

The HILL CITY LIGHT

May 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

May 2014

May 6	Stated Meeting
May 13	Family Night Raffle Drawing
May 20	EA Degree Past Master's Meeting
May 27	Family Night Charity Dinner

June 2014

June 3	Stated Meeting Officer Election
June 10	Family Night Community Builder
June 17	Memorial Service
June 24	Work Night
June 28	Installation at Capitol

July 2014

July 1	Stated Meeting
July 8	Work Night Food Committee
July 15	Work Night
July 22	Work Night

Brethren,

Well, my year is soon coming to a close and there are a lot of brothers who have helped me travel down this road that I would like to thank. First, my senior warden, Philippe Dewailly, who has always been there to pick up the slack and do whatever I needed. He will make a good Master. Oscar Orum, my secretary, for without him, the lodge would not run - keeping things straight week after week. The secretary does so much for the lodge, without him there would be no lodge. Lee Kinser is really a God send for our lodge, the knowledge that he brings and shares is unbelievable. He has always been there for me. Kent Kinkade has always helped in anything I needed, and I needed a lot. Hunt Armistead, for getting out the newsletter every month. He has done an outstanding job, thanks. Don Jarrell, Dennis Hill, Nick Maulding, and all the brothers who helped out in the kitchen, these guys have done a wonderful job of feeding all of us. And, all the Past Masters that have supported me and all the brothers who sat in the chairs when I needed them to, which was every Stated Meeting. There are so many more to thank, too many to list them all - if you were there for me in my year, thank you. And, last but not least, Uncle Bob. He has always been one of my biggest supporters. I was not able to get everything done that I set out to do - it seemed that I was putting out more fires than getting work done. I hope Philippe will have a better year. To all my brother masons, thanks for letting me be your master, I will never forget the experience. I tried to leave the lodge in better shape than I received it. Some will say I did, and others will say I did not. Looking back, I feel I could have done things better, but hindsight is 20/20. Anyway, I want to thank all of you.

Ricky Wilson, Worshipful Master, HC456

From a Brother

From a Brother (continued)

Are you familiar with the Masonic blue slipper?

It is a small lapel pin in the shape of a blue slipper.

Over the years it has been my habit to ask my wife and my daughters to wear one of these slippers on a coat or dress when traveling alone away from home.

What is the meaning of this blue slipper and why should female relatives of Masons wear one?

Some 50 or 60 years ago, while I was still living at home, a widowed lady who was a cousin of my Dad's came to visit our home. She vacationed with us for several weeks every summer. She always wore this blue slipper pin. Her late husband was a Mason. The pin that she wore made a lasting impression on me. Through my curiosity and questioning, she told me it was a Masonic pin and served to identify her as a Masonic widow. She declared that Masonic men gave her extra attention while traveling, especially on the railroad (conductors, etc.).

To find out the meaning of this pin, let us go back in history to Boaz' time - the Book of Ruth. It will be remembered that Elimelech, his wife, Naomi, and their two sons, Mahlon and Chilon, fled to the land of Moab to escape the famine in their homeland of Bethlehem-judah. Things went well for a while. Then life fell apart for them. Elimelech died. The two sons married Moabite girls-Orpha and Ruth. Again tragedy struck. Mahlon and Chilon died. This left Naomi a widow in a foreign land with two widowed daughters-in-law from the land of Moab.

In time of trouble, people think of home and more importantly of God. Naomi found out that the famine back home had subsided, and there was grain and food again. So she confided with Orpha and Ruth that she would journey back home and be among her kinsmen.

Certain laws, rules, or customs governed her thinking at this time. Of first consideration was the fact that Naomi was too old to bear a son for her daughters-in-law to marry. Even if she could, the daughters-in-law would not wait for the son to grow up. So the girls should remain among their own people. The girls resisted and started to go with Naomi. Orpha was finally convinced she should stay in Moab. But Ruth remained steadfast and went with Naomi to her homeland.

Naomi and Ruth arrived back in Bethlehem-judah at harvest time. The Scripture passage on which this is based is well-known. "And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." This passage of Scripture is unsurpassed as a declaration of love and devotion of one person for another. It has been said that it would make a good marriage vow. But, to me it is a different type of devotion.

