

# The HILL CITY LIGHT

April 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

### April 2014

April 1	Stated Meeting
April 8	Work Night – FC Food Committee
April 15	Work Night - FC
April 22	Family Night Community Builder's Award
April 29	Work Night - FC

### May 2014

May 6	Stated Meeting
May 13	Family Night Raffle Drawing
May 20	Family Night Charity Dinner
May 27	Work Night

### June 2014

June 3	Stated Meeting
June 10	Work Night Food Committee
June 17	Memorial Service
June 24	Work Night

## From the East

Brethren,

I want to let all of you all know that I believe our lodge is starting to move forward. We have started making masons once more. We made one last month, and another one is coming in the near future. So I think things are improving. It has been awhile since we made one.

People become masons for variety of reasons, some for family traditions, some are introduced to the craft by a friend, and others are just curious; however it happens, it is a good thing.

Those who become active members and grow in masonry enjoy it - it becomes a part of their lives in more ways than one. Having a brotherhood of fellowship, learning the craft, there is so much that masons do to help the community, and other masons, their families, and friends. We give moral support to our brothers in need; we encourage masons to live their lives to higher standard, making ourselves accountable for our actions, making us become better men. Living our lives in such a way that we will be in search of improving our community, being proud of what we stand for. I feel that I am a better man for being a mason. And I want thank all of you for being my brother.

Thank you,



Worshipful Master

**The Immovable Jewels**

During the Entered Apprentice lecture, the new Mason is introduced to the jewels of the Lodge when he is told there are six such jewels, three immovable and three movable. These "jewels" are not precious stones as one might imagine when first hearing the term jewels, but rather refer to their value to the operative builder in conducting his trade.

In the United States, the Immovable Jewels are the square, level, and plumb. They are deemed immovable because they belong to fixed positions in the lodge, the East, West, and South. The three principal officers of the lodge who sit in these positions wear replicas of these operative tools. The Master wears the square as a symbol of morality. The Senior Warden wears the level as a symbol of equality while the Junior Warden wears the plumb as an emblem of upright living.

One might ask why these emblems are considered immovable when, in fact, the officers who wear these jewels move about the lodge room and do not remain stationary. Perhaps they are considered immovable in that they are assigned to a specific officer of the lodge and, in that sense, they are permanently assigned to the East, West, and South.

The square, level, and plumb are indeed important and valuable tools for the builder for without them, he cannot carry out his trade. For the Freemason, these tools become symbols related to building our moral selves. This point is brought home in the Fellowcraft degree where the plumb, square and level are introduced as the working tools for the degree.

A plumb is a string or cord with a free-swinging mass attached to the end that, when held, will come to rest perpendicular to the horizontal due the gravitational forces. This allows the builder to ensure he has erected a beam in the proper manner, that is, perpendicular to the surface. As such, the plumb is a symbol of right, uprightness, and proper social and moral behavior. It is unlikely that a wall can stand for long if it is not erected properly or is not straight. It is also unlikely that a Mason who does not lead an upright life can be of value to his fellow man or to our fraternity. The plumb stands for righteousness before God and man and becomes a standard by which we can test our morality.

A square is an instrument having two arms with straight edges meeting in a right angle. As a symbol, the square represents morality and virtue. The concepts of morality and virtue should guide all of our actions before God and with our fellow man. We must look into our hearts and ensure our dealings with others are conducted in a virtuous and moral manner. When we "act upon the square" we are telling the truth and dealing honestly with the other person. Morality is very difficult to define yet we should be able to recognize it, or the lack thereof, based upon the standards of God. Each man must look deep within himself to set those standards and principles by which he lives.

The level is used to prove horizontally in operative masonry. In speculative Masonry the level is a symbol of equality indicating that all men have the same duties to God and the same responsibilities and rights before his fellow man. Equality does not mean that all men are equal in skills or abilities but rather that all men should be treated with respect, dignity, and

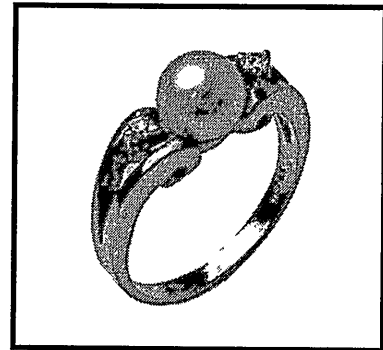
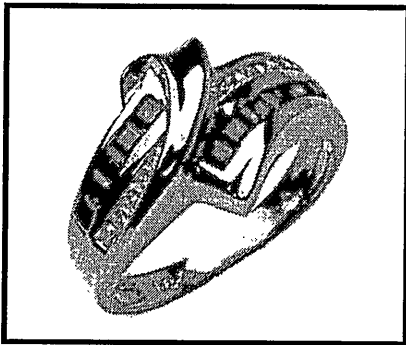
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## Hill City 456 2014 Raffle

