

The HILL CITY LIGHT

April 2013

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Stated Meeting: First Tuesday at 7:30 pm.
Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Called Meetings: Other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.
Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Work Schedule

From the East

April 2013

April 2	Stated Meeting
April 9	Work Night Food Committee
April 16	Work Night
April 23	Family Night Service Recognition
April 30	Work Night

May 2013

May 7	Stated Meeting
May 14	Family Night Raffle Drawing
May 21	Work Night Food Committee
May 28	Charity Presentation

June 2013

June 4	Stated Meeting Election of Officers
June 11	Work Night Food Committee
June 18	Memorial Service
June 25	Installation of Officers

Greetings Brethren:

Welcome to the Hill City Light for April. I apologize that the March issue ran so late. You probably received it in the first week of April. This newsletter should find you by mid-April getting us back on track with our monthly communication to the membership.

Our April stated meeting was opened in the Master's Lodge where we conducted our monthly business meeting. I earnestly solicit your participation in these stated meetings. It is one of our privileges and responsibilities as Master Masons to be a part of the management of the lodge. Your input and vote in our business meetings is very important. There may be some who don't come because they feel they "Can't get into lodge." Or, "I don't know if I will be vouched for, as I've been away too long." Article 380 says that a member of Texas lodge with a valid ID and a current Texas lodge membership card is considered 'vouched' and may sit in lodge. So please feel free to come out and visit. We would be glad to see you at lodge.

I also encourage all Master Masons to attend this years' Grand Masters Conference. The program is focused on the Masters' Obligation and is therefore closed to all except the Master Mason. The interpretation that is

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offered is very intriguing and truly helps to explain some of the inner meanings in the obligation. Here is a list of upcoming conferences.

Saturday, April 20, 10:00 a.m., Fort Worth Masonic Temple, 1100 Henderson St, Fort Worth 76102. Contact Sonny Tull, 817-938-6037, for details.

Saturday 27, April 27, 9:00 a.m., Khiva Shrine Center, 305 East 5th Ave, Amarillo 79101. Contact Ted Hennis, 806-679-6295, for details.

Saturday, April 27, 4:00 p.m., Lubbock Scottish Rite, 1101 70th St, Lubbock 79412. Contact Bob Clemmons, 806-535-4276.

Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m., Kurtan Community Center, 13055 East Hwy. 21, Kurten 77808. Contact Howard DeHart, 979-446-1258.

Saturday, May 25, 10:00 a.m., Pine Tree Junior High School, 2100 Texas 281 Loop, Longview, TX 75604. Contact Jimmy Rumsey, 903-220-3311.

Our upcoming calendar has a few last high lights that should not be missed. April 23, 2013 we will present our lodge service awards. This is a night when we will honor members who have attained 25 and 40 years of service to the craft. Because they have honored Masonry with many years of service it is time to honor them in return. Please join us at 6:30 PM for dinner and the presentation to follow.

We will have our May stated meeting on May 7th and our Charity Raffle for Austin

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Meals on Wheels and More on May 14th. There is still time to send in your tickets for the raffle. We will also have a limited number of tickets on hand the night of the raffle. We will reprint the raffle prizes later in this newsletter. If you wish to not participate in the raffle we will gladly accept your kind contribution. But please remember that these contributions are not tax exempt as we are a "pass through" to the charitable organization.

We then move into the end of May where a presentation will be made to Austin Meals on Wheels and More. The financial presentation will occur no later than May 28th. We are still deciding on the presentation location that will best impact the organization and give Hill City an appropriate amount of exposure to the public.

This brings us to June which is the last month of this Masonic Year. June 4th will be the election of Officers. This is an important opportunity to assist your lodge. The membership will elect several key offices including the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, Treasurer and at least one of the Permanent Fund Committee positions. This is the time that shapes the upcoming Masonic year for your lodge.

June 18th we will conduct our Memorial Service when we name and honor the Masons who passed away during our Masonic year. We will have dinner at 6:30 pm with the ceremony following shortly thereafter. I believe this is one

the most beautiful and memorable ceremonies a Masonic lodge performs in public. Please invite your family to this event as we honor our brothers who gave so much of their lives to the craft.

June 25th will be the official installation of officers of Hill City. This will be another family event where the lodge will witness the ceremony of the installations of officers. This is a great opportunity to hear many symbols of masonry explained and to gain an understanding of the duties of the officers of the lodge.

Prayers

There are several brothers who are in need of our prayers. Brother Clarence Cossey has suffered a stroke in the recent past. Last reports are not good as he struggles to recognize his family and visiting brothers. Past Master Charlie Bryant recently fell and was injured. Information is still incoming on his condition but the latest reports are he is doing better and recovering. We also have learned that Past Master Jim Watt who for some time has needed the assistance of an oxygen tank has now moved to the continual need of an oxygen mask. I would also ask your prayers for service men and women who are abroad and continually risk their lives for our freedoms. Our Grand Master related this request at his conference. He said that many return from their theater of engagement wounded and many are Masons. Let us not forget their sacrifice.

Working Tools of a Master Mason

I often place a bit of Masonic education in our newsletter. But this issue I want to relay a short paragraph that each of us has heard more than once. It is written about the trowel which is one of the most important symbolic tools to the Master Mason.

“The trowel is an instrument made use of by operative Masons to spread the cement which unites a building in one common mass; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection; that cement which unites us into one sacred band, or society of friends and brothers, among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention , or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree.”

Brethren, be noble! Help spread the cement that will unite our lodge and perpetuate brotherly love and affection.

The Tiler’s Sword

We see the sword in every meeting but is there more to its symbolism? Perhaps it should.

“Reminds us that we should be ever watchful and guarded in our thoughts, words and actions, particularly when before the enemies of Masonry; ever bearing in remembrance those truly Masonic virtues, silence and circumspection.”

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Food Committee for June 4th Stated Meeting

Bobbie Neal Atkinson	Billy Don Edmondson	Christopher Chad Montey	Curran Price Rogers, III
Jon Kurt Blaschke	Donald Ray Francis	Edmond K Moody	Harry Foster Rogers
Gerard M. Brohman	Elbert I Franks	Edwin Veniece Morrison	Archie William Scott
Bernard R Burk	Watt P. Gee	Robert Vernon Myers, Jr.	George Frances Vanderhule, Jr.
Roberto M. Cantu, Jr.	Brandon Dean Jenkins	Billy Richardson Nichols	David Lynn Von Ohlen
Clarence Lynn Cossey	Harold D Jobes	John August Pfluger	Robert A. Weissman
Tommy Charles Davidson	Leslie Eugene Law	Earl Douglas Robertson	Jason Dean White
	Larry Gene Miller	James Wallace Roby	Virgil L. Williams

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, May 21st at 6 pm.

Duties of the food committee: We don't place many demands on our food committee members. The only business at the food committee meeting is to set the menu for the coming stated meeting. Then, on the afternoon of the stated meeting, your presence is earnestly solicited. Help cook if willing and able, or just sit in the kitchen and keep the Stewards company – it gives our future Masters the opportunity to get to know you.

A \$15 donation is requested of the food committee members unless you include a food committee donation with your Lodge dues in December.