

The HILL CITY LIGHT

December 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

December 2013

December 3	Stated Meeting & "BBQ with all the Fixin's"
December 10	Work Night Food Committee
December 17	Dark
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

February 2014

February 4	Stated Meeting
February 11	Work Night Food Committee
February 18	Work Night
February 25	Work Night

From the East

Brothers,

I took a trip to Oregon last week and, while I was there, I visited the Grand Lodge of Oregon in Forest Grove. They have a really nice building with a motel, restaurant, and retirement home all in different lodgings at the same location. The motto that I carried away from my visit was, "Let's see what we can build together." This is like what I've been saying: a lodge isn't just one person, or just the officers - it is everyone in it. That makes a lodge. Building, raising money, and helping out where we can.

We will be getting our raffle off the ground in the coming month. We do have two pieces of jewelry and I plan on getting a TV, and two \$100 gift cards. The money from the raffle will be going to Meals on Wheels. Helping people in need is what we do. Someday we may need the help that we are giving out. This coming month is all about giving.

I want to wish every one of you to have a very happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Happy Holidays,



Worshipful Master

From a Concerned Brother

Marvin Toungate, a Past Master and 50 year member of Hill City passed away on September 30, 2013. Because he had lived in Colorado for the past 20 years with his wife Helen, we did not see much of him during that time, but he did make one or two visits to Central Texas each year and never passed up the opportunity to pay a visit to Hill City, socialize with the brethren, and enjoy a dinner at the stated meeting. Prior to relocating to Colorado, Marvin was always in Lodge and served the Lodge as a regular. Marvin was a very religious person and practiced his masonry daily.

Marvin was buried in Colorado as he had requested but he did ask for a memorial service and a Masonic Memorial here in Austin. Marvin had an extended family here in the Austin area and his family fulfilled his request by holding a memorial service at the Ben Hur Shrine Center on Sunday afternoon, November 10th. The service was well organized by Gene Freudenberg at Ben Hur and the service was performed by the incomparable Rev. Don Long, who is no stranger to Masonry and a great friend to Hill City.

The auditorium was full of friends and acquaintances of Marvin. Rev. Long thanked all who attended and proceeded to deliver an outstanding religious memorial followed by a Masonic Memorial. Comments heard throughout the event extolled Marvin's service to Masonry, his Church, his Country, and his friends and neighbors.

There were only two members from Hill City in attendance at the Austin Memorial Service – one of which was a member of Marvin's own family and the other, a Past Master from Hill City. There were no other Hill City members, officers, or past masters. Masons from other lodges numbered less than ten and those were

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also friends and acquaintances. This Masonic Service for Marvin was well advertised by our Lodge and the Statesman covered the obituary and services very well.

I find the tribute to this man - who had been a member of Hill City for over 50 years and a well-liked Past Master - to be underserved by the Hill City membership. Marvin's service as Master of this Lodge was some 30 years ago and yet, he continued to attend Lodge regularly up until he left for Colorado and he still managed to attend Lodge meetings when he returned to Austin for a visit. He also associated with a Masonic Lodge in Colorado.

Marvin asked for a Masonic Memorial Service in Colorado as well as in the city where he earned his living for the greatest part of his life. His family honored these requests and yet, his brother Masons in Austin ignored their call to duty. I believe that the Lodge did not fulfill its duty to honor this Past Master in a way that is in keeping with the oath taken by all at the altar. Whether there is a memorial service over a live burial or one where the body is not present should make no difference in our obligation to comfort the family of the deceased in a time of sorrow.

I can understand that many of our newer members would not have known Marvin but where were the other Past Masters who served around his time in office? And, where were our Lodge officers and members who knew him? For myself, I have attended many Masonic services where I knew the deceased by name only.

Considering the number of friends and family members who came to remember and share their thoughts with the Toungate family - and there were many - the day was a success but Hill City Masonic Lodge was virtually nowhere to be found.

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	_____
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	Postage, per order, unless picked up	\$5	_____
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December 2013 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Supergarb
5. Car accessory
8. Go up and down
14. Government groups
16. Iroquois confederate
17. Vine supports
18. Salem's home
19. A Swiss army knife has lots of them
20. Ashes holder
21. "___ we having fun yet?"
22. Fireplace
25. Exude
27. Alum
28. Some have a lack of it
31. "Dilbert" cartoonist Scott Adams has one: Abbr.
32. After expenses
33. Chinese "way"
34. Security device
40. Bauxite, e.g.
41. Discouraging words
42. Japanese carp
44. Gay men's fashion
49. Dirty
50. Half a matched set
51. Blind followers
52. Child of your unc
53. "Can't Help Lovin' ___ Man"
54. Blanched
56. Stone of film
58. Campaign asset
62. Like some implants
63. Instrument near a drum
64. More anxious
65. "Don't ___!"
66. At one time, at one time

