



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,

The Thanksgiving time of year is when we can all reflect upon our blessings and voice gratitude to those around us. As we move into the Christmas season of giving and getting gifts, we should all remember what this time is truly for. We should be thankful that we are blessed with the freedom to worship as we feel, work in the job we want, and help those in need. And more importantly be with our loved ones and reminisce about days gone by and friends and family that have departed from this earth.

I went to a funeral the other night and remembered the days when we would just sit around talking and laughing. It was a sad time but also a happy time since I know that person is now with our Lord and looking down on us with a smile. We should all think of the people we've lost and know that they are proud of what we have become, and we should always strive to be better at everything we do.

Finally, the Kendall Lodge is doing well. We have the Service Awards this month and if we can ever get a free day, we will do an Entered Apprentice degree. The checkered tile has been ordered and should be in very soon, so the Lodge floor will be at its best again.

Merry Christmas,
 Robert Tucker, PM
 Worshipful Master

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren, you should have received your 2023 Dues Notices in November. Your 2023 dues are required by December 31st to keep you in good standing in the Lodge and be able to attend all tiled Kendall Lodge functions. So don't put it off, but go ahead and send your check in or drop it in my slot at the Lodge. I'll get your dues card to you as quickly as USPS will allow.

Additionally, All Endowed, Life, and 50+ Years' Service members also should have received their 2023 Dues Cards. Thank You.

Events I want you to know about in



December 2022:

-  We will be conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree on an elected candidate during December. Come and meet him at the dinner and participate in the degree as an officer or on the sidelines. All positions are important to make the candidate feel welcome.

-  Come to our Stated Meetings held every 3rd Monday evening. This month that will be on **Monday, December 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.
-  Our 2022-2023 Service Award Presentations for Grand Lodge's 50, 60 & 65-Year Awards as well as Kendall Lodge's 25- and 40-Year Awards will be **Monday, December 12th at 7:00 PM.** A reception will be held following the meeting with snacks and drinks. This will be an Open Meeting, so all wives and family are invited to attend. **Please try to be here to share this momentous event with these worthy recipients. *The more the merrier.***
-  We will also hold an Open Meeting after the first of the year to present Kendall Lodge's Golden Trowel Award to a worthy Brother who has exhibited Masonic values above and beyond expectations. Watch for the time and date of when this meeting is scheduled.
-  Brothers Doug Leonard and Bruce Butterfrans co-moderate **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. ***The roundtable will be 'Dark' this month due to the holidays, but we hope to see you there in January.***

ALSO OF INTEREST WITH APPENDENT BODIES:

-  Boerne Chapter No. 200 O.E.S. 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 is dark in November and December.** We'll see you in Kerrville on January 25th.
-  Alzafar Shrine's Stated Meeting is on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 PM. This is Elections for the 2023 Divan and elected committee members. Come and join us.
-   Also note that Past Potentate, Illustrious Sir Gregorio Isidro (G.I.) Flores passed away on Tuesday, November 29th. Services have not been announced.
-  The Nekodah Daughter's of the Nile Temple will not meet on Thursday, December 8th at 7:00 PM as they are DARK in December. They will have a Special Called Meeting on Monday, December 12th at 6:15 PM to vote of a proposal for Supreme Session this summer. The
-  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.
-  THE SCOTTISH RITE OF FREEMASONRY
SUPREME COUNCIL, 33rd SOUTHERN JURISDICTION, USA
The San Antonio Valley of the Scottish Rite Bodies meets at the Scottish Rite Temple on Alamo Street in downtown San Antonio. Their Stated Meeting is on the 1st Monday of the month. The in-person CME classes are on the last Thursday of the month but will be 'DARK' this month, with the live streamed class on the 3rd Monday.
-  VFW POST 688
EST. 1936
Post Brian Philip Boerne, Texas
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.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST

**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Gary L. Bausell

Your Secretary
December 2022

Symbolism Shorts

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

Jacob's Ladder –

We are first introduced to Jacob's ladder in the Entered Apprentice Degree as a part of the 'long version' of the lecture. The Monitor of the Lodge mentions it within an explanation of the covering of the Symbolic Lodge. Jacob's ladder appears in the book of Genesis of the Holy Bible, when Jacob 'sees it' in a dream which he has while fleeing from the vowed vengeance of his brother Esau. In his flight, Jacob spends the night (presumably on a high hill) with a *stone* as his pillow. During the night he dreams of a ladder (or in other translations a stairway) ascending from earth to Heaven. He sees

angels ascending and descending this ladder between Heaven and earth. He also hears God speak to him in this dream giving him assurances of his favor with the Lord and of God's continuing presence with him.

