



Kendall Masonic Lodge No. 897 A.F. & A.M.
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FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

Looks like we may survive the summer heat and move into the fall. Thankfully, the temperatures are trying to drop out of the 100s at least and we've had a touch of rainfall here and there. Of course, with fall approaching that means it will be a busy time for us. The Fall Fund Raiser is quickly approaching, and the committee members are hard at work preparing to make this year's sausage and brisket fund raiser another great success. As always, we will need all-hands-on-deck to manage the event, but thanks to brothers Doug Eubanks and Travis Grauman, we now have solid program to follow that makes it much more organized, and leads to a profitable event.

Right behind the Bar-B-Que, we will be participating in this year's Boerne Boo event that is held at the library and organized by the Boerne Parks and Recreation Department. If you've never participated in one of these, you don't want to miss out. It's a great time to be had by all. And another great PR opportunity for the lodge. Try to make plans to attend. If you would like to join the committee in helping to put this event together, reach out to Brother Ovideo Flores and see what you can do to help. Also, don't forget we will need as many donations of bags of candy as we can get.

I also want to give a shoutout to those that participated in the Kendall County Fair and parade. Brothers Pete Smith, Ed Mueller and myself worked the Biergarten at the fairgrounds opening night at the fair and were well received and appreciated for helping out. I look forward to continuing this tradition of helping out the Fair Association in making the Labor Day event successful and fun.

Can't leave out Brother Andrew Camplen for providing his awesome 5 ton Air Force truck for the parade. We drew a lot of attention rolling down Main Street in this awesome vehicle. Those that rode along were brothers Doug Leonard, Ed Mueller, Andrew Camplen, myself along with my two daughters, son in law, my grandson and of course Zuma and Sebastian. I hope to have another parade entry in the December Christmas parade. Stay tuned for information on that coming soon. It would be great to have not just lodge officers participate but also past masters, members and their families as well.

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



Brethren,

I'd like to share this article that I read long ago. May it be a guide to you as it has been to me.

MASONIC BROTHERHOOD

By Leland B. Tainter M. P. S.

What do the words "Masonic Brotherhood" really mean? Is it an expression or term which has no meaning - empty, vague, and without value? Or does it mean something that is real, concrete, and of endless value in furthering our "Way of Life" in a manner that is pleasing in the eye of God?

There are many who use this expression in their daily intercourse with society to gain its favor and respect by leaving the false impression that they really understand its philosophy, and then fail miserably in their attempt to put it into practice through their daily words and actions. This group has failed to grasp the true meaning of their teachings regarding Masonic Brotherhood.

There are also those who do understand to some extent the real meaning of this term but fail to carry out their convictions when it might put a crimp in their selfish interests or cause them physical exertion to carry through.

Those who do understand the full meaning of Masonic Brotherhood are well-known through the sincere expression of their thoughts and their humble deeds, not only among their Brethren, but also among their neighbors, associates and friends.

We are all Brothers in the sight of God. If our Brother should stumble, are we ever ready to prevent his fall? If our Brother needs aid, do we say "My hand is yours - use it; my strength is united to yours, you are not alone in your struggle for I stand with you?" It makes no difference in what way our Brother stumbles. It may be mentally, it may be spiritually, it may be materially, it may be morally. To supply his need is our moral responsibility. There are no exceptions in the practice of true Masonic Brotherhood.

We do not learn to stretch forth our hand in aid if, and perhaps, or but! It is not for us to judge, to condemn, to admonish. It is for us to put forth our strength unto our falling Brother in his time of need without question and without stint. For of such is the Kingdom of Brotherhood.

Too often we are prone to offer counsel when it is not advice but help that is needed. Too often, do we admonish moths in our Brother's eye when our own vision is blinded by beams. We are not taught to admonish our Brother by the plumb, square and level we carry in our own hearts, but his plumb, his square, and his level.

If he builds true by his own tools we have no right to judge him by ours. He may differ from us in opinion, but we must not judge him by the plumb line of our own beliefs. When we observe a brave Brother shrinking, a virtuous Brother abandoning himself to vice, a good Brother acting as a Bad Man, then his building is faulty, judged by his own plumb line, and it is then we should offer counsel and advise him to turn back and build again true to his own working tools.

In times of sickness and distress, we should go to our Brother and extend him our aid without concern what the need may be. Visualize, if you will, his humble reaction to this kindly deed, the gleam in his eye, and the sunshine in his smile in expression of his gratitude for such Brotherly devotion.

In times of sorrow and bereavement let us journey to his home and give of ourselves that his burdens may be lightened or those of his loved ones he has left behind. Our greatest virtue is to "keep faith" with our Brother by our kindly words and actions that our Brother may keep faith with us.

