

The HILL CITY LIGHT

July 2014

2014 - 2015 Lodge Officers

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Chartered June 10th, 1876

Austin Scottish Rite Theater & Museum

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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

July 2014

July 1	Stated Meeting
July 8	Family Night New Line Officers
July 15	Work Night
July 22	Work Night
July 29	MWSA Meeting

August 2014

August 5	Stated Meeting
August 12	Work Night Food Committee
August 19	Lecture Geometry of S&C's
August 26	Work Night

September 2014

September 2	Stated Meeting
September 9	Work Night Food Committee
September 16	Grand Lodge Service Awards
September 23	Work Night
September 30	Work Night

From the East

Brethren,

As your new Worshipful Master, I want to thank all of the brothers who have invested their trust in me. I am truly and sincerely honored and humbled to have been elected to the East.

On June 28th, Hill City participated in a common installation of its officers with the other lodges of District 50. It was a beautiful ceremony which took place at the Capitol in the chamber of the House of Representatives. Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Jerry Martin, presided over this very unique and historic ceremony and installed the officers of all eight lodges.

During this Masonic year, we will push the lodge in two directions. The first will be to bring the lodge back to a degree of excellence in the esoteric work. To do so, every officer of the lodge will be required to study to pass the C certificate. Every member of the lodge is invited to participate in this effort also. I have asked Uncle Bob Schmidt and Kervin Warnken to organize study groups which will take place on Tuesdays from 5:30pm until dinner. Our Senior Warden, Chuck Stewart, will keep track of participants' progress through the year. We will, of course, also practice the EA, FC, and MM degrees to get high scores

when graded. Secondly, we will engage the lodge in community service. Charles Maddox, our Junior Warden, will be in charge of organizing the community hours and activities of the Lodge. Please, contact him if you would like to participate in the program. We will also have several Masonic education moments, social nights for our families, fund raisers, and Grand Lodge Program awards along the year.

In the kitchen, Past Masters, assisted by the Stewards, will now be in charge of cooking our meals; each quarter will see a different Past Master. So far, four Past Masters have pledged to serve as cook along the year in the kitchen: Dennis Hill, Ron Roberts, Sam Jackson and Fred Bakhshi. We also need a lot of help in the kitchen to assist our Stewards Aaron Evans and Past Master Robert Eschenburg in their cleaning duties, so do not be afraid to volunteer. I know this is not glamorous work but I also know, from my years in the kitchen, that working along with other brothers can be fun and help to know each other better.

This year, we will also have to raise the annual membership dues from \$65 to \$80. We have tried to delay it as long as we could. Unfortunately, a sharp drop in our membership due to many of our brethren passing away and an increase in the cost of food force us to do so. We will vote on it in the August stated meeting and have a final vote with no amendments in the September stated meeting. Food committee donations will also be increased to \$20.00 and we ask the membership to at least contribute \$7.00 minimum to the food kitty when having a meal at the lodge. If you have any questions or comments and cannot attend the Stated meetings to discuss or vote on the matter, please contact Oscar Orum, our secretary at the lodge.

I think this is all what I have to tell you for the moment. Let's have a great summer and I wish a happy 4th of July to everybody.

Cheers

Philippe Dewailly
Worshipful Master, Hill City Lodge 456

Hot Dogs

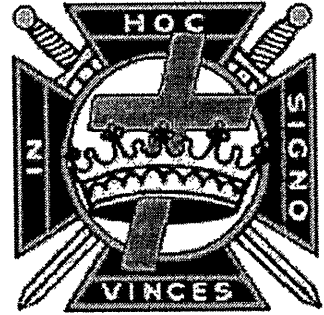
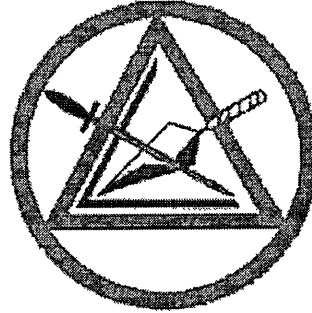
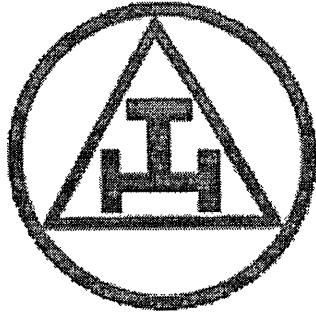
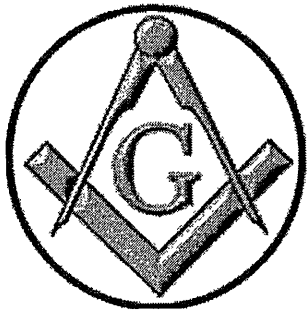
Hot Dogs, BBQ, beer, fireworks... the Fourth of July is much more. Independence Day celebrates the birth of our great nation, of the United States of America, of home and family. We must remember and understand the two great documents that formed and framed the United States. This country moved fast and efficiently at its creation, becoming independent, then planning and writing the Constitution in only thirteen years. Both are greatly influenced by morals and teachings of Freemasonry and the Holy Bible.

