

The HILL CITY LIGHT

August 2021

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Chaplain	Chuck Stewart, P.M.		
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Marshal	Hunt Armistead		
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Tiler	Dennis Hill, P.M.		

Work Schedule	From the East
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August 2021	
August 3	Stated Meeting DDGM Visit
August 10	MM Degree
August 17	Fellowship and Practice
August 24	Fellowship and Practice
August 31	Fellowcraft Degree
September 2021	
September 7	Stated Meeting
September 14	Fellowship and Practice
September 21	Fellowship and Practice
September 28	Fellowship and Practice
October 2021	
October 5	Stated Meeting
October 12	Fellowship and Practice
October 19	Service Awards
October 26	MWSA at Hill City

Greetings Brethren,

King Solomon. Who was this man? What do we know about him? Is he important to Freemasons? I asked 16 Master Masons the first thought that came to mind when I mentioned his name. These are the answers 1. Wise and excellent decision maker. 2 Leader of the Israelites. 3. A leader. 4. Temple. 5. Wisdom. 6. Wisdom. 7. A great man. 8. Visionary. 9. First Grandmaster. 10. Myth. 11. Wisdom didn't cut the baby in half. 12 Wisdom and redemption. 13 Wisdom. 14 Wisdom. 15 A very wise man. 16. Wise and foundational to who we are.

King Solomon, who was also called Jedidiah, ruled after his father King David, from about 970 to 931 BCE. He ruled over a United Kingdom which split in half after his death. Then there was the Northern Kingdom of Judah and the Southern Kingdom of Israel.. He was not the first born son of King David, but the second son with Bathsheba. King David had an adulterous relationship with Bathsheba, the wife of one King David's loyal officers. He called the officer back from battle to trick him into sleeping with Bathsheba, but this didn't work so he sent him back to battle and told the other officers to send him forward and withdraw so that he would be killed. And he was killed. Their first son died and King Solomon was their second born. He had three full brothers. King David wanted to build the temple, but God said no because he had much blood on his hands. He did

From the East (continued)

however, collect a lot of building supplies for Solomon to use in the building of the temple.

It is thought that Solomon was 15 years old when he became king. King Solomon had a close relationship with King Hiram I of Tyre. They engaged in trade and became very wealthy. When he started the temple, he had an architect also named Hiram. This was the first temple and contained the Ark of the Covenant. We are not sure of its exact location. The first temple was totally destroyed in 586 BCE by the Babylonian army and the Ark of the Covenant disappeared. Harrison Ford did not find it. The temple may have been buried during the building of the second temple. Or maybe it is under the Temple Mount controlled by the Muslims who recognize King Solomon as a prophet.

King Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines. Many wives worshiped other false gods and led Solomon astray. He allowed temples to be built to these false gods. God warned Solomon and punished him by allowing the kingdom to split after his death.

He had a brief relationship with the Queen of Sheba. We are not sure where she came from. But Ethiopia claims her and claims that she had a son by Solomon. They also claim that they have the Ark of the Covenant. Solomon died in 931 BCE at the age of 80. Then civil war split the kingdom.

Some historians believe that Solomon existed, but think that he was not near as rich and powerful as the accounts in the holy scriptures. There is almost no physical evidence of his kingdom. However; we can learn much from the stories of King Solomon.

And call a brother.

Fraternally,

Richard Garrett

Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

From the West

Brethren,

This past month at lodge was a busy one for us. We were fortunate enough to have another candidate turn in their Entered Apprentice work and continue to seek more light in Masonry. A few week later he was passed to the degree of Follow Craft with the help of our amazing degree team. I love seeing new member of the craft work towards improving themselves in Masonry!

I also wanted to take this time to tell y'all how excited I was to see so many brothers and their family at this months stated meeting! We had an amazing turn out and some incredible music by Brother Joe Kindred. We also had an amazing dinner of pork roast, green beans, potatoes and tomatoes prepared by our fantastic stewards Shawn Williams and Nick Grossman. I can't express how happy it makes me to see so many active members coming back into lodge after the year we just had. Let's keep up the energy so we can have more of our brothers join us in the upcoming months.

