


The HILL CITY LIGHT

March 2015

2014 - 2015 Lodge Officers	<p style="text-align: center;">Hill City No. 456 A.F. & A.M. Chartered June 10th, 1876</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Austin Scottish Rite Theater & Museum Lavaca St. at 18th St., Austin, Texas Mail: P.O. Box 1456, Austin, TX 78767-1456 Phone: (512) 655-9858 Email: secretary@hillcitylodge.org Website: www.hillcitylodge.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Subscribe to receive Lodge email communications on website)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1876  2015</p> <p><u>Stated Meeting:</u> First Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm.</p> <p><u>Called Meetings:</u> Other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm.</p>
Work Schedule	From the East
<p style="text-align: center;">March 2015</p> <p>March 3 Stated Meeting</p> <p>March 10 Work Night Food Committee</p> <p>March 17 Family Night Movie Night</p> <p>March 24 Work Night</p> <p>March 31 Work Night</p>	<p>Howdy Brethren,</p> <p>The month of February is now behind us and proved to be a rather quite month. The good news is that we do not have any deaths to report for the past month.</p> <p>At the March Stated meeting, a motion to use a mailer service for the newsletter was presented to the lodge for approval. After discussion, the motion was tabled until the next Stated meeting to seek further information about the service. Also, Hill City Lodge 456 is negotiating a new lease with the Scottish Rite. Several options are to be considered, one being moving the lodge to a different location. A Past Master's meeting will be held later during the month of March to provide counsel to the negotiation team and decide the best way to proceed on these matters.</p> <p>On February 18th, members of Hill City Lodge 456 along with other lodges of District 50, gathered at Onion Creek Lodge, to package toothbrushes and toothpaste for the Grand Lodge of Texas' "Beautiful Teeth" program. I believe we all had fun doing it and were rewarded afterward with pizza for dinner.</p> <p>We do now have a degree team for the Master's degree in place and did start practice sessions for the graded degree.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">April 2015</p> <p>April 7 Stated Meeting</p> <p>April 14 Work Night Food Committee</p> <p>April 21 Family Night Community Builder</p> <p>April 28 Work Night</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">May 2015</p> <p>May 5 Stated Meeting</p> <p>May 12 Work Night Food Committee</p> <p>May 19 Family Night Raffle Drawing</p> <p>May 26 Work Night</p>	

From the East (continued)

Brethren, if you want to participate in the degrees (and we do want to encourage you to do so), please contact Uncle Bob Schmidt or Don Jarrell. They always can use substitutes.

We mailed the Raffle tickets for our scholarship fundraiser and as we are starting to receive the first checks, I want to remind you that the goal of the fundraiser is to raise \$3,000. Also, we receive matching funds from the Grand Lodge of Texas. This will give us a total of \$6,000 or six scholarships of \$1000 each. I believe that promoting education is one of the best ways to assure our kids a bright future and our country an edge against international competition.

Brethren, I will see you at the lodge.

Philippe Dewailly, Worshipful Master
Hill City Lodge #456.

From the South

Brethren,

Congratulations are in order! Hill City has **CROSSED** the 500 hours mark for community service! We are currently sitting at almost 600 hours of combined community service hours as a lodge. I can't tell you how proud I am of our lodge and our commitment to serving those in the community.

But by no means should we rest on our laurels. The number of hours we perform helps with our non-profit status and helps Grand Lodge with theirs as well. Continue to document your hours with either me or the Secretary.

Contact Charles Maddox, the Junior Warden, at charlesemaddox@gmail.com

Here are the totals for this Masonic Year:

March Birthdays

George Albert Pipes
Milton Eugene Francis
Frank Hubbard Gore
Michael William Roy
Vernon L. Bracewell, Jr.
William Donn Haffelder
Alfred Munoz Vasquez
David Edward Ferguson
Robert Lehman Roberts, Jr.
Jonathan Charles Cearley
Isadore Reichek
Calvin Stokes Story, Jr.
Khalil H. Sakakini
Riley Felps
Alfred Williams Boulter
Russell Monroe Hur
Leonard Carl Molberg, Jr.
George W Botbyl
Myron James Fischer
Raymond Lum Toungate, II
Weldon L. Welch
Bradley Cooper Cole
Richard Lee Garrett
George Curtis Holland, Jr.
Randall Dale Hobson

