school who Pythagoras was, but I'd never heard of Euclid and wondered to why he had so many problems.

So, being curious, I did some research and found that Euclid was an ancient Greek mathematician who is sometimes referred to as the Father of Geometry, and his "problems" were actually geometric proofs of mathematical theories. The 47th problem in his first book, entitled "Elements", was the proof of the Pythagorean Theorem and is depicted by the jewel on the Immediate Past Master's collar and on our tracing board.

As a side note Brethren, in the Entered Apprentice degree the tracing board is identified as one of the lodge's Immovable Jewels for the Worshipful Master to lay lines and draw designs on, but I've never seen a Master actually use it before, so I'm happy to have an opportunity to use it myself now.

You can see that the 47th problem is a right-angle triangle, with a square on each edge of the triangle. The area of the squares on the two shorter edges equal the area of square on the longest edge, the hypotenuse. There is a neat little video on YouTube showing this on a rotating mount, with the two smaller squares being filled with coloured water (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CAkMUdeB06o>). When the symbol is rotated the fluid flows from the two smaller squares and precisely fills the larger square, proving that the volumes are equal.

The right-angle triangle in the centre of the squares is sometimes referred to as a 3:4:5 triangle, because it's a simple way to express the ratio of the sides. Using the Pythagorean theorem ($a^2 + b^2 = c^2$), if the shorter

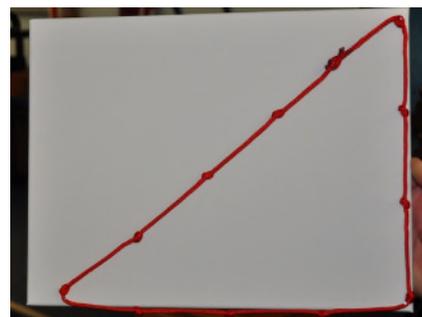
side is three, then the square of that is nine. If the longer side is four then the square of that is sixteen. Nine plus sixteen is 25, and the hypotenuse is the root of that so is five, making 3:4:5.

So that's all interesting, but I wondered to myself why it would be important to Masons and why this would appear as such an important jewel.

For a moment, picture yourself standing in the middle of desert, having limited tools or technology, and being tasked with laying out the foundation for something like a pyramid or a temple. How would you start? What would you do? You can imagine that laying the foundation wrong or out of square in ancient times would not be a path to a long comfortable life.

Well, in ancient Egypt there was a profession called **Harpedonaptae**, which literally translated means "rope stretchers" or "rope fasteners", who were the specialists that laid out the foundations of buildings. They relied on the stars and mathematical calculations to form perfectly square foundations. We know that cornerstones are historically laid in the northeast corner, but why the northeast?

First the Harpedonaptae would use the north star and constellations to lay out a straight north-south line. Then they would take a looped rope with knots in it at very precise intervals. The size of the loop is infinitely scalable so long as number of knots in it corresponds to the sum of the sides of Pythagoras triangle, but for this demonstration I've made a rope with 12 knots – 12 because if you add the sides of the 3:4:5 triangle it equals 12. If you take your rope and put three segments on the north-south line, count out four segments and pin it at the knot, the resulting angle has to be a perfect square according to Pythagoras, giving you a precise east-west line. The foundations for the largest monuments could be precisely laid out using just some sticks and a rope using this method. Personally, I found this really interesting.





SECRETARY'S CORNER



Brethren... Welcome to a new Masonic Year. I congratulate the 2019-2020 officers of Kendall Masonic Lodge, led by **Worshipful Master Ovidio Flores from the East, Brothers Kyle Jackson in the West and Garrett Ethridge in the South**, for accepting their positions and the responsibilities that go along with them. We're looking forward to another great year. *But first let's thank our Immediate Past Master Jonathan Cluck for stepping in and doing an excellent job last year of leading his corps of 2018-2019 officers. A round of applause, Brethren!*

While getting ready for a new year we held a Master Mason's Degree at the Camp Alzafar's Outdoor Degree Area raising a Fellowcraft to a Master Mason. **Congratulations to our new Master Mason, Andrew Camplen!** We also have another Fellowcraft who is ready for his FC proficiency and will have his Master Mason's Degree in a few weeks.

Here are a few things I wanted to remind you of from **May and June:**



On **June 29th** Kendall Lodge installed their **2019-2020 Officer Corps.** I hope that you were there as yours truly was acting as the Installing Officer and PM Bob Tucker as Installing Marshal.