I hope to see more of the Brothers show up for our upcoming called and stated meetings. I know the uptick in Covid cases might impact our attendance but please keep in mind that our number one concern in the safety of our Brethren in this lodge. If you don't feel safe or comfortable with attending lodge or if you feel under the weather in any way, please do not attend.

Fraternally,

Elan Mendoza,

Senior Warden, Hill City 456

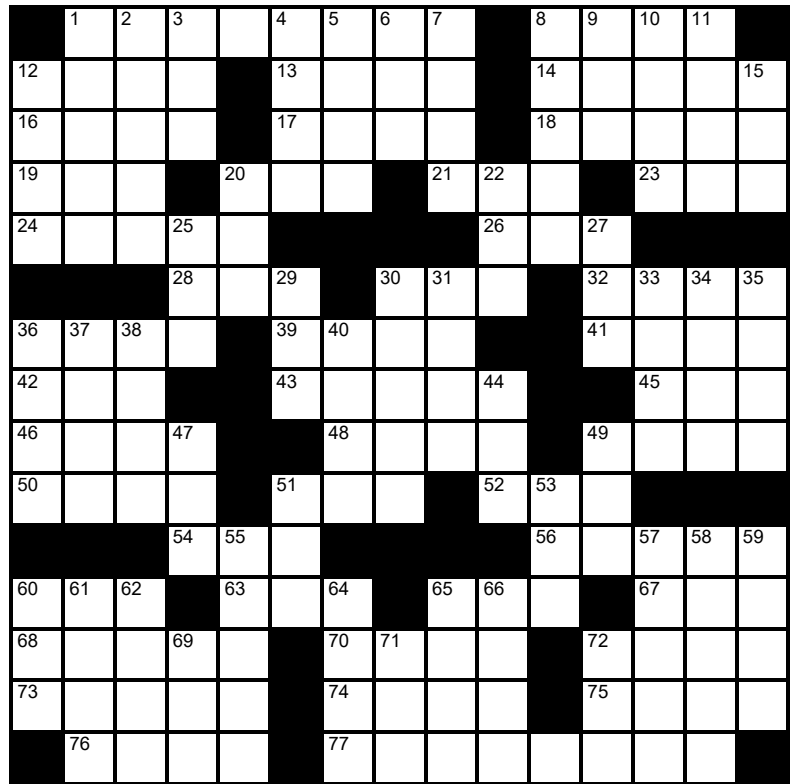
August 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across