Naomi also had to take into consideration another law. When Elimelech died, his next of kin was duty bound to redeem his possessions and take care of his widow and her family. Since Naomi was getting old, Ruth tried to earn a livelihood. While gleaning in the fields, she was seen by Boaz. And when he found out about her (that she was Naomi's daughter-in-

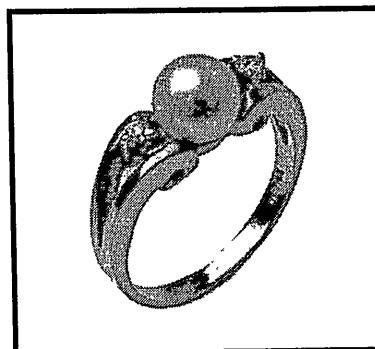
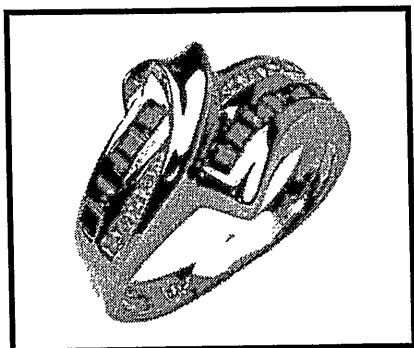
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Hill City 456 2014 Raffle

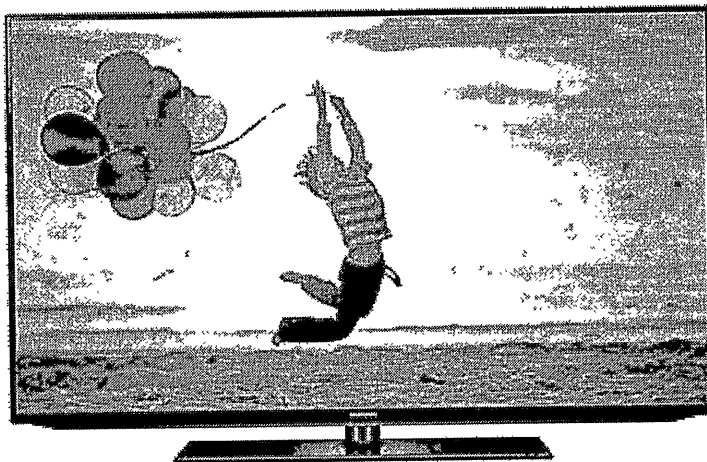
Brothers, what better way to say goodbye to Winter than heating things up with a Hill City Lodge RAFFLE !

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>)



May 2014 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Brand, in a way
5. Selfish sort
10. Church part
14. ___-bodied
15. Fragrant resin
16. Black cat, maybe
17. Study, say
18. ___ Island National Monument
19. Blow off steam
20. Tax agency
23. Overly sentimental
24. ___ alia
25. Bad-tempered
28. Opera star
30. Conceal
31. Drupelets
33. "The Sweetheart of Sigma ___"
36. Intermittently
40. Buddhist discipline
41. Some wedding guests
42. Take a stroll
43. Bad marks
44. Like some paper towels
46. Werewolves do it
49. Cliffside dwelling
51. Quite some time
57. Buddy
58. Newspaper section
59. Dour
60. Forest ox
61. Military wear
62. Biblical birthright seller
63. "Dear" ones
64. Court documents
65. "Stop that!"

Down

1. Indian dress
2. Black, in poetry
3. "Thanks ___!"
4. Recollect
5. Itty-bitty
6. Object of many prayers
7. ___ green
8. Arabic for "commander"
9. Acclivity
10. Devotion to St Jude
11. Spikelike inflorescence
12. Locale
13. "Come in!"
21. Hangup
22. Colorful
25. At the home of
26. Bank of Paris
27. Gulf of ___, off the coast of Yemen
28. "Buenos ___"
29. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
31. Bang-up
32. 100 lbs.
33. Crack, in a way
34. Hot spot
35. Black
37. Marina sight
38. Mother Teresa, for one
39. Like a sword
43. Sleep cessation disorders
44. Protected funds
45. Acquire
46. ___ boy
47. Certain Arab
48. Chopper blade
49. All excited
50. Banana oil, e.g.
52. Bindle bearer
53. Comply with
54. "Not to mention ..."
55. 10 jiao
56. Blue books?