No one knows exactly how many of our founding fathers were Freemasons. Many are known, and yet it is thought that some of the great and wise men of history may have actually been Masons but kept this to themselves just as they do today. We can be thankful for the influence of Masonry at the nations beginning, and throughout American history.

Today, brotherly love, relief, and truth, our principal tenets, continue as they have from time immemorial. We are a social and moral institution, and our teachings are passed to the young as they should. Face to face, mouth to ear, no lonely texting that has saturated today's world. We mean more to each other than that and enjoy the fellowship and comfort within the Lodge setting. Hill City needs you, our members, now more than ever, to remember what it is to be a Mason. Join us and help us grow together. Bring your ideas and life knowledge to pass to the upcoming generations of Masons we are now making, thus insuring our continued existence and new growth. Be proud, as I am, that you belong to the greatest fraternity in the world and live a life that others wish to emulate.

Kent Kinkade, P.M.
Treasurer, Hill City Lodge 456

York Rite Summer Festival 2014



The Austin York Rite Bodies Summer Festival 2014

Chapter: Saturday July 19, 2014

Council: Saturday August 9, 2014

Commandery: Saturday September 13, 2014

Coffee & Registration - 8:00 AM
Degree Conferral - 9:00 AM Lunch
12:30 PM

Degree Fees (2014 dues included): \$60 (Chapter); \$50 (Council); \$75 (Commandery)
Annual Dues: \$20 (Chapter); \$17 (Council); \$75 (Commandery - effective 2015)
Endowed Memberships: \$300 (Chapter); \$200 (Council); \$900 (Commandery)
(Commandery - \$1,000 effective Jan. 1, 2015)

Please make 3 separate checks payable to:

Lone Star Chapter No. 6 RAM
Austin Council No. 2 R&SM
Colorado Commandery No. 4 KT

Application Deadline: Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Contact: Charles E. Maddox
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(512) 567-6744

From the Chaplain

From the Chaplain (continued)

Our lodge held its annual Memorial Service on June 17th in the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Theater. This year we paid homage to twenty-two deceased Master Masons. There is a sentence in one of the burial services in our monitor which I have modified to fit this occasion. "The passing of these twenty-two brethren has removed twenty-two links from the fraternal chain by which we are united man to man."

I'm sure that as you read the roster of their names, you recognized many of these brothers because in their younger years they attended at least the stated meetings. Some of these brothers were members of our pendent bodies and will be missed and remembered by their like-minded brothers as well.

I know that you can visualize their physical characteristics as well as remember their personalities. It causes one to think about just how fast our lives go by.

The memorial service begins when the secretary reads a masonic history of each departed brother. As the names of the deceased are read the chaplain lights a candle associated with the brother's name. After the candles are lit, the Worshipful Master and the wardens assemble around the altar to pay our tribute of affection.

Then the lodge was privileged and honored to have Reverend Gordon Bergstrom, Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Bertram, provide a message of comfort and relief to the assembled members and families of our deceased brethren.

The service ends when the chaplain extinguishes the candles.

I wish that I could provide some pertinent masonic information about each of these departed brethren but it would fill the entire newsletter. Here is the roster of their names.

Paul Neely Brown
John Glen Covington
Gordon Ross Johnson
Emmett H. Menefee
Bill Richardson Nichols
Curtis Doyle Phipps
James A. Roulston
Homer Henry Willms
George S. Calder
David W. Dyess
Jimmy Franklin Kaylor

Cecil Frank Neely
Max Louis Noe
Joe Thaddeus Robertson
Marvin Clyde Toungate
Victor Gus Carlson, Jr.
Robert Leonard Hunter
M. L. Lusk
Samuel Harvey Newman
Harold Pearson
Harry Foster Rogers
Robert Earl Updike, Jr.

Again, to use a line from the aforementioned burial service "May we who survive them be more strongly bound by the ties of friendship and union." S.M.I.B.

Bob Wheelless, P.M.
Chaplain, Hill City Lodge 456

Loss of a Brother

Daniel B. White

Our brother, Daniel B. White, passed away on the 21st of June of this year at seventy-one years of age. He was a Master Mason for twenty-six years. I know that he was also initiated into our pendent bodies especially the Ben Hur Shrine. Those of us that knew Dan remember that he was active in our lodge for quite a few years.

