



**Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 A.F. & A.M.**  
 897 E. Blanco Road, Boerne, Texas 78006  
 November 2021



**FROM THE EAST**



As we head into the holiday season, do not forget the reason for the season. Spend time with your families and enjoy the time together.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Garrett Ethridge  
 Worshipful Master



Brethren,

Hello November! Can you believe it. Wow October was a busy month. The lodge brought in a new EA, we had a couple masons transfer in, we had our annual Fall Fundraiser, we had the Children's Magic Show for our scholarships. A special thanks to those brethren that joined me out at Camp Alzafar for the Chili Cookoff. Sadly, my recipe that had been passed down did not claim victory again. But the chili tasted good, and people enjoyed it, and we had a good time with great fellowship.

At the last Master, Wardens, and Secretary Association meeting it was announced that Kendall Lodge is in first place for the attendance award! Let's keep it up, if you are not an "active" member of the association, you are still invited out. There is a good meal served prior and you have the chance to talk with members of the lodges in our area and see the different lodges as well. I have had a good time attending these meetings.

Congratulations to our Junior Deacon, Travis Grahmann, and his team on a successful BBQ fundraiser. The meal was excellent, and attendance was awesome. Good job team!

Brethren,

I wish to convey my sincere thanks to everyone that helped to make our BBQ Fundraiser a success. We sold a total of 479 plates, which is by no means a record number for our lodge but given the challenges we've faced over the previous year, it was an accomplishment. While this fall is certain to be a busy one, I hope that we see a continued increase in participation and involvement from brothers coming back to the lodge. Last night, (October 25th) we had the pleasure of initiating a 4th generation mason and had over 15 visiting guests present. I would like to remind everyone that our primary purpose is to make masons and the more we practice the degree work, the more impactful the experience is for the candidate. With that being said, I encourage you to come by the lodge and practice the work with us. There will always be brothers at the lodge willing to share the light they have learned, myself included.

Fraternally,  
 Travis Grahmann  
 Junior Deacon



## SECRETARY'S CORNER

**Brethren... November 2021 is here!** It is going to be a very busy month for Kendall Lodge as well as our Fraternal organizations. Keep reading....

### Events I want you to know about in November 2021:

-  Y'all come to our Stated Meetings held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening. This month that will be on **Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your family, enjoy dinner with us at 6:30 PM, then come to the Stated Meeting at 7:30 PM. Several of our wives remain in the Banquet Room throughout our meeting, and your wives are welcome to visit with them.
-  I sure hope that you came for the BBQ Brisket and German Sausage Fundraiser we held on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The weather cooperated.... sunny and cool, the food was also great, and everyone seemed to have a good time and filled themselves up.
-  Brethren.... As our Charter directs .... we are continuing to work to teach, share with, and advance our candidates through the degrees. **We conferred an Entered Apprentice Mason's degree in late October. The WM assigned an Investigation Committee last month to interview a new candidate and we may vote on him at the next Stated Meeting. Come to lodge, support it with your**

presence, and help us spread Masonry in Boerne, the 51<sup>st</sup> District, and beyond.

-  Every week I communicate with men contacting us, inquiring about Masonry, and then coming to the lodge to meet with us and find out about Masonry for themselves. Why don't you come, tell them about your reasons for becoming a Mason, and what it has contributed to your life? Think about it...!
-  We are getting ready for our 2021-2022 Service Awards Night. Last year COVID caused us to have to cancel it, but this year were on. **We have it scheduled for Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Right Worshipful Allbritton will present the Grand Lodge Awards including a 70 Year Service Award along with several 60 Year and a 50 Year award. Worshipful Master Garrett Ethridge will present members who have achieved 40 Years and 25 Years of Masonic Service with their awards. Come and join us and honor these Brethren.

### ALSO, OF INTEREST:

-  Boerne Chapter No. 200 will hold their meeting this month on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.
-  The **M. C. Holman Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association of the 51<sup>st</sup> Masonic District** is dark in November and December due to the holidays. We'll be back in January 2022.
-  The Boerne Shrine Club holds its Stated Meetings at local restaurants on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month meeting at 6:00 PM for Fellowship and a short business meeting at 7:00 PM. This month will be at Hungry Horse Restaurant at 109 Saunders St. If you are a Shriner, then bring

your wife and join us. If not, then come and we will explain to you how to join us and become a member of Alzafar Shrine.

-  Shriners International Alzafar Shrine's November Stated Meeting will be at 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Alzafar Shrine building. Normally Alzafar Shrine's Stated Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month with Dinner starting around 5:45 PM for the low price of \$5.00. This month's meeting was slipped to avoid our meeting on Veteran's Day. November 11<sup>th</sup>. Come and join us.

-  Shriners International Keep in mind that the **ALZAFAR HOSPITAL GALA** this year will have "A Country Christmas" theme. It will be on **Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**. Put it on your calendar. Don't wait to make your reservation as tables are going fast.

