


The HILL CITY LIGHT

October 2021

<p>2021 - 2022 Lodge Officers</p>	<p>Hill City No. 456 A.F. & A.M. Chartered June 10, 1876</p> <p>Austin Scottish Rite Theatre & Museum 18th St. at Lavaca St., Austin, Texas Mail: P.O. Box 1456, Austin, Texas 78767-1456 Phone: (512) 655-9858 Email: secretary@hillcitylodge.org Website: www.hillcitylodge.org</p>																										
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<p>October 2021</p>	<p>Greetings Brethren,</p> <p>On Sep 25 I attended a program at Onion Creek Lodge given by Brother George Moxley. Brother Tanner Dennis was also there. There were only eight attendees. It was a great program on masonic ritual. If you are in a lodge position or would like to be a lodge officer, I recommend you start attending these programs. Brother Robert Eschenburg prepared barbecued chicken and it was the best I have ever had.</p> <p>On September 28th we had an EA degree and welcomed a new brother into our fraternity. On September the 7th I challenged the younger Masons of our lodge to put on a degree. I thought it might be accomplished in 6 months. But three weeks later they did it.</p> <p>As you know there are your irregular lodges and irregular grand lodges that we do not recognize. This is a problem for both the Grand Lodge of Texas and The Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas. I will attempt to examine who Prince Hall was and the relationship between the two organizations. I do this with some trepidation, since this has been a sensitive subject in the past and my knowledge is very limited. If I make mistakes or leave out something important, please excuse me.</p> <p>Prince Hall, 1738 to 1807, was probably born in Barbados, but there are no records to prove this. The first record we find is</p>																										
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dated 9th of April 1770 in Boston Massachusetts. In this record he is given his freedom by the Hall family who stated “ He is no longer to be reckoned a slave, but has been always accounted as a free man by us, as he has served us faithfully. Upon that account we have given him his freedom.” He ran a very successful catering service in which he employed up to two dozen men to serve many well to do residents of Boston. He enlisted in the 2nd and 6th Regiments of Massachusetts. Before this he had been in the 38th Foot Regiment of the British Army, but changed sides when we sought freedom from England. On March 6, 1775 he was initiated in Masonry in a British Army traveling lodge. African Lodge No 1 was organized July 3, 1775.

December 2nd 2006 the Grand Lodge of Texas voted to recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas. In April 2007 the two Grand Lodge signed a compact recognizing each other but without cross visitation. In January 2015 the compact was amended allowing communications between lodges but required first obtaining approval thru both Grand Secretaries. In Jan 2018 this was changed to allow direct visitation without prior approval. This was done by a report of our Fraternal Relations Committee. You may visit but you may not take part in rituals. A Prince Hall mason must demit in order to join the Grand Lodge of Texas. Before you visit a lodge outside of our Grand Lodge jurisdiction, I recommend you ask the secretary of your lodge to check the book he has to ensure it is a regular lodge. I wish the best to both Grand Lodges.

And call a brother.

Fraternally,

Richard Garrett

Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

From the West

Brethren,

I hope this past month has been good for each and every one of y'all. We had a pretty busy month at lodge this past month. For those of you who don't know, we put on an EA degree with a degree team full of our youngest Masons. I was lucky enough to be a part of it and I must say that the whole team did an amazing job! One of the best degrees I've been a part of. It's nice to see this lodge grow in participation as well as youthful members. Like one of the brothers said the other day, that degree team is the future of this lodge.

It's hard for me to come up with thing to talk about for these articles. I've never been great at writing or expressing my thoughts so I must say that these have always been a challenge for me. Every month I sit down and try to think of something to write and usually it can be very hard or frustrating but after sitting in the stated meeting this month and listening to one of our older brothers stand up and speak his mind, I thought it best to talk a little about this this month. For those who don't know, we had the pleasure of having Archie join us for out stated meeting this month. It's been so long since I had seen Archie, I'm talking pre pandemic. At the closing of lodge he decided to stand up and make a statement. He started by informing us of how many lodges he was a part of then told us that he received a phone call from a bother in the lodge. I still do not know which brother it was who called him but I sure would like to thank him. Archie told us that the brother called him ask him if he would like to go with them to Lodge and asked if he wanted them to pick him up. I thought it was a great gesture until I saw the emotion in Archie while speaking. Archie told us that this is what Masonry is about and that we should always from to be Masonic is small ways like this. I would like to ask those who read these articles to take some time of out of your day and reach out to those Masons who don't have the ability to join us in person. Give them a call and check on them. Maybe they would be able to join if given a ride. Let's push ourselves to do better, always.

