



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



please come and join us in learning how to do the work. If you have not been to Lodge in a while, please come out and come say hi. The only way to have a successful Lodge is for all of us to participate. Come out and meet new friends. Help us make Kendall Lodge #897 known throughout Texas as the best!

There is always a place for you in the Lodge! I look forward to seeing you.

Robert Tucker, PM, Master Kendall #897
 Worshipful Master Kendall #897



Brethren,

What I want to bring up this month is in regard to Lodge participation. Our lodge has always been considered one of the best in the area, but I feel that we have recently been slipping. I want to bring our Lodge back to the premier Lodge it once was. To do this, we need to increase our participation. We need to make time to attend Saturday morning and Monday evening practices, especially the officers. This will help us learn the ritual for the other positions so we can fill in if necessary and be ready to advance to the next office in the line.

Another concern relating to participation is the need for volunteers to step up and help with the various events we have going within the lodge like the Fish Fry and the BBQ. It seems like we have enough people at the beginning of these events but when

Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone had a good August! Welcome to September, we should start to cool off and maybe get more rain. I want to thank our Junior Warden and Junior Deacon for going out to Boerne Market days to sell raffle tickets and for braving the heat. We have had a semi busy month of August with one Fellowcraft proficiency for the candidate passed on the last day of July. The proficiency he presented was outstanding, so that means we have a Master Degree coming on 3 September at Camp Alzafar.

Our stated meeting in July was great with the Stewards providing a great meal. We voted in a new candidate so we will be doing an EA degree soon. Much thanks to R.: W.: Carnes for a very informative and eye-opening lesson on investigations and proficiency presentations.

Our Junior Deacon is getting quotes on replacing the tile at the alter due to the concrete bulging up in spots. The fall fundraiser is scheduled for 1 October 2022 we will need all hands-on-deck to help. The location for the storage container and sidewalk has been identified and we are now waiting on the contractor and building permits. I will be having scheduled officer meetings at 6:30 pm on the Monday prior to every stated meeting this year. Let us have an active year by working together in harmony.

The plan is to have esoteric/floor/degree practice on Mondays at 7:00 pm and Saturdays at 9:00 am so

they are over, people seem to vanish and only a few are left to clean up and get the lodge back in order. One of our brothers came up with an idea for sign up sheet that has time slots for people to sign up for the various tasks that need to be performed. I think this is a great idea. Not only does it give us an idea of who participates, it also keeps a record for evaluation of each brother's participation when the time comes to consider on advancements within the line of officers.

Another concern we currently have is about who is going to show up for the various degrees. We really need to hone our skills in putting on these degrees so that we can give our candidate the excellent degree that he deserves. This is only possible if we know ahead of time who is going to be able to be there for the various positions within these degrees and if these brothers show up for practices. So this is to all of my Brothers, we need to study the various positions and show up to practices so we can all become more proficient in our work and in the floor work for the three degrees.

With this being said let's come together as one, and help each other out and truly be Masonic Brothers.

Fraternally yours,
Ed Mueller, Junior Warden



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Events I want you to know about in September 2022:

-  Brethren. In July we had an EA proficiency and a Fellowcraft Degree. In August we had a Fellowcraft Proficiency and now we have a Master Mason's Degree to be conferred at the Outdoor

Lodge Area at Camp Alzafar on Saturday 9/3. Come help if you can. Later this month we will also have an Entered Apprentice Degree for a new candidate. Watch the calendar for more information.



- Come to our Stated Meetings held every 3rd Monday evening. This month that will be on **Monday, September 19th**. 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.
-  Do not forget that Brother Doug Leonard and Bruce Butterfras are co-moderating **Kendall Lodge's Philosophical Round Table**. We 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.

ALSO, OF INTEREST:

-  Boerne Chapter No. 200 holds their Stated meeting every month on the first Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM in Kendall Lodge. Hope to see all of you Order of the Eastern Star members there.
-  The **M. C. Holman Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the 51st Masonic District** will hold its regular Stated Meeting this month at Rising Star Lodge No. 429 in Center Point, TX on Wednesday, **September 28th**. 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 is currently dark for the Summer. We

will meet again in September. More information to follow.

-  **Alzafar Shrine's Stated Meeting is on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 8th 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:

We are at the Lodge 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 talk with or 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
September 2022

Symbolism Shorts

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

Rough and Perfect Ashlars – The rough and ‘perfect’ ashlar are symbols found in the Monitor of the Lodge and, also found represented in the Lodgeroom on either side of the Worshipful Master’s station. These are explained in the Monitor as being 2 of the 3 ‘movable’ jewels of the Lodge.

First of all I have to ask, why are the six items specified in the Monitor (the square, level, plumb, rough ashlar, perfect ashlar, and Trestleboard) considered ‘jewels’? They are definitely *not* gemstones as the most common definition would indicate, but another definition offered by the dictionary is ‘one that is highly esteemed’ (such as ‘the library is the jewel of the campus’ – [*Miriam Webster online dictionary*]).