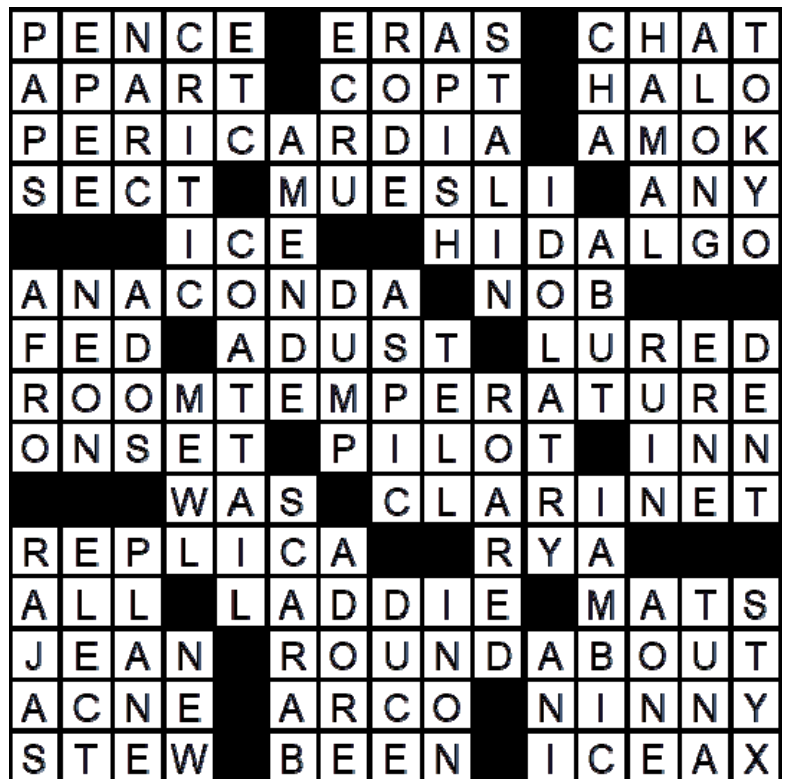
1. Rasping
8. Land
12. Sometime today, say
13. Sundae topper, perhaps
14. Deduce
16. Fast feline
17. Crosspiece
18. A dark place
19. Store convenience, for short
20. A little of this, a little of that
21. "Give it ___!"
23. "Look here!"
24. Cut
26. ___ Today
28. "I ___ you one"
30. An end to sex?
32. The Amish, e.g.
36. House
39. Where the sun is at the close of the day.
41. Bucks
42. Common deciduous tree
43. Succes
45. Free from, with "of"
46. Attraction
48. Daughter of Zeus
49. "The Sound of Music" backdrop
50. ___ bean
51. "i" lid
52. ___ roll
54. Caribbean, e.g.
56. Like "The X-Files"
60. Absorbed, as a cost
63. High school class
65. Electrical unit
67. "___ do you do?"
68. Buzz
70. Case
72. Allocate, with "out"
73. Father, Son and Holy Ghost
74. Where he wears the hat.
75. Bleats
76. Fingerboard ridge
77. Transgression

Down

1. High Twelve Station
2. Wait
3. Biochemistry abbr.
4. Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
5. Central point
6. Bidly
7. Eastern discipline
8. Isolation
9. "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
10. ___-American
11. Ice
12. Fitness centers
15. Density symbol
20. Copy cats?
22. Doublemint, e.g.
25. Brouhaha
27. "Don't ___!"
29. "Concentration" pronoun
30. ___ of Langerhans
31. Attempt
33. Benjamin Disraeli, e.g.
34. Cut short
35. "Bill & ___ Excellent Adventure"
36. Lays down the lawn
37. Hawaiian tuber
38. "Comme ci, comme ça"
40. Bounce back, in a way
44. Athletic supporter?
47. Functioned as
49. "Act your ___!"
51. Calendar square
53. Beauty
55. "Snowy" bird
57. Flightless birds
58. Bits
59. ___ milk
60. "A jealous mistress": Emerson
61. Gang land
62. Arabic for "commander"
64. Convene
65. Yorkshire river
66. Runs
69. "___ moment"
71. Toni Morrison's "___ Baby"
72. "Dilbert" cartoonist Scott Adams has one: Abbr.



July 2021 Puzzle Solution



Masonic Education

EA Work List

While collecting some content for the expanded/enhanced Hill City Lodge content repository I ran across something I first read four or five years ago, written by the eminent Brother John S. Nagy. It speaks to our core aim of helping good men, who may be young and inexperienced in some areas, to be better men as well as Masons. I considered it very thought-provoking then and still do today so I thought I would share it with the Lodge. For now I'll just share the original text and let each of you create his own Masonic education. We may revisit some of these points in future.

My experience tells me that Masons who have done the "Work of the First Degree*" are far less Vulnerable and far less likely to be Exploited. My experience also tells me that far too many Freemasons are Vulnerable and are very likely Exploited. The troubles faced by the entire Fraternity are of its own self-sabotage. Very few Brothers have completed the Work to which the First Degree alludes. They advance prematurely because they have fulfilled requirements that make them better members, not better men; and we allow it! That incompleteness of Work and premature advancement sets them up to being exploited; and our Fraternity as well. They have not developed within themselves what is required to lessen and even prevent Exploitation. What's more, collectively, we do this to our own Brothers by allowing this Work to go undone.

