



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



Brethren,

We just finished the Fish Fry and what a great turn out. The fish tasted absolutely wonderful and everyone worked hard to make the event a great success. Thanks to our Senior Deacon for all his efforts in coordinating this event.

Last month the 51st MWS packed up over a thousand Fantastic Tooth packets to deliver to area schools. We had a great time and a lot of laughs while getting it done.

This month our 51st DDGM will be delivering the message from the Grand Master of Texas. I am hoping it will be exciting and get everyone fired up and bring folks back to lodge.

We will be doing an EA proficiency and an FC degree this month, so come out and join us in welcoming the newest FC.

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,

One of the things that appealed to me about Freemasonry prior to joining, and still appeals to me a year and a half after being raised, is the view that we as Masons take towards others with regard to politics and religion. The understood rule that there is no discussion of politics or religion within the Lodge Room – and frankly my experience has been that brothers extend this to the Lodge property as a whole, is necessary for us to be able to meet on the level and part upon the square. This ability to have a place where there is no judgement upon one's beliefs and acceptance by one's friends and brothers is one of Masonry's biggest draws.

This concept, however, is not new. In fact, one of the greatest expositions of this tenet of Freemasonry, and specifically as it relates to religion and status in the outside world, is captured in the poem, "The Mother Lodge," by Brother Rudyard Kipling. Here it is below (this text inclusive of dialect was taken from The Kipling Society. <https://www.kiplingsociety.co.uk/>. Italics are notes from the site with definitions of the words:

The Mother Lodge

There was Rundle, Station Master,
 An' Beazeley of the Rail,
 An' 'Ackman, Commissariat,
 An' Donkin' o' the Jail;
 An' Blake, Conductor-Sergeant, (senior NCO
 equivalent to Warrant Officer Class I today, –
 British Military)
 Our Master twice was 'e,

With im that kept the Europe-shop, (shop that sold
European and British goods)
Old Framjee Eduljee.

Outside - " Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!
Inside - 'Brother," an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,
An' I was junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out
there!

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,
An' Saul the Aden Jew,
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman
Of the Survey Office too;
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds, (a fittin' shed is a
railway building)
The Roman Catholick!

We 'adn't good regalia,
An' our Lodge was old an' bare,
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,
An' we kep' 'em to a hair;
An' lookin' on it backwards
It often strikes me thus,
There ain't such things as infidels,
Excep', per'aps, it's us.

For monthly, after Labour,
We'd all sit down and smoke (smoking in lieu of a
festive board after Lodge; see next two lines)
(We dursn't give no banquets,
Lest a Brother's caste were broke),
An' man on man got talkin'
Religion an' the rest,
An' every man comparin'
Of the God 'e knew the best.

So man on man got talkin',
An' not a Brother stirred
Till mornin' waked the parrots
An' that dam' brain-fever-bird. (common hawk-
cuckoo)
We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious,
An' we'd all ride 'ome to bed,
With Mo'ammed, God, an' Shiva
Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Guv'ment service (reference to having to
travel for work and visiting other lodges)
This rovin' foot 'ath pressed,

An' bore fraternal greetin's
To the Lodges east an' west,
Accordin' as commanded.
From Kohat to Singapore,
But I wish that I might see them
In my Mother-Lodge once more!

I wish that I might see them,
My Brethren black an' brown,
With the trichies smellin' pleasant (a type of cheroot
/ cylindrical, non-tapered cigar)
An' the hog-darn passin' down; (a hog darn is a
cigar lighter)
An' the old khansamah snorin' (Indian word for a
kitchen Steward)
On the bottle-khana floor, (a bottle-khana is a
pantry)
Like a Master in good standing
With my Mother-Lodge once more.

Outside - Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!
Inside- Brother," an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on the Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother-Lodge out
there!

This poem captures the essence of Freemasonry so
perfectly. Men of different statuses, faiths, and
castes (this was India) all meeting as equals. No one
man above or below because of his job, wealth,
education, faith or status in society. All meeting as
brothers upon the level and parting upon the square.

