

# The HILL CITY LIGHT

November 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

### November 2013

November 5	Stated Meeting
November 12	Work Night Food Committee
November 19	Education Night on Numbers
November 26	Dark - Thanksgiving

### December 2013

December 3	Stated Meeting & "BBQ with all the Fixin's"
December 10	Work Night Food Committee
December 17	Work Night
December 24	Dark - Christmas
December 31	Dark - New Year's

### January 2014

January 7	Stated Meeting
January 14	Work Night Food Committee
January 21	Work Night
January 28	Work Night

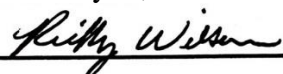
## From the East

Brothers,

I am glad to say that it looks like things are starting to improve with lodge involvement. I am really proud of the way the brothers have stepped up and helped keep our kitchen going. The meals have been very good! I also want to say thank you for all of the help the brothers have been giving me – I can use all I can get.

I have been told how good our lodge is, which is always nice to hear, but there is more I – we – need to do to get our lodge built back up. Communication is the key to running things better. I have been hearing more from the brothers, which really helps me see what we need to improve on. Without all of you letting me know what your wants and needs are, we can't move forward. We are starting to move in a positive direction, and I thank you all for that. The lodge is made up of all of the members – it isn't just the officers. I do need all of you to continue to help and give me your wishes and thoughts. With everyone's help, we are getting things back on track.

Thank you,



Worshipful Master

**Obituaries**

**Harold Pearson**, age 76, of Smithville, Texas, passed away October 24, 2013. He was born in Barksdale, Texas, on May 7, 1937 and graduated from Southside High School. He began his college education in San Antonio and then graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a civil engineering degree in 1973. Harold was married to Pat Pearson and was the proud father of two children. He was active and enjoyed retirement until medical conditions slowed him down last year.

Harold and Pat married in San Antonio, Texas, in 1966, and moved their young family to Austin in 1972 so Harold could finish his higher education. He began his career at Freese and Nichols immediately after graduating college, and went on to own and operate Pearson and Associates and later Tejas Engineering. With his degree and experience, his interest evolved into sewage treatment facilities in the booming North Austin area part of town. In the late 1980s, Harold transitioned his professional career to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, eventually retiring from the state in May 2011.

Harold was active in the Austin community for several years with the Hill City Masonic Lodge, Austin York Rite, Scottish Rite, and Ben Hur Shriners. Later in life, he became active in karate, earning his third degree black belt with Pratt's Karate Club. He continued his involvement in karate for years along with his wife by helping teach karate students.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents Dorothy Loraine (Leffingwell) Webb and John Franklin Pearson; brothers, Lee Franklin Pearson and Arthur Bert Webb; and brother-in-law, Willie Eugene Barnett.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Patricia Ann (Barnett) Pearson; daughter, Dorothy Ann Sinclair (and husband Chris); son, John Eugene Pearson (and partner Kevin); his beloved grandchildren Ashley, Austin and Bryce Sinclair; sister-in laws, Marilyn Pearson, Edith Stewart (and husband James), and Edith Barnett; brother-in-law, Butch Hagelgans (and wife Judy); aunt, Lucille Valentino; uncle, Rudy Leffingwell; and many nephews and nieces.

Fraternally,  
Charles E. Maddox  
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## 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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## November 2013 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Circus employee
6. Ticket ignorer
14. \_\_\_ orange
15. Stoned to death
17. Creates
18. Not strictly accurate
19. Renewed
21. Charge
22. Tilt
23. Affected
25. Aged
26. "Check this out!"
28. Source of litmus
29. "Seinfeld" uncle
30. Like some music
32. .0000001 joule
33. Earliest date
34. Fix, in a way
37. Capers
38. Ceiling
41. \_\_\_ acid
43. Kind of court
45. "\_\_\_ Ng" (They Might Be Giants song)
46. Sort of implant
47. Get slippery
49. Frosts, as a cake
50. Silent skill
52. Computerized hand
55. Honeydew, e.g.
56. Sail at the America's Cup
57. Bond, for one
58. Symbols of authority
59. Holes in the head

