



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



Greetings Brethren,

Welcome to cooler weather and the wonderful rain. We have wrapped up October with both and along with the World Series starting, Kendall Lodge has hit a few home runs. We started out with a fantastic Fall Fund Raiser, thanks to the help of Marshal Bruce Butterfrans and crew. The weather cooperated and we had a great turnout. Everyone pitched in to help, from start to finish, and made the event a great success. Way to go team.

Follow that with the seminar arranged by Brother Jonathan Cluck held in the dining area for the BISD. Another huge success. We had over 60 attendees from the school district, including administrators, school nurses and counselors. We had speakers there from the Scottish Rite Hospital, Shrine Orthopedic and Burn Hospital the Grotto and Texas Masonic Children's Charities. A big shout out to Brother Josh Criddle for stepping up and working with Brother Ken Davis to prepare a great lunch for all those in attendance. It was a great day for our lodge and a great day for Masonry.

The guest speakers shared a wealth of information with our local schools that was well received and appreciated. I sincerely hope that this will become an annual event that will spread throughout the other lodges as well as other districts. I plan to visit other area lodges and tell them about what we accomplished.

Most recently, several members attended the Boerne Boo. An event put on every year by the Boerne Parks and Recreation Department and held at the Boerne Library. This was arranged by Brother Tiler Ovidio Flores, who did an outstanding job setting it up. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend but I understand that it was an awesome day and more great PR for our lodge.

We still have one more event coming up, Monday October 30th will be our 5th Monday Family Meal. I've arranged reservations at the new El Chapparal on Old San Antonio Road at 6:30 p.m. and I hope to see everyone there.

There's a lot more to come in our lodge starting in November, we have our First Responders Dinner, a Master's Degree, Lodge Service Awards, the Annual Magic Show and our Thanksgiving Dinner at the November Stated Meeting.

Thanks again to all who worked so hard to make October a memorable and successful month for our lodge and community.

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



**Part 2 of 2 – Are you a travelling man?
 You want to visit a lodge outside Texas? How
 should you proceed?**

The process of visiting a lodge outside Texas is no different from the practices mentioned in last month's article with one additional item to check for when preparing to travel outside of Texas. It is important to check with the secretary of your lodge and ask to look through what's called a Pantagraph, which is a book also called the "List of Lodges" (an updated copy is distributed annually to all lodge secretaries). If he doesn't have one, you can call the grand secretary's office and they will assist you.) This publication lists all recognized Masonic Lodges around the world that the Grand Lodge of Texas recognizes and should be used to check the legitimacy of the Lodge where you wish to visit.

Travelling to a lodge in a grand jurisdiction outside of the United States

Once you have decided in which country you will be visiting a Masonic Lodge, you should contact your secretary or the grand secretary's office to ensure that lodges in that country are recognized by The Grand Lodge of Texas by checking the Pantagraph /List of Lodges book. Once confirmed that the lodge you've decided to visit is recognized, inform the Grand Secretary of your plans and he will draft a document called a "Letter of Introduction", which will contain necessary information that will inform the lodges you will be visiting that you are indeed a Mason in good standing with the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Information contained in the "Letter of Introduction" include:

1. Confirming that you are a Master Mason in good standing along with the name and # of your lodge
2. The date that you were raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason
3. Informing the Worshipful Master of *that* lodge to afford you the courtesy of being able to have masonic communication with members of said lodge after due examination
4. Name and signature of the Grand Secretary
5. Seal of the Grand Lodge of Texas

Please note that all the items mentioned above SHOULD be done at a minimum of ONE month prior to your trip but preferably two to three months to allow the Grand Secretary the time to research the necessary information you have provided, that you are a Master Mason in good standing, and to prepare the "Letter of Introduction/Good Standing" for you to bring with you during your visit.

What should I bring with me on my trip?

1. Your dues card.
2. The "Letter of Introduction" given to you by the Grand Secretary.
3. A suit or a tuxedo (or both), assuming you spoke to the lodge secretary about the dress code
4. If asked to speak in front of the lodge on your visit, please prepare words of warm greetings on behalf of your Worshipful Master and the Grand Master of Texas
5. (Optional) Gifts on behalf of yourself, your worshipful master/lodge, or the grand master. Items could be a lodge pin, grand lodge pin, coin, plaque, other unique masonic gifts
6. Your best behavior as you are representing the Grand Master, Grand Line Officers, The Grand Lodge of Texas and all it's members in our jurisdiction no matter where you travel!

Why is travelling important as a mason? What are the benefits?

"Traveling" is the primary method by which a Mason expands his Masonic horizons, gains increased knowledge of our craft and meets new brothers.

Additional benefits to traveling as a mason:

1. To explore the various designs of other masonic temples and view their architecture. Many lodges around the world are several hundreds of years old and to stand in one of those lodges is awe-inspiring
2. To see the differences in the "work" that the lodges do from their Stated Meetings, to Degrees, and Education
3. Dress code and apron style
4. Table Lodges (which is a common thing after meetings in some other countries)
5. To talk and become friends with the brothers you will meet, to discuss the differences between the Grand Lodges and the individual lodges, share ideas and bring valuable information back to your lodge and to the Grand Lodge of Texas.

