



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



Ramblings of a Past Master (& present Chaplain)

Brethren,

Welcome to June. I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful Memorial Day Weekend.

This year has been a whirlwind of things going on. From getting the floor fixed to two successful fundraisers. Thanks to all the brothers who worked so hard to get these planned and executed.

As I am writing my last Trestle Board article, I want to thank each one of my officers, especially Bubba Peele and Ed Mueller for their help in every way they could. And I want to express to Gary Bausell and Abb Kestler a very special Thank You for always keeping the Lodge running smoothly.

We will be giving the Golden Trowel award this coming Monday June 12th, 2023, to a brother that truly deserves it, so please come out and show your support and congratulate him.

We are having Election of officers our next Stated Meeting Monday June 19th, 2023. I hope everyone comes to have their voices heard by casting their vote.

I want to wish Bubba and his officers a very successful year and I hope it goes well with no drama or mishaps.

Fraternally,
Robert Tucker, PM
Worshipful Master

When Br. Bruce first asked me to write an article for the Trestleboard, my first thought was, "what can I do to get out of this?" I tried using my ADHD skills and forgetting about it without success. I looked for other tasks I could do in hopes that it would just go away, but that didn't work either. Having found no reasonably believable excuse for not doing it, I resorted to my old standby, procrastination, but that didn't work either. Alas, the time has come when I must write something suitable for our brethren to spend a few minutes reading and hopefully get something useful out of the experience.

I grew up around Masons. My dad was a member of Scurry Masonic Lodge #706, AF&AM in Snyder, TX. He was a member of the Suez Temple Shrine in San Angelo, and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of El Paso. My great uncle Emmitt Boren, who lived in Lamesa, TX was also a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. I believe that his home lodge was Milam Lodge #11 in Lamesa. While these names and numbers are interesting from a historical standpoint, what's more interesting is that this info is essentially all I know about my dad and uncle as far as Masonry is concerned other than that I got to go to the Shrine Circus every year when it came to Snyder. You see, in those days, Masons didn't talk about the Fraternity. Daddy never had a Shrine or Masonic sticker on his pickup. There were no Masonic license plates. The subject never came up at home. As a child, I was at the lodge in Snyder one time, when Daddy got his 25 yr. pin.

How fortunate we are to live in a time when we can be more open about our beloved fraternity. I wear a cap pretty much every day with the square and compasses on it along with the name of our lodge. I wear Daddy's ring (and maybe it was Emmett's before him), and I watch and listen for good men to inquire about it. I openly discuss when the lodge meets or that I saw so-and-so at lodge last month if his name comes up in conversation. I find myself slipping phrases like, "that is exceedingly strange," into conversations just to see if a brother mason might be in the discussion.

The point to all this rambling is that we are free to discuss much more about our fraternity than probably at any time in the past, yet we are hesitant to do so. Sure, we can't share the "secrets" (even though it's likely all there in google-land). Sure, we can't invite a man to join the fraternity, and that's as it should be. However, we CAN answer many questions that the curious may have, and we SHOULD have both an "elevator speech" and enough light at our disposal to carry on a good, in-depth conversation with a potential candidate, should the discussion go in that direction.

So lately I've been working on developing my own elevator speech. You know, a sentence or two that I can use to share my thoughts about Freemasonry that might hopefully give enough info to a good man to trigger that desire for more light. It's still a work in progress. It may never be complete. But I think that it's extremely important that all of us be ready and willing to share our love for the craft with those who show interest. I can't ask a man to join the fraternity, but if he shows real interest, I CAN ask WHY he isn't *already* a member.

Are you actively looking for men desirous of becoming masons? Are your eyes and ears always listening for that curiosity in good men that you meet? Are you ready to have those discussions to answer the questions that we can answer to the profane? If so, then get after it. If not, then WHY NOT?

Fraternally,
Dow Mathis, PM Kendall Lodge #897 2017-2018




SECRETARY'S CORNER






Brethren, it is time to pay your dues prior our Stated Meeting this month. Please send your dues check in or, if more convenient, drop it in my slot at the Lodge.



Events I want you to know about in June 2023:

-  We are planning on having a Master Mason's Degree in June. Watch for a notice concerning the date and time. Come and be a part of Kendall Lodge's Degree Team or support us from the sidelines. You're welcome either way.
-  Come to our Stated Meetings held every 3rd Monday evening. This month that will be on Monday, June 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.
-  This Stated Meeting is also our annual Election of Officers. Come and support the Brethren who have volunteered to lead our Lodge. Also, the Installation of the 2023-2024 Officers will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, June 24th. It is an Open Meeting, so you and your family come and be a part of the celebration.