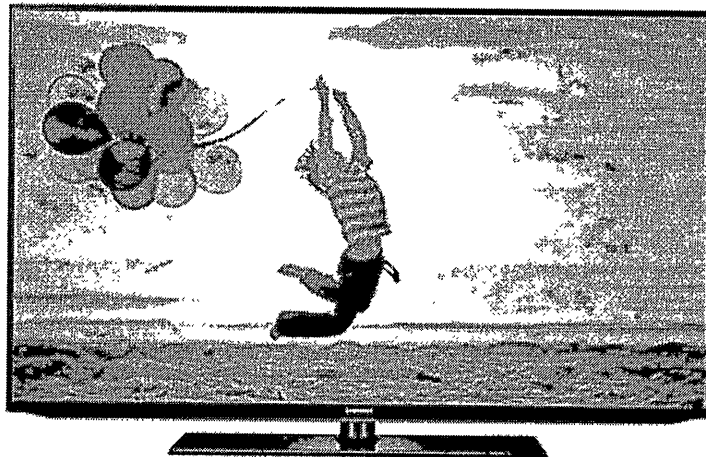
**Brothers**, what better way to say goodbye to Winter than heating things up with a Hill City Lodge RAFFLE !

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>)





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understanding. We are all individuals, yet we should be a universal brotherhood before God where men can achieve mutual respect and understanding regardless of their differences.

The Entered Apprentice lecture tells us that the square teaches morality, the level equality, and the plumb rectitude of conduct. Symbolically, as Freemasons, we are building a spiritual building that requires hard work and effort throughout our lifetimes. We must build a level foundation based upon an understanding of the equality of man before God. Upon this foundation we build our moral standards that guide our dealings with our fellow man while always striving to walk uprightly before God. Perhaps the monitorial explanation for the working tools of a Fellowcraft Mason is a fitting way to close this discussion.

"The Plumb is an instrument made use of by operative Masons to raise perpendiculars, the Square to square their work, and the Level to lay horizontally; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of them for more noble and glorious purposes; the Plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations before God and man, squaring our actions by the Square of Virtue, and remembering that we are traveling upon the Level of Time, to "that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveler returns."

John Baylor, P. M.

**From the Worshipful Master...**

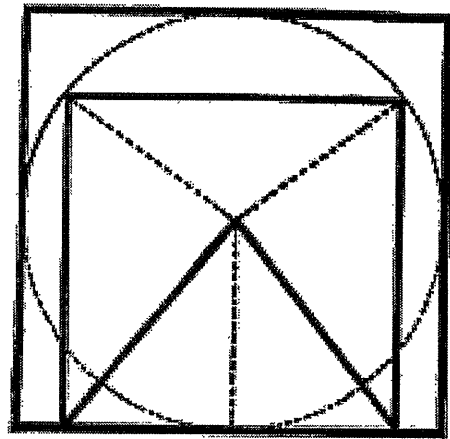
We will be giving a Community Builders Award on April 22 to Dawnna Dukes, a Texas State Representative. She has done so much to protect kids, support their education, and much more. Please come and give her a big thanks for all of her hard work. She has also been a friend of mine for the last 25 years.

*Ricky Wilson*

Worshipful Master

*This is the third installment of this article.*

It must be that the Apron, as a Masonic symbol, embodies some important significance, other than the reflection of the moral virtue of *Innocency*. No other Masonic symbol has inspired such eulogies. It is the first gift of the Lodge to the Neophyte. No member can legally sit in the Lodge without it, and it accompanies the faithful member into the shadows of his tomb. It therefore behooves the earnest Mason to search out its concealed significations.



*The apron in the center of a geometrical Theorem revealing its relation to the ancient problem of "squaring a circle." It is also the key solving the relation of the diameter to the circumference of a circle.*

In some of the Grand Jurisdictions the presentation of the Apron is made in the following words:

"My brother, in behalf of this Lodge, I now present to you this white Lambskin Apron. It may be that, in the coming year, upon your brow shall rest the laurel leaves of victory; it may be that, pendant from your breast, may hang jewels fit to grace the diadem of some eastern potentate.

*The first and second installments of this article can be found in the February and March, 2014 Hill City Lights. The fourth will be found in the May Hill City Light.*

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## **Food Committee for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 Stated Meeting**

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**Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, May 13<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.