At our June Stated Meeting dinner we honored two (2) of our three (3) **Scholarship Recipients** along with family members. We had **Ethan Perryman from Champion High School** and **Sydney Lopez from Boerne High School**. **Samantha Poisal from Comfort High School** was unable to be there. If you see these honorees them congratulate them.



Brethren just so you know... on **Monday, June 3rd** Kendall Lodge held their **Annual Past Masters Night.** We had a great dinner for our Past and our Affiliated Past Masters prepared by Matthew Hite, Travis Grahmann, and Bob Tucker because Senior Steward Bubba Peel had to leave for a family emergency. It was followed by an excellent program by **Masonic Education and Services Committee member Chris Williams.** We all had a great time.



And finally, at our May Stated Meeting the Brethren voted on several changes in our Lodge Standing Rules which will take effect in the new Masonic Year. This included several changes in duties for some officers, an increase in Dues for next year, and a change in Degree Fees for new candidates. As we have said, Brethren, come and join us. It's exciting learning new things.

And here are a few things to put on your calendar for July:



Monday, July 15th, will be our **July 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.

ALSO, OF INTEREST TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:



Shriners International

Nobles of Boerne Shrine Club and families. Our July Stated Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 17th at the Hungry Horse located across the street from the Kendall County Courthouse. 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.



Shriners International

The Boerne Shrine Club will conduct its Boerne Street Collection effort for the Shrine Children's Orthopedic Hospitals and Burn Centers on Saturday, July 13th. We will meet at the lodge between 8:00 AM and 9:00 AM; then go out on the streets by 9:00 AM. Alzafar Shrine and their units will be here to assist us. Come and help. It's fun and a great way to publicize the Shrine and its philanthropy.



The M. C. Holman Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association of the 51st Masonic District, M.:W.: Grand Lodge of Texas will meet on **Wednesday, July 24th, 2019 at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 794 in Fredericksburg, TX** and all Masons and their families can come and join us. We have a light meal at 6:30 PM and a short Business Meeting at 7:00 PM.



Sisters and Brothers of Boerne Chapter No. 200, Order of the Eastern Star. The 2019-2020 Officers have been installed. Congratulate Worthy Matron Roberta Lloyd and Worthy Patron Gary Bausell for being chosen to lead the Chapter this year.

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



<i>July Birthdays</i>	
Brother	Date
Morris C. Jernigan Sr.	7/1
Thomas L. Taylor	7/4
Jeffery L. Clark	7/5
Shawn L. Dunham	7/5
Kyle G. Jackson	7/5
Robert E. Messerli	7/6
Todd J. Caron	7/7
Garth W. Gombert	7/9
James K. Hardin	7/9
Douglas R. Babbitt	7/10
Howard D. Eubanks	7/17
James L. Baker	7/18
Alfred G. Gray	7/18
Brian H. Rittimann	7/19
Robert D. Easterling	7/20
Clifford R. Rick	7/21
Marvil L. Agold	7/22
Gilbert W. Alexander	7/22
Edward A. Heath	7/22
Paul S. Lemon	7/22
Charles T. Whitehead	7/22
Austin J. Fanning	7/23
Brandt C. Klutts	7/24
Bradley D. Pecor	7/25
Randall J. Stahl	7/25
Marc J. McDonald	7/26
Johan I. Kala	7/27
Rudolph Aue III	7/31

<i>Raised In July</i>	
Brother	Years Ago
Charley A. Taylor	59
John W. Uecker	57
Charles F. Wetherbee	53
Thomas B. Fuller	49
Lyndon R. Herridge	45
Herman H. Haas	45
Kenneth O. Booth	44
Charles T. Whitehead	40
David K. Bruton	39
Robert E. Magers	36
Lon J. Jett III	28
Frank W. Lieck	17
Ovidio M. Flores	10
Jimmie B. Black II	10
Marc J. McDonald	10
James R. Lloyd	9
Jacob T. Hardin	2
Noah P. Gipson	2
Thomas E. Allison Jr.	1

Building Preservation February Donations	
<u>Donor</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of</u>
Billy Lemmons Jr	Bro Billy Lemmons Sr



Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897
Death
Joseph Eugene Sill

Almighty Father! Into Thy hands we commend the souls of our beloved Brothers.