### Down

1. Blockhead
2. By and large
3. Manages somehow
4. Cast out
5. FedEx again, e.g.
6. Goliath's undoing
7. Punish, in a way
8. Kind of column
9. Jam
10. Kind of approval
11. Milk-related
12. Case for a lawyer
13. Bookie's concern
16. Use to describe a crazy situation
20. Settle snugly
23. Exemplar of elegance
24. Sword handle
27. Bartender's supply
31. They're adjustable
33. Attack, with "into"
34. Current location?
35. Global warming casualties
36. Kind of code
38. Nitpicky person
39. Buttercup family member
40. Dads, for examples
42. Herbal tea
44. Naval petty officer
48. Alpha's opposite
50. Creep (along)
51. Affirm
53. Drained
54. Back muscle, familiarly

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### October Puzzle Solution

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## The Rite of Circumambulation

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

Circumambulation is the name given by sacred archaeologists to that religious rite, in the ancient initiations, which consisted in a formal procession around the altar, or other holy and consecrated object.

In ancient Greece, when the priests were engaged in the rite of sacrifice, they and the people always walked three times around the altar, singing a sacred hymn. In making this procession, great care was taken to move in imitation of the course of the sun. For this purpose, they commenced at the east, and passing on by the way of the south to the west, and thence by the north, arrived at the east again. By this means, as it will be observed, the right hand was always toward the altar.

This ceremony, the Greeks called moving from the right to the right, which was the direction of the motion; and the Romans applied to it the terms "Dextrovorsum," or "Dextrorsum," which signifies the same thing.

Thus, Plautus (Curcul. I, 70), makes Polinurus, a character in his comedy of Curculio, say: "If you would do reverence to the Gods, you must turn to the right-hand." Gronovius, in commenting on this passage of Plautus, says: "In worshipping and praying to the Gods, they were accustomed to turn to the right-hand." A hymn of Callimachus has been preserved which is said to have been chanted by the priests of Appolo at Delos, while performing this ceremony of circum-ambulation, the substance of which is: "We imitate the example of the sun, and follow is benevolent course."

Among the Romans, the ceremony of circumambulation was always used in the rites of sacrifice and expiation, or purification. Thus Virgil describes Chorinaeus as purifying his companions at the funeral of Misenus, by passing three times around them, while aspersing them with the lustral waters, and, to do so conveniently, it was necessary that he should have moved with his right hand toward them.

## The Circumambulation (continued)

"Idem ter socios pura circum tu lit unda, spargens Rore levi et rumo felicis olivae." That is: "Thrice with pure water compassed he the crew, sprinkling with olive branch the gentle dew."

In fact, so common was it to unite the ceremony of circumambulation with that of expiation or purification, that the term lustrare, whose primitive meaning is "to purify," came at last to be synonymous with circuire, "to walk round anything"; hence purification and circumambulation were often expressed by the same word.

Among the Indus, the same rite of circumambulation has always been practiced. As an instance, we may cite the ceremonies which are at the present performed by a Brahman, upon first arising from bed in the morning, an accurate account of which has been given by Mr. Colebrook, in the 6th volume of Asiatic Researches. The priest, having first adored the sun, while directing his face to the east, walks toward the west by the way of the south, saying: "I follow the course of the sun," which he thus explains: "As the sun in his course moves around the world by way of the south, so do I follow that luminary to obtain the benefit arising from a journey around the earth by the way of the south."

Lastly, we may refer to the preservation of this rite among the Druids, whose "Mystical Dance" among the Cairn, or sacred stones, was nothing more nor less than the rite of circumambulation. On these occasions the priests always made three circuits from east to west by the right hand, around the altar of Cairn, accompanied by all of the worshippers, and so sacred eas the rite once considered that we learn from Toland (Celt. Rel, and Learn., II, XVII.), that in the Scottish Isles, once a principal seat of the Druidical religion, the people "never came to the ancient sacrifices and far hallowed cairns but they walked three times around them, from east to west, according to the course of the sun."

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## Food Committee for January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Stated Meeting

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John D. Andrews	Dale Patrick Ellison	Michael Dean Larkin	Reuben L. "Mack" Ray
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William Howard Bryant	Robert Gene Housman	Sidney Patrick McDavid	Basel I. Wheelless
Ty William Carl	Eric Acosta Jimenez	William Forrest McFarlin, Jr.	Andrew Joseph Williamsen

**Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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.