Brother**Number of Hours**

John Baylor	150
Ken Nicholas	104
Robert Andrews	76.25
Chuck Stewart	48
Philippe Dewailly	47
Tom Jackson	40
Bob Wheelless	40
Lee Kinser	36.5
Oscar Orum	36
Justin Dressen	32
Robert Eschenburg	17
Don Jarrell	16
Charles Maddox	13
Luke Michaels	9
Lance Dean	5
Jason White	3

Fraternally,
Charles E. Maddox
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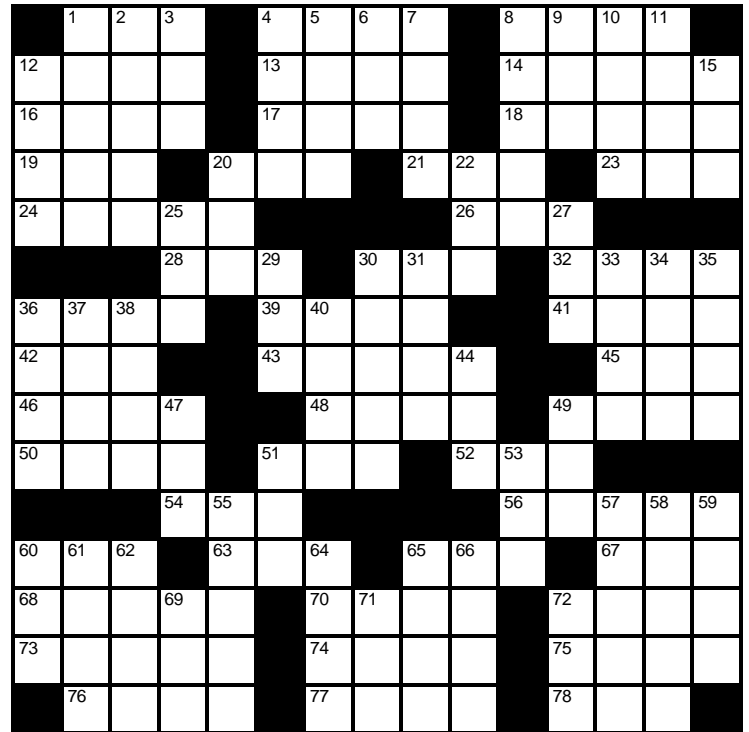
March 2015 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. "___ say!"
4. Orders to plow horses
8. Double-decker checker
12. "Trick" joint
13. Algebra or trig
14. Who "ever loved you more than I," in song
16. Coil
17. "Giovanna d'___"
(Verdi opera)
18. Alloy of iron and nickel
19. "Go on ..."
20. Setting for TV's
"Newhart"
21. Amiss
23. Cow, maybe
24. Crows' homes
26. Affranchise
28. Australian runner
30. African antelope
32. ___ line (major axis of
an elliptical orbit)
36. ___ podrida
39. Betting game
41. 007
42. Mauna ___
43. Not perfectly round
45. Delay
46. Alternative to steps
48. Greasy
49. Catch a glimpse of
50. Way, way off
51. Control
52. ___ Grove Village, Ill.
54. Hooter
56. Long
60. Bean counter, for short
63. "That's ___ ..."
65. Deception
67. Court
68. "The Hobbit" hero
Baggins
70. Aroma
72. Kind of palm
73. Abundance
74. Kosher ___
75. Arduous journey
76. Try, as a case
77. Birds in barns
78. "Are we there ___?"

Down

1. Absurd
2. Advances
3. 100 qintars
4. F.B.I. operative
5. Make, as money
6. "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
7. "Beat it!"
8. Bowie's weapon
9. Carbonium, e.g.
10. ___ Scotia
11. Vex, with "at"
12. Top Tatar
15. "... ___ he drove out of
sight"
20. An end to sex?
22. Bird ___
25. Oolong, for one
27. Bar bill
29. Amateur video subject,
maybe
30. Place for a pull
31. Knotted yarn
33. Successful runners, for
short
34. Become unhinged
35. Irascible
36. Creole vegetable
37. Book part
38. Dalai ___
40. Acknowledge
44. Blonde's secret, maybe
47. Ace
49. Barely get, with "out"
51. Aged
53. Alkaline liquid
55. Beau
57. Cognizant
58. Man of many words
59. Breakfast area
60. "60 Minutes" network
61. Core
62. ...
64. Birdbrain
65. Hang loose
66. Western blue flag, e.g.
69. Car accessory
71. Drops on blades
72. Chester White's home



February 2015 Puzzle Solution



Hill City Lodge456

2015 Annual Fundraising Raffle



It is now time for our annual raffle!

