

# The HILL CITY LIGHT

February 2015

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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 2015

February 3	Stated Meeting DDGM Visit
February 10	FC Degree Food Committee
February 17	Family Night Lodge Service Awards
February 18	Fantastic Teeth Onion Creek Lodge
February 24	FC Practice

### March 2015

March 3	Stated Meeting
March 10	Work Night Food Committee
March 17	Family Night Raffle
March 24	Movie Night
March 31	Work Night

### April 2015

April 7	Stated Meeting
April 14	Work Night Food Committee

## From the East

Howdy Brethren,

Let me start by apologizing about the last month newsletter. Unfortunately it was never mailed to you because of a technical problem with our USPS online account. Everything is back in order and hopefully you should get this newsletter without any problem.

Hill City Lodge participated in a reforestation project in the Bastrop area. On that beautiful morning of Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>, PM Robert Eschenburg, PM Bob Wheelless, JW Charles Maddox, Jason White, Luke Michels and I, along with other volunteers planted more than 2,000 trees in a landscape once completely destroyed by a huge fire.

January 27<sup>th</sup> saw the making of a new Mason. We conferred an EA degree that evening. Congratulations to our new brother.

A memorial service was held on January 31<sup>st</sup> for our deceased brother Mack Ray. Several Hill City Members were present at the ceremony. It was a very moving event where family members and friends came to tell stories about Brother Ray.

Right Worshipful Denis Ross, our new District Deputy Grand Master, visited us during our February stated meeting. During the meeting, our new District Instructor, Right

## From the East (continued)

Worshipful George Mosley was recognized and Past Master Oscar Orum and Kervin Warnkin were rewarded with an A certificate issued by the Grand Lodge of Texas for their complete knowledge of esoteric work. We also had the sad duty to report the death of Brother John Pfluger on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

On February 17<sup>th</sup>, Hill City Lodge will have a family night dinner followed by an award ceremony to honor our 25 and 40 years members. Do not miss this occasion to show your appreciation for these long time members of our Fraternity.

It is now time for our annual raffle. By February 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be mailing you raffle tickets. Please, buy them for yourself or sell them to your friends or family members. They cost \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00. The goal is to raise \$3,000 with the equivalent in matching funds from the Grand Lodge of Texas. This will give us a total of \$6,000 for six scholarships of \$1,000 each. Here is the list the grand prizes: one 50" flat screen color TV, one Black powder rifle 50 caliber, 2 nights in Port Aransas, 4 pieces of jewelry, and 2 gifts cards worth \$100 each. The drawing of winning tickets is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> and one does not have to be present to win. From time immemorial, Freemasonry has been involved in promoting education and this is a great way for you to keep on the tradition.

You are invited to participate in the "Beautiful Teeth" program. Please join us at Onion Creek Lodge on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. We will have a nice dinner and package toothbrushes and toothpaste to be donated in elementary schools. Brethren, I will see you at the lodge.

Philippe Dewailly, Worshipful Master  
Hill City Lodge #456.

## From the Chaplain

Our brother, **John Pfluger** entered this world on June 15, 1935 and was summoned to eternal refreshment on January 30, 2015. He was raised in our Lodge, April 24, 1984. John was involved in almost every aspect of Masonry; however his joy was playing golf as a member of the Ben Hur golf unit. He earned his Masonic wages for thirty-one years. May eternal light illuminate his pathway.

## February Birthdays

Kenneth Christian Nicolas  
Bill R Pierce  
Michael Blake Olson  
William Oscar Orum  
Lavan Riley Parker, Jr.  
Clarence Joe Haney  
Charles Edward Maddox  
Donald D. Beach  
B. Rex Melton  
Stanley Chester Anderson  
Huie H. Lamb, Jr.  
Paul Melvin McCarty, Jr.  
John Ross Hepburn  
Jesse Charles Copeland  
Chad Wright Miller  
Kenneth Wayne Evans  
Richard Scott Miller  
Roberto Salinas Cantu  
Robert Leon Ligon, Jr.  
Stramer Frank White