But don't take my word on this. Assess your own experiences and ask yourself, "If I had done the EA Foundational Work myself, would I be better at dealing Effectively with opportunities that exploit me?"

-- Dr. John S. Nagy

Masonic Education

*This is some of the EA Work List:

- 1) Hearts (Emotions - Passions and Desires) Must be Subdued and Circumscribed,
- 2) Rubbish (V&S) Must be Summarily and Thoroughly Divested,
- 3) Priorities (Values-Beliefs-Morals-Ethics) Must be Set,
- 4) Standards and Boundaries Must be Established,
- 5) Time Must be Managed,
- 6) Responsibility Must be Accepted,
- 7) Accountability Must be Embraced,
- 8) Integrity Must be Sought and Kept,
- 9) Boaz (Manly Virtues) Must be Well-Established.
- 10) Unfailing Honest and Rigorous Self-Reflection Must occur Regularly.

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District 50 Doin's

From the South

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.

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Cornerstone Leveling Ceremony.

Thursday. September 30,2021 in Elgin Texas.

Elgin Lodge no. 328. 30 N. Ave C. Elgin Tx. 78621. activities begin at 8am at the Lodge. The Cornerstone leveling begins at 10am at the

Coupland ISD school addition. 620 S Commerce St. Coupland Tx. 78615.

Brethren,

How 'bout them Freemasons in Austin ! OK, sorry if that subtle allusion to the Dallas Cowboys offends anyone.

This month I wanted to share my observations across Austin and our District that I truly find encouraging and exciting. I talked in my "Forget Me Not" Masonic Education article last year about the need to boost Masonry following the huge negative impact of the pandemic. Here are some strong signs that that is occurring around Austin. Our own weekly attendance at Hill City Lodge is definitely trending upward and we hear anecdotally from others Lodge of similar trends. Our execution of the Bring a Brother Back program is working as shown by the appearance of several Brothers we had not seen in a while.

At the District 50 MWSA meeting on 28 July, our DDGM, RW Charles Maddox reported that our attendance that evening of 30+ represented a higher percentage of participation of principal officers than in most other Districts including much larger Districts in the Houston and Dallas area. We also heard that Hill City conferred 13 degrees in the past year, leading the District. BTW, our RW Brother Secretary was elected VP of the MWSA for the ensuing Masonic year.

Speaking of growth, the Reunion of the Austin Valley of Scottish Rite, held on 10 July, had 24 candidates receiving their 4th through 32nd degrees, which was a very strong class. Those candidates included our own Nick Grossman. York Rite also did very well at it Festival for Chapter and Council degrees on 31 July. Tis was a joint Festival of Austin- and Leander-based Chapters and Councils. Candidates included in that class from Hill City Lodge were Ryan Divincenzo, Mark Huerta and myself.

The good news continues as Hill City has two new petitions in progress. This year is looking to be very exciting. We will continue to let you know what is going on through the Hill City Light and are also enhancing the lodge website <http://hillcitylodge.org> with more blog posts, a photo gallery, and downloadable copies of past Hill City Light newsletter. If you have suggestions for how the Lodge can better serve and encourage attendance, please contact us at communications@hillcitylodge.org.

Fraternally,
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Junior Warden, Hill City 456

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August Birthdays

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James Mark Batson	Roger Lee Gunter	Raymond Clifford Mathews, Jr.	Thomas Ray Schnautz
John C. Burkhardt	Thomas R. Jackson	Jim Conway McLendon	Todd Malcolm Smith
Ernest L. Butler	Robert Wade Jones, Jr.	Charles Henry Meyer, Jr.	Eulojio R. Sosa
Warren Pierce Darnell	James R. Lafosse	Joe McCoy Moore, Jr.	Carl Larry Templeton
Philippe Paul Dewailly	Larry D. Little	Eugene Karim Mostofi	Garvid H. Wilson, Jr.
			James G. Wilson

Food Committee is suspended until we are able to reconvene.