The immovable jewels are the square, level, and plumb and these are located at the Master’s and Warden’ stations and cannot be moved. They indicate that these officers should be ‘highly esteemed’ and as a result, they are considered jewels. Not coincidentally, these officers wear these symbols as the ‘jewel’ of their office (defined by Miriam Webster as ‘an ornament of precious metal ... worn as an accessory of dress’). As you have no doubt noticed that if one of the officers installed in these stations is absent, the person filling the station assumes the ‘jewel’ of the office (although *not* the apron, as that is considered ‘clothing’ and is not a part of the immovable part of the office).

The movable jewels are the Rough and Perfect Ashlars and the Trestleboard. Again, I go back to the definition of something ‘highly esteemed’. It is more difficult to see why these are so highly esteemed, but perhaps the reason is in what they represent. One of the most commonly accepted symbolic meaning of the ashlar is that they represent an individual Mason first in his ‘rough’ condition as he is first voted into the Lodge. The ‘perfect’ ashlar then represents the Master Mason as he is a fully accepted voting member of the Lodge. The ashlar ‘jewels’ are considered movable which

makes sense if we recognize them to be representing individual members of the Lodge. I wonder if we shouldn't have 'jewels' to be worn by every member, 'rough' ashlar for Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts and 'perfect ashlar' for Master Masons after they have returned their proficiency? These members should definitely be 'highly esteemed' as they represent the 'workmen' (or '*non-officers*') of the Lodge. As such they have no defined station or place and so they are 'movable' and for now at least they can be represented by the stones on either side of the Master's station.

If you enjoy contemplating these aspects of Masonry, come to the Esoteric Roundtable on the 4th Tuesday of every month and join our discussions! We will be happy to have you.

Oh, and by the way, the 'Trestleboard' is a symbol for another month ;-).

Masonic Exits on the Information Superhighway

This month's exit on the information superhighway started with a YouTube video that I found called simply '[Masons of Texas](#)' which reviews inspiring individuals from the State of Texas who were Freemasons from before Texas gained her independence to modern day. It is an interesting sample of great leaders who were Texas Freemasons (or Texas Freemasons who were great leaders). At the end of the presentation however, it simply says 'Join us at: www.MyFreemasonry.com' which of course made me go to that website to investigate.

MyFreemasonry.com is a website started in 2008 for freemasons to interact online. I searched to see who the site was sponsored by but was unable to find it sponsored by a specific group. It appears as though all of the staff members are from Texas. If you join (which just requires you to pick a username and a password) you can then post and interact on the site. There are some interesting forums on the site. As I have found (via several Facebook groups) there are many, many Freemasons out there who want to communicate with other Freemasons online. This appears to be an opportunity to do that without being constrained

by the 'rules of Facebook' and since it appears that most if not all of the 'staff' members are Freemasons of the GLoT this seems to be a good option.

Freemasonry online is a great opportunity to interact with other Masons, but as with every other interaction, you must be careful. It is possibly even easier online than in person to pretend to be a Freemason and when online even with a known Mason, you must be careful not to violate any obligations in your communication which could fairly easily be observed by a non-Mason. Have fun, but 'be careful out there' it can be very fulfilling, but it can also be very dangerous. Happy 'surfing'!

Raised in	September
Brother	Years Ago
Douglas W. Leonard	1
Duane J. Garza	10
Garrett M. Ethridge	15
Jerry D. Walker	15
Michael G. Ethridge	15
Robert M. Tucker	15
Thomas L. Cottle	16
Gilbert W. Alexander	17
Marty J. Honea	21
Steven L. Dearing	23
Terry J. Reagan	24
Arthur K. Peel III	33
Edward J. Mueller	34
Jonathan E. Logan	35
Antonio Hidalgo	36
Jonathan B. Cluck	38
Alvis R. Mathison	41
Josue' M. Martinez	47
Donald D. Sharp	49
Jack E. Cameron	58
Charles M. Straayer	60

Born in	September
Brother	Date
James A. Earl IV	9/2
Scott L. Williams	9/2
Daniel E. Gudas	9/3
Koyle D. Knape	9/4
Thomas E. Carnes	9/5
Jason R. Triggs	9/5
Gary L. Copsy	9/6
Gary L. Bausell	9/7
Steven L. Dearing	9/7
Roger D. Duncan	9/7
Lee J. Raspberry	9/7
Joseph A. Carrola Sr.	9/8
Albert S. Rosenberg	9/9
Gordon S. Waldeck	9/9
Michael R. Arthur	9/12
Cary L. Clark	9/12
Miguel A. Inclan	9/14
Michael G. Ethridge	9/16
Ronald G. Trine	9/16
William R. Lemmons Jr.	9/17
John W. Uecker	9/29
William L. Holt Jr.	9/30

Brethren, please take a moment to remember this brother who laid down his working tools in July

Brother	Date of Death
Ralph Claude Lawless	7/16/2022