

The HILL CITY LIGHT

February 2014

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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

February 2014

February 4	Stated Meeting
February 11	Work Night Food Committee Sweetheart Dinner
February 18	Past Master's Meeting
February 25	Lodge Service Award

March 2014

March 4	Stated Meeting DDGM Visit
March 11	Work Night Food Committee
March 18	Work Night
March 25	Work Night

April 2014

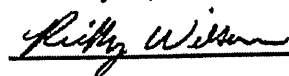
April 1	Stated Meeting
April 8	Work Night Food Committee
April 15	Work Night
April 22	Work Night
April 29	Work Night

From the East

Brothers,

Brothers, I have been really busy with work. The bad weather has put my staff and me behind. I wanted to get this out sooner. I know the weather has affected everyone, and it looks like it is not over yet. We just have to remember that it will not be long before the heat will be here. I am looking to see what the next few months have in store for us. We had a good turnout at the last stated meeting, each month seems to be getting a little better turnout, and this is good. I want to see things better each month. We can only hope our turn outs continue. I looking forward to the day when our lodge is like it should be. Our practice nights need to get better also. I have faith that they will. We be receiving the DDGM at our March Stated meeting. I would really like to see a big turnout for his visit. We have a busy month ahead, Valentines dinner on the 11th; I know that y'all will not have received this newsletter by then. On the 18th there will be a Past Masters meeting, we will have a practice night if there is enough brothers. On the 25th we will be given 25, and 40 years awards out I hope to have a good showing for that also. I really do not have much more to let y'all know about at this time only that we have a really great lodge; it is the members that make it that way and, for that, I want to thank all of you.

Thank you,



Worshipful Master

From a Brother

A Masonic Story ---- "I will go upon the errand of a Brother Mason"

It was a cold wintry morning with a strong wind blowing out of the North. The temperature was hovering around 34 degrees and expected to go lower later in the day. Rain was expected and possibly light snow flurries when the temperature dipped much colder. The scene was Austin's Oakwood Cemetery. Fifteen somber men dressed for the weather and adorned in white aprons stood waiting among the headstones and near the open grave. Preparations had been made for the internment of one of their own. The deceased was well advanced in age and had passed in Houston, having moved there many years before to seek his fortune. He had become a member of Hill City Lodge as a much younger man and had been unable to attend lodge even on a regular basis the last few years. Few of those now waiting for the right moment even knew the deceased, it had been too long and many of his former Masonic acquaintances had moved on.

Shortly, a hearse accompanied by a family car moved slowly through the gate and circled the driveway to the place of internment. The driver exited the hearse, approached the men dressed in white aprons, exchanged words, and returned to the hearse and was assisted by an attendant. The men in white aprons lined up behind the hearse and were preparing to carry the casket to the grave. The signal was given and the casket was removed from the hearse and carried to the grave. Only a small number of individuals exited from the family car and approached the grave as the casket was being placed on the riser. No additional cars came, no other friends stood by, no children or grandchildren, no husbands or wives, except for the very few emerging from the family car.

From a Brother (continued)

Graveside services were performed in the traditional Masonic ritual and with proper Masonic character as performed many times over to honor and hold in highest esteem the memory of a fallen brother. In his greatest need the deceased was accompanied to his final resting place in solemn procession, words spoken to affirm his service on Earth, and salvation asked that his soul would receive its due reward upon entering into the realm of the Great Architect. The Masons offered words of solace to the family members and departed. The Masons had performed the last service the living can render to the departed. The deceased was laid to rest surrounded by few family and fellow Masons who had gone upon the errand of a Brother Mason at a time of his greatest need.

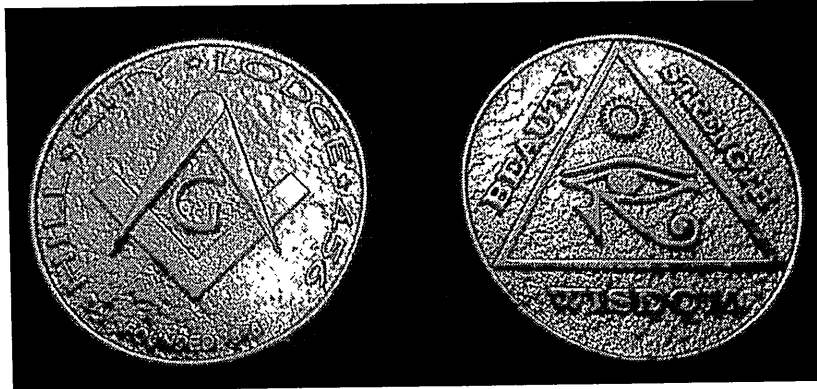
This description of a Masonic funeral service was observed many years ago. The service was a fitting tribute to a Brother whose time had come to return to his Creator. Masonry had been important to the deceased and after having been away from his lodge for so long a period, he knew that he could be in the presence of friends and brothers and be accompanied to his resting place. He had known that in this or any other hour, Brother Masons could provide assurance to the family and take upon themselves the responsibility to bear his last remains to the place of internment. It is not so remarkable that so many Brethren from his Lodge answered the call to bear his remains to its final resting place. It is in the true Masonic spirit and calling that to be there at the time of a Brother's greatest need is the Mason's obligation. So it is that we all must bear our burdens in life and return with great anticipation to our Creator, but we can rest assured that we do not go alone. There are those who will come to our aide when called upon to do so, remembering that we need only ask.