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April Puzzle Solution

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law, etc.), he arranged special treatment for her. She could work with his girls in the field, and the young men were warned not to bother her. Since Boaz was not married and was kin to Naomi, Naomi decided that she should somehow make Boaz understand his duty to Elimelech's family. So Naomi advised Ruth to bathe and anoint herself and go to the threshing floor after dark and lay at the feet of Boaz. Boaz awoke at midnight and discovered her there. So as not to create a scandal, he gave her some barley and asked her to leave before dawn so that watching eyes would not recognize her.

Business among the tribe of Bethlehem-judah took place at the gate of the city. So Boaz sat down at the gate the next day because he knew there was a kinsman more closely related to Elimelech than he. So when the kinsman came by, Boaz called him aside and asked 10 men of the elders of the city to sit with them. Boaz bargained with his kinsman. The kinsman said he would redeem Elimelech's property. But, when he found out that he would have to take care of Naomi and Ruth, he reneged and told Boaz he would not redeem or protect Elimelech's interest. He would leave it to Boaz.

The passage from Scripture for these events is the following: "And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem it. Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor: and this was a testimony in Israel."

So the kinsman drew off his shoe and gave it to Boaz. Boaz held it up for all in the gate to see. He asked them to be witnesses that he became Naomi's protector, Ruth's husband, and a redeemer of Elimelech's property.

Thus, today we have the little blue slipper as an emblem of the protective influence of Masons for their wives, widows and daughters.

Anonymous

This is the fourth installment of this article.

"Aye! More than these, for light, added to coming light, may enable your ambitious feet to tread round after round of the ladder that leads to fame, in our Mystic Order; and even the purple of our fraternity may rest upon your honored shoulders; but never again, from mortal hands, never again, until your enfranchised spirit shall have passed upward and inward, through the pearly gates, can a greater honor be bestowed, or one more emblematical of purity and innocence, than that has been conferred upon you tonight.

"This Apron, the special gift of this Lodge, is yours to wear upon all proper occasions throughout an honorable life, and at your death, is to be placed upon the coffin that contains your Lifeless remains, and with them shall be laid beneath the silent clods of the valley.

"May the pure and spotless surface of this Apron be an ever-present reminder of that 'purity of heart and uprightness of conduct so essentially necessary,' thus keeping pure your thoughts, and inspiring nobler deeds and greater achievements!

"Then, when at last, your weary feet shall have come to the end of life's toilsome journey, and from your neverless grasp, shall drop, forever, the working tools of life, may the record of your life and actions be as pure and spotless as this Apron now is; and when your soul, freed from earth, shall stand naked and alone before the Great White Throne, may it be your portion to hear from Him Who sits thereon, the welcome plaudit: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant! Enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord!'"

The first, second, and third installments of this article can be found in the February, March, and April 2014 Hill City Lights.

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Food Committee for July 1st, 2014 Stated Meeting

Henry Hunt Armistead	Edward Iverson Franks	John Charles King	Joe Raymond Sanchez
Roger Thomas Ball	Kenneth Morgan Gilliam	Kent Dawson Kinkade	James Stanley Schmidt
Richard Lynn Bardin	Shawn Allen Graf	Garry Wayne Kyle	Richard E. Shull, Jr.
Kirk Broaddus	Clive Noil Hartsfield, III	Billy Bob Long	Charles James Stewart
Edward Andrew Carr, Jr.	Marvin Marion Henry	M.L. Lusk	Otto William Thiele
Patrick Ryan Carroll	Stanford Walter Henson	Nicholas Sammons Maulding	Joseph Edmund Touchet
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Aaron Spencer Evans	Bryan Patrick Jordan	Douglas Gene Peschka	Shirley Drace Williams, II
Charles Henry Field, Jr.	James Edward Jordan	William Wendell Reynolds	Roy Leo Wolff
	Olan Arthur Kelley, Jr.	Eugene Evans Rhemann	

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, June 10th 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.