



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



FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

Welcome to the month of June. This is the final month of this Masonic year. I cannot believe the year has gone by as quickly as it has. The year in the East has been exciting and challenging. I am so humbled by the Lodge for the opportunity to serve you as your Worshipful Master for this Masonic year. The chance to represent Kendall 897 at Grand Lodge and the monthly MWSA meetings has been awesome.

First, I would like to thank the officers that served with me during the year. You guys have been hard-working and motivational to me. The many challenges of coming back after COVID have been crazy, and I hope that we do not see something like that ever again! We still need to shake off some "funk" from the pandemic. This team has risen to the challenge.

Second, to the Past Masters that have been there to offer the assistance that is much needed. The foundation built by the masters before me has made the job easier. I never try to reinvent the wheel; I just want to keep it greased and rolling smoothly. We have tried a couple of different things this year to draw membership back to the lodge. I believe that it has worked!

Last, to the members of Kendall Lodge No. 897. Thank you! I could not have been able to be the head of a body of members without the men of this lodge. You showed up when called upon. Assisted when needed. We performed a graded degree, we put on the spring

and fall fundraisers, and we started the 5th Monday Fellowship. All have been well attended. We had great meals prior to the stated meetings. We have had great speakers at our stated meetings.

The next stated meeting will be held on June 20th. A great meal is being prepared by our Stewards. Elections will be held at this meeting. Some other dates that are upcoming are the closing of The Lodge of Sorrow will be June 18th at 10:00 AM. Installation of the Officers will be June 25th at 10:00 AM. We will open a Master Mason Lodge at 9:00 AM. Please come out and support the men that have stepped up to be the leaders of your Lodge.

The Philosophical Round Table will be on June 28th at 7:00 PM. We are moving the day to the 4th Tuesday of the month due to some scheduling conflict. If you have not joined us for one of these types of meetings; you are really missing some very good education.

I have heard something throughout my time in Masonry, that men need to show up to the stated meetings and that makes you a Mason. I disagree. The real part of Masonry, in my opinion, are the times outside of the stated meetings. The Saturday mornings, the Monday nights when we do not have a stated, the Philosophical Round Table, and the 5th Monday Fellowship are great was to sit and talk and learn with your brothers. The stated meetings are just business meetings that we have to have in order to conduct items that are needed. So please, try and take time out of your life and show up and take part in the activities of the lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Garrett Ethridge
 Worshipful Master



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren. Wherefore Art Thou? In setting in Stated Meetings during the past months I noticed that our meetings have fewer members in them than prior to COVID. I know that the *pandemic, the shutdowns, the masking, etc.* have gotten many of us out of our routines. I challenge you to get back into the routine of gathering with your Brothers at least once a month, break bread with us and your families, and see what is going on in your Lodge and Masonry. We will be looking for you.

Finally, if your 2022 dues are not paid by June 23rd or we have not heard from you, you will receive a letter notifying you of your suspension for nonpayment of dues and a Form 44 should you wish to petition for reinstatement. Brethren do not put this off any longer.

Events I want you to know about in June 2022:

-  Y'all come to our Stated Meetings held every 3rd Monday evening. This month that will be on Monday, June 20th. 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. Per Grand Lodge Law the Stated Meeting prior to St. John the Baptist Day (June 24th) will hold our annual Election of Officers. So, we will be electing our 2022-2023 Officer Corps at this meeting on Monday, June 20th. Come and join us.
-  Remember that prior to Installation we will be closing our 2021-2022 Lodge of Sorrow on 6/18/22 and following Installation we will open the 2022-2023 Lodge of Sorrow for the coming year. Here's hoping it does not get used often.
-  Do not forget that Brother Doug Leonard is moderating **Kendall Lodge's Philosophical Round Table**. We will meet on the **4th Tuesday 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 are 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. This month we will install our new Worthy Matron, Sister Reagan Harris, and Worthy Patron, Brother Abb Kestler, during the Stated Meeting. Come and thank Past Matron Gloria Eaton and Past Patron John Eaton for shepherding us for the last two (2) years during the COVID. 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 Kerrville Lodge No. 697 in Kerrville, TX on Wednesday, June 22nd. 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.



- **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.



- **Alzafar Shrine's Stated Meeting** will be Dark this month due to the Imperial Shrine Annual Meeting. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, July 14th at 7:00 PM. 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.



