

# The HILL CITY LIGHT

July 2021

2021 - 2022 Lodge Officers		Hill City No. 456 A.F. & A.M. Chartered June 10, 1876	
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S.D.	Nate Stilwell		
J.D.	Ryan DiVincenzo		
S.S.	Sean Williams		
J. S.	Nick Grossman		
Marshal	Hunt Armistead	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <span>1876</span>  <span>2021</span> </div>	
M.C.	Bob Wheelless, P.M.		
Tiler	Dennis Hill, P.M.		
		<p><u>Stated Meeting:</u> First Tuesday at 7:30 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>Called Meetings:</u> Other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm</p>	

Work Schedule	From the East
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July 2021	
July 6	Stated Meeting
July 13	FC Turn-in
July 20	FC Turn-in
July 27	MM Degree
August 2021	
August 3	Stated Meeting DDGM Visit
August 10	MM Degree
August 17	Fellowship and Practice
August 24	Fellowship and Practice
August 31	Fellowship and Practice
September 2021	
September 7	Stated Meeting
September 14	Fellowship and Practice
September 21	Fellowship and Practice
September 28	Fellowship and Practice

Greetings Brethren,

Greetings to all my brothers in Hill City Lodge Number 456. We have now started a new Masonic Year.. I have been duly installed as the Worshipful Master. I thank Brother Bob Wheelless for acting as the Installing Officer. He has been asked to be the Installing Officer for Parsons Lodge. I also thank Brother Luke Michaels for being the Installing Marshal. Brother Sean William deserves the thanks of everyone who attended. The meal he served was excellent and the presentation even better. We had china plates and were served at our tables. And we did have to leave a tip.

I sometimes ask questions about why we do something a certain way. This does not mean that I intend to change it. I just think we should have a reason for most things we do. I do realize that some things are just tradition. My intention is to implement the will of the lodge. So I welcome your input to any question that I may have or any order that I may give. Please feel free to give me your input on things that are on your mind. I do request that the input be mostly outside of a stated or called meeting. But sometimes I know it may need to be in a meeting. This is your Lodge and I feel honored to be an officer in this Lodge and more especially to be the Worshipful Master.

One brother asked me if I was excited about my new position. I had to say that I have mixed emotions. I never really set a goal

## From the East (continued)

to be the Worshipful Master. I have had some position in the lodge for the past 6 years. And I've been greatly rewarded. The friendships and fellowship given to me by my brothers is priceless. That is the real goal. I feel some sadness thinking about when my year comes to an end, since I am not sure what my role would then be. But I do not plan to go missing.

I have been asked about what dress code I will implement. I will not be implementing a new one. We already have a dress code in our Lodge Policies and Procedures dated June 6, 2017. So this stands as adopted by our lodge until we change it. It reads as follows:

### Dress Code

Officers are required to wear a suit or coat, slacks and tie to Stated meetings and for meetings of special import, such as the Installation of Officers, Service Awards, Golden Trowel, Community Builder, etc. Called meetings are more casual and can wear jeans or slacks and a collared shirt. The exception is for the Stewards, as they are needed to prepare the meal and clean up.

In general, members should wear a collared shirt with jeans or slacks.

The following is a list of items not appropriate for wear at any tiled meeting:

Shorts

T-shirts Sandal or flip-flops

Jeans with holes in them

Clothing with offensive words or images

I have quoted our lodge policy. However; we know it is the inner man and not the outer appearance that counts. If you need to come directly from work in whatever you wear at work, come to the lodge. I want to see you in lodge.

And call a brother.

Fraternally,

Richard Garrett

Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

## From the West

Brethren,

I hope all are doing well this month. As most of y'all know this past month we held elections and the installation for this new Masonic year's officers. First, I would like to say how honored I am to be the newest Senior Warden of Hill City Lodge 456. I remember thinking back when I joined this lodge that my year in the East was so far away and now it's right around the corner. I know I still have a lot to learn before my year so I will be soaking at much in this year as I possibly can as well as asking a lot of questions from brethren who might be able to help. I would also like to use the platform to once again thank Junior Past Master Luke Michels for everything he did during the worst parts of COVID and keeping our lodge afloat.

I must say it is great walking in the door installation night and seeing five young Masons conversing. It put a smile on my face to know that we have had several guys join the lodge in the past year, one being Ryan DiVincenzo. I remember when Ryan joined out lodge and when he went through his degrees. Now he sits on my right as our newest Junior Deacon. Soon it'll be his turn to sit in my seat and that time will fly by. Ryan has taken a very active roll in our lodge by joining committees and helping to teach some of our new Masons their work.