## February 2015 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Catch
5. Blighia sapida
10. Mud dauber, e.g.
14. \_\_\_ of the above
15. Store for the future
16. ...
17. Ancient
18. Smelting residues
19. Cost of living?
20. A wide principle
23. Bloodsucker
24. Chinese blossom
28. Farmer opposed to Soviet collectivization
32. Taken for granted
33. Death on the Nile cause, perhaps
36. Alien
39. "Yes, \_\_\_"
41. Hot spot
42. Coastal raptor
43. O.S.A. member
46. Toni Morrison's "\_\_\_ Baby"
47. Begin
48. Apportion
50. Skits, often
53. Taste, e.g.
57. The quest of every Mason.
61. Antares, for one
64. Acquiesce
65. Boris Godunov, for one
66. Dermatologist's concern
67. Photographer's request
68. "Catch!"
69. Little, e.g.
70. They're on the clock
71. Bank deposit

### Down

1. Distort
2. Scalawag
3. Embrocate
4. Ornament
5. "Not to mention ..."
6. A little lower
7. Myanmar monetary unit
8. Black billiard ball
9. Arise
10. Cary Grant played a male one in 1949
11. A pint, maybe
12. "My boy"
13. Darling
21. Avoid
22. O. Henry's "The Gift of the \_\_\_"
25. Blatant
26. Medicinal plant
27. "Come in!"
29. At sea
30. The "A" of ABM
31. Swedish money
33. Accumulate
34. Fry quickly
35. Heathen
37. "... there is no \_\_\_ angel but Love": Shakespeare
38. Close, as an envelope
40. Cain was the first
44. Bowl over
45. Barely beat, with "out"
49. \_\_\_ place
51. Spatter
52. Fraternity letter
54. Japanese-American
55. Tangle
56. "Snowy" bird
58. Beam
59. Believed
60. Caddie's bagful
61. Marienbad, for one
62. Blouse, e.g.
63. "\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"

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### December 2014 Puzzle Solution

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## The Winding Stairs

Although the legend of the Winding Stairs forms an important tradition of Ancient Craft Masonry, the only allusion to it in Scripture is to be found in a single verse in the sixth chapter of the First Book of Kings, in these words: "The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house; and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, an out of the middle into the third."

Out of this limited material has been constructed an allegory, which, if properly considered in its symbolical relations, will be found to be of surpassing beauty. But it is only as a symbol that we regard the whole tradition, for the historical facts and the architectural details forbid us to suppose for a moment that the legend, as it is rehearsed in the Second Degree of Masonry, is anything more than a magnificent philosophical allegory. In the investigation of the true meaning of every Masonic symbol and allegory we must be governed by the principle that the whole design of Freemasonry, as a speculative science, is the investigation of the Divine truth. To this great object everything is subsidiary. The Mason is, from the moment of his initiation as an Entered Apprentice, to the time at which he receives the full fruition of Masonic Light, an investigator-a laborer in the quarry of the Temple-whose reward is to be Truth, and the ceremonies and traditions of the Order tend to this ultimate design. Hence there is in Speculative Masonry always a progress, symbolized by its peculiar ceremonies of Initiation; there is an advancement from a low to higher state; from darkness to light; from death to life; from error to truth. The candidate is always ascending; he is never stationary; he never goes back, but each step he takes brings to him some new mental illumination-a knowledge of some more elevated doctrine. The winding stairs is one of the most impressive and significant of all Masonic symbols. A critical examination of it will reveal the fact that it veils more different subjects than any other symbols.

## The Winding Stairs (continued)

It exemplifies allegories, as well as symbolic truths; it embodies science as well as moral and spiritual significations. The splendor of its conception is one of the most illuminating examples of symbolic concealment of divine truth practiced by our ancient brethren, from remotest time. The allusion to the Winding Stairs, as leading to the middle chamber of the Temple, is apparently but a veil to divert the mind and thus conceal many interesting truths. In the verse in First Kings, referring to the winding stairs, nothing is said concerning two columns at the beginning of the ascent of the stairs; no reference whatever concerning the globes upon the columns; nothing to show the number of steps contained in the stairway; or that they are divided into three series, numbering three, five and seven steps. There is nothing in the reference to signify the three grades or degrees of initiation. Not the slightest hint in the Books of Kings that the five five steps bore any relation to a knowledge of the five Orders of Architecture; or the five senses of the human anatomy; not the slightest indication therein that the seven steps led through all the liberal arts and sciences known to the ancient world, and that at the top of the winding stairway would be found a sacred glyph, surrounded by brilliant, circular rays of effulgent and refulgent light and glory, reflecting the ineffable and unpronounceable name of the Lord of the Universe. A critical examination of this symbol will reveal that it is not to be associated at all, in its symbolic interpretation, with the Windings Stairs of the Temple, described in the 8<sup>th</sup> verse of First Kings. The fact is that the beautiful symbol is a compound symbol. It was manifestly constructed by bringing into a single picture several separate symbols to be found in the several degrees. Each separate part carries with it a peculiar significance of its own. Yet, when brought together into a single symbol, it conceals effectively a Divine Science, as well as

