


The HILL CITY LIGHT

June 2021

2020 - 2021 Lodge Officers		Hill City No. 456 A.F. & A.M. Chartered June 10, 1876	
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S.W.	Richard Garrett	1876  2021	
J.W.	Elan Mendoza	<u>Stated Meeting:</u> First Tuesday at 7:30 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm	
Treasurer	Kent Kinkade, P.M.	<u>Called Meetings:</u> Other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm	
Secretary	Philippe Dewailly, P.M.		
Chaplain	Chuck Stewart, P.M.		
S.D.	Don Jarrell		
J.D.	Chris Enders		
S.S.	Ryan DiVincenzo		
J. S.	Sean Williams		
Marshal	Hunt Armistead		
M.C.	Nate Stilwell		
Tiler	Dennis Hill, P.M.		
Work Schedule		From the East	
June 2021		<p>Greetings Brethren,</p> <p>Summer is in full swing which means another Masonic year is wrapping up and a new year will soon begin. I am excited to see what the next year brings and look forward to maintaining the positive momentum that we have seen over the last couple of months. We have a strong line of officers coming up and I am confident we will see some great things in the coming year. Hill City will hold officer installation on Tuesday, June 29th. Please come out and join us as we install our incoming Worshipful Master, Richard Garrett, and his team of officers.</p> <p>As I reflect on the past year I can truly say I have learned a lot about Brotherly love and affection. It was not a typical year for Hill City to say the least; a lot of Lodge activities and regular meetings were put on hold for a while as we navigated a global pandemic and then a winter storm that impacted most of the southern United States. Even though we may not have met regularly at the lodge for a while, I saw Masonry shining brighter than ever at Hill City. Our Brothers were calling to check on each other and delivering food and water to those in need, I have never been more proud to be a Hill City Mason. I want to thank our officers who made sure to keep the business of the lodge moving forward and attended our stated meetings while most of the country was on lockdown. Now that the Covid pandemic is subsiding we are seeing a lot of Brothers in attendance at our Tuesday night</p>	
June 1	Stated Meeting / Election		
June 8	Master's Degree		
June 22	Memorial Service		
June 29	Officer Installation		
July 2021			
July 6	Stated Meeting		
July 13	Fellowship and Practice		
July 20	Fellowship and Practice		
July 27	Fellowship and Practice		
August 2021			
August 3	Stated Meeting		
August 10	Fellowship and Practice		
August 17	Fellowship and Practice		
August 24	Fellowship and Practice		
August 31	Fellowship and Practice		

From the East (continued)

called and stated meetings, we are back on track and well on our way to having a fantastic 2021-2022 Masonic year!

On June 22nd we will be conducting our annual Memorial Service to remember and honor our Brothers who have moved on to that Celestial Lodge above during the past year. This is a very special night for Hill City, please join us as we gather to celebrate their lives and honor their memory, all Masons and their families are welcome.

It is a bittersweet time of year for me as I prepare to pass on the gavel to our newly elected Worshipful Master, Brother Richard Garrett. Brother Garrett has proven his dedication to the Lodge as he progressed through the line of officers over the past several years, I am confident that Hill City will enjoy a fun and productive year under his leadership. I want to thank everyone for their confidence in allowing me to serve in the East for the past year, I am truly blessed to be a Hill City Mason!

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

Brethren,

May the 11th we had a good turnout. We had a pizza dinner and then we had a Master Mason degree practice. We had an attendance of 24 Brothers.

On May 18th we had a Past Masters meeting with 15 Past Masters. We had 23 people for dinner and after dinner we had a wonderful Master Mason's degree.

I am sure you know, on 18 May the city and county of Austin and Travis went to category 2 for covid-19 restrictions. This makes it much easier to attend meetings. It seems to me that most of our members have already had their two vaccinations.

May the 25th we had a round table Fellowcraft degree practice. The meal that night was wonderful. Brother Sean Williams served a fish meal that I hope is repeated in the future.

On June 1st we had a Fellowcraft turn in. Then this being our stated meeting night, we had the election of officers and the announcement of appointed officers.

Below is a list (not in order of importance) of the officers for the coming masonic year.

Worshipful Master: Richard Garrett

Senior Warden: Elan Mendoza

Junior Warden: Don Jarrell

Secretary: Charles Maddox

Treasurer: Kent Kinkade

Senior Deacon: Nate Stilwell

Junior Deacon: Ryan DiVincenzo

Senior Steward: Sean Williams

Junior Steward: Nick Grossman

Tiler: Dennis Hill

Master of Ceremonies: Bob Wheelless

Marshall: Hunt Armstead

Chaplain: Chuck Steward

Jun 29th will be the installation of officers. Of course family and friends are invited. Stay safe and healthy. And please call a Brother.

Fraternally,

Richard Garrett,
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

June 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Caught, in a way
6. Membranes sac
11. Crash site?
14. Arouse
15. Fare reductions
16. " ___ to Billie Joe"
17. Game that requires no equipment (3 wds.)
19. Cyst
20. "Gimme ___!" (start of an Iowa State cheer)
21. Demilitarization
23. In rough shape
25. " ___ any drop to drink": Coleridge
26. Unneeded
31. Charger
34. Houston university
35. Common deciduous tree
36. ___ law
37. Decided
39. Arrangement holder
40. Burgle
41. Film crew member
42. Cores
43. Unfriendly
47. Propel, in a way
48. Equality of measure turns to misery
52. Seeking to impose his view
56. Get a move on
57. Egg cells
58. Sesame Street, e.g. *
60. Boeing 747, e.g.
61. Arcade coin
62. Anklebones
63. Bauxite, e.g.
64. Coasters
65. Double-curved arches

Down

1. Doctor's order
2. Like Bo-Peep's charges
3. Lecterns
4. Barely get, with "out"
5. Late finish is an obstacle
6. Makes sense
7. Stole is suitable when boss comes round
8. At no time, poetically
9. Any thing
10. Sideways
11. Fast craft
12. Gulf of ___, off the coast of Yemen
13. Mar, in a way
18. Totenberg or Simone
22. Bygone bird
24. Associations
27. Sue Grafton's " ___ for Lawless"
28. "Rocks"
29. Punishment for a sailor, maybe
30. Barely gets, with "out"
31. Little brothers climbing a tree
32. 10 C-notes
33. Bless
37. French vineyard
38. Popular fruit drink
39. Bad habit, so to speak
41. Small rooms
42. Cherry pepper
44. "Dig in!"
45. Some Russians
46. Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
49. "So ___!"
50. Dentist's direction
51. Dubious sightings in the Himalayas
52. Karate school
53. "Your turn"
54. "American ___"
55. Microwave, slangily
59. Kind of wheel

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April 2021 Puzzle Solution

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Masonic Education

As a Man Thinketh...

Unlike the vast majority of people walking around, everyone hearing or reading this has heard of a cabletow. Many. Many. Times. We all understand that it is the tolerance we give ourselves, and that other Brothers should give us, from most – but not all - of the charges, demands and requirements that Masonry places upon us. Perhaps less formally we sometimes apply the cabletow to the requests for action that come from our Committee Chairs and Lodge Officers or even those instructions put on the Trestle Board by the Master of our Lodge.

Many of us, upon becoming aware of this idea of a cabletow did some research on the term and found that there are many different descriptions on how long it is or has been across the decades and centuries. We even learned that the length of a cabletow was sometimes adjusted for different applications or circumstance. Both of these factors serve to remind us that we as Masons must not be too exacting in symbolically following or applying the concept. Every Mason holds his own very worthy understanding of how long his cabletow is. And circumstances may allow for stricter or looser application of it at a given moment. That applies equally to ourselves so that we don't overcommit, overwork or overworry ourselves even with regard to that noble work we perform in Masonry.

But wait, there is more. I would say the cabletow is an excellent example of what I call the "double duty" of symbols is my Masonic edifice. We could, in Masonry, simply teach the idea of tolerant application of responsibilities for ourselves and other Masons. We could leave it completely in the abstract realm, for subjective use, as are many examples of moral, social and behavioral guidance. That could probably be sufficient because we are educated people and committed to the moral and social virtues that cement us as Masons.

But ... As with our working tools, we use the symbolic reference to a real artifact of the physical world. That symbol has real substance and physical properties including a very real actual length. That is supposed to, I believe, encourage us to examine and measure our cabletow with some degree of surety of intent. After all, judgment is like a muscle that can be strengthened and toned through exercise. We, as humans, are prone to rationalize circumstances and make excuses in the range of our life experiences from leisure to chaos. It can be easy to simply slide by. But we, as Masons, can do better, and be better, by truly knowing our respective cabletows.

District 50 Doings

Golf Tournament benefiting The University Masonic Lodge Foundation.

Crystal Falls Golf Club. Saturday June 19. registration is at 8am.

The inaugural University Masonic Lodge No. 1190 Charitable Foundation Golf Tournament is being held on Saturday, June 19th at Crystal Falls Golf Club.

District 50 Picnic and The Hill Country Rally for the Kids

Saturday July 31st at Camp Ben McCullough in Driftwood.

The BBQ Dawgs will be cooking in the BBQ competition and they are seeking Masons who want to join the team! The camp site is near the bathrooms and a short walk to the Onion Creek. Bring the family and friends. Great Food and Fun! contact Robert Eschenburg shooteresch@gmail.com

Quilt Raffle benefiting the Shriners Children Hospitals

There is a quilt made from unit and club shirts and patches that will be raffled off for the benefit. Tickets are 5.00 each or 5 for 20.00. contact James Heineman for tickets heinemanja@yahoo.com 281-923-5890

The Circus is coming to town!

Ben Hur Shrine Circus September 3, 4, and 5

Lodges and Masons can purchase ads in the flyer and get tickets for the event.

visit: dennismotley65@gmail.com for details

Obituary

Robert “Uncle Bob” Henry Schmidt

Uncle Bob,” age 89, passed from this life to his eternal rest following illness, increased pain & multiple hospitalizations in 2021. As a native Austinite, he graduated from Austin high school & then served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. His next choice was to become a plumber, then master plumber & he was self-employed for over 50 years. He was very proud of being a Master Mason at Hill City #456. For more than 60 years he taught & served his Mason brothers. Survivors include his daughter, Debbie Shupe, numerous nieces & nephews & countless friends around the nation. Graveside services will be at 11 A. M. on Wednesday, May 26 at Forest Oaks Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers or a plant to honor Uncle Bob, please consider a donation to Hospice Austin, 4107 Spicewood Springs Rd., Austin Texas 78759 in his name.

Brother Robert Henry Schmidt, better known as Uncle Bob to all, was one of the strongest pillars during his time as a Master Mason at Hill City Lodge No. 459 A.F. & A.M. Brother Schmidt was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on April 12, 1960, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on July 19, 1960 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on August 23, 1960, at Hill City Lodge No. 456 A. F. & A. M.

Uncle Bob was Worshipful Master of Hill City Lodge during the 1987 – 1988 Masonic year. P.M. Schmidt became an Endowed Member on June 16, 1988 and a Life member on June 24, 1994. On May 19, 1998, Uncle Bob received the Golden Trowel Award; the highest award a Lodge can bestow on any individual Member. He also received his 50 Year Service Award on September 7, 2010 and his 60 Year Service Award on March 17, 2021 from the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Uncle Bob held Masonic teaching certificates from the 1990’s to current and has taught every Mason their work who has come through the doors of Hill City Lodge during that time period. His legacy at Hill City will never be forgotten, as he helped every Mason who came in as good man, become a better man and a better Mason. He was a true servant of the craft.

From the South

Hello Brethren,

I hope all are doing well this month. It’s been great to see so many of us back in lodge together and continuing the work we do for each other and our community. Last week’s stated meeting and election was the best turnout our lodge has seen in well over a year and it makes me proud to know that together we persevered through everything this past year has had to throw at us. I’m hoping to see the same size crowd for this coming installation of officers. June 29th will be the 5th installation that I have attended. I find the process quite interesting. I remember the first time I witnessed it I was in awe of how much structure there was to the process.

The installation of officers, as we all know, is the swearing in of a member into an office. The word “installation” has an origin from medieval times and when broken down is “in” and “stallum” which simplistically means to “take a seat”. Before the United Grand Lodge of England was established there was no mention of the installation of officers. Previously the Master of the lodge was elected and that was it. There was not a ceremony of any kind. Eventually many cultures started the practice of installing their officials like priests, kings and magistrates but the ceremony was considered an inauguration and was performed by a augurs (someone who was believed to be able to interpret the will of gods).

Today’s installations for masonic officers is much less formal but still just as important. Being installed for the first time was a big step for me. It was the first time I had held an office where I needed to be sworn in. This coming installation will be just as meaningful as my first and I am honored to have been elected as Senior Warden. Let’s continue growing our fraternity together in this new year.

Fraternally,
Elan Mendoza
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

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June Birthdays

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Bobbie Neal Atkinson	Elbert I. Franks	Christopher Chad Montey	Archie William Scott, Jr.
Gerard M. Brohman	Watt P. Gee	Edwin V. Morrison	George Frances Vanderhule
Bernard Rudolph Burk	Harold D. Jobes	Robert Vernon Myers, Jr.	David Lynn Von Ohlen
Roberto M. Cantu, Jr.	Leslie E. Law	Earl Douglas Robertson	Robert A. Weissman
Billy Don Edmondson	Larry Gene Miller	James Wallace Roby	Jason Dean White
Donald Ray Francis			Rudolph E. Willie, Jr.

Food Committee is suspended until we are able to reconvene.