



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



**FROM THE EAST**



Brethren,

The new Alter floor tile has been installed and it looks wonderful. Thanks to our Junior Deacon and Master of Ceremonies for all their hard work. The labor was donated by one of the Kendall Lodge brothers who provided his employees and I want to thank him for all his help. Please come by and see the new floor.

Next month (April) will be our first visit from the 51st DDGM who will be delivering the message from the Grand Master of Texas to us. I am hoping it'll be something to excite the masses and get everyone fired up and bring folks back to lodge.

I am sure everyone has been receiving their tickets for the Kendall Lodge annual Fish Fry set for April 1st. Please come and help cook and meet the people that come to eat and socialize with everyone. The brothers really work hard to cook the best fish in the hill country.

I hope to see everyone that can 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.

Fraternally,

Robert Tucker, PM  
 Worshipful Master

Greetings Brethren,

I want to thank y'all for the opportunity to serve as your Senior Steward. Cooking for everyone has been thoroughly enjoyable. Thanks to the Order of The Eastern Star I will get to relax during this month's stated meeting, as they are cooking for us. During my last few months as Senior Steward I plan on making some really good meals that I think everyone will enjoy. While we are practicing for the up-coming graded Masters Degree, I will do my best to either have biscuits and gravy or breakfast tacos ready Saturday mornings before practice. Breakfast will be served between 8:30 and 9:00.

Speaking of practicing, I would like to say that practice, for me, is one of the better parts of Masonry. The fellowship that goes on before, during, and after practice makes it special. It is my belief that practice is more than learning the esoteric work. The fellowship that happens while we meet for practice really helps everyone improve in their own lives. We get to talk about our past experiences, things we are currently going through in our personal lives, and what some of our goals are. These discussions, no matter how relaxed or serious, always have some sort of positive impact on our lives. I have yet to leave without feeling like I took something good away from a Saturday morning at the lodge. I encourage you to come to lodge on Saturday mornings, eat some good food, have fellowship with your brothers, and hone up on your esoteric work.

Don't forget about our upcoming annual fish fry on April 1, 2023. We will need all hands-on deck to help set up, cook, serve, and cleanup. I look forward to seeing everyone there. I will do my best not to dodge this fundraiser like I did the BBQ, although on second thought, my wife did make a good replacement for me for that.

Fraternally,  
Josh Criddle  
Senior Steward





## SECRETARY'S CORNER





Brethren, please go ahead and send your dues 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 March 2023:


-  Come to our Stated Meetings held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evening. Next month that will be on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. 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.


-  We are planning on a Graded Master Mason's Degree toward the end of March or possibly the beginning of April. Watch for the exact time and put it on your calendar and come.
-  Do not forget that Brother Doug Leonard and Bruce Butterfras are co-moderating **Kendall Lodge's Philosophical Round Table**. We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, **March 28<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 PM to discuss Masonic points of interest that are in an outline prepared by Brother 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 51<sup>st</sup> Masonic District will hold its regular Stated Meeting this month at Kendall Lodge No. 897 in Boerne, TX on Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.
-  Following this month's MW&SA business meeting we hope to assemble the Texas Masonic Children and Family Services FANTASTIC TEETH Kits for 1<sup>st</sup> Graders in each of our cities. Come and enjoy the fellowship and provide service to the kids in our communities.
-  Shriners International Alzafar Shrine's next Stated Meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday this month as usual. Come and join us for dinner at 5:45 PM and the Stated Meeting

at 7:00 PM on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Alzafar Shrine Center.

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

-  **Brownwood Commandery Chapter No. 22 meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. The in-person CME classes are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday with the live streamed class on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday.**

-  **Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 688 meets at Kendall Lodge on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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  
March 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 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month and join our discussions! We will be happy to have you.**

This is an article from the periodical “The All-Seeing Eye” from 1923. Brother Abb Kestler provided it several months ago. **It seems as applicable today as it was in 1923!**

## **An Appeal for Better Masons**

IN THE world in which we live today there is a great need which few seem to be willing to study that they might supply the necessary thing. There is nothing more important to the growth of man than the realization of individual responsibility. The average person does not shoulder the duties of his life as he should, he does not live up to the best that he knows, he is not true to the things which he claims to believe, but with selfishness and perversion he desecrates the ideals which he should express in his service and labor.

This is equally true among those whom we call society and that other group who claim to have found a great light or at least to be searchers for it. The average Mason is thoughtless, he is not a criminal nor is he false intentionally to the concepts which he holds, but he is preoccupied, and he feels no responsibility, no individual obligation, in connection with the study of Masonry.

When it comes right down to the truth the average thirty-second degree Mason knows little or nothing of even the first principles of Masonry because he has not assumed the responsibility and the individual duties which make him one with the spirit of Masonry. When those wondrous rituals are unfolded before him, he is thoughtless; when the lectures are delivered to him, he is thoughtless; as he dons the apron, as he transacts the business of his lodge, he is thoughtless; so he passes on year after year in close touch with the most beautiful and lofty of human sentiments yet

absolutely blind to both their purpose and meaning.

