



Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 A.F. & A.M.
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FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

Greeting from the East! Welcome back to the Trestleboard and welcome to the new Masonic Year. I am very humbled by the lodge electing me as the Worshipful Master for this Masonic Year. Congratulations to all the officers that have been installed. I would also like to thank Immediate PM Kyle Jackson for his leadership as we navigated the pandemic of 2020-21.

Your lodge officers are planning to hit it big in this “post” COVID pandemic. We are still being cautious in our meetings and are pledging to remain safe to our members and guests. The lodge has been getting back to work and I, along with the rest of the officers, are excited to work in degrees and make new Masons. The lodge has recently had many inquiries into Masonry and I would like to encourage all of the Brethren to try and make yourself available to meet these gentlemen. You never know, you might be meeting a future Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Texas.

We are having monthly Called Meetings on the first Monday of each month for Officers and Lodge planning. All members are welcome to attend and listen to what the lodge leadership is working on. One new item that we would like to start is a new tradition that, if a month has a 5th Monday, we will have a social gathering around the

corner from the lodge at the Longhorn Café. The plan for this is to bring all candidates/interested parties and members together in a social setting outside of the Lodge building. We believe this will bring a new level of fellowship to our lodge.

The monthly Stated Meeting is still the 3rd Monday of each month, and you are not going to want to miss them! First, we are having a fantastic meal prior to the meeting at 6:30 PM. Then we start the stated meeting at 7:30 PM (like always). I have asked Brothers Matthew Archilla and Michael Ethridge to take our Masonic Education to a new level. We started off with John Tolbert, PM from San Marcos Lodge #342, who gave an excellent talk about remodeling San Marcos Lodge and how it helped bring the Lodge back from the brink. Our next speaker is slated to be Pete Normand in our September Stated Meeting. Check our Facebook page for more updates!

Brethren, please be safe, and if you do not feel well please refrain from coming to lodge. We will miss you but we want everyone to feel safe here. If you have not been to lodge lately, consider coming back, we would love to see each of you again.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Garrett Ethridge

August Stated Meeting Menu:

- Pulled Pork ‘Sammiches’
- Pulled Chicken ‘Sammiches’
- Green Beans (of course)
- Cucumber, onion and tomato salad
- And a variety of sauces for the ‘Sammiches’



Brethren,

We recently had the first Stated Meeting of the 2021-2022 Masonic year. The turnout was fantastic to see. It is encouraging to see Brothers, and their families returning after the long absence due to Covid-19. This Stated Meeting was also the premier of our new, and very talented Junior Steward, Brother Jimmy Lloyd. The meal he prepared was amazing, and more than worth the journey to the Lodge! If it has been a while since you've been to the Lodge, we would love to see you back!

As we begin a new Masonic year, please feel free to contact your Lodge officers to suggest what you would personally like to see more of, in regards to Lodge activities. Like many, I am looking forward to the fantastic Masonic education being provided this year by Brothers Matt Archilla, and Michael Ethridge. We had our first installment during our most recent Stated Meeting, and it was guest speaker from San Marcos Lodge illustrating what can be done to transform a Lodge building into something genuinely impressive. I am looking forward to the future efforts of brothers Archilla and Ethridge! Like many, I miss Brother Archilla's Philosophical Round Tables, and look forward to renewing the fellowship, and fascinating discussions they included. Under the leadership of WM Garrett Ethridge, it promises to be an exciting year.

Finally, it has been some time since we have conferred Degrees with any regularity, due to Covid-19 restrictions. We will be working on getting back into the routine with floor practices on

Monday nights and Saturday mornings.

Participating in Degrees is a perishable skill, so come out and join us! If you've never participated in a Degree, or would like to learn a new part, this is the perfect opportunity. Kendall Lodge takes great pride in setting a high standard for conferring Degrees, and this only comes with practice. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely, and Fraternally,

Matt Hite



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren... Welcome back to the [Kendall Lodge Trestleboard](#). We are getting started again and intend to keep it going – COVID notwithstanding. Let us know about what is going on with you.

[Also, if you have an email address or have someone who can receive the Trestleboard for you by e-mail and get it to you, then please let us know.](#)

It costs approximately \$1.50 presently to print and mail each black & white paper copy. However, it costs nothing to send **vibrant color copies** via the Internet. You can also go to the Kendall Lodge website, click on "About Kendall Lodge" and then on "Trestleboards" in the drop-down menu to read the current and previous issues of the Trestleboard. So, if you would agree to do either of these, instead of receiving it via USPS, it would be a big financial help to the Lodge.

Finally... Welcome to a new Masonic Year, a.k.a. 2021-2022! We are all glad to have gotten back to some form of normalcy the last several months with the vaccines being administered. I hope that you have gotten yours.

Events in August 2021:

-  Come back to our Stated Meetings held every 3rd Monday evening. This month that will be on Monday, August 16th. Bring your family, enjoy dinner with us at 6:30 PM, then come to the Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM. Some of our wives remain in the Banquet Room throughout our meeting, and your wives are welcome to visit with them.
-  Brethren... we as a lodge are continuing to work to teach, share with, and advance our candidates through the degrees. We expect to confer at least one Master Mason's degree the first part of August. Also, we expect to have a Fellowcraft Degree later in August or early in September. Come, help us, and support your lodge and Masonry.
-  Just a note for the Brethren. We have men contacting us, inquiring about Masonry, and coming to the lodge week after week to meet with us and find out about Masonry for themselves. Why don't you come up here and tell them about your reasons for becoming a Mason and what it has contributed to your life?

ALSO, OF INTEREST:

-  Boerne Chapter No. 200 will hold their meeting this month on Tuesday, August 3rd, at Kendall Lodge. Our OES Stated Meetings are on the first Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30 PM. Come join Worthy Matron Gloria Eaton and Worthy Patron John Eaton along with the other officers and members for a good time. Hope to see all of you there.
-  Alzafar Shrine's August Stated Meeting will be at 7:30 PM on

Thursday, August 12th, at the Alzafar Shrine building. Remember that Alzafar Shrine's Stated Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month with Dinner starting around 5:45 PM for the low price of \$5.00. Come and join us.

-  The [M. C. Holman Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association of the 51st Masonic District](#) has started again and will hold its regular Stated Meeting this month at Kendall Lodge No. 897 in Boerne, TX on Wednesday, August 25th. All Masons and their families are invited to come and join us. We will have a light meal at 6:30 PM, and the Business Meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. All EAs, FCs, and Master Masons and their guests are invited to join us each month.
-  This month Grand Lodge's Briscoe Workshop will be held immediately following the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries business meeting. Come, enjoy a little Masonic Education, and learn something.
-  The Boerne Shrine Club is currently planning for the Tailgate Party for the Kendall County Fair Parade participants on Saturday, September 4th, at Kendall Lodge, following the parade. The BSC holds its Stated Meetings at local restaurants on the 3rd Wednesday of each month meeting at 6:00 PM for Fellowship and a short business meeting at 7:00 PM. If you are a Shriner then bring your wife and join us. If not then come and we will explain to you how to become a member of Alzafar Shrine and join us as well.
-  Brownwood Commandery Chapter No. 22 meets on the 1st Wednesday of every month at Kendall Lodge. If you are a Sir Knight then please join us for dinner at 6:00 PM with the Stated Conclave at 7:00 PM.



➤ Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 688 meets at Kendall Lodge on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. If you are a VFW member or interested in joining, then please drop in and meet Commander Scott Galliardt or one of the other officers or members.

Brethren... come and join us at the lodge and learn something or teach us something. We are there every Monday evening starting about 6:30 PM until around 9:00 PM or until we finish. We conduct round tables for esoteric work or practice floor work, if we are not holding a Stated or Called Meeting. We are also there on Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM until Noon doing the same. If you need something during the week or just want to talk, Abb and I are normally at the Lodge on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 AM until Noon. **We will be glad to assist you.**

Brethren.... Be safe out there as things start slowly getting back to normal. Keep yourself and your loved ones safe and touch base with our senior brethren when you can. Let us know of any needs. If you come by the Lodge and see my red Ford F-150 outside, come in and say hi!

Gary L. Bausell
Secretary
August 2021

The first '5th Monday' meeting will be this month at Longhorn Café on August 30th at 6:30 pm, so bring your family and come enjoy some good fellowship!

Symbolism Shorts

Symbolism Shorts looks at the symbols of Freemasonry and what they represents to a brother in his Masonic journey. This month's symbol is the:

24 Inch Gauge – The first working tool new Masons are presented with is the 24-inch gauge. We are taught that there are 24 equal parts and that we should divide them into 3 portions. We are **not** taught that all portions should be equal, but we are **also not** taught that there should be any other portions. How do you portion your 24 emblematical 'inches'?

Think about the things you do during a typical day. What activities are service to God or a distressed worthy brother? Quality time spent with family should almost certainly be considered service to God. What is your usual vocation if you are retired? If you have a productive hobby, that might be considered your 'retirement vocation'. Finally, do you get enough hours of sleep and what do you do for refreshment? Are you spending an inordinate amount of time on your personal refreshment?

What about all of the other things you do every day? Masonic teachings seem to be saying that if you can't fit them into one of these three portions, those activities might be considered vices or superfluities and subject to next month's symbol!

Masonic Exits on the Information Superhighway

The world in the 21st century is a much different place than it was in the past. The internet has revolutionized almost every aspect of our existence today. If you want to find out about anything now, you just 'Google it'. This includes Freemasonry. As you might expect there are many sites out there which spread misinformation about our fraternity, but there are also many which provide accurate and inspirational information. If you have a particular Masonic website that you would like to see featured, please let us know.

This month's Masonic exit on the information superhighway is, or ought to be, a very popular one. A few young Masons have been producing these weekly presentations on a wide variety of topics related to Freemasonry for several years and you can easily browse and find something about our fraternity which excites your curiosity. You can also tune in when they broadcast them live. Just remember that the opinions expressed in them do not represent any Grand Lodge statements or positions. Here is a link to the Masonic Roundtable. I hope you enjoy it:

The Masonic Roundtable –

<https://www.youtube.com/user/masonicroundtable>

Raised in		August
Brother		Years Ago
Darrell W. Dixon		2
Charles L. Clark		7
Todd J. Caron		9
William H. Carder III		14
Robert B. McGill		16
Stephen W. McMahan		16
William L. Holt Jr.		16
Charles M. Harvey		18
Brent W. Berry		19
Gary L. Bausell		19
Steven D. Fisk		20
Darrell S. Noah		37
Douglas R. Babbitt		39
Mark D. Dalpiaz		40
Paul D. Jones		43
Richard D. Baggs		44
Donald W. Jones		52

Terrell E. Norris	57
Rudolph Aue III	60
Daniel J. Basarich	63

Born in	August
Brother	Date
Cecil L. Noah	8/2
Ovidio M. Flores	8/4
Paul M. Rockwood	8/4
Ronnie D. Pfeil	8/5
John W. Angle	8/6
William H. Carder III	8/6
Thomas B. Fuller	8/7
John L. Eaton	8/11
Donald D. Sharp	8/15
Donald W. Jones	8/15
Gaylin E. Kinsey	8/20
Antonio Hidalgo	8/22
Arthur K. Peel III	8/23
Chad T. Shirley	8/24
Ralph C. Lawless	8/28
Mark D. Dalpiaz	8/29

