


The HILL CITY LIGHT

October 2020

| 2020 - 2021 Lodge Officers | | Hill City No. 456 A.F. & A.M. Chartered June 10, 1876 | |
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| Work Schedule | | From the East | |
| October 2020 | | <p>Greetings Brethren,</p> <p>A new season is upon us and with that comes changes in many ways. It is turning cooler outside, the days are getting shorter, and the holidays are fast approaching. But, I want to kick off this article by announcing the most exciting change for Hill City...we can finally do degrees!</p> <p>As you may recall from the September edition of the Hill City Light, on August 25th, the Grand Master gave us permission to start holding Masonic study groups to work on degree practice. Almost a month later he released a new proclamation on September 21 giving all Texas lodges the green light to resume the conferral of degrees. This is great news for most Texas lodges but presents somewhat of a challenge for those in the Austin area. Through December 15th, Travis County has restrictions in place that all lodges within its jurisdiction are required to follow; consequently, we are not permitted to have gatherings of 10 or more. After consulting with the committee on work we have determined it is possible to proceed with the two EA degrees we have waiting. We will be conducting our first degree since the Covid pandemic on October 20th, it will require that only the degree team be present. Our Sr. Deacon has been working diligently with the degree team to put together practice sessions with the necessary precautions in</p> | |
| October 6 | Stated Meeting Officers Only ! | | |
| November 2020 | | | |
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| December 2020 | | | |
| December 1 | Stated Meeting Officers Only ! | | |
| January 2021 | | | |
| January 5 | Stated Meeting Officers Only ! | | |
| February 2021 | | | |
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From the East (continued)

place in order to make this happen. The candidate is especially eager to finally get the opportunity to move forward into his journey through Masonry. He has been working abroad for the past few months and will be flying in from Amsterdam just to attend the degree. We have not set a date yet for our second candidate but it should be coming up soon.

With all the uncertainty and gathering restrictions over the last several months we have not been able to hold many of our usual events at Hill City like we have in the past. I had originally planned on holding our Lodge Service Awards in October but I will be pushing those out to early 2021 hopefully. As soon as we receive confirmation that the restrictions on gatherings are lifted and we can resume regular lodge functions we will communicate it to everyone. I have a feeling the second half of this Masonic year has the potential to get real busy!

Fraternally,
Luke Michels
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

Many brothers out there might be feeling stress because of their economic situations, or for being forced to isolate all day.

If you've lost your job or your business is struggling, the lodge has information to help navigate filing for unemployment or small business loans. Contact communications@hillcitylodge.org for more details.

Some of our members might become infected with the coronavirus and lose their ability to shop for groceries and other essentials. If, for any reason, you need help, call Luke Michels at .(903) 926-4203.

From the West

Greetings Brothers,

I hope that you and all of your family are in good health. These times are trying for both individuals and for the lodge.

We did have a regular October stated meeting. Of course we were limited to 10 people as usual. But, unfortunately the Worshipful Master had been exposed by a coworker to the Covid 19 virus. He decided not to attend this meeting. Thankfully he does remain in good health. This was my first time to conduct such a meeting. I have to admit, I was nervous. But my brothers in the lodge helped me through it.

On September 15th we had an Entered Apprentice degree practice. We had six brothers present for this practice. We also had a zoom meeting September 22nd. A September 29th planned fellowcraft practice was canceled at the last minute.

Brother Forest Cruz and Brother Kervin Warnken had birthdays in Oct.

I look forward to the day that we can have regular masonic meetings.. Austin continues to have 12 daily hospital admissions for the Covid 19 virus. This has limited us to 10 people in a meeting. The Austin virus plan calls for increasing from 10 to 25 the number of people allowed in a meeting when the daily admissions drop to below 10. But problems continue world wide. There has been a jump in new cases in France, Spain and the United Kingdom. This has been mostly in the younger population. But thankfully deaths have decreased. Eight states in the United States have reported new cases of the virus rising ten percent or more week over week. This all seems so dark. But I know we have the best scientists and medical doctors in the world. And we have the best economic system ever devised. This combination will in the near future provide relief and allow us to again meet as brothers in our unique and ancient fraternity.

The November elections are almost here. Vote your conscience. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless this nation and protect us.

Fraternally,
Richard Garrett,
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

