

The HILL CITY LIGHT

March 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

From the East

March 2014

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

April 2014

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

May 2014

May 6	Stated Meeting
May 13	Family Night Raffle Drawing Food Committee
May 20	Work Night
May 27	Work Night

Brethren,

I wanted to report on the DDGM visit. We had a good meeting before dinner. All of the books were in order, thanks to Oscar and Lee. And of course, we had a stated meeting which I enjoyed.

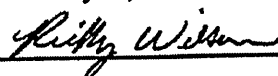
We also had some deaths in our lodge last week. I did go to Emmett Menefee's funeral on Saturday. He was a loved man. Kent did a great job – thank you. I know Kent did at least one other funeral, and maybe more, this week. He has been a busy man.

It seems more masons are passing away than we are raising. This isn't good for the lodge. We need to try to get back to making masons. This is what the blue lodge does.

Please mail in a check for your raffle tickets or return the tickets.

I think that good times are ahead for our lodge. Looking down the road, things are only going to be better. We will work together and only good things will come of it. I know this is short, but my message this month is "let's work together for a better lodge".

Thank you,



Worshipful Master

From a Brother

Freemasonry: What is it ?

Freemasonry is mankind's oldest existing secular brotherhood. Its past members include kings, presidents, military leaders, writers and philosophers. It is not a religion nor does it have a closed doctrine. Members of the same lodge do not share the same political or religious opinions. The practice of masonry is generally thought of as the construction of a building using stones and other inert materials requiring the skills of stone and other highly skilled workers. Anciently buildings of great significance were constructed of stone and timbers. Most often they were recognized as the temples, palaces, and tabernacles that were constructed by the kings, pharaohs, and rulers of their day. The workers of these temples were divided into classes or guilds for instruction. Today we know them as apprentices, journeymen, and masters of their skill -- master masons being the most skilled and experienced in their craft. In ancient times masons were referred to as Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons.

Unlike the common folks in the serfdoms of the ancient world of kings, pharaohs and ancient rulers skilled masons were generally in demand and "free" to travel about the country or within regions to practice their craft under the direction of the ruler or overseer -- with the master masons having the greatest ease and privileges in servitude to a ruler, therefore the use of the term Freemasonry. Within each skill level it was impendent upon each person to learn the lessons of their trade that would allow them to advance within their level or advance to a higher level, ultimately becoming masters of their craft and overseers of skilled trades.

From a Brother (continued)

There were certain tools used by these masons to design and layout their work. The most important and recognized were the square, level, plumb, compass, trowel, the gauge or ruler, and gavel among others. These same tools are recognized by modern day builder masons and are used as symbols for Freemasonry. Each has a useful purpose in the construction trades and each is explained in detail with when applied to Freemasonry. Masons who practiced their skill in these early temples are referred to as Operative Masons. While modern day masons do not use the tools of construction or practice the daily skills laid down by our early ancestors they use the symbols and the explanations of the tools of early masons as tools of morality, fidelity, and virtue. Therefore modern day masons are occasionally referred to as Speculative Masons - those who practice the skills of discipline, honesty, integrity, fairness, to all mankind applying the interpretation of the tools to their practice.

Modern day Freemasonry as practice today was established in Great Britain in 1717. Masonic lodges were introduced to the United States and are governed by an Independent Grand Lodges within each State and headed by a Grand Master. The head of a local lodge is referred to as the Worshipful Master and is elected annually by the membership. In order to become a mason a man must declare a belief in deity or a Supreme Being and must petition a local lodge. Freemasonry is dedicated to the "Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God."