## The Winding Stairs (continued)

one of the most sublime allegories to be found in the Masonic rites. It will be noticed that the two columns and the globes thereon, are symbols belonging to the Entered Apprentice Degree; the first three steps are symbols belonging to the Master's Degree; while the five and seven steps alluding to the five Orders and Architecture, the five human senses, and the seven liberal arts and sciences, are essential parts of the Fellow-craft's Degree. The symbol as a whole may be interpreted as depicting the Neophyte emerging from the profane world. He is about to begin his journey from the darkness in search of moral, mental and spiritual light. If he succeeds in completing the journey, and in acquiring all the lessons inculcated, as he ascends to the heights, he has every encouragement to hope that he will attain a knowledge of divine truths. The Apprentice begins his symbolic journey of initiation in search of Masonic light and knowledge at a point between replicas of the two columns. Those columns are undoubtedly intended to represent, with all their symbolic meaning, the columns of Jachin and Boaz, of King Solomon's Temple. The First Degree in Masonry, like the Lesser Mysteries of the ancient systems of Initiation, is designed to be only a preparation and purification for something higher. The lessons received in that Degree are primarily intended to cleanse the heart and prepare the recipient for the mental, moral and spiritual illumination which is to be achieved in the succeeding Degrees. It is therefore in the Second Degree that the real intellectual work begins. A candidate finds stretching out before him winding stairs, which seem to invite him, as it were, to ascend and which, as the symbol of discipline and instruction, teach him that he must commence his real Masonic labor...

*The remaining portion of this article will be printed in the March Hill City Light.*

## From the South

Brethren and Friends,

Thank you to all those who turned up to plant trees in Bastrop. With the assistance of Tree Folks, over 4,000 trees were planted to replace those destroyed in the Bastrop Fires. Six Master Masons, one guest, and one fiancé of a Master Mason showed to assist. Pictures are up on the website, so make sure to check them out! As always, if you have any community service hours to report, please notify me and I will make due entry.

As of the February Stated Meeting, Hill City is closing in on our annual goal of 500 combined community service hours. Currently, the lodge has 486.75 cumulative community service hours! Don't slack off. I want our lodge to bust this benchmark, and make my goal of 500 seem paltry.

Contact Charles Maddox, the Junior Warden, at [charlesemaddox@gmail.com](mailto:charlesemaddox@gmail.com)

<b>Brother</b>	<b>Number of Hours</b>
John Baylor	100
Ken Nicholas	83
Robert Andrews	76.25
Chuck Stewart	42
Philippe Dewailly	37
Lee Kinser	36.5
Bob Wheelless	35
Justin Dressen	32
Charles Maddox	13
Robert Eschenburg	11
Don Jarrell	10
Lance Dean	5
Luke Michels	3
Jason White	3

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## Food Committee for April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Stated Meeting

Hugh Larry Adkins	Bob Day, Jr.	William L Hatten	William Carson Shafer
James Ethridge Bailey	Octavio Tripp Garza	Sam H. Henson	Margarito R. Sosa
John Thomas Bass	Mario Humberto Guel, II	Bennie Len Hudson	Walter Conrad Swanson
Mark Edward Bennett	Douglas D. Gullickson	Michael Eugene Kinser	Henry Herbert Tomlin, Jr.
John Charles Casey	Clyde H Hardy	Kenneth C Newell	Leslie John Whetham

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, March 10<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 \$20 donation is requested of the food committee members unless you include a food committee donation with your Lodge dues in December.