

The HILL CITY LIGHT

April 2015

2014 - 2015 Lodge Officers

W. M.	Philippe Dewailly
S. W.	Chuck Stewart
J. W.	Charles Maddox
Treasurer	Kent Kinkade, P.M.
Secretary	Oscar Orum, P.M.
Chaplain	Bob Wheelless, P.M.
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J. D.	Nick Maulding
S. S.	Aaron Evans
J. S.	Robert Eschenburg, P.M.
Marshal	Hunt Armistead
M. C.	Pierce Darnell
Musician	Brandon Jenkins
Tiler	Ralph Layne

Hill City No. 456 A.F. & A.M.

Chartered June 10th, 1876

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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

April 2015

April 7	Stated Meeting
April 14	Fellowcraft Degree Food Committee
April 21	Family Night Community Builder
April 28	Work Night (MM)

May 2015

May 5	Stated Meeting
May 12	Work Night (MM) Food Committee
May 19	Family Night Raffle Drawing
May 26	Work Night (MM)

June 2015

June 2	Stated Meeting Election of Officers
June 9	Work Night (MM) Food Committee
June 16	Family Night Award Scholarships
June 23	Work Night
June 30	Installation

Howdy Brethren,

As we walk upon the level of time, we are constantly reminded of the duality of life. Such was the case for the month of March which brought us positive and negatives events.

On the negative side, we do have to report the death of Elon Carl Nash and Walter Yates. We learned the passing of these two brothers after their funerals and Hill City Lodge representatives were not present at the ceremonies. All are condolences to their families and friends.

On the positive side, I am happy to report that the sale of raffle tickets generated the money necessary to meet our goal for the 2015 scholarship drive from Hill City Lodge. With the help of the matching funds of the Grand Lodge of Texas, we will be able to donate six scholarships of one thousand dollars each. Thank you so much for your generosity. The drawing for the winning tickets will be held at the Scottish Theater on May 19th. One does not have to be present to win. We will honor the scholarship recipients and their families on June 16th with a nice dinner and ceremony afterward in the theater.

Hill City Lodge is still negotiating a new lease with the Scottish Rite Board. ON March 31, Hill City Lodge Past Masters and Scottish Rite representatives held a meeting.

From the East (continued)

Both sides expressed their points of view and goodwill and decided to work further to come up with an agreeable solution.

We will confer a Fellowcraft degree on April 14th and on April 21st we will have a special evening, open to all brothers from district 50 and their families, to honor our Community Builder Award recipient Sara Hickman. Sara Hickman is a singer and has donated a lot of money generated by her concerts to charities. If you want to know more about her, please read her bio contained in this newsletter.

In the kitchen, Pastmaster Tom Jackson is done with his duties and we thank him from the bottom of our heart for a job well done. Pastmaster Fred Bakhshi will now assist the wardens in the kitchen for the last quarter of this masonic year.

I also would like to remind Hill City Lodge members that we will have our Lodge Memorial Service evening on June 23rd. Please, attend the evening in honor of our departed Brethren.

Also, mark in your calendar that the MWSA will hold district 50 meeting on April 27th at the New York Rite building on 7th street at 6:30Pm.

Brethren, as the ancient Gauls used to say “We have nothing to fear but the sky falling on our heads.”

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:

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Number of Hours</u>
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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Hill City Lodge456

2015 Annual Fundraising Raffle



It is now time for our annual raffle!

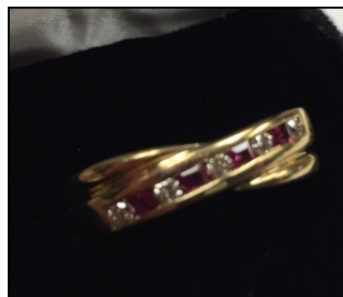
Brothers, from time immemorial, Freemasonry has been involved in promoting education and we would like to carry on this tradition.

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.

Masons in Public

There are very few times when the public at large has the opportunity to see members of the Masonic fraternity dressed in white aprons and officers jewels conducting Masonic rites. We are able to proudly present ourselves as Masons for all to see during the conduct of MASONIC Funerals and during