I would like to do one more shout out and that is for Philippe Dewailly. Philippe put in a lot of time and effort into his office for the past couple years and I know that office isn't the most exciting office to hold. He did a great job helping the Worshipful Masters keep the lodge organized and together.

I am excited to see what this year and the next several years have planned for us. I have a good feeling that our lodge is going in the right direction and we are about to enter into some of our best years yet.

Fraternally,

Elan Mendoza,

Senior Warden, Hill City 456

## July 2021 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Former VP Mike
6. "-zoic" things
10. \_\_\_ room
14. In pieces
15. Egyptian Christian
16. Rare Lunar phenomenon
17. Cavities or spaces that contain the heart of an invertebrate.
19. Crazy
20. The Amish, e.g.
21. Breakfast cereal
23. " \_\_\_ calls?"
24. "Rocks"
26. Spanish nobleman
28. Large semi-aquatic snake
33. Head, slangily
34. Disobeyed a zoo sign?
35. Dried, as by heat
37. Drawn
41. Used in recipies.
44. Attack
45. American worker
46. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
47. Functioned as
49. Orchestra member
51. Copy
55. Sheep native to Sweden
56. "Is that \_\_\_?"
57. Boy in Aberdeen
60. Foot pads
64. Tennis' Billie \_\_\_ King
66. Not Straight forward
68. Bad marks
69. "Giovanna d'\_\_\_" (Verdi opera)
70. Fool
71. Hasenpfeffer, e.g.
72. " \_\_\_ here long?"

### Down

1. Useless books
2. D'Artagnan prop
3. Bust maker
4. Judge
5. "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
6. Almond
7. Harassed
8. Gorillalike
9. Leader born in Georgia
10. When doubled, a dance
11. Moving right \_\_\_\_\_
12. Beside
13. \_\_\_ Rose
18. A pecuniary punishment
22. Worship of an image
25. Formalwear flap
27. Adjoin
28. \_\_\_-American
29. Advertising sign
30. Bothers
31. Eyesore
32. Jellied garnish
36. Be a snitch
38. Archaeological site
39. Coastal raptor
40. Mar, in a way
42. Cry like a baby
43. Made a sound like a lion
48. Sacred beetle of ancient Egypt
50. Like most sonnets
51. Royals from old Rangoon
52. Bumper sticker word
53. 747, e.g.
54. Dig, so to speak
58. The Italian title used by Mussoline
59. Knowing, as a secret
61. Bang-up
62. Charlie, for one
63. Charon's river
65. "What's \_\_\_?"
67. "Gimme \_\_\_!" (start of an Iowa State cheer)

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## June 2021 Puzzle Solution

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**Between the Points**

It is a new Masonic year and everyone is thinking of a fresh start and new initiatives. Along those lines, I will set out with an apology. In the years that I have been writing these articles, I frequently remind the reader that the nature of these articles is not the delivery of facts but only of my thoughts, opinions and perspectives. Yet, recent reflection has shown me that I can get a little preachy at times which is not the way I should communicate. I am indeed honored and grateful to have been asked by our new Worshipful Master, Richard Garrett, to continue to present these articles in Stated Meetings and publish them though the Hill City Light, so I pledge to keep that in check. Additionally, some Brothers will appreciate that this month’s article is a bit shorter than most.

This realization about my being too pointed in advising Brethren how to act came from my usual source of reviewing and analyzing the words of our Masonic writings, rituals, and ceremonies. In recent Master Mason degrees as Senior Deacon, I have mentioned that “principal tenets of Freemasonry are contained within the extended points of the compasses”. Obviously, this is a symbolic statement so my curious pondering was launched. We all understand the role of the compasses themselves about our containing our passions – the bad ones and the good ones - within due limits. We need only look at that great and traditional emblem of the Fraternity, the Square and Compasses, to see what else is “contained within the extended points of the compasses” and we see the Square, that symbol of virtue. So we contain our passions to the degree that our behavior emerges as virtuous. OK, that seems obvious and worthwhile.

What else is contained within those points ? The “angle of the Square”, which we know to be an important reminder to us about this application of virtue. We too, as Masons, have a duty to remind other Masons of the lessons and components of virtuous Masonic behavior. So here again, I see a compound symbolic message that our own decisions and actions to remind other Masons of virtue, like the angle of the square, should rest within the points of the compasses, or within

proper constraints. In more modern jargon, no one likes a scold.

