

The HILL CITY LIGHT

October 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

October 2013

October 1	Stated Meeting
October 8	Dark – Traveling Gavel Road Trip Food Committee
October 15	Practice for EA Degree
October 22	Grand Lodge Awards

November 2013

November 5	Stated Meeting
November 12	Work Night Food Committee
November 19	Work Night
November 26	Work Night

December 2013

December 3	Stated Meeting
December 10	Work Night Food Committee
December 17	Work Night
December 24	Dark - Christmas
December 31	Dark – New Year's

From the East

Brothers,

What are Masons?

A group (fraternity) of men who enjoy sharing the virtues of honesty, morality, integrity, and tolerance. I really think we need to work on our tolerance.

What do Masons do?

Masons contribute, not necessarily monetarily, but by living their lives in such a manner that the world is better just because they live in it. How many of you can say this? I think we all need to step up and start making our world and lodge a better place. Help do this for our lodge!

What do you get out of Masonry?

Most men get the realization that it is not necessary to receive something tangible for every good act or deed performed. I'm asking every one of you to step up and let's start making our lodge the lodge it used to be.

Is Masonry a religion?

No! To become a mason a man must profess a belief in God. However, Masonry is not a religion, a substitute for, or rival of any doctrine. Masonry does not perform functions of a church, has no sacraments, and makes no claim to save souls or reform sinners. We are all sinners. There

is nothing perfect in this world. There are perfect relationships, perfect jobs, or perfect lodges. All we can do is to do our best. I don't think that we as a lodge are doing our best. Let's give a better effort.

How do you join?

You must ask a master mason, and he in turn will guide you and more pertinent information will be provided. We all ask to become a mason. What is done after that is up to you but let me say I need all of you to help me get this lodge back on track. Put your personal differences aside. Show what kind of men and masons you really are. Those that have quit coming to lodge for personal reasons: you aren't hurting anyone but the lodge. If you don't like something, you're not going to change anything by not coming. If you want to change something, come to lodge and change it. We will all work together to do so.

Some of you said that you would be there for me, support me, and I haven't seen you at the lodge. Please come and give me your support. You are not just my friend, you're my brother!

Thank you,



Worshipful Master

Why President McKinley Became A Mason

When General Horatio King asked William McKinley how he happened to become a Mason, he explained: "After the Battle of Opequam, I went with our surgeon of our Ohio regiment to the field where there were about 5,000 Confederate prisoners under guard. Almost as soon as we passed the guard, I noticed the doctor shook the hands with a number of Confederate prisoners. He also took from his pocket a roll of bills and distributed all he had among them. Boy-like, I looked on in wonderment; I didn't know what it all meant. On the way back from camp I asked him:

"Did you know these men or ever see them before?"

"No," replied the doctor, "I never saw them before."

"But," I persisted, "You gave them a lot of money, all you had about you. Do you ever expect to get it back?"

"Well" said the doctor, "If they are able to pay me back, they will. But it makes no difference to me; they are brother Masons in trouble and I am only doing my duty."

"I said to myself, if that is Freemasonry I will take some of it for myself.

Hill City 456 2013 Coin

Perhaps you are wondering “Why should I buy the Hill City Lodge’s 2013-2014 annual coin ?”

- **I want to support the Lodge’s Widows Fund**

The money paid for the coins is going into this time-honored tradition of the fraternity and this Lodge. All of the time and effort to design and produce the coins - and the metal for the Pewter edition – has been **donated**.

- **I love to collect Masonic items**

The coin is loaded with traditional Masonic symbols and references and a few novel elements. (The background of both sides of the coin is modeled from actual photos of the Moon’s surface.)

- **It is good to carry and share reminders of the tenets and teachings of Freemasonry**

The front, of the coin shows the Square and Compasses rendered in a simple, elegant styling. The reverse integrates the all-important equilateral triangle, the Sun, Moon (don’t forget the background) and the Three Pillars of Freemasonry, while the All-seeing Eye, or Eye of Horus, reminds us to seek Truth at all times.

