



Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 A.F. & A.M.
897 E. Blanco Road, Boerne, Texas 78006
May 2022



FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

Welcome to the month of May. As we begin the month, let us not forget Mother's Day. In DeMolay, we close every meeting with a prayer for our mothers. If you have not done so, I would encourage each of you to attend a DeMolay meeting at least once. These young men are our leaders of tomorrow. They deserve our support.

The month of May is an exciting month for Kendall lodge. It starts off with the Bluegrass Gospel Show at Boerne High School on Sunday, May 8th in the auditorium. Yes, that is Mother's Day as well, so don't forget your wives and mothers.

Our stated meeting will have a great guest speaker this month, Cody Cockroft. Please come to the meeting to show your support. The Masonic Education speakers this year have presented very good talks that have led to great discussions after our stated meetings. We often hear 'stated meetings are boring'; however, they are business meetings. Meetings that must take place to take care of the business that the lodge needs to complete. I feel that the real part of Masonry happens on the other Monday nights that we meet. Saturday and Wednesday mornings are also great ways to have fellowship with your brothers of the lodge. You may even find yourself in a discussion that will open your eyes to a different perspective. Or maybe just stop in for a cup of coffee.

Mark your calendars for June 20th. That is the stated meeting where we will hold the election of officers for the next Masonic year. The installation will be held the Saturday, June 25th at 10:00 am.

Also don't forget that this month has 5 Mondays, that means we will have our 5th Monday gathering at the Longhorn Café on May 30th. Bring your family and enjoy a fun social time with your brothers and their families.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts" – Sir Winston Churchill

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Garrett Ethridge
Worshipful Master



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren. I'm concerned with Brothers who haven't paid their dues for 2022. If they are not paid by June 23rd or we have not heard from you will be suspended for non-payment of dues. So don't wait any longer and send those dues in.

Events I want you to know about in May 2022:

-  Don't forget that Sunday, May 8th at 3:00 PM is our **Annual Gospel Show featuring The Marksmen**. It's being held at the **Boerne High School Auditorium** this year. Take Mom to lunch and treat her to a great afternoon of Gospel Music.
-  Y'all come to our Stated Meetings held every 3rd Monday evening. This month that will be on **Monday, May 16th**. 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.
-  Brethren. This month has a 5th Monday on May 30th. Even though this is Memorial Day, we're going to have our 5th Monday Lodge Family Fellowship at **Longhorn Café** on the corner of Esser and River Road. Come at 6:30 PM, order your food, and join us upstairs for conversation and fellowship.
-  Something new. Brother Doug Leonard is moderating **Kendall Lodge's Philosophical Round Table** which is starting up again. We meet on the **4th Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM** to discuss Masonic points of interest that are in an outline prepared by Brother Leonard. We just had our first meeting on EA's so come and join us. We're open to Master Masons in the 51st Masonic District and the surrounding areas.

ALSO, OF INTEREST:

-  Boerne Chapter No. 200 will hold their meeting every month on the first Tuesday evening of each month at 7:30

PM. at Kendall Lodge. Come join Worthy Matron Gloria Eaton and Worthy Patron John Eaton along with the other officers and members for an enjoyable time of fellowship. Hope to see all of you there.

-  The **M. C. Holman Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the 51st Masonic District** will hold its regular Stated Meeting this month at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 794 in Fredericksburg, TX on Wednesday, May 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.

-  **Shriners International** The Boerne Shrine Club 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. We are currently meeting 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 become a member of Alzafar Shrine and join us as well.

-  **Shriners International** Alzafar Shrine's Stated Meeting will be at **7:00 PM (NEW TIME)** on the second Thursday of each month with Dinner starting around 5:30 PM at the Alzafar Shrine building. Come and join us.

-  **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.

-  **VFW POST 688** 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.

FINALLY:

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... 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
May 2022

Symbolism Shorts

Symbolism Shorts looks at the symbols of Freemasonry and what they represent to a brother in his Masonic journey.

Liberal Arts & Sciences – In the Fellowcraft degree and in the charge of that degree, we are encouraged to study the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences. How many of you can name these 7 studies that were considered essential to being an educated man in the days when Freemasonry began? The seven in order are: Grammar, Rhetoric, Logic, Arithmetic, Geometry, Music, and Astronomy. Why in order? Each of these studies relies on the previous one to prepare you for it.

Grammar is the study of words and how they are properly used to communicate. No education can even begin if you cannot understand what is written or said, and in turn communicate your own thoughts and opinions.

Rhetoric is the art of persuasion or the ability to use language to communicate your thoughts in ways that will influence people to agree with you.

Logic is the proper use of arguments and the ability to see through the logical fallacies often used by others in attempts to influence us.