Why? Because he has failed to take a personal interest or realize an individual responsibility. If the Mason only realized that the spirit of the ancient craft can only live in its craftsmen and that the divine light of Masonry must shine out through the lives of Masons, he would then become worthy of his craft in seeking to glorify Masonry by his own example.

For many years Masonic candidates have been recruited from various walks of life and various motives have led the seeker to the temple door, yet only about one in a thousand is really seeking either spiritual light or philosophical growth. Business is the usual motive which prompts Masonic affiliation; a desire for social prestige and the privilege of romping around at Shriner's frolics also gathers quite a percentage of individuals who believe that little red fezes will be becoming; still another group joins that they may have an honorable excuse for being away from home one night a week; some are Masons because their fathers were Masons; others because their fathers were not.

This is not malicious nor is it wicked but it is decidedly unfortunate for it has absolutely murdered the spirit of Masonry. The ancient mysteries, those glorious temple rites of a people who knew their gods, have been handed down to modern, everyday affairs. In the ancient days the High Priest, that living link between God and man through whose being shone the light of the Infinite and who was in truth the incarnation of the rising sun, sat in the eternal East in a glorious chair of light with the wisdom of a god, the compassion of a **savior**, and the power of a Hercules.

Not being a Mason myself and having taken the "separate look" at the problem on hand, the answer that seems to present itself is this. There is no finer body of men in the world than the members of the ancient and accepted craft, but ninety-nine out of a hundred of them while excellent fellows have not even a dream consciousness of either Masonry or its ideals.

There is only one remedy to this problem for Masonry is probably the most beautiful and most glorious religious philosophy that the world has even known. In it there is material for thousands of years of study and consideration. Its sublime allegories and wondrous symbols have behind

them truths which are the answers to the world's problems.

A few Masons realize this. That grand old man of Masonry, Albert Pike, saw what few Masons have ever found. Dr. J. D. Buck, a sainted Masonic soul, found and taught the mystic rites. Frank C. Higgins, with his knowledge of mathematics, geometry, and cabalism, is an honor to the craft. They have found the truth of Masonry and they are living according to their knowledge of its ideals. But where are all the others? Just one or two out of a million, where are all the others? They are asleep, they have not lived the Masonic life, they have not dedicated their souls to the answer of the eternal Masonic problem; they have not gone forth in humility and simplicity to search for that which was lost.

And the result is that a glorious truth is neglected, a wonderful work has been- cast aside, and Masonry which depends upon Masons for expression is retreating again to the silent caves where for ages the illuminated few have guarded the destinies of the ignorant many.

Masons, wake up before it is too late! Your creed and your craft demand the best that is in you, they demand the sanctifying of a life, the regeneration of a body, the purification of a soul, and the ordination of a spirit! You have a glorious opportunity, wake, and grasp it 'ere it passes on to other peoples! Realize that your great privilege is to illuminate the world; not alone the work in your tiled lodge but in your home, your business, and your association with your fellowmen is the basis of your Masonic power.

Masonry can only be what Masons are, but its spirit is the Wisdom of God. Your temple is a holy place, a sacred place, not to be defamed by material thoughts and dissensions. Drive the money lenders from your steps, the materialists from your shrines, the schemers from your ranks, or else so live that these shall be regenerated and transmuted while among you. Show your light to the world and as true builders of the Father's house, labor for the good of humanity. Forget your robes, your tinsels, and your jewelry and make of your living body and soul ornaments of your lodge. Let not the tinsel drape an empty void but cover the hearts of noble men.

<b>Raised in</b>	<b>March</b>
<b>Brother</b>	<b>Years Ago</b>
Matthew T. Hite	6
Kyle G. Jackson	7
Tyler G. Smith	13
Erik V. Viereck	19
Ronnie D. Pfeil	38
Geoffrey R. Whitt	39
Jeffery R. Christoff	41
Terrance J. Degrood	42
Steven C. Marsh	49
Thomas F. Sawyer	54
Marvil L. Agold	55
Thomas E. Carnes	60
Charles W. Lloyd Jr.	61

<b>Born in</b>	<b>March</b>
<b>Brother</b>	<b>Date</b>
Aaron E. Basham	3/1
Fred L. Waterman	3/3
David K. Clerico	3/4
Travis W. Grahmann	3/4
Charles M. Harvey	3/8
Robert E. Magers	3/8
Charley A. Taylor	3/8
Daniel J. Basarich	3/9
Robert M. Tucker	3/11
Larry D. Ross	3/12
Dow C. Mathis	3/15
Lyndon R. Herridge	3/19
Thomas E. Allison Jr.	3/21
James E. Berne Jr.	3/21
Jonathan E. Logan	3/23
Ottie L. Konkright	3/25
Alexander H. Zogheib III	3/25
Andrew F. Camplen	3/28
Gavin D. Waldeck	3/31