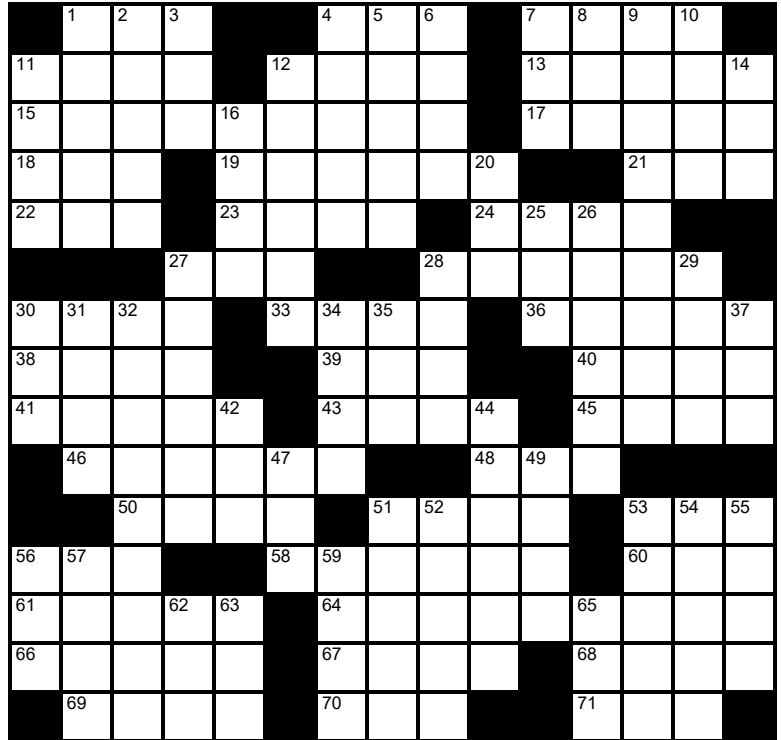
October 2020 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Bleat
4. "Be quiet!"
7. Almanac tidbit
11. Kind of song
12. Ancient colonnade
13. Paperless novel, e.g.
15. Savvy poker player
17. American symbol
18. "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
19. Terribly hard up in seclusion
21. Mother Teresa, for one
22. Blanched
23. "God's Little ___"
24. ___ fruit
27. "Raiders of the Lost ___"
28. Set aflame
30. "How ___ Mehta Got Kissed, Got Wild, and Got a Life" (Kaavya Viswanathan novel in the news)
33. Fastener
36. Bind
38. Asinine
39. Bauxite, e.g.
40. Departed
41. Sci-fi extra
43. Catch
45. Finicky in the extreme
46. Harem Boss
48. Faint
50. Canceled
51. "Good grief!"
53. Marienbad, for one
56. Bon ___
58. Off with you!
60. ___ el Amarna, Egypt
61. Letters
64. Distortion
66. Magical wish granter
67. Nerd
68. "Do ___ others as..."
69. Eye
70. Chester White's home
71. "___ bad!"

Down

1. Master, in Swahili
2. Composer Copland
3. "Go on ..."
4. Brenda of the comics
5. Crush
6. Ceremonial Maori dance
7. Charge
8. "The ___ Daba Honeymoon"
9. Regard
10. Balsam used in cough syrup
11. Boat with an open hold
12. Oyster shells
14. Barbie's beau
16. Bandy words
20. Embrace
25. African antelope
26. Sex symbol periodical love recalled
27. White rat, e.g.
28. "I had no ___!"
29. "Empedocles on ___" (Matthew Arnold poem)
30. "That's ___ ..."
31. 100%
32. waging
34. Brit's "Baloney!"
35. Ashes holder
37. Moray, e.g.
42. Grooved on
44. Birthplace of Solidarity
47. Corn holder
49. Bad day for Caesar
51. "Snowy" bird
52. Like caramel candy
53. Court figure
54. Basil-based sauce
55. "Not to mention ..."
56. Automobile sticker fig.
57. Sundae topper, perhaps
59. Baker's dozen?
62. Bubkes
63. Athletic supporter?
65. Cashew, e.g.



September 2020 Puzzle Solution



Hugh Monroe Farmer

November 17, 1926 – July 31, 2018

Hugh Monroe Farmer, 91, of Bartlesville, passed away July 31, 2018, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Hugh was born November 17, 1926 in Amarillo, Texas to Otto Monroe and Irene Bell Farmer. He graduated from the University of Texas with a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Civil Engineering. Hugh was a Korean War Veteran, retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Army Reserves. He worked for many years with the U.S. government in the Economic Development Administration in Austin, Texas, and eventually became the Under Secretary for the Department of Congress in Washington D.C. After retiring, Hugh was active in his community of Lago Vista, Texas, serving as a City Councilman for 16 years, and then became a Judge. He was very active as a deacon at the Travis Oaks Baptist church in Lago Vista. He was a kind and loving husband and Father.

Hugh is survived by his Wife; Glenna Farmer of the home, 2 sons; Scott and his wife Grace Farmer of Bartlesville, and Randy Farmer of Houston, Texas, 3 grandchildren; Jeff, Jonathan, and Ben, 2 great grandchildren; Owen and Ian. He was preceded in death by his parents; Otto Monroe and Irene Farmer.

Brother Farmer was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on February 9, 1954, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on March 16, 1954 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 27, 1954 at Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A. M. in Austin Texas. On August 16, 2016 Brother Farmer received his Grand Lodge 50 Year Service Award by the Grand Lodge of Texas from his Home Lodge, Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A. M.. Brother Hugh Monroe Farmer was a dedicated Mason for over 51 years.

And so it has come to pass, a Brother Master Mason having completed all the design's laid down on the Trestleboard of Life, has answered the summons of the Grand Warden of Heaven and Earth and has entered into the Grand Lodge over which the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe presides.