John Baylor, P. M.

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
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February 2014 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Campus military org.
5. "Major" animal
9. Shipping weights
14. Sundae topper, perhaps
15. Advertising sign
16. Eskimo boat
17. "By yesterday!"
18. Jersey, e.g.
19. Bone cavity
20. salad
23. Falling flakes
24. "___ Town Too" (1981 hit)
25. Appearance
28. During
30. Cooking meas.
33. Gozo Island is part of it
34. Catch
35. Bit
36. Type of detective
39. Flock member
40. Carnival attraction
41. Chivalrous
42. Antiquity, in antiquity
43. When repeated, like some shows
44. Ravel dances
45. Backstabber
46. 12-point type
47. It's also called crisphead
54. Counters
55. Brio
56. Knowing, as a secret
57. "Fiddler on the Roof" role
58. Style
59. "Beetle Bailey" dog
60. Glorify
61. "La Scala di ___" (Rossini opera)
62. "O Sanctissima," e.g.

Down

1. Big laugh
2. About
3. "Go, ___!"
4. Fine and dandy
5. Disentangle
6. Extend, in a way
7. Dirty
8. A chip, maybe
9. Having a goatee
10. French romance
11. Computer architecture acronym
12. "___ on Down the Road"
13. Calypso offshoot
21. Ancient Peruvian
22. Chicken breast alternative
25. Copious
26. Evergreen shrub
27. Bagpiper's accessory
28. ___ dark space (region in a vacuum tube)
29. Buddy
30. Pyramids, essentially
31. Flat
32. Glazier's items
34. Buttonhole, e.g.
35. Kind of booth
37. Box
38. Legislate
43. Of the tongue
44. ___ Boys' Choir
45. Odd-numbered page
46. Braid
47. Surefooted goat
48. "Out of the question"
49. Guns
50. Delight
51. "Do ___ others as..."
52. Pigeon's home
53. Carbon compound
54. Affirmative vote

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January Puzzle Solution

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Our Apron

There is no one of the symbols of speculative Masonry more important in its teachings, or more interesting in its history than the lamb-skin, or white leather apron. Commencing its lessons at an early period in the Mason's progress, it is impressed upon his memory as the first gift which he receives, and the first symbol which is explained to him, in his admission into the fraternity. Whatever may be his future advancement in the "Royal Ark"; into whatsoever deep an arcana his devotion to the mystic institution, or his thirst for knowledge may subsequently lead him, with the lamb-skin apron - his first investiture- he never parts, although changing, perhaps, its form and its decorations and conveying at each step some new but still beautiful illumination, its substance is still there, and continues to claim the honor title by which it was first made known to him on the night of his initiation as the badge of a Mason.

As, in less important portions of our ritual, there are abundant allusions to the manner and customs of the ancient world, it is not to be supposed that the Masonic rite of investiture - the ceremony of clothing the newly initiated candidate with this distinctive badge of his profession - is without its archetype in the times and practices long passed away. It would indeed be strange, while all else in Masonry is covered with the veil of antiquity, that the apron alone, its most significant symbol, should be indebted for its existence to the invention of a modern mind.

On the contrary, we shall find the most satisfactory evidence that the use of the apron, or some equivalent mode of investiture as a mystic symbol, was common to all the nations of the earth from the earliest periods. Among the Israelites, the girdle formed a part of the investiture of priesthood. In the Mysteries of Mithras, in Persia, the candidate was invested with a white apron. In the initiation practiced in Hindustan, the ceremony of investiture was preserved by a cord, called the Sacred Zenna, which was substituted for the apron. The Jewish sect of the Essenes clothed their novices with a white robe. The celebrated traveler, Kempfer, informs us that the Japanese, who practiced certain rites of

Our Apron (continued)

initiation, invested their candidate with a white apron, bound around the loins with a girdle. In the Scandinavian rites, the military genius of the people caused them to substitute a white shield, but its presentation was accompanied by an emblematic instruction, not unlike that which is connected with the Mason's apron. "The apron," says Dr. Oliver, "appears to have been in ancient times an honorary badge of distinction." In the Jewish economy, none but the superior orders of the priesthood were permitted to adorn themselves with ornamented girdles, which were made of blue, purple and crimson, decorated with gold upon a ground of fine white linen, while the inferior priests wore only plain white. The Indian, the Persian, the Jewish, the Ethiopian, and the Egyptian aprons, though equally superb, bore a character distinct from each other. Some were plain white ones, others striped with blue, purple and crimson; some were of wrought gold, and others superbly adorned and decorated. In a word, although the principal honor of the apron may consist in innocence and purity of heart, yet it certainly appears, through all the ages, to have been a most exalted badge of distinction. In primitive times it was rather an ecclesiastical than a civil decoration; although in some cases the apron was elevated to great superiority, as a national trophy. The royal standard of Persia was originally an apron in form and dimensions. At this day the apron is connected with ecclesiastical honors for the chief dignitaries of the Christian Church. Wherever necessary degrees of rank and subordination are found, they are invested with aprons as a peculiar badge of distinction, which is collateral proof of the fact that Masonry was, perhaps, originally incorporated with the various systems of divine worship, used by every people in the ancient world. In the Masonic apron two things are necessary to the due preservation of its symbolic character, its color and its material. The color of a Mason's apron should be pure unspotted white. This color is esteemed as an emblem of innocence and purity.

The second installment of this article will be found in the March, 2014 Hill City Light.

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Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, March 11th 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.