-  Do not forget that Doug Leonard and Bruce Butterfras are co-moderating Kendall Lodge's Philosophical Round Table. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month. This month it will be on June 27th 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 and fellowship are served at 6:30 PM prior to the meeting. Hope to see all Order of the Eastern Star members there.
-  Saturday, June 16th at 6:30 PM will be Boerne Chapter No. 200's Installation of Officers for 2023-2024.
-  The M. C. Holman Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association of the 51st Masonic District will hold its regular Stated Meeting this month at Kerrville Lodge No. 697 in Kerrville, TX on Wednesday, June 28th. 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 is **DARK** in June due to TSA.
-  Shriners International Alzafar Shrine's next Stated Meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday in JULY. Come and join us for dinner at 6:00 PM and the Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM on July 13th, 2023, at the Alzafar Shrine Center.

-  The Nekodah Daughters of the Nile Temple No. 44 will not meet in June due to the 2023 Supreme Session.
-  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. The Scottish Rite is dark in July.
-  EST. 1934
VFW POST 688
Post Bruce 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.**

Gary L. Bausell
Your Secretary
June 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.

Past Masters Dinner

On Monday night June 5, 2023 Kendall Lodge held a dinner honoring all Past Masters of the Lodge. There were in attendance 6 Past Masters and a number of wives of members and Past Masters.

The Stewards Josh Criddle and Doug Leonard provided an excellent meal of panini lasagna, salad and desert. After dinner, Senior Warden A.K. Bubba Peel talked about his plans for the next Masonic year at Kendall Lodge #897. His plans include several new activities designed to increase our presence in the community and let the community know who we are.



Past Masters in attendance were (L to R) Jonathan Cluck, Dow Mathis, Robert Tucker, Gary Bausell, Albert Putnam, and Ovidio Flores

Masonic Book Review:

Pursuit of a Thread –

Deed Lafayette Vest's book Pursuit of a Thread is a fascinating book relating to World, UK, US, and Texas history as it relates to Freemasonry.

Probably the best summary of the book can be found in the Prelude. In this he states "***This book does not attempt to trace Masonry back to its origin. It does appraise the effects that some actual events had on the evolution of the Order***".

It begins in ancient Sumer (home of the Sumerians) between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers in what is now Iraq. This chapter, which includes known information about Solomon's Temple is very strict (as is the rest of the book) in only including accepted historical facts and avoiding speculation. The next chapter is called the 'Age of Enlightenment' and covers information through the end of the Roman Empire.

The chapters on the 'Dark Ages' and the 'Late Middle Ages' start to connect early Freemasonry with the philosophies and mysteries of the earlier ages. 'The Awakening' does a good job of detailing English history through the early years of Speculative Freemasonry, while 'A New Land' records the opening of America and Freemasonry's place in the establishment of this country. 'Freemasonry's Advance Across the New Nation' focuses on Masonry's spread through the US and 'Texas' looks at the effects of Masonry on the establishment of our great state.

While not footnoted, the book does include a seven-page Bibliography where you can find the author's original sources.

As a student of history, I found this book difficult to put down. It is written in a very easy to read format and leads the reader down a very logical path through the history which contributed to Freemasonry, and to which Freemasonry contributed.

If you are looking for an expose' giving all the 'scoop' on exactly when and where Freemasonry began, this is **NOT** your book! **If you are a student of history and curious to see how history contributed to the brotherhood we now enjoy, this is an excellent read.** I bought my own copy, but we do have one copy in the Lodge Library. If you borrow it, please return it promptly so that others may read it as well.

Raised in	June
Brother	Years Ago
Andrew F. Camplen	4
Travis W. Grahmann	5
Scott D. Hoiberg	12
Daniel E. Roane	13
Robert D. Easterling	15
Jeffrey D. Roach	16
Ryan J. Maltsberger	17
Zane L. Maltsberger	17
Brandt C. Klutts	20
James W. Ziehmke	25
Jerry L. Kelley	25
Larry D. Ross	26
Thomas L. Taylor	27
Alexander H. Zogheib III	37
Rodney G. Edmondson	39
Albert S. Rosenberg	45
Roger D. Duncan	45

Born in	June
Brother	Date
Erik V. Viereck	6/2
Darrell S. Noah	6/4
Terry A. Stahl	6/7
Bryan W. Dedeker	6/12
Kenneth R. Propes II	6/13
Marty J. Honea	6/14
Geoffrey L. Elmendorf	6/15
Donald K. English	6/22
Jeffrey D. Roach	6/24
John W. White	6/24
James W. Ziehmke	6/30