Down

1. Ceiling
2. "Act your ___!"
3. The "p" in m.p.g.
4. Deluge
5. Digestion aid
6. Thought through
7. Balaam's mount
8. Made a point
9. Make, as money
10. #13
11. A Hot and sexy girl
12. Ancient meeting places
13. Abated
15. Trig function
20. Action film staple
22. An end to sex?
23. Beaks
24. To portray in a romantic manner
26. Not so seldom
27. Buzzing pest
29. "___ moment"
30. "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
35. Face-to-face exam
36. Barbie's beau
37. Sponges
38. "C'___ la vie!"
39. Gift on "The Bachelor"
43. Babysitter's handful
44. Drove (around)
45. Generous one
46. Check for accuracy
47. British ___
48. From that time
49. Check (out)
53. Drop
55. Crazy
57. Roman 7
58. Bygone bird
59. Anderson's "High ___"
60. Bull markets
61. Big Apple attraction, with "the"

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November Puzzle Solution

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Light

Light (continued)

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

Light is an important word in the Masonic system. It conveys a far more recondite meaning than it is believed to possess by the generality of readers. It is, in fact, the first of all symbols presented to the Neophyte, and continues to be presented to him, in various modifications, throughout all his future progress in his Masonic career. It does not mean, as might be supposed, simply truth or wisdom, but contains within itself a far more abstruse allegation to the very essence of speculative Masonry, and embraces, within its capacious signification, all the other symbols of the Order.

Freemasons are emphatically called the Sons of Light, because they are, or at least entitled to be, in possession of the true meaning of the symbol; while the profane or uninitiated who have not received this knowledge, by a parity of expression, are said to be in darkness.

The connection of material light with mental illumination was prominently exhibited in all the ancient systems of religion and esoteric mysteries.

Among the Egyptians, the hare was the hieroglyphic of eyes that open, because that animal was supposed to have his eyes always open. The priests afterwards adopted the hare as the symbol of the moral illumination revealed to the Neophytes in the contemplation of the Divine Truth, and hence, according to Champollion, it was also the symbol of Osiris and principal divinity, and the chief object of their mystic rites; thus showing the intimate connection that they maintained, in their symbolic language, between the process of initiation and the contemplation of Divinity. On this subject a remarkable coincidence has been pointed out by M. Portal (Symbol, Des. Egyp., 69); in the Hebrew language, the word for "hare" is "arnabet," which seems to be a compound of Aur-"light"- and "Nabat"- "to see." So that the word which, among the Egyptians, was used to designate Initiates, among the Hebrews, meant to see the light.

If we proceed to an examination of the order systems of religion, which were practiced by the nations of antiquity, we shall find that light always constituted a principal object of adoration as the primordial source of knowledge and goodness; and that darkness was synonymous with ignorance and evil. Dr. Beard (Encyc. Bib. Lit.) attributes this fact of the divine origin of light among the eastern nations, to the fact that light in the east has a clearness and brilliancy, which is accompanied by an intensity of heat, and is followed in its influence by a largeness of good, of which the inhabitants of less genial climates have no conception. Light easily and naturally became, in consequence, with the Orientals, a representative of the Highest Good. All the more joyous emotions of the mind, all the pleasing sensations of the frame, all the happy hours of domestic intercourse, were described as being derived from light. The transition was natural from earthly to heavenly-from corporeal to spiritual things- so light came to typify true religion and the feelings which it embodies. As light not only comes from God, but also makes man's way clear before him, it was employed to signify moral truth, and preeminently that divine system of truth which is set forth in the Bible, from its earliest gleaming's onward to the perfect day of the great sun of righteousness.

As light was thus adored as the source of goodness, darkness, which is the negation of light, was abhorred as the cause of evil, and hence arose that doctrine, which prevailed among the ancients, that there were two antagonistic principles continually contending for the government of the world.

The second half of this article will be published in the January Hill City Light...

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Food Committee for February 4th, 2014 Stated Meeting

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Donald D. Beach	Clarence Joe Haney	Paul Melvin McCarty, Jr.	William Oscar Orum
Roberto Salinas Cantu	John Ross Hepburn	B. Rex Melton	Lavan Riley Parker, Jr.
Victor Gus Carlson, Jr.	Huie H. Lamb, Jr.	Chad Wright Miller	Bill R Pierce
Jesse Charles Copeland	Robert Leon Ligon, Jr.	Kenneth Christian Nicolas	Stramer Frank White

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, January 14th 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.