



Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 A.F. & A.M.
897 E. Blanco Road, Boerne, Texas 78006
February 2023



FROM THE EAST



I hope to see everyone that is able to come on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings for floor practice. We will be preparing for a Master Mason degree and we will need all hands on deck to give the candidate a great degree.

Happy New Year,

Robert Tucker, PM
Worshipful Master

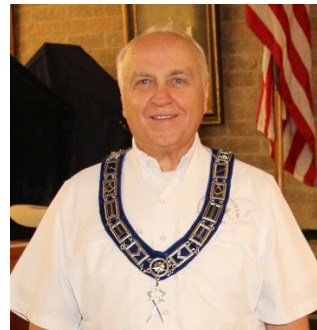
Brethren,

The dinner prior to the January Stated meeting was delicious and we had 4 guests looking to join the lodge in the future. We continue to grow in numbers so please come out and show support for the new and old members.

As the new Grand Master of Texas starts off his year, we can only hope he governs and leads us in a productive and prosperous year. Grand Lodge Communication this year was very interesting to say the least. There were 19 resolutions to consider this year. One Resolution dealt with not requiring a Master Mason in good standing to get a Certificate of Good Standing to affiliate if he has a valid ID card which passed. Another one was to issue plastic ID cards to endowed members. The one that passed overwhelmingly was changing the name of the Rising Star Lodge No. 429 AF & AM to Rising Star Ranger Lodge No. 49 AF & AM.

Our Senior Warden seems to be healing up and we hope to see him back at labor soon, so please continue to keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

The new Alter floor tile looks to be installed before the next stated meeting if all the stars align. The labor is being donated by a wonderful and generous brother.



My Brothers,

As 2022 ended and 2023 began, there were many important events which occurred in Texas Freemasonry, the 51st Masonic District, and Kendall Lodge #897.

The Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas was held in Waco on January 19-21 at the Grand Lodge Building. M.:W.: Grand Master Brad Billings completed his year and M.:W.: G. Clay Smith assumed the duties of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas. Many resolutions were considered including one which passed to eliminate the need for a Certificate of Good Standing to petition for plural membership which passed allowing a current dues card to suffice for that purpose. Also, Grand Lodge has an Officer Leadership class in San Antonio this month for those looking to fill leadership positions in the Lodge.

The 51st Masonic District saw two major changes during this time. First, a resolution allowing the renaming of Rising Star Lodge #429 to 'Rising Star Ranger Lodge #429' was passed at the Grand Communication. In addition, on Friday January 13, 2023, M.:W.: Brad Billings, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, presided over the reconstitution of Freedom Lodge #100 at the Texas Ranger Heritage Center at Fort Martin Scott in Fredericksburg Texas. It was a cold night but an impressive ceremony with Brother Duke Davis installed as Worshipful Master and Brother David Bruton as Senior Warden. They will be meeting for the first time in March and beginning to plan for their future. They will be the 6th Lodge in Masonic District 51.

Finally, Kendall Masonic Lodge #897 initiated a new Entered Apprentice in January. He has been coming around for over six months and he will be a great addition to Kendall Lodge. He has already started on his memory work and is progressing well. We also voted in December to replace our checkered pavement under the altar, with a new white tile with an attractive border. If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, we miss you and would like to see you come back!

Fraternally,
Bruce Butterfras
Master of Ceremonies






SECRETARY'S CORNER


Brethren, as you may have heard, Resolution No. 8 which passed in our 2023 Grand Communication requires that any members who have not paid their dues by December 31st of each year will **NOT BE**

IN GOOD STANDING and therefore are **ineligible to attend both Stated and Called tiled meetings until those dues are paid.** So, if you are in this category, please go ahead and send your check in or drop it in my slot at the Lodge. I will get your dues card to you as quickly as USPS will allow.


Events I want you to know about in February 2023:


-  Come to our Stated Meetings held every 3rd Monday evening. Next month that will be on **Monday, February 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.
-  We will also hold an Open Meeting later this this Masonic 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.
-  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, **February 28th, at 7:00 PM** to discuss Masonic points of interest that are in an outline prepared by Brothers Leonard and Butterfras.