I hope to see Archie as well as the rest of you at our next stated meeting! Be safe this month!

Fraternally,

Elan Mendoza,

Senior Warden, Hill City 456

October 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. New newts
5. Very direct
10. Charades, e.g.
14. Boring
15. Cliffside dwelling
16. 20-20, e.g.
17. Gaucho's weapon
18. Belief in supreme being, but not necessarily religion
19. French novelist Pierre
20. Cautious
23. Elephant's weight, maybe
24. Ceiling
25. "Is that ___?"
28. Nina or Pinta
32. Decide to leave, with "out"
35. Alternative to a fence
37. Acquire
38. Birch relative
40. Will Smith (1996)
43. Quartet member
44. Art ___
45. "Not to mention ..."
46. "... ___ he drove out of sight"
47. Soldier's cooking supplies
50. Appetite
51. Moray, e.g.
52. Decline
54. A far less clear issue
63. Hokkaido native
64. Judicial assembly
65. Bad marks
66. Support, with "up"
67. Atlas enlargement
68. Close, fasten
69. Status of some e-mails
70. Giggle
71. Male pigs

Down

1. Declines
2. Arctic sight
3. Farfetched
4. Mine passage
5. Humorous banter
6. Bottom of the barrel
7. Acid complicit in gout
8. Not yet final, at law
9. Service station?
10. Arctic
11. Shakespeare, the Bard of ___
12. Allocate, with "out"
13. "Idylls of the King" character
21. Elmer, to Bugs
22. Air freshener option
25. Furred hood
26. St. Anthony, notably
27. Big dipper
29. South African bills
30. Gofers
31. Sweater style
32. Not even adverbial
33. Porridge ingredient
34. Check for fit
36. ___ el Amarna, Egypt
39. Grassland
41. Apples, e.g.
42. Small piece of boneless meat
48. Bring out
49. Bit
51. Blow
53. Grind, as teeth
54. Drops off
55. Cork's country
56. Soon, to a bard
57. Departed
58. "Pipe down!"
59. Certain surgeon's "patient"
60. Bounce back, in a way
61. Like a bug in a rug
62. Adjusts, as a clock

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September 2021 Puzzle Solution

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Masonic Education

Masonic Education (continued)

Roberto M. Sanchez, PM of Gray Lodge #329 & St Alban's Lodge #1455, is an excellent writer, thoughtful Mason and the Moderator of the Texas Freemasons Facebook group. Last year he posted good and gentle council about behavior among Masons regarding interactions on Facebook. Many of you may have seen that and I have copied it below for a reminder as well as for those who have not seen it.

The reason I chose this month to republish this article is the recent revelations about Facebook's operations and their research documentation from a whistleblower. Most of us have had some opinions about Facebook for years, whether it contains truth or lies, provides favorable social interaction or is a waste of time, whether it is a neutral "public commons" or manipulated media and other aspects. What is important about these revelations is that Facebook has indeed used technology that is beyond the comprehension of most people to analyze what everyone does, manipulate the distribution and presentation of essentially all the content on the platform, and indeed manipulate the truth. Even more important is that the research they have proves all of that works. They have had, and until now concealed, research data that shows tens of millions of people have their emotional state, value systems, focal interests, social interactions and world view significantly impacted by their use of, and engagement in, the Facebook platform and associated apps. It is a very reasonable extension to think that this effect is not limited to Facebook but is true throughout the social media world.

So I do believe that this news makes a revisit to Brother Sanchez' article, not to withdraw from it but to be wise, temperate and Masonic in our sue of social media if we choose to participate. I leave you with the article.

My Brethren,

We as a society have entered into a very strange epoch in time. We are in the midst of a cultural revolution, to which several emotions and opinions are running rampant. The current pandemic, the ensuing race wars, the killing of George Floyd, the peaceful protests, and riots that ensued, and the destruction of monuments and statues has several of us in a frenzy. But I must remind everyone on this page that we are Freemasons, and we are better than this. I have just got off the phone with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Texas, Paul Underwood as well as members of the jurisprudence committee,

and together with them we would like to remind you of a few things.

1. As citizens, or residents of this country we have the right of free speech. We have a civil right to express how we feel, but we as Freemasons should not do so at the expense of our brethren.
2. This group is composed of Texas Masons or those who's Grand Lodge is in Fraternal Recognition with the Grand Lodge of Texas. Therefore, this group is allowed to exist at the discretion of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and can be shut down by that authority.
3. This group is composed of over 11,000 members, who post hundreds of posts a day. Those posts can get thousands of comments and replies to them a day. There are only four admins and moderators to this group. All of whom have full times jobs, and volunteer our time to administrate this group. It is impossible for us to moderate every post and comment made on here. If you see something that you deem un-masonic, tag one of us, so we can easily find it and address it. Kyle Wahlquist, Stephen Yeti Berryman, Michael G Ethridge, or myself.

