



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



FROM THE EAST



- Bringing back the first responders appreciation dinner
- Having a float entered in the Labor Day Parade
- Holding a Trunk or Treat in the Lodge parking lot for Halloween trick or treaters
- Having a lodge Christmas party this year with a White Elephant Gift Exchange
- Enter a float in the Christmas parade.
- Offering assistance to the local Girl and Boy Scouts in their annual cookie and popcorn sales
- Working on expanding our 2 annual raffles to benefit scholarships.
- Hosting a Veterans Day celebration at the lodge
- Holding an Open House in the Spring

Brethren,

First let me welcome everyone to a new Masonic year, and congratulations all the new officers. I cannot tell you how humbled I am to have been elected to the East. It is absolutely one of the highest honors ever bestowed upon me. I will do everything I can to lead us to a successful year.

I have shared with almost everyone some of the things I have planned for the upcoming year, and I have no doubt that with the assistance of all the officers elected and active members, we will accomplish these tasks.

Brother Jr. Warden, Travis Grahmann has already demonstrated his eagerness to pitch in and get the ball rolling on some of the projects I have laid out for the upcoming year by helping brother Sr. Warden Ed Mueller and myself set up our first officers meeting so that committees can be established for our upcoming projects.

My big plan for this year is all about being active in the community. Let people here know who we are and what we do, and possibly attract new members. For those who were not present at the Past Masters Dinner, when I spoke of what I would like to see accomplished this year they are:

- Getting as many volunteers as possible to assist the KCFA with the Labor Day Weekend Fair

If any of these things sounds like something you would like to be involved in, or if you have an idea of your own you would like to share, come join us at the next stated meeting and let us know where you would like to help and share your ideas with us.

Fraternally yours,
 A.K. (Bubba) Peel
 Worshipful Master

2023 -2024 Officer Installation

On Saturday morning June 24th the officers of Kendall Lodge #897 for the Masonic year 2023-2024 were installed.

Installing officers were:

- Installing Officer – Jason Triggs
- Installing Marshal – Robert Tucker
- Installing Chaplain – Dow Mathis
- Installing Secretary – Doug Leonard



New officers of Kendall Masonic Lodge #897 for 2023-2024

Bottom Row (l to r) Immediate (2x) Past Master Robert Tucker, *previously only living* 2x Past Master Jonathan Cluck, Junior Warden Travis Grahmann, **Worshipful Master A.K. Bubba Peel**, Senior Warden Ed Mueller, Senior Steward Pete Smith, Junior Deacon Andrew Camplen, Tiler (& 2019-2020 Past Master) Ovidio Flores

Back Row (l to r) Chaplin Bill Foster, Secretary Gary Bausell, Master of Ceremonies Josh Criddle, Marshal Bruce Butterfras, Senior Deacon Doug Eubanks, Treasurer Abb Kestler



WM A.K. Bubba Peel with his lovely wife Peggy and District Deputy Grand Master Tony Lenard




SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren, if you didn't get your dues paid on time as of midnight on June 23rd you were suspended in Kendall Lodge and all other Texas Lodges you are members in. You will be receiving a letter from me notifying you of this fact and I will also enclose Form 44 - Petition for Reinstatement. You can fill it in and send it along with your 2023 dues (\$150.00) and I will bring it before a Lodge Stated Meeting. I'm sure the Lodge will vote to reinstate you, but you will lose the months of Masonic Service in the interim. If you have questions then call or email me at the lodge.

Brethren... we are not trying to make this hard. Every year your DUES are required to be to me by December 31st of the year to remain in Good Standing in the Lodge and attend Masonic functions. As I've said ... questions? ... call me.

Events I want you to know about in July 2023:

-  We voted in a new Candidate at the June Stated meeting and are planning on having an Entered Apprentice Degree soon. 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, July 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.



- At the last Stated Meeting we elected the 2023-2024 Slate of Officers for Kendall Lodge. They were installed on Kendall Lodge's traditional last Saturday in June or June 24th this year. When you see any of the Brethren who have agreed to serve in these offices for the next 12 months thank them for stepping up and supporting the Lodge.



