



Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 A.F. & A.M.
897 E. Blanco Road, Boerne, Texas 78006
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FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

I hope everyone had a good September! We have had a semi busy month with one Entered Apprentice Degree and a Master Mason Degree at Camp Alzafar. Our September stated meeting was great with the Stewards providing a wonderful meal.

Some of you may not know but we've got a problem with the checkered pavement in the lodgeroom. The concrete under the altar came up and left a big pothole. Our Junior Deacon and Master of Ceremonies took on the job of repairing the pothole and are going to be replacing the vinyl tile with ceramic tile.

Welcome to October. The fall fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th and we will need all hands on deck to help. This upcoming October Stated Meeting we will be welcoming our District Deputy Grand Master for his official visit and are hoping to have great attendance to show him the support he deserves

As we start to cool off and hopefully get more rain, we don't want to sit back and relax. We need to keep moving forward and working hard to make Kendall Lodge # 897 known throughout Texas as the best. The only way to have a successful Lodge is for all of us to participate. If you have not been to Lodge in a while, please come by and say Hello. Come out and meet new friends.

We still have esoteric/floor/degree practice on Monday's at 7:00 pm and Saturday's at 9:00 am so please come and join us in learning how to do the work.

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

Robert Tucker, PM
Worshipful Master Kendall #897



Brethren,

Recently, while sitting with a petitioner to our fraternity, I was asked a question that I myself have asked when I was sitting in his position. What *IS* Masonry?

While the answer to that question can be given quite simply, I do think that the more descriptive answer can be as diverse as the brother giving it. It's a very personal answer, just as the experience of the 3 degrees is personal to every Mason. I myself have expanded my own answer to that question as I have experienced more of the light that our fraternity bestows.

Surely most masons will agree that we exist to "Make good men better", but in examining some of the issues facing lodges today, we often find that some brothers are not convinced that we actually are doing that. I often think that the brothers with that opinion seem distressed that they "led the horse to water" but couldn't "make them drink". I believe that our lodge is very fortunate that it is

active in the esoteric work and study of masonry. Surely our ancient brethren through their wisdom recognized the genius of the teaching students from the instructive tongue to the attentive ear. It is the very act of repeating those universal lessons that subliminally trains our minds to draw back to those lessons whether we are aware of it or not.

Additionally, brothers Bruce Butterfras and Doug Leonard have been holding regular esoteric round table meetings to cast even greater light on the meanings of the words and symbols of masonry which I strongly encourage every brother to attend.

Finally, being in the presence of other good men that lead by example surely has an impact. And if that isn't enough, if you are truly in need, they may whisper some good counsel in your ear.

Fraternally,
Travis Grahmann
Senior Deacon



SECRETARY'S CORNER

Events I want you to know about in October 2022:

-  Brethren. This month we are hosting our annual BBQ Brisket and German Sausage dinner fundraiser on October 15th from 11:30 AM till 2:00 PM. Your tickets should have arrived already via USPS mail. As usual we will have the meats, sides, drinks, and desserts for the price of \$15 per ticket. Use your tickets to invite friends and family. Hopefully we will see you and them there.

-  Come to our Stated Meetings held every 3rd Monday evening. This month that will be on Monday, October 17th. 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 Order of the Eastern Star 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 Fredericksburg Lodge No. 794 in Fredericksburg, TX on Wednesday, **October 26th**. 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.
-  I am sorry to announce that The Boerne Shrine Club has decided to go dark permanently.
-  Alzafar Shrine's Stated Meeting is on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be on

**Thursday, October 13th 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.**



- **Brownwood Commandery has a busy month in October. On Saturday, October 1st they hosted a Field Day for new candidates. On Saturday, October 29th they will have their annual Inspection.**



- **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.**



The winner of the Big Green Egg cooker was Cynthia Pollick. The winner of the Yeti cooler was Brother Pete Holder. The winner of the 'bonus' raffle, only available to those who bought at least \$100 worth of tickets, was Yvonne Page. The bonus raffle prize was a custom knife.

The raffle allows the Lodge to award scholarships to deserving Seniors from Boerne, Champion, and Comfort High Schools.

Thanks to all who sold or bought tickets. Through your generosity, several local high school seniors will be assisted in paying for their college or University tuition.

Special thanks go to A.K. 'Bubba' Peel and Doug Eubanks and all others who manned the booth at the Boerne 'Market Days' event for several months. These brothers who gave up their Saturdays for several months enabled us to raise more money for scholarships, while at the same time raising consciousness in the community of Kendall Masonic Lodge #897.

Symbolism Shorts

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

The Checkered Pavement – The checkered pavement is an appropriate symbol to look at this month as we are in the process of replacing ours in the lodgeroom. The other name for the checkered pavement is mosaic pavement meaning a pavement of different colored stones often simulating a painting. Historically the only time a mosaic

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.