So this is me whispering good and gentle council in everyone's ear. You have a right to your feelings, and emotions. You have a right to express those feelings and emotions. But you should remember that we are Freemasons, and while you figuratively wear that hat, you should walk and act as such. While this group is not a tiled lodge, it is a place where Masons come to meet together as brethren and share ideas, to be kept informed, to grow as Masons, to improve in Masonry, to announce calendar events, etc. This is one of the largest Masonic groups on Facebook, and if we want to keep it alive we need to act as Masons. If you see something that you do not agree with, make sure it violates our standing rules as a group, or Facebooks rules before reporting it. Every time a post gets reported, it allows Facebook to intervene – and they could also shut down the group. If it violates Masonic laws, or protocols, it will stay up – because it is evidence at that point – so it will need to stay up in case it is needed at a Masonic Trial. If the post

Masonic Education (continued)

is just hateful, or does not violate a masonic law, but it could be divisive or disruptive to any masonic bond or obligation PLEASE TAG ME OR ANOTHER ADMIN. But do not engage in un-masonic behavior or conduct. Remember we are to spread the cement that unites all into a society of friends and brothers, be the change you want to see in the world, not the match that burns it all down. If anyone would like to discuss this with me in further detail, I will always be available to my brethren. Send me a private message, or if you have my number give me a call. If you need to vent, I am here for you... all 11,000 +. But please brethren, don't attack each other because you do not agree. Please do not post something to be divisive and to instigate an argument. Please remember that we ought to be the most outstanding members of society. Please remember that you are a Freemason and you took an obligation ever to walk and act as such. An obligation that has no expiration date, an obligation to which I challenge each and every one of us to remember before we post something that maybe shouldn't be. We all have an invisible bond to one another, one that could very easily be broken. But our obligation is what bounds us all together, from the youngest Entered apprentice to the man who wears the purple of our fraternity around his honored shoulders.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Roberto M. Sanchez

Past Master – Gray No. 329 & St Alban's No. 1455 – Grand Lodge of Texas

Past Grand Master – Grand Lodge Edo. Mexico

Moderator, Texas Freemasons Facebook Page

From the South

Brethren,

I hope y'all are not tired of hearing me rave about the Officer Leadership Training or OLT (formerly know as Warden's Retreat) I attended in August because here is another aspect of that. We learned from Brother Schlaudroff that every Lodge is supposed to have a Mentoring program and the Junior Warden is supposed to make that happen. So here we are.

We have some material on Mentoring from the GL Masonic Education and Service Committee that will useful to all Mentors and Lodge Officers who should understand the program as they proceed through the line. The Mentor is not the same as the Brother providing esoteric work instruction and, ideally, they should be different people to provide the kind of broad ranging perspectives that are important for the new Mason. The subject matter discussed might be the activities of the Lodge, protocols and customs used inside the Lodge, appendant bodies as well as an explanation, such as the Mentor understands it, of various things that make up the practice of the craft overall. The time commitment for a Mentor is not significant in the guidance is primarily (1) to spend some time at Lodge meetings with the Mentee, (2) occasionally call the Mentee to "check-in", show interest in what he is doing or what questions he may have, and just get to know each other, and (3) be available for a call or email if the Mentee should have a question or seek guidance.

It is important that the Mentor and Mentee can develop some "chemistry" so the ideal circumstances for pairing a Mentor and Mentee are:

- Shared belief in the mutual benefits and objectives of Mentoring
- Something similar in their backgrounds, such as same vocation, military background, interests like sports, travel or hunting/shooting or the parts of the State or other location in which they have both lived
- Ongoing good relationship

We have already made 2 Mentor/Mentee pairings of Hilton Crocker with Jeremiah Daniel and myself with Tanner Dennis. We are looking for Mentors for: Thom Kennedy, Mark Huerta, Jacob Cavazos Sandro Sessarego, Jonathan Handel, and Jeremy Stenglein. If you have never been a Mentor in any setting and are unsure about this, we will be happy to provide some suggestions or coaching. Please reach out to me if you are interested in being a Mentor.

Fraternaly,

Don Jarrell

Junior Warden, Hill City 456

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October Birthdays

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

Food Committee is suspended until we are able to reconvene.