ALSO, OF INTEREST WITH APPENDENT BODIES:


-  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 **Bandera Lodge No. 1123 in Bandera, TX on Wednesday, February 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.

-  Shriners International Alzafar Shrine's next Stated Meeting is on the 2nd Wednesday this month due to Mid-Winter in Granbury, TX on Thursday. Come and join us for dinner at 5:45 PM and the Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM on February 8th, 2023 at the Alzafar Shrine Center.

-  The Nekodah Daughters of the Nile Temple No. 44 will meet on Thursday, February 9th at 7:00 PM in the Parlors.

-  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 4th Thursday with the live streamed class on the 3rd Monday.

-  VFW 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.**

Gary L. Bausell

Your Secretary
February 2023

Symbolism Shorts

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

If you enjoy contemplating the 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.

Scottish Rite

If you have been a Mason for a while, you have probably heard of the York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies. These are appendant bodies, meaning you must be a Master Mason to apply to them.

The Scottish Rite has sometimes been called the “University of Freemasonry” because it takes the lessons of the first 3 degrees and builds on them to provide an even stronger foundation upon which to build yourself into a better man. There are 29 ‘additional’ degrees which help reinforce the lessons of the first three. These degrees are presented on stage (with a few discussed separately) with one candidate participating as a representative of his ‘class’. Each member of the class will have an opportunity to be this representative.

The degrees are divided into 4 groups, the Lodge of Perfection (11 degrees), the Chapter of Rose Croix (4 degrees), the Council of Kadosh (12 degrees) and the Consistory (2 degrees). Each degree which is presented includes costumed members acting out the degree to teach valuable lessons. The lessons to be learned are discussed after each degree.

There is a tremendous amount of information presented in a (relatively) short amount of time (29 degrees in about 24 hours), but the Scottish Rite has continuing education classes each month which reinforce what you learned in each degree. There is no memory work required, but each new member is encouraged to study the information presented and use it to help him become a better man.

The San Antonio 'Valley' Scottish Rite Spring Reunion, which is one of the two times per year when they initiate new members into the organization, will be held on May 13th and 20th (from about 8am to about 5pm) this year. The cost is \$275 (by check, or Visa / Mastercard) and includes meals for both days, the membership cap and a 14° ring as well as dues for the remainder of the year. An endowed membership can be purchased for \$1250 at the time of initiation or later if you choose.

If you are interested or have more questions, ask one of the brothers in the Lodge and we can get you answers and a petition if you like. You only need 2 Scottish Rite members as signers and there is no investigation (it is assumed that you are a member in good standing in your home Lodge). You just need to bring the petition and your money to the San Antonio Scottish Rite Building by about 7am on Saturday morning the 13th. Hope to see you there!

Also if you are already a member of the Scottish Rite, we need your help to put on the Reunion. There are parts to be played in the degrees, costuming and backstage assistance needed as well as lighting and sound system work to be done. It takes a lot of work to put on these reunions, but it is worth the effort to help new brothers become Scottish Rite Masons. Please come out and help.

Raised in	February
Brother	Years Ago
James A. Pospisil	2
Kevin A. Camplen	2
Paul M. Rockwood	3
Austin J. Fanning	4
Howard D. Eubanks	4
Wayne H. Gately	5
Gabriel H. Garner	9
James A. Whitt	12
John E. Davis	12
John J. Vidas	22
Lennox W. Stewart	37
David K. Clerico	39
Alfred C. Gray	43
Gary M. Coffey	44
Michael R. Arthur	45
Gaylin E. Kinsey	46
Thomas I. Pipes	48
Stephen L. Hill	49
Gary D. Lawson	52
John L. Eaton	53
Carl E. Praesel Jr.	57

Born in	February
Brother	Date
Gary M. Coffey	2/1
Robert L. Carpenter II	2/3
John J. Vidas	2/7
Scott A. Davis	2/7
Steven C. Marsh	2/9
Edward J. Vogt	2/11
Frank W. Lieck	2/14
Robin L. Scheel	2/14
Kenneth L. Fitzpatrick Jr.	2/19
Sermet D. Agolli	2/19
Josue' M. Martinez	2/20
Scott D. Hoiberg	2/23
Charles L. Clark	2/28
Robert F. Todd	2/28