Gary L. Bausell

Secretary
October 2022

Summer Raffle

Just before the September business meeting, the winners were drawn for the Lodge's summer raffle to raise money for scholarships.

pavement is mentioned in relation to the temple is in the gospel of John 19:13 where it is called a stone pavement or Gabbatha (which is an Aramaic word for tessellated or mosaic pavement). It is a stretch to assume this to be the pattern of the entire ground floor of the temple and of course the 'temple' that this refers to is the second temple which was constructed many years after Solomon's original temple had been destroyed. But wait, we are discussing symbols here, so the actual floor of the temple should not be our focus.

What then does the checkered pavement represent? Well first we should probably consider the meaning of the Temple. That should be a discussion all of its own, but it is usually assumed that the Temple represents the 'man' or the Mason in all phases of his existence (physical, mental and spiritual). The Bible even uses the analogy of comparing the human body to a temple. Since the ground floor is such a basic part of the building, it is often suggested that the (usually black and white) stones represent the good (white) and bad (black) aspects of man. The presumption is that all men have good and bad qualities. Why then is this symbol limited to the Entered Apprentice work?

Entered Apprentices are given a gavel as a working tool and told to use it to divest themselves of the vices and superfluities in their life. The Entered Apprentice is the newest member of the Lodge and comes in with good and bad 'baggage'. So having a black and white checkered pavement on which he works, could be symbolic of his charge to recognize his 'less desirable' traits and focus on divesting them. Recognizing that no man is perfect, we should be reminded every time we enter the Lodge and look at the checkered pavement, that there are still parts of all of us which can be improved. If we take this symbol to heart and let it remind us, we can use it as motivation in our efforts to become better men!

If you enjoy contemplating these symbolic 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.

Masonic Exits on the Information Superhighway

This month I want to look at the 'Grand Lodge of Texas' **app** for your smartphone or tablet. It can be downloaded from the Apple 'App Store' on your iPhone or iPad, or from the 'Play Store' on Google based phones. Just type in 'Grand Lodge of Texas' and search, and it will be labelled as 'TX Mason'. Once you download the app, you need to 'Join' which requires you to put in your e-mail address, create a username and password and put in your member number (which you will find on your dues card). The member number prevents non-masons from using the app and ties your app into your information on the Grand Lodge database.

One of the great parts of this app is that it lets you (to a certain extent) control your information in the Grand Lodge database. For example, I was able to change my Occupation information to 'retired' through the app. Once you join and are 'accepted' you will be able to open the app and see 'My Profile' where you can see the information which the Grand Lodge has in their database. This includes personal information, contact information, spouse information, spouse contact information, historical events (such as degree dates), esoteric (your esoteric certificates), Lodge offices held, notification preferences, communication options and other bodies (such as Scottish Rite, Shrine, etc.). You can also add a picture here or change your password if needed.

It also has your 'Virtual Card' with your membership information and a barcode and QR code. It has a Grand Lodge link which shows a calendar of events from Grand Lodge. It has a Seminars link which shows upcoming seminars. There is also a link to locate a Lodge and one to 'Find a Meeting'. There is even a resources link where you can find many useful documents. At the bottom you should have a link to all the lodges of which you are a member and when you click on them you can access Lodge information such as the Lodge Roster (with names, addresses and phone numbers of members). There is a link for Lodge by-laws but many lodges have not uploaded their bylaws to the app.

Best of all the App is FREE! If you haven't got it, I strongly recommend getting it for this low, low

price of 'free'! There are other apps which charge you, but this one does not, so take advantage while you can.

Raised in	October
Brother	Years Ago
Chad T. Shirley	2
Thomas E. Allison Jr.	4
Jeffery L. Clark	7
Matthew P. Archilla	11
Miguel A. Inclan	12
Earl W. Davis	14
Peter B. Abel	14
Terry A. Stahl	14
Edward J. Vogt	16
David D. Scales	23
Donald K. English	27
Harold E. Sill Jr.	34
Scott L. Williams	35
Joseph A. Carrola Sr.	45
Fred A. Stahl	51
Daniel E. Gudas	54
Kenneth L. Fitzpatrick	54
Mac M. Hopkin	54

Born in	October
Brother	Date
Terrell E. Norris	10/1
Peter B. Abel	10/3
Jon B. Tipton	10/6
Frederick F. Hoelke	10/13
Carl E. Praesel Jr.	10/13
Gary D. Lawson	10/14
Roy L. Dwyer	10/17
Roger D. Curry	10/19
Joshua D. Criddle	10/23
David D. Scales	10/23
Stephen W. McMahan	10/26
Jerry D. Tilley	10/26
Fred A. Stahl	10/27
Gregory B. Tom	10/30
Geoffrey R. Whitt	10/30

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

Brother	Date of Death
Gary Michael "Mike" Coffey	9/4/2022