- **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
June 2022

Symbolism Shorts

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

Trowel – When you think of Operative Masons, it is almost impossible to imagine them building anything without mortar or cement to hold the stones together. The tool they use to spread the cement or mortar is a trowel and watching a skillful modern-day bricklayer (or mason) spread the cement to finish a wall is fascinating. As speculative masons we are also instructed to use a trowel, but as a reminder of our responsibility to spread brotherly love and affection. If every Freemason is considered a 'living stone' to be joined together in that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens, then the mortar or cement that holds us together is ultimately important.

Brotherly love is that feeling of support one brother has for another, and it reminds me of the old TV show 'Leave it to Beaver' (*I know I am showing my age*) where the two brothers were always trying to look out for each other. I know that I would do anything to protect and support my siblings (*alas I only have sisters, but you get the point*). We are also told to show affection for our masonic brothers. I know that brothers often disagree, but in the end, their affection for each other should help them overcome these disagreements.

Take a moment and think about some of your favorite Masonic brothers. Do you feel real affection for them? Of course, you do. Now think

about other brothers who sometimes get on your nerves or even occasionally act in non-Masonic ways towards you or others. Alas, these are also your brothers, and you should show them the same affection you show the others. Is it easy, no, but then much of Masonry isn't easy, but it is right!

Now take a moment to think about that guy who cut you off in traffic, or the one who did something else to make you angry. You have no obligation to show him affection, right? But wait, what if he is a brother Mason *that you have just never had the opportunity to meet yet*. Maybe he is having a bad day and didn't intend to harm you. Maybe he has heard about Masonry and is curious about it but doesn't know any Masons to ask about joining. His opinion of Masonry will be affected by how you react to him.

If you proudly display the square and compasses, you are a constant advertisement for the craft. Non-Masons will judge us all by your actions. Don't hurt the organization by giving them any kind of negative impression of us!

Remember your trowels my brothers and spread that brotherly love and affection we all need.

Esoteric Roundtable

The 4th Thursday in May marked the second meeting of the Kendall Masonic Lodge Esoteric Roundtable. We had 5 members who attended this month, two of whom were not at the April meeting (so if you haven't come so far, don't worry, you are still welcome to jump in). Bruce Butterfras facilitated this meeting, but Doug Leonard will be back for the June meeting. Doug has done extensive research preparing for this and we hope that it provides an opportunity for the members to think more deeply about the lessons of Freemasonry.

So, in the May meeting we began looking at the Lodge Monitor and went through the 'Introduction'. Many of us had not taken the time to read this before so this gave us a great chance to read it and contemplate its meanings and discuss it with our brothers. We discussed many topics including what we might do to increase interest in the esoteric

meanings of our ritual. In June, we will be beginning on the Entered Apprentice Degree. We will look at the petition process and the 'Preparation Charge' from the monitor and will hopefully get into the beginning of the actual degree.

If you have any interest in learning or discussing 'WHY' we do the things we do in our ceremonies, this is the place for you. Our June meeting will be at 7:00 pm on 6/23/2022 in the Lodgeroom. Remember we start on time and end by 9, but if you are running a little late or have to leave a little early, you are still welcome! Hope to see you there.

Masonic Exits on the Information Superhighway

This month's Masonic exit on the information superhighway is a repeat, but a very good version of it.

Whence Came You – 'Big John Deacon Freemason Extraordinaire' – This month I was sent a link to a WCY podcast with an interview with Brother Chris Williams of Davy Crockett Lodge and the San Antonio Scottish Rite. It just reminds me that many of these podcasts are constantly being produced and there is always something new to listen to. So here is the link I was sent (which is the YouTube link) and I am also providing a link directly to the WCY podcast website (which has links to where to find the books that are being discussed). Hopefully you will enjoy this great version of WCY!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkuNSDpjlG>

<https://wcyodcast.com/>

Raised in	June
Brother	Years Ago
Andrew F. Camplen	3
Travis W. Grahmann	4
Scott D. Hoiberg	11
Daniel E. Roane	12
Robert D. Easterling	14
Jeffrey D. Roach	15
Ryan J. Maltsberger	16
Zane L. Maltsberger	16
Brandt C. Klutts	19
James W. Ziehmke	24
Jerry L. Kelley	24
Larry D. Ross	25
Thomas L. Taylor	26
Alexander H. Zogheib III	36
Rodney G. Edmondson	38
Albert S. Rosenberg	44
Roger D. Duncan	44

Born in	June
Brother	Date
Erik V. Viereck	6/2
Darrell S. Noah	6/4
Terry A. Stahl	6/7
Bryan W. Dedeker	6/12
Kenneth R. Propes II	6/13
Marty J. Honea	6/14
Geoffrey L. Elmendorf	6/15
Donald K. English	6/22
Jeffrey D. Roach	6/24
John W. White	6/24
James W. Ziehmke	6/30



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