Brothers, from time immemorial, Freemasonry has been involved in promoting education and we would like to carry on this tradition.

This year's Annual Fundraising Raffle is being conducted with the goal of providing six scholarships to worthy individuals. The tickets cost 5\$ per each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 which will be matched with equivalent funds from the Grand Lodge of Texas. This will give us a total of \$6,000 for the six scholarships at \$1,000 each. The drawing of winning tickets is scheduled for May 19th and one does not have to be present to win.

The items included in the 2015 Raffle are:



**Sapphire and Diamond
18kt Gold Ring
Value: \$595**



**Diamond and Ruby
14kt Gold Ring
Value: \$450**



**Sterling Silver and
Opal Ring
Value: \$400**



**Sterling Silver and
Opal Pendant
Value: \$440**

**Weekend in Port Aransas
Value: \$500**

**2 - \$100 VISA Gift Cards
Value: \$100 each**

**50" LG Television
Value: \$600**



50 Cal. Black Powder Rifle (assembled from kit)

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Ticket purchases are not tax-deductible.

The Winding Stairs (continued)

This is the completion of an article begun in the January, 2015 Hill City Light and continued in the February, 2015 Light

Here he must enter upon those glorious, though difficult, researches, the end of which is to be in possession of divine truths. The laborious task of self-improvement is the duty now placed before him. He cannot stand still, if he be worthy of his vocation. His destiny as an immortal soul requires him to ascend, step by step, until he has reached the summit, where the treasures of knowledge, as well as the ancient secrets of the Royal Art and sacred Science, await him. For the faithful performance of this task a reward is promised. The reward of the improvement of all his intellectual faculties; the moral and spiritual elevation of his character, and the acquisition of knowledge and wisdom.

Thence, he proceeds onward and upward through the liberal arts and sciences, where he will find divine laws and supernal harmonies, by which the Great Architect creates, preserves and rules the wondrous universe in which we are fortunate enough to live. All of this is finally and gloriously reflected at the very top of the stairs, "in that hieroglyphic bright, which none but true craftsmen can ever see and fully comprehend." So then, at least on the surface, it appears that a rational explanation of the symbol of the winding stairs, is that it represents the progress of an inquiring mind and consecrated heart, through toils and labors of the intellect, in the acquisition of an understanding of the sciences displayed on the steps. Such is undoubtedly one of the preliminary steps toward the attainment of divine truths. If this symbol did nothing more than to point out the pathway for the attainment of true Masonic light and knowledge, it should be one of the treasures of all. However, it contains much more than a mere superficial inspection discloses.

The Winding Stairs (continued)

The seeker after true Masonic light will miss much if he remains satisfied with the Monitorial explanation of the symbols displayed therein. In some instances such explanations are of superficial nature. While they invariably proclaim important moral truths, and sometimes embody significant hints, in many cases, the explanations are designed to lead the thoughts entirely away from profounder truths, concealed in the symbol, because they are so openly displayed. Reference has been made in other Chapters to some of the symbolical significations of portions of the winding stairs, and need not be repeated here. Reference was made in the chapter on the "Two Pillars of the Porch" to the possibility that the two columns Jachin and Boaz may indicate astronomical significations, and thus represent the relative position of the two Tropical lines between which the sun apparently moves from north to south in its journey between the summer and winter solstices. It is at the southern tropic on the 21st to the 24th days of December. And at the northern tropic from the 21st to the 24th of June, as indicated, also, by the birthdays of the two Holy Saints John. If the two columns correctly represent the position of the two tropical lines, then it would follow logically that the winding stairs would be a splendid symbolical representation of the path of the sun would follow in its annual course, between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. Reflection upon this subject will prove most interesting to such as may be interested in the astronomical science believed to be concealed in our symbols.

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Food Committee for May 5th, 2015 Stated Meeting

Fereidoun Bakhshi	Tommy Paul Cox	Christopher John Graff	Clyde Junior Medlock
Bruce Edward Barton	Harry W. "Hal" Elliott	Robert J Hueffmeier	Ronald Eugene Roberts
John David Baylor	Ernie T. French	Theodore J. Kalenterides	David S Solverson
George David Bryan	Carl W. Goericke	Dell Laclair Martin, Jr.	James Wilson Tindel
Ernest L Butler	James Mitchell Goforth	Ronald P. McDavid	William Keith Turner
Mark Dwain Chapman			

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, April 14th 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.