Isn't this what our brotherhood is about? Men of
various backgrounds in life, faiths and creeds, and
political persuasions all working together in the
brotherhood of man, and under the fatherhood of the
Great Architect of the Universe for the betterment of
ourselves as men of virtue, and for the betterment of
our communities. "...one sacred band, or society of
friends and brothers, among whom no contention
should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather
emulation, of who can best work and best agree."

Brethren, read this poem and contemplate on it.
Read each stanza and consider how it applies to the
lessons we learn in Masonry. While written 129
years ago (1894), what things strike you as relevant
then as today? Can you see the similarities between
Hope and Perseverance Lodge 782 (UGLE), and
Kendall Lodge 8 97 (A.F. & A.M.)? There are many
articles, essays and books on the meaning of

Freemasonry, but I can't think of many that help capture the essence of our brotherhood more succinctly and clearly than this poem by Brother Kipling. This poem will be part of a future discussion session at the Philosophical Roundtable.

Rudyard Kipling was born and raised in Bombay, India where his father was a professor at the School of Art. He was initiated on April 6th, 1886 at Hope and Perseverance Lodge (UGLE) in Lahore, Punjab, India (now part of Pakistan). He wrote at least two other articles on Freemasonry ("Origins of the Craft" and "Some Remarks of Popular Views of Freemasonry," and many of poems and stories have, or are believed to have Masonic references.


Fraternally,
Doug Leonard
Junior Steward





SECRETARY'S CORNER


Brethren, if you still have outstanding dues I sent you an email this month. Please 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 April 2023:

-  I mentioned that we will have a graded Master Mason's Degree in March or early April. That has been delayed until late Spring or early Summer.


-  However, we do have a Fellowcraft Degree scheduled for Monday evening, April 9th at 7:00 PM. Come and see what goes on.

-  Come to our Stated Meetings held every 3rd Monday evening. Next month that will be on Monday, April 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.

-  On Saturday, April 22nd R.:W.: Keith Reynolds of the Grand Lodge Committee on Work will hold a Forum and Certificate Exams at Kerrville Lodge No. 697 in Kerrville, TX. A light Breakfast will be available at 8:00 AM, the Forum starts at 9:00 AM and the Certificate Exams at 12:30 PM.

-  Do not forget that Brothers Doug Leonard and Bruce Butterfras are co-moderating Kendall Lodge's Philosophical Round Table. We meet on the Last Tuesday of each month. This month it will be on April 25th 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. Light refreshments are served prior to the meeting. Hope to see all 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 Ranger Lodge No. 429 in Center Point, TX on Wednesday, April 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.



- Alzafar Shrine's next Stated Meeting is on the 2nd Thursday this month as usual. Come and join us for dinner at 5:45 PM and the Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM on April 13th, 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, 33° 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. The Spring reunion is May 13th and 20th this year. If you are interesting in joining Scottish Rite ask for a petition and bring it with you to the reunion.



- 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.**

Gary L. Bausell

Your Secretary
April 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.

Raised in	April
Brother	Years Ago
Parker W. Archilla	6
Eddie R. Perez	7
Randall J. Stahl	10
Gregory B. Tom	13
Sermet D. Agolli	13
Koyle D. Knape	18
Brian H. Rittimann	27
Roy L. Dwyer	27
Jerry D. Tilley	35
Gavin D. Waldeck	40
Gordon S. Waldeck	40
Earl L. Noah	41
Donald F. Hoose	48
Jimmy I. Miller	50
Gerald C. Shows	53

Born in	April
Brother	Date
Terry J. Reagan	4/7
Steven D. Fisk	4/8
Roger W. Hall	4/10
James A. Whitt	4/10
Kenneth O. Booth	4/11
Paul D. Jones	4/11
Kodey L. Stanbro	4/13
Kenneth L. Fitzpatrick	4/14
Herbert A. Rittimann Jr.	4/15
William H. Foster	4/16
Eddie R. Perez	4/16
James A. Pospisil	4/18
Don E. Herald	4/24
Samuel E. Offer	4/26
Alvis R. Mathison	4/29
Jerry D. Walker	4/29