So what does Jacob's ladder symbolize to Masons? According to the Monitor, it represents a theological ladder by the aid of which all good Masons hope to arrive at heaven, as symbolized by the starry decked covering of the Lodge. The principal rungs of Jacob's Ladder are said (in the Monitor) to be *Faith*, *Hope* and *Charity* (although other interpretations use 'Love' instead of Charity). Traditionally some other rungs include the 4 cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice to make a total of 7 steps (or rungs). Since the number 7 is an important number to Masons, I tend to accept the seven steps as a more 'Masonic' interpretation.

Setting aside all specific religious beliefs, if a man can control himself to have Temperance so as not to overindulge, Fortitude to face all of life's challenges, and Prudence to make wise choices throughout life, along with an ongoing willingness to practice Justice, he would be considered by most to be a very 'good man'. If he, in addition, has Faith which is a belief in the existence of things unprovable, Hope which is an anticipation of good outcomes and Charity (or Love) which is a continuing desire to help his fellowman, he would be a good Mason!

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

The 'Masonic Exit on the Information Superhighway' this month is the website of the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria Virginia <https://gwmemorial.org/>. I was fortunate enough to visit there a few months ago and take the tour and it was extremely inspiring. The best thing I can say about it is, if you ever have an opportunity to visit it, GO!

The website can give you an insight into the many things that will attract your attention while you pass through the various chambers of the facility. There is a link for a 'tour' which has many photos of the various rooms. There is also a 'virtual tour' link which allows you to virtually pass through each

area by clicking with your mouse. One of the most exciting current links is about the February 2023 'Cornerstone Rededication' where they will be rededicating the cornerstone of this facility 100 years after the original was laid. This sounds like it will be a *monumental* Masonic event (pardon the pun). There are links about how you can support the memorial and links where you can learn more about Freemasonry and George Washington. Finally, there are links to find out more about the Memorial, its history and how it is operated.

As I said earlier if you are ever in the area and have a few hours (probably 3 to 5) to spend, I highly recommend a visit to this unique Masonic memorial dedicated to our first Masonic President of the United States of America. In the meantime, go to the website and get a preview of what you will see when you get a chance to visit the Memorial.



Brethern, I am very sad to share the news that brother William Rush Zilliott laid down his working tools a few days ago. Many of you will remember Brother Zilliott participating in various Lodge functions for the past few years. Please remember him and his family and friends in your prayers.

Also, this month we just received news that Brother Charles Mitchell Straayer passed away on April 16, 2022. Please keep his family in your prayers as well.

Raised in	December
Brother	Years Ago
Douglas H. Zinsitz	18
Samuel E. Offer	31
Richard L. Fulk	34
Robert L. Carpenter II	34
Clifford R. Rick	36
Paul S. Lemon	36
Bruce W. Butterfras	44
Alexander Casiano	48
Robin L. Scheel	50
Ottie L. Konkright	54
Bryan W. Dedeker	65
Robert E. Messerli	68

Born in	December
Brother	Date
Charles M. Straayer	12/1
Don M. Edmondson	12/3
Jimmy I. Miller	12/3
Albert L. Putnam	12/3
Gerald C. Shows	12/10
Tyler G. Smith	12/10
Charles F. Wetherbee	12/10
Terrance J. Degrood	12/11
William R. Martin Jr.	12/13
Garrett M. Ethridge	12/15
Thomas F. Sawyer	12/18
Earl L. Noah	12/19
William L. Webb	12/20
Jack E. Cameron	12/23
Matthew P. Archilla	12/29
Douglas H. Zinsitz	12/30