In all our dealings and associations with our fellowman, in business, in society, and as public servants, we should ever be truthful, honest and just, keeping our faith with all mankind, ever meeting upon the level, ever acting by the plumb, and ever parting upon the square.

These teachings of Masonry put to work properly in our daily lives become a broad and beautiful band of blue - the True Blue of Masonic Brotherhood




Fraternally,
Travis Grahmann, JW





SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren... just a quick note to you. **Our Brisket and German Sausage BBQ is coming up on Saturday, October 7th. Tickets are coming out soon so get your taste buds ready!** More details below.



Events I want you to know about in September and October 2023:

-  Come to our Stated Meetings held every 3rd Monday evening. This month that will be on Monday, September 18th. 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.
-  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 September 26th at 7:00 PM to discuss Masonic points of interest that are in an outline prepared by Brothers Leonard and Butterfras.
-  Brethren. On Monday, October 2nd we will confer a Master Mason's degree upon a third generation Mason whose father actively attends and works in our lodge. The degree will start at 7:00

PM but come early for a light dinner and fellowship. The more the merrier.

-  Per above, this is a little bit of advance notice. Put **Saturday, October 7th** on your calendar. That has been set as our date for the BBQ Brisket and German Sausage Fundraiser for the Fall. We'll be serving from 11:30 AM till 2:00 PM or when the brisket and sausage runs out. If you can help, please come lend a hand. Watch for tickets.
-  Right Worshipful Tony Lenard, District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District No. 51, will be at Kendall Lodge on October 16th at the October Stated Meeting for his second official visit. He will bring us Most Worshipful G. Clay Smith's message for the Masonic Lodges and Masonic Brethren. Come and join us for dinner and our meeting.

ALSO, OF INTEREST WITH APPENDENT BODIES:

-  Boerne Chapter No. 200 will hold their next Stated meeting on the third Tuesday evening of the month, **October 3rd**, at 7:30 PM in Kendall Lodge per their bylaws. This will be our District Grand Matron's Official Visit. Dinner will be 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 **Rising Star Ranger Lodge No. 429 in Center Point, TX on Wednesday, September 27th**. 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. *The next Stated Meeting on October 25th in*

Fredericksburg will be the final meeting for 2023 as we will be dark in November and December due to the holidays.



Shriners International

- Alzafar Shrine's next Stated Meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday in October. Come and join us for dinner at 6:00 PM and the Stated Meeting at 7:00 PM on October 12th, 2023, at the Alzafar Shrine Center.



- The Nekodah Daughters of the Nile Temple No. 44 will meet on Thursday, October 12th 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.



- 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, Bruce, 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
September 2023

Esoteric Roundtable

Brethern, please consider attending one of our Esoteric Roundtables held monthly at Kendall Lodge #897.

If you enjoy contemplating the symbolic aspects of Masonry, the Esoteric Roundtable meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month. Please come and join our discussions! We will be happy to have you.



Brethern, Claude "Smitty" Smith Jr. passed away on September 6th and was laid to rest on September 11th. He was a long-time member of this lodge who was suspended a few years ago for non-payment of dues. Unknown to us, he was in a nursing home for the past approximately 7 years per a family member. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Raised in	September
Brother	Years Ago
Douglas W. Leonard	2
Duane J. Garza	11
Garrett M. Ethridge	16
Jerry D. Walker	16
Michael G. Ethridge	16
Robert M. Tucker	16
Thomas L. Cottle	17
Gilbert W. Alexander	18
Marty J. Honea	22
Steven L. Dearing	24
Terry J. Reagan	25
Arthur K. Peel III	34
Edward J. Mueller	35
Jonathan E. Logan	36
Antonio Hidalgo	37
Jonathan B. Cluck	39
Alvis R. Mathison	42
Josue' M. Martinez	48
Donald D. Sharp	50
Jack E. Cameron	59
Charles M. Straayer	61

Born in	September
Brother	Date
James A. Earl IV	9/2
Scott L. Williams	9/2
Daniel E. Gudas	9/3
Koyle D. Knape	9/4
Thomas E. Carnes	9/5
Jason R. Triggs	9/5
Gary L. Copsey	9/6
Gary L. Bausell	9/7
Steven L. Dearing	9/7
Roger D. Duncan	9/7
Lee J. Raspberry	9/7
Albert S. Rosenberg	9/9
Gordon S. Waldeck	9/9
Michael R. Arthur	9/12
Cary L. Clark	9/12
Miguel A. Inclan	9/14
Michael G. Ethridge	9/16
Ronald G. Trine	9/16
William R. Lemmons Jr.	9/17
William L. Holt Jr.	9/30