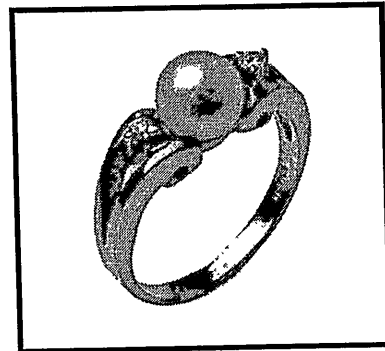
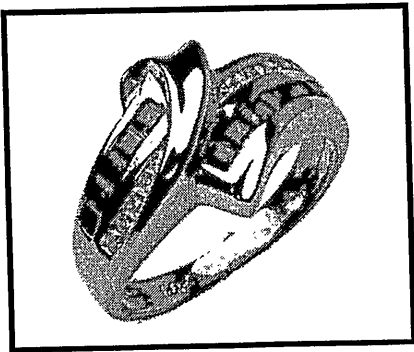
John Baylor, P. M.

Hill City 456 2014 Raffle

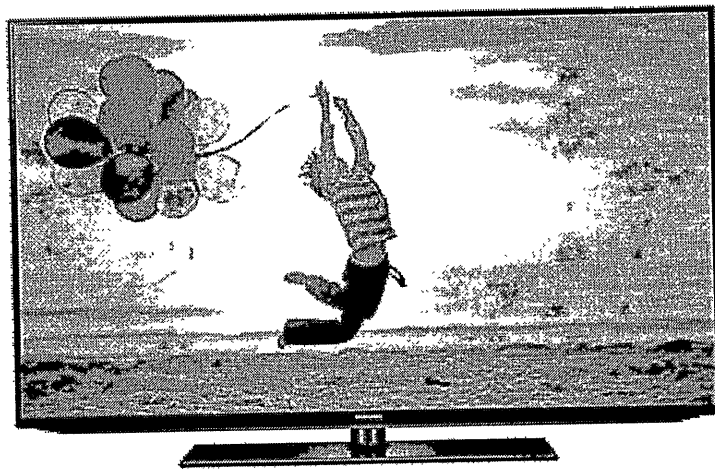
Brothers, what better way to say goodbye to Winter than heating things up with a Hill City Lodge RAFFLE !

Of course, our focus is on raising money for **Meals on Wheels** again this year, but we can have some fun and excitement at the same time. Tickets are available now at the Lodge. The drawing will be held 13 May at an open meeting in the Scottish Rite Theater. We will have a Family Night later to present the check for the proceeds of the raffle to a representative of Meals on Wheels. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20. Winners need not be present at the drawing. This year's prizes are:

- 2 \$100 Gift Cards
- Custom Ring (Value \$1,200)
14K gold, with 10 Blue Sapphires
and 10 Brilliant cut diamonds
- Custom Ring (Value \$800)
Single cultured pearl with 2
diamonds



- 50" Samsung LET TV (Value \$750) (<http://www.samsung.com/us/video/tvs/UN50EH5000FXZA>)



March 2014 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Grooming devices
8. Immunizations
13. Un-Orthodox?
14. Sediment
16. Hot stuff
17. French composer Francis
18. Poem quoter
19. Creator of "The Rake's Progress"
20. Hip bones
21. Balaam's mount
22. Alkaline liquid
23. Autostrada sights
25. Temple or church: Poetic
27. Appropriate
28. The action of sensual gratification
31. "Absolutely!"
32. Contains the testes
33. ___ roll
36. Frat affair
40. "The Matrix" hero
41. Aces, sometimes
42. Twangy, as a voice
44. End
45. "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
46. Hawaiian tuber
47. Son of Abraham
49. False reports
52. The Globe, for one
53. Erstwhile
54. Philanthropy
55. More cracked
56. Big Bertha's birthplace
57. Wickerwork sources