Together these three sciences are called the **Trivium** and relate to the use of language and speech. The other 4 liberal arts and sciences are called the **Quadrivium** and pertain to the use of numbers.

Arithmetic is the first and most basic of these sciences. Without a solid knowledge of arithmetic, no study involving numbers can be undertaken.

Geometry ‘the noblest of sciences’ is highly regarded in Masonry, for without a good understanding of it, no building can be constructed.

As Freemasons, we also understand that the symbols of Masonry which rely heavily on Geometry can be used to teach us many moral lessons as well. If you remember from high school, the study of Geometry relies heavily on Logic and Arithmetic. I recall spending much time on ‘proofs’ in my Geometry class.

Music is the next of the Liberal Arts, because an in-depth study of Music requires an understanding of physics especially of the vibrations that create music. Time is also critical in the study of music and requires a good understanding of arithmetic.

The seventh and final Liberal Art is **Astronomy** which is the study of the Universe as seen relating to the heavenly bodies. A strong foundation of the other six Liberal Arts and Sciences is necessary to understand Astronomy which involves even more complicated physics.

If you pause for a few minutes to think about these Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences, you may realize that you may not know them to the extent that Masonry encourages you to. If that is the case, spend a little time studying up on the ones you feel weak on. If you need or want help with this, ask a brother Mason. This is a part of our charge to support each other in our studies. You may find that this is a part of Masonic Education you had not anticipated!

Esoteric Roundtable

The 4th Thursday in April marked the start of the Kendall Masonic Lodge Esoteric Roundtable. We had 9 members who attended, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Doug Leonard facilitated this first meeting and the second one scheduled for May 26th will be facilitated by Bruce Butterfras. Doug has done extensive research preparing for this and we hope that it provides additional Masonic Education beyond what can be fit into stated meetings.

Guidelines for these meetings are simple and include:

1. There are no wrong answers! Each brother is entitled to his opinion, and we will not belittle anyone who expresses theirs.
2. Every brother in attendance will be given opportunity to contribute with the full attention of the group. Side conversations are very strongly discouraged.
3. We start on time and end on time. From 7 pm to 9 pm allows a significant time for good discussion. If you are running late, don't worry and come anyway. You can jump right into the conversation after you arrive. If we reach a good stopping point before 9 pm we may end early.
4. Everything shared of a personal nature is to be kept upon the square. We are brothers and owe this courtesy to each other.

So, what did you miss in this first meeting? After going over guidelines, topics discussed included:

What is philosophy?

What is the difference between emblems & symbols?

What is the difference between being conducted and escorted?

What is the difference between being taught and being instructed?

What are Stations and Places and how are they different?

What is the difference between Oaths and Obligations?

This month we will build on that foundation and start to discuss the symbolism of the Entered Apprentice Degree. The text we will be using to guide our discussion is an 'Analysis and Commentary' by W.L. Wilmshurst from the Grand

Lodge of England. If you want to review it before the meeting Doug or Bruce can send you a pdf copy.

If you are interested in finding out what deeper meanings Masonry has to offer, and especially if you are aware of these deeper meanings and are willing to share your perspective, come give this a chance.

Masonic Exits on the Information Superhighway

Many internet websites of Masonic interest have been shared this year, including:

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

<https://buildinghiram.blogspot.com/>

<http://freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com/>

<https://freemasoninformation.com/>

and

<https://craftsmenonline.com/the-craftsmen-online-podcast/>

If you know of another site that you think your brothers might have interest in, please send me a link at brucebutterfras@gvtc.com. Also, if you have feedback on any sites that have been shared, let me hear from you about that as well.

Raised in	May
Brother	Years Ago
Philip W. Archilla	9
Bradley D. Pecor	11
Cary L. Clark	11
Aaron E. Basham	12
Carl G. Praesel	14
Clarence M. Smith	16
Scott A. Hardin	16
Herman H. Haas Jr.	20
William R. Martin Jr.	23
William L. Webb	33
Jeffrey A. Sill	37
William R. Zilliott	40
Paul M. Holekamp	44
Cecil L. Noah	46
David L. D'Spain	47
Jackie D. Elliff	52
Don M. Edmondson	58
Albert L. Putnam	59
Ralph C. Lawless	70

Born in	May
Brother	Date
Peter S. Smith	5/3
Alfred C. Gray	5/4
Lennox W. Stewart	5/11
William R. Zilliott	5/12
James R. Schmitz	5/12
Philip W. Archilla	5/13
Douglas W. Leonard	5/15
Bruce W. Butterfras	5/16
Abner L. Kestler Jr.	5/16
Charles W. Lloyd Jr.	5/21
Lon J. Jett III	5/23
Kevin A. Camplen	5/24
Harold E. Sill Jr.	5/26
Parker W. Archilla	5/26
Gabriel H. Garner	5/27
Thomas L. Cottle	5/31



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