- **It is simply beautiful**

Both the Pewter and Sterling Silver editions are striking in elegant style and detail, 1 ¼” diameter and 1/8” thick.



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Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Amount
_____	Pewter Edition 2013-2014 Annual Coin	\$10	_____
_____	Set of 3 Pewter Edition Coins	\$25	_____
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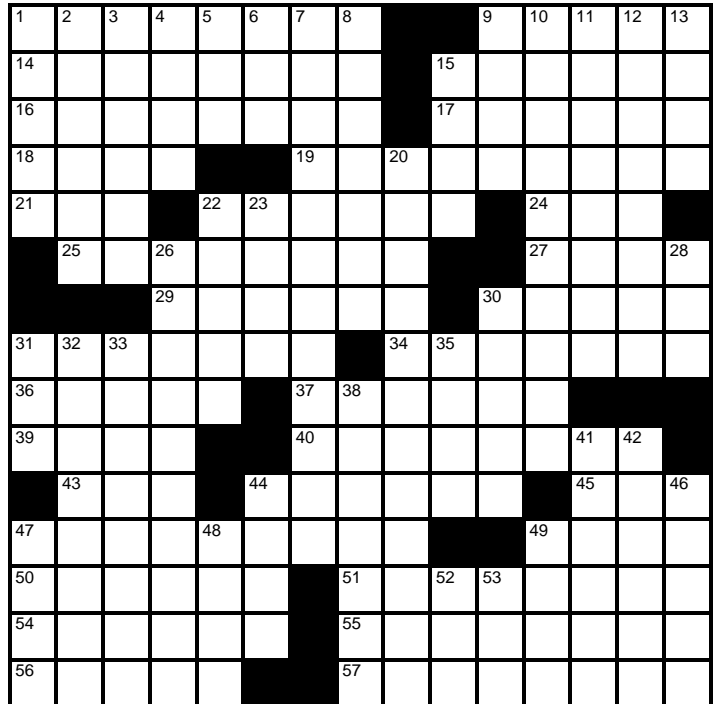
October 2013 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Bringing in harmony
9. Say "@#%\$!"
14. Diplomatic ritual
15. Spanish dish
16. Rose Bowl site
17. Opposite of nicely
18. Luxurious
19. They really get steamed
21. Australian runner
22. Craft
24. Popular fruit drink
25. Concessions source
27. Black shade
29. Gauge
30. Medieval narrative
31. Knock down
34. Direct
36. Ness and others
37. Making a G-string a G
39. Weird to a Scottman
40. Couch's potato's tendency
43. Follow
44. Flat carriers
45. Drivel
47. Quite small
49. Cotton fabric
50. Comparatively cockamamie
51. Some shots
54. Giving up, as territory
55. They may accept Paypal
56. At attention
57. Generous gifts

Down

1. Big name in computers
2. Kind of center
3. Even chance
4. Its motto is "Industry"
5. Affirmative action
6. "Rocks"
7. Superfluous
8. Theme of this puzzle
9. Dressing ingredient
10. Buckingham Palace resident
11. Vocal shortcuts
12. Parcel out
13. Beams
15. "Knit one, _____ two"
20. Welcomed diplomat
22. Sleeveless garments
23. "___ on Down the Road"
26. If _____, it will make you sick!
28. "Malcolm X" director
30. ___-off coupon
31. Bird ___
32. Cockney, e.g.
33. Formal award
35. Bad habit, so to speak
38. Come apart
41. Conjectures
42. Parents, usually
44. Dot on the map
46. Absolute
47. Cheese nibblers
48. Copper
49. Bundle
52. "Wheels"
53. Butt



August Puzzle Solution

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The Cable Tow

(From "Lightfoot's Commentaries", by Jewel P. Lightfoot, Past Grand Master)

According to the ancient laws of Freemasonry, every brother must attend his lodge if he is within the length of his cable-tow. The old writers define the length of a cable-tow, which they sometimes called "cable's length," to be three miles for an entered apprentice, but the expression is really symbolic, and, as it was defined in the Baltimore Convention in 1842, means the scope of a man's reasonable ability.