Down

1. Police officer
2. Congenital cleft
3. Not mixing well
4. Corrupt
5. Cut, maybe
6. Houston university
7. Cicatrix
8. Punches
9. ___ Bowl
10. Cover
11. Civil War artifact
12. Aromatic pads
14. Igneous rocks
15. Chill, so to speak
24. Obi, e.g.
25. Fungal infection
26. Defied gravity
29. Two-wheeler
30. F.B.I. operative
33. Authorize
34. Hired companions, in Japan
35. Prairie diggers
37. Knock
38. Catherine the Great, e.g.
39. Landscaper's crew
43. Many in Las Vegas
45. Consumed
48. Gandalf, for one
49. Coconut fiber
50. "___ and the King of Siam"
51. Home, informally

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February Puzzle Solution

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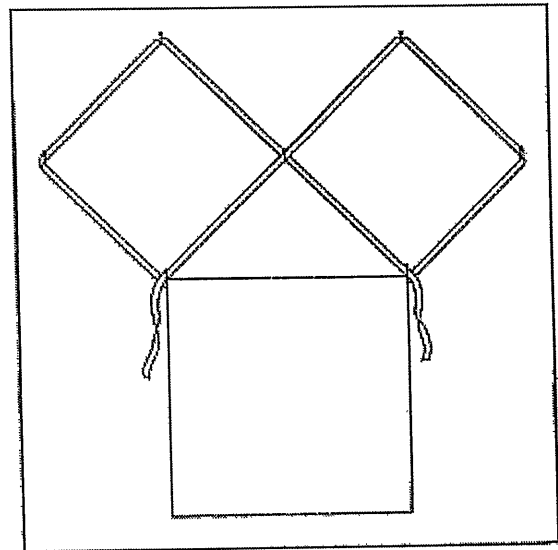
This is the second installment of this article.

It was with the belief that a portion of the vestments of the Jewish priesthood was directed to be white. In the ancient mysteries the candidate was always clothed in white. "The priests of the Romans," says Vestus, "were accustomed to wearing white garments when they sacrificed." In the Scandinavian rites, it has been seen that the shield presented to the candidate was white. From these instances, and others that may be cited, we learn that white apparel was anciently used as an emblem of purity, and, for this reason, it has been preserved in the apron of the Freemason.

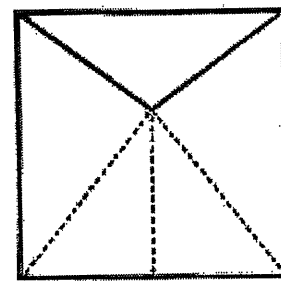
A Mason's apron must be made of lam-skin. No other substance, such as linen, silk, or satin, could be substituted without entirely destroying the emblematic character of the apron; for the material of the Mason's apron constitutes one of the most important symbols of his profession. The lamb has always considered as an appropriate emblem of innocence, and hence we are taught by the ritual, in the first degree, that "by the Lamb-skin the Mason is reminded of that purity of heart and uprightness of conduct, so essentially necessary to his gaining admission into the Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe forever presides." In addition to being an emblem of innocence, and the distinguished badge of a Mason, it may be readily shown that the apron symbolizes other important factors connected with the Divine Science embodied in the structure of its manifold mysteries.

It is not expected that, in the scope of these commentaries, all of the significations of the symbols can be fully discussed. We can only give hints which lead the inquiring mind to pursue his researches into the more hidden meanings. The apron is shown, by countless numbers of remains of antiquity, to have been the special badge of priests and initiates in the history of ancient religions. From the elaborate "serpent" apron of the Egyptian Priest of Ammon RA to the simple triangular flap of the

Mayan, of Yucatan; and the marvelous representation of the great and sacred name of Jehovah, worn as an apron by the pre-historic Guatemalans, there is an imposing array of varieties, all of which tell us one and the same story of the association of geometric principles in connection with its symbolism.



In the foregoing symbol you will observe that the apron, in one of its aspects, contains the outlines of the 47th problem of Euclid when properly displayed as such.



The Masonic apron displaying a vertical section of the Great Pyramid of Gizeh, in proper degrees. "More ancient Than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle.

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

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Food Committee for May 6th, 2014 Stated Meeting

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Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, April 8th 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.