His chapel service will be at Harrell Funeral Home on Saturday July 12th at eleven a.m. The funeral home is located at 4435 Frontier Trail in Austin. There is a map on Harrell's webpage with instructions to their location.

From the South

Hill City 500

No, I didn't renumber the lodge, and no, it isn't a new race. The Hill City 500 is what I am calling a challenge I am posing to the lodge this year. For the Masonic Year 2014-2015, I challenge our lodge to donate at least 500 total hours of community service. I hear from the members and the Past Masters that we don't do enough community service and I think it's high time we put our money where our collective mouth is !

500 hours certainly sounds like a lot, and it should be. But that isn't per person. If 50 members of our lodge perform 10 hours of community service each throughout the year, that's 500 total hours. If 100 members perform 5 hours of community service: 500 total hours. It's that simple.

What if you are unable to do community service? Well, a \$10 donation will count as 1 hour of community service. For example: if you donate \$50, that's 5 hours credit of community service. Your monetary donation will be donated to whichever non-profits the lodge decides to support for the ensuing Masonic Year. If every member donates either 10 hours of community service (less than an hour per month for the ensuing Masonic year) or donates \$100 to our charity's fund, think of all the good Hill City will be doing for the community. After all, that is one of the reasons we all became masons.

What counts as community service? Any unpaid work that helps the community at large that is non-masonic. Sorry, you can't help out at the York Rite Festival, in the Secretary's office, or mow your neighbor's lawn and call it community service. But you could mow the fields for your child's school. Virtually any non-profit organization needs help stuffing envelopes, creating learning packets, supervising children, making donor phone calls, etc. The sky really is the limit. And don't feel like you should do this alone!

Every month, I'll include a list of some non-profit *Days of Service* from the United Way's *Hands on Central Texas* website to include in our newsletter.

From the South (continued)

<http://www.handsoncentraltexas.org>

Use this as a handy guide if you can't think of anything for whom or what to volunteer.

Record your hours with either the Secretary or me, or feel free to mail in a donation check to the Secretary. At the end of the year, we will honor those brethren who donated the most money, donated the most hours and, of course, the lodge's accomplishments as a whole. As we used to say in Lambda Chi Alpha, we fail together, and we succeed together!

Masonry says we take good men and make them better. I think we, as good men, should make the WORLD better. Here's a great place to start!

Fraternally,
Charles E. Maddox
Junior Warden, Hill City Lodge 456

August Birthdays

Franklin Leroy Goll	James Russell Lafosse
Warren Pierce Darnell	Garvid H. Wilson, Jr.
Edelmiro Jimenez	Ralph Emerson Layne
Garnett David Damewood	John A. Murphy
Joe McCoy Moore, Jr.	Amanollah Masoomikolahloo
Curtis Montgomery	John C. Burkhardt
Harry Winston Ault	Roy Emil Van Zandt
Roger Lee Gunter	Stewart Henderson Dewitt
Robert Albin Germadnik	Thomas Ray Jackson
Todd Malcolm Smith	Alma Monger Woodward
Carl Larry Templeton	Philippe Paul Dewailly
James Gordon Wilson	David Kerry Parker
Raymond Lewis Etter, Jr.	Thomas Ray Schnautz
James Mark Batson	Lawrence Ray House
Charles E. Bryant	Larry Dean Little
John Wesley French	Jason Scott Mutchler
Robert Wade Jones, Jr.	Charles Henry Meyer, Jr.
Raymond Clifford Mathews	Robert Kincaid Hammond
Jim Conway McLendon	

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Food Committee for September 2nd, 2014 Stated Meeting

James Ray Barber
Hilton Vern Crocker
Fred Joseph Crooks
Jerry Seburn Daniel
Lance Barrett Dean
Patrick K Graham
Wallace Todd Harrison
Leo L Herrera

Philip Edward Hornsey
James David Hurt
Michael Lee Johnson
Enoch S. Johnson, Jr.
Hardy Alexander Johnson
Sammy Ronald Jones
D. Lee Kinser, Jr.
Rodney D Kothmann

John Tate McFarland
Norman Glen Montgomery
Harold Ray Pack
Michael Anthony Payne
Kip Lee Portis
Jack Lavern Ryle
David Edward Schnautz
Abner Ross Schulle

Ernest Serrano
Leroy Eugene Steadman
Russell Allen Walker
Byron Wayne Weaver
Robert Charles Williams
Arthur Cyril Williams
Rudolph Edgar Willie, Jr.

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, August 12th 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 \$20 donation is requested of the food committee members unless you include a food committee donation with your Lodge dues in December.