- Don't 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 July 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:



- Due to July 4th falling on the first Tuesday this month Boerne Chapter No. 200 will hold their Stated meeting on the third Tuesday evening, July 18th, at 7:30 PM in Kendall Lodge per their bylaws. 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.



- 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, July 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 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 July due to Queen Wanda attending the 2023 Shrine Imperial 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.



- 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

July 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.

Masonic Discussions

Masonic Discussions is presented to be an exploration of discussions that might arise from questions posed by non-Masons about our fraternity. I hope it proves worthy of its promise.

“Dad, why are you gone so many nights to your Lodge meetings?”

“Son, I try to limit my Masonic time away from our family as much as possible, but I suspect you are really curious about the reasons for my attending those meetings, aren’t you?”

“Yeah, I guess I am, how did you know?”

“It’s a Dad thing” I answered with a wink. “I go to Masonic Lodge meetings for many reasons, son. For one, it’s an opportunity to hang out with my good friends and to work with them to do good things for the community. But mostly, I suspect, it is to help me learn to be a better man.”

“But you already are a better man, Dad!”

“I know I am a ‘good’ man, son, but everyone can be better, and I want to be better for you, your sisters, your mom and especially for myself.”

“But how does going to meetings make you better, Dad?”

“Well son, being around other good men, many of whom I look at as role models, inspires me to work

hard to become better. Also, the degrees we confer contain many lessons that teach us how to be better men.”

“What are degrees, Dad? And what does ‘confer’ mean?”

“Well, degrees are ceremonies that we put on to bring new members into the Lodge. When we put on these ceremonies it is called ‘conferring’ a degree.”

“Who are these new members, Dad?”

“Well, you remember Mr. Johnson from church, don’t you?”

“Yes sir”

“Well he has petitioned and been accepted to join the Lodge, so we will be conferring his first degree soon.”

“What does pe-ti-tion-ed mean and how many degrees will he have to be conferred to?”

“The degrees are conferred ‘on’ him, which just means that he will see and participate in them for the first time, and there are 3 degrees ‘conferred’ by our Lodge. Petitioning means he has given the Lodge a special type of letter asking us to join the Lodge. I signed that petition as one of his recommenders, because I think he will be a good Lodge member.”

“Why do you think he will be a good member of your Lodge, Dad?”

“Well, I have known Mr. Johnson for over 5 years from church and other activities around town. We have had his family over to our house and we have been to theirs. Also you go to school with his children so I also know him from school activities. He is honest and fair and has never been in trouble like some other men have. These are some of the things we look for in a new member. So, when he asked me about joining the Lodge, I was happy to recommend him.”

“So, does that mean you think that he is a good man who wants to be better, Dad?”

“Exactly son!” “Now let’s go see if dinner is ready!”

Raised in	July
Brother	Years Ago
Ricardo Alexandro Snell	4
Thomas Edward Allison	5
Noah Pierre Gipson	6
James Ryan Lloyd	13
Jimmie Bruce Black	14
Ovidio Murray Flores	14
Frank William Lieck	21
Lon Joseph Jett	32
Robert Edward Magers	40
David Keith Bruton	43
Kenneth O. Booth	48
Herman Henry Haas	49
Lyndon Ray Herridge	49
Don Allen Middleton	54
Charles F. Wetherbee	57
John Wayne Uecker	61
Charley Alfred Taylor	63

Born in	July
Brother	Date
Morris C. Jernigan Sr.	7/1
Thomas L. Taylor	7/4
Jeffery L. Clark	7/5
Kyle G. Jackson	7/5
Robert E. Messerli	7/6
Todd J. Caron	7/7
James K. Hardin	7/9
Douglas R. Babbitt	7/10
Howard D. Eubanks	7/17
James L. Baker	7/18
Brian H. Rittimann	7/19
Robert D. Easterling	7/20
Clifford R. Rick	7/21
Marvil L. Agold	7/22
Gilbert W. Alexander	7/22
Edward A. Heath	7/22
Paul S. Lemon	7/22
Austin J. Fanning	7/23
Brandt C. Klutts	7/24
Bradley D. Pecor	7/25
Randall J. Stahl	7/25
Johan I. Kala	7/27
Pleas S. Holder Jr.	7/29
Rudolph Aue III	7/31