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Fraternally,
Doug Eubanks, SD






SECRETARY'S CORNER


Brethren... well October is here and gone. At the end of this month or the beginning of November our 2024 dues cards will arrive. As usual, I will send out the 50+, Life Members, and Endowed Members cards as soon as I can. I will also send out the dues' notices to all other members. Remember that in June the Lodge raised the dues to \$175 per year. This increase does little more than accounts for inflation over the past four years. So please send in your check as soon as you can prior to January 1st.


Events I want you to know about in November 2023:

-  **Brethren.** On **Wednesday, November 8th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM** we will honor our **Kendall County and Boerne First Responders**. We will have dinner for them and show them our appreciation for all that they do for the citizens of our area. So come out and help us say **thank you** to our **Boerne Police Officers, Kendall County Sheriff's Deputies, Boerne Fire Department's men and women, as well as Kendall County's EMS Paramedics** the right way – with food and thanks!



-   On **Monday, November 13th** we will honor our Brothers who have reached designated levels of Masonic Service in an **OPEN** meeting. Brothers who reached **65, 60, or 50-Years of Masonic Service** during this Masonic Year will receive their Certificates and Pins from **Right Worshipful Tony Lenard, District Deputy Grand Master** of Masonic District No. 51 of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas. Our own **Worshipful Master, Bubba Peel III**, will present Certificates and Pins to Lodge Brethren who have reached the level of **40 and 25-Years of Masonic Service**. A reception will follow this meeting which is open to all family, friends, and Masons. Please come and honor these Brethren.

-  On **Saturday, November 18th, at 9:00 AM** Kendall Lodge will hear the Fellowcraft proficiency of a Brother and then will confer a Master Mason's degree on him to raise him to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Come and support your lodge as we continue to grow.




-  Then on the same Saturday afternoon, **November 18th, at 3:00 PM** the Children's Magic Show sponsored by Kendall Masonic Lodge will be held at Boerne High School's Auditorium. CJ the Magician and his assistant will put on an exhibition of illusion for kids of all ages. Come and enjoy!

-  Come to our Stated Meetings held every 3rd Monday evening. This month that will be on **Monday, November 20th**. Bring your family, enjoy dinner with us at 6:30 PM which this month will be a Thanksgiving feast so sign up to bring a dish, 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.

-  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 November 28th at 7:00 PM to discuss Masonic points of interest that are in an outline prepared by the Brothers Leonard and Butterfras.
-  Just a head's up on a special upcoming event at Kendall Lodge. On **Monday, December 4th at 7:00 PM** Kendall Lodge will hold an open meeting and present the highest honor that a Masonic Lodge can give to a Brother. Curious as to whom? Well... be there on that Monday evening and see who is presented **our 2023-2024 Golden Trowel Award, Certificate, and Pin**. You might be surprised, and a reception will follow.

ALSO, OF INTEREST WITH APPENDENT BODIES:

-  Boerne Chapter No. 200 will hold their next Stated meeting on the first Tuesday evening of the month, November 7th, at 7:30 PM in Kendall Lodge per their bylaws. 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 be dark for the months of November and December. We will return in January 2024!
-  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.

-  This month Brownwood Commandery will host a Field Day on Saturday, November 4th starting at 8:00 AM and concluding around 2:00 PM. On the following Saturday, November 11th Brownwood Commandery No. 22 will have an Inspection starting at Noon and lasting until between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM. A meal will be served at both events.
-  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

November 2023

| Raised in | November |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Brother | Years Ago |
| James K. Hardin | 13 |
| Terry S. Trotti | 13 |
| Jason R. Triggs | 14 |
| Ronald G. Trine | 15 |
| James E. Berne Jr. | 17 |
| Jon B. Tipton | 17 |
| Kenneth L. Fitzpatrick Jr. | 17 |
| Lee J. Raspberry | 17 |
| John W. White | 19 |
| Scott A. Davis | 23 |
| James A. Earl IV | 25 |
| Johan I. Kala | 27 |
| Fred L. Waterman | 30 |
| James L. Baker | 39 |
| Don E. Herald | 40 |
| William H. Foster | 40 |
| Ralph H. Wiesepepe | 47 |
| Herbert A. Rittimann Jr. | 53 |

| Born in | November |
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| Brother | Date |
| Clarence M. Smith | 11/3 |
| Jonathan B. Cluck | 11/4 |
| Noah P. Gipson | 11/4 |
| Herman H. Haas Jr. | 11/5 |
| Jeffery R. Christoff | 11/9 |
| Daniel E. Roane | 11/9 |
| Ralph H. Wiesepepe | 11/9 |
| David K. Bruton | 11/10 |
| John E. Davis | 11/10 |
| Herman H. Haas | 11/10 |
| Don A. Middleton | 11/10 |
| John D. Smith | 11/14 |
| Jackie D. Elliff | 11/17 |
| Robert B. McGill | 11/17 |
| Earl W. Davis | 11/19 |
| James R. Lloyd | 11/20 |
| Scott A. Hardin | 11/23 |
| Alexander Casiano | 11/25 |
| Carl G. Praesel | 11/25 |
| Terry S. Trotti | 11/25 |
| Donald F. Hoose | 11/27 |
| David L. D'Spain | 11/28 |
| Paul M. Holekamp | 11/29 |