Prayer

Freemasonry is an institution having reverence for religion, and hence its regulation inculcates the use of prayer, "as a proper tribute of gratitude," to borrow the language of Preston, "to the author of life." Hence, it is an indispensable obligation that a lodge, a chapter, or any other Masonic body should be both opened and closed with prayer; and, in the lodges working under the English and American systems, the obligation is strictly observed. The prayers, used in opening and closing the Lodge in the country, differ in language from the early formulas found in the Second Edition of Preston, and for the alterations we are probably indebted to Webb. The prayers used in the middle, and perhaps the beginning of the eighteenth century, are to be found in Preston. (Ed. 1775.)

There is also a prayer at the initiation of the candidate which has, at the present day, been very slightly varied from the original form. This prayer, but in a very different form, is much older than Preston, who changed and altered the much longer formula which had been used previous to his day.

The custom of commencing and ending labor with prayer was adopted at an early period by the operative Freemasons of England. Findel (Hist. P. 78) says, "Their lodges were opened at sunrise, the Master taking his station in the East and the brethren forming a half circle around him.

The Cable Tow (continued)

After prayer, each craftsman had his daily work pointed out to him and received his instructions. At sunset they again assembled; after labor, prayer was offered and their wages paid to them." We cannot doubt that the German stone masons, who were even more religiously demonstrative then and since, must have observed the same custom.

As the posture to be observed in Masonic prayer, it may be remarked that, in the lower degrees, the usual posture is standing. At an initiation, the candidate kneels, but the brethren stand. In the higher degrees, the usual posture is to kneel on the right knee. These, at least, are the usages which are generally practiced in this country.

Every candidate, on his initiation, is required to declare that his trust is in God; and he who denies the existence of a Supreme Being is debarred the privilege of initiation, for atheism is a disqualification in Masonry. This pious principle has distinguished the fraternity from the earliest period, and it is a happy coincidence that the company of operative Freemasons, noted in 1477, adopted as their motto the truly Masonic sentiment, "The Lord is all our Trust."

Masonry neither usurps the place of, nor imitates, religion. Prayer is an essential part of our ceremonies. It is aspiration of the soul toward the absolute and infinite intelligence, which is the one Supreme Deity. Certain faculties of man are directed towards the unknown, - thought - meditation - prayer. Thought, meditation, and prayer are great mysterious pointings of the needle. It is a spiritual magnetism that thus connects the human soul to Deity. These majestic irradiations of the soul cast through the shadow toward the light. It is but a shallow scoff to say that prayer is absurd because it is not for us, by means of it, to persuade God to change His plans. Prayer is a force. Why should it not be the law of God that prayer, like faith and love, should have its effect? To deny the effect of prayer is to deny that of faith, love, and effort.

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Food Committee for December 3rd Stated Meeting

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Anthony Hubbard Clark	Christopher DeWitt Jordan	Billy Floyd Peel	Ronald William Snipes
Chad Damon Collier	Lee Edward Line	Robert Stephen Peel	James Harper Sparks, Sr.
Thomas Don Dickson	Terrance Michael Linn	Nayip Ulises Puente	Charles Marcus Stewart
William Sam Dickson	James Dale Loflin	Dale William Reynolds	John William Stone
Gene Leroy Freudenberg	Patrick H. Luckett	Joe Craig Robinson	James Correll Tisdale
Robert Warren Hensley	C.L.'Buddy' McGee	Benton Elliott Ryon	Bob M. Wheelless
Roy Lynn Henson	David Lee Moffett	David Allen Sands	Walter Edwin White, Jr.
Raymond H Herrington	Cecil Frank Neely	Robert Henry Schmidt	Timothy Earl Willett
Robert Leonard Hunter	William Riley Pampe	Brian Thomas Schnautz	Homer Henry Willms

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, November 12th 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.