-  Brownwood Commandery Chapter No. 22 meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

-  VFW POST 688 Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 688 meets at Kendall Lodge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.**

**Also, if you have an email address or have someone who can receive the Trestleboard online for you and get it to you, then 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 Trestleboards. So, **if you would do either**, it would be a big financial help to the Lodge. Also, there is no "One Stamp" USPS limitation on weight that we currently keep.

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  
November 2021

## Symbolism Shorts

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

### Level –

A level is an essential instrument when constructing any structure. Any building which is **not** built on a level foundation will have constant problems and will eventually fail. Yet to Masons the level has an even more important symbolic function. As Masons we always meet 'on the level' meaning any differences in social, financial or political status are to be left outside the Lodge. I remember hearing that former President Harry Truman enjoyed going to lodge during his presidency, at least partially I suspect, to be just a 'brother Mason' for a short while. I have also heard of Military Lodges where the servicemen remove their Velcro rank from the front of their camo and replace it with a Square & Compass while Lodge is open, to keep the meeting

‘on the level’. But how do we apply the level to our daily lives? We start by treating all men as if they were our brothers, and women as if they were our sisters. It is often said that one person cannot change the world, but he can change himself and by that action make a small step towards changing the world.

## **Masonic Exits on the Information Superhighway**

This month’s exit on the information highway is “**Freemason Information**” <https://freemasoninformation.com/>, a website which professes “to discuss, editorialize and analyze the history, growth, and future of Freemasonry. Of greatest interest is the role and relationship of the fraternity with society and the internal workings of the freemasonry itself”. To further quote the website “Freemason Information exists to broaden the understanding of non-Masons who have an interest in the fraternity. While each Grand Lodge speaks to Freemasonry in its individual state, this site offers a broad overview of the how Masonry intersects with society.” As with anything on the internet, what is offered here is a hopefully positive view, open to anyone with questions about freemasonry in general. While it does contain annoying ads, it appears to do a good job of representing the fraternity to the public and contains many pages of information for the Mason. Click on the link and look around and you might even learn something new!

## **TEN MASTER MASONS**

*Anonymous*

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;  
One listened to a rumor, and then there were nine

Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;  
One didn’t like the “Master,” then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;  
One joined too many clubs, and then there were seven.

Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;

One grew discouraged, and then there were six.

Six Master Masons, all very much alive;  
One lost his interest, and then there were five.

Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;  
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.

Four Master Masons, busy as could be;  
One didn’t like the programs, and then there were three.

Three Master Masons, was one of them you?  
One grew tired of all the work, and then there were two.

Two Master Masons with so much to be done;  
One said “What’s the use,” then there was one.

One Master Mason, found a brother – true!  
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.

Two Master Masons didn’t find work a bore;  
Each brought another, and then there were four.

Four Master Masons saved their Lodge’s fate;  
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.

Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodge’s bright sheen;  
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.

Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;  
Were pleased when their number grew to thirty-two.

So we can’t put our troubles at the Lodge’s door;  
It’s our fault for harming the Lodge we all adore.

Don’t fuss about the programs or the “Master” in the East;  
Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.

<http://jonesboromasoniclodge129.com/our-lodge/masonic-humor/>

<b>Raised in</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>Brother</b>	<b>Years Ago</b>
James K. Hardin	11
Terry S. Trotti	11
Jason R. Triggs	12
Ronald G. Trine	13
James E. Berne Jr.	15
Jon B. Tipton	15
Kenneth L. Fitzpatrick Jr.	15
Lee J. Raspberry	15
John W. White	17
Scott A. Davis	21
Jeffrey L. Hamilton	22
James A. Earl IV	23
Mark E. Morley	24
Johan I. Kala	25
Fred L. Waterman	28
Don E. Herald	38
William H. Foster	38
Ralph H. Wiesepape	45
Herbert A. Rittimann Jr.	51

<b>Born in</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>Brother</b>	<b>Date</b>
Clarence M. Smith	11/3
Jonathan B. Cluck	11/4
Noah P. Gipson	11/4
Herman H. Haas Jr.	11/5
Daniel E. Roane	11/9
Jeffery R. Christoff	11/9
Ralph H. Wiesepape	11/9
David K. Bruton	11/10
Don A. Middleton	11/10
Herman H. Haas	11/10
John E. Davis	11/10
John D. Smith	11/14
Jeffrey L. Hamilton	11/15
Jackie D. Elliff	11/17
Robert B. McGill	11/17
Earl W. Davis	11/19
James R. Lloyd	11/20
Scott A. Hardin	11/23
Alexander Casiano	11/25
Carl G. Praesel	11/25
Terry S. Trotti	11/25
Donald F. Hoose	11/27
David L. D'Spain	11/28
Paul M. Holekamp	11/29