The 50th Masonic District of Texas is still engaged in very restricted gatherings of 10 or less. Even though our Grand Master has allowed us to continue Stated and Called meetings, as well as, degree conferrals, we still must adhere to our local community restrictions.

The Lodges are making do in these troubled times. Reports from the Lodges are pretty much the same; limited activity.

Thee District is proud that one of our own, George Moxley PM, is running for the Grand South at the upcoming Grand Lodge Annual Communication.

The District 50 MWSA is idle although we may have a virtual MWSA meeting in the near future. One piece of exciting news is the Dell Children's Hospital Raffle. Tickets are printed and are currently available for lodges to claim their share to help out. Lodges can accept the Letter of Invitation to participate and receive their tickets by mail. There is very exciting prizes like a Cadillac sedan, Texas Bay Fishing trip, Golf at Barton Creek, a handgun, Masonic Tribute Henry rifle, antique Parker shotgun, and more. Tickets are 25.00 each or you can buy a book of 5 for 100.00. Spread the word and help us reach the 50,000.00 Goal!

Brother Marcus Moseley has suffered property loss from 2 hurricanes. He lives in Lake Charles Louisiana now. He has a wife and a young child. Marcus needs our help with financial stress that will not be covered by his insurance. Please pitch in if you are able to.

We would like you to join the fundraising team for Brother Moseley's double hurricane relief. join the fundraiser here:

<https://gofundme.com/f/brother-moseley039s-laura-help>

About this fundraiser:

Need to raise money to get a crew of people to help clean up debris and remove trees and flip/ fix sheds and windows. The damage from hurricanes Laura and Delta has put me and my family in a tough situation and would appreciate your help to reach our goal.

From the South

Hello Brothers,

Seeing as we are in an election year I thought I would talk a little about one of the major ways freemasonry has influenced American politics. This story starts back in September 1826 with a man named William Morgan. Morgan claimed to be raised to a Master Mason when he was living in Canada. During Morgan's time living outside of the States, he attempted to visit and help establish lodges in Batavia unsuccessfully. The members of those lodges denied him entry on the grounds that they questioned his claim to be a Masonic member although no one actually knows if Morgan was a Brother or not to this day. This upset Morgan to the point where he decided to write a book exposing some Masonic secrets and drag the reputation of Freemasonry through the mud. William Morgan collaborated with a newspaper writer and announced his intention to release a book exposing Freemasonry's secrets.

The announcement stirred a lot of controversy between lodges in the surrounding areas. He was arrested on September 8th for owing a debt of \$2.65. Two days later he was abducted from his jail cell and was never seen again. Rumors swarmed that he was abducted by a New York Lodge of Freemasons and was murdered. Some think that the disappearance was staged in order to sell more copies of the book.

The news of Morgan's disappearance spread through the states and created mass hysteria all over the US. Several lodges closed because of this and mass opposition to Masonry started to erupt. The opposition eventually coalesced into a political party and the rise of Americans first ever 3rd party, the Anti-Masonic Party. The Anti-Masonic party was established as a single issue party which organized themselves around one unifying issue.

During John Quincy Adams' Presidency, there was a period of political realignment. The Anti-Masons emerged as an important third-party alternative to Andrew Jackson's Democrats and Adam's National Republicans. The party later progressed into a political force by adopting other issues on which to run. Eventually most of the party members ended up leaving the party and joining the Whig Party. In 1831, the Anti-Masonic party held the first ever Presidential nominating convention, a practice that was subsequently adopted by all major parties.

Though the movement was against Freemasonry, the craft still changed the course of American political history that we can still see today. What history will the craft write for the future?

Fraternally,
Elan Mendoza
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

Obituary

Ira L. Rabourn

**November 30, 1926 –
February 13, 2015**

Brother Rabourn was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on August 8, 1955, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on May 28, 1956 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on June 26, 1956 at Richland Hills Lodge No. 1348 A.F. & A. M. in Richland Hills, Texas. Brother Rabourn became an Affiliated Dual Member of Hill City Lodge No. 456 on December 7, 1971. He received his 50 year service award on November 14, 2006 and his 60 Year Service Award on August 26, 2009 by the Grand Lodge of Texas at Hill City Lodge No. 456.

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September Birthdays

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| Michael James Adiano | Gerald Lee Grier | Kenneth Ray Pruitt | Michael Anthony Von Ohlen |
| William C. Bennett | Blair Davis Hibbert | Randall Ray Reynolds | Kervin W. Warnken |
| George Jason Burnett | Charles Wayne Jackson | Jeremiah Petra Spence | Foy Wallace Watson, III |
| Jon Alan Cohorn | Joe Alan Kindred | Ronald Starry | Kelly D. Webb |
| Forest Mark Cruse, Sr. | Charles R. Maddox | Nathan Wade Stilwell | Patrick L. Wheelless |
| Edward Charles Fritsch | Calvin Cleave Nolen | Michael Wayne Stone | Sean Thurkelle Williams |

Food Committee is suspended until we are able to reconvene.