This guidance is sometimes tough for me to follow and might be so with others. Where do I find the wisdom and strength to do this right ? I have only to again look at the emblem of the Fraternity. We are taught that the letter “G” stands for two things of great importance – God and geometry. It is clear that our solid, prayerful relationship with God is a critical part to our living and communicating our contained and virtuous behavior. And geometry is symbolically representative of all of the elements of education which equips us to lead a meaningful and productive life.

So that is how I wrap it up. I have said main times that the body of knowledge making up all of Freemasonry is too vast for any person to obtain in its entirety within a lifetime. But I believe that my firmly holding behaviors that are contained and held to virtue, inspired and directed by education and a close relationship with God, reveals to me the tents of Freemasonry and gives me as good a foundation upon which to build my Masonic edifice as any I can think of.

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**District 50 Doin's**

**From the South**

**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

M W S A Meeting

July 28. Wednesday.

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**District 50 MWSA Meeting.**

Hosted by Parsons Lodge no. 222. York Rite Dining Hall.3rd Floor. 6:30 pm meal. The meeting follows dinner.

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**District 50 Picnic and The Hill Country Rally for the Kids BBQ Cook-Off.**

Saturday July 31st at Camp Ben McCulloch in Driftwood.

The BBQ Dawgs will be cooking in the BBQ competition and they are inviting Masons who want to join the team, or have their own team! The campsite for the picnic is near the bathrooms and a short walk to the beautiful and refreshing Onion Creek. Bring the family and friends. Great Food, Fun & Fraternity! We will have music, horseshoes, washers and cornhole.

Contact for details:

Robert Eschenburg 512 825 2509 or shooteresch@gmail.com

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**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.

Brethren,

I am humbled and honored to have been elected and installed as your new Junior Warden. If you're feeling a little déjà vu, yes, I've been here before. I believe I'm better equipped now to serve the Lodge and very excited about all we have in store for this year. I will still be involved with the IT/Communications Committee and with Masonic Education as in previous years and am confident I can handle it all.

As I have been contemplating the responsibilities of the JW, a couple of interesting things occurred to me. Some call the JW the "Lodge's lawyer" so I have been refreshing my familiarity with the law book – which is so easy to do with the TX Mason app, which I recommend to all Texas Masons for various purposes and benefits. Also, the jewel of the JW is the plumb, which is symbolic of the uprightness of conduct of a Mason. So, are these two aspects of the office connected, related or what ? I see contrasts that are also important for me to remember.

The plumb, as a working tool, is indeed symbolic of guidance in conduct for every Mason. The means it is interpretive, varying somewhat from Mason to Mason, and growing in scope as we gain additional knowledge and insight while earning our Mason's wages. The Constitution and Laws of Masonry are, in contrast, definitely literal and subject to neither interpretation nor modification by individual Masons. This is important in the critical role of Masonic law to provide consistency for the organization of Masonry – as a framework for how the Master operates the business of the Lodge, how the Lodge relates to Grand Lodge and how the Grand Lodge relates to our communities and society. For the individual Mason, outside official duties as an officer, I would neither advocate careful review of the law book nor use its contents in discussing individual behavior with another Mason. Even the articles of Title V really are for the Lodge to use as a last resort only when guidance and counsel around the symbolic teachings, such as the plumb, have failed to restore peace and harmony.

I certainly hope and expect that we will all meet, act, and part as we are regularly symbolically advised and that my required attention to Masonic law will remain only to cover the administrative processes for our Lodge. Beyond that, and more importantly, let's have some fun.

Fraternally,  
Don Jarrell  
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

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<b>July Birthdays</b>			
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Henry Hunt Armistead	Kenneth M. Gilliam	James Edward Jordan	Elan Daniel Mendoza
Richard Lynn Bardin	Clive Noil Hartsfield, III	Olan A. Kelley, Jr.	Douglas Gene Peschka
Patrick Ryan Carroll	Sammy Edward Henson	Scrappy King	James Stanley Schmidt
Robert Ammann Cullen, Jr.	Stanford Walter Henson	Kent Dawson Kinkade	Charles James Stewart
Aaron Spencer Evans	Bryan Patrick Jordan	Nicholas Sammons Maulding	Joseph E. Touchet
Edward I. Franks			Wilbur Robert Valentine

<p><b>Food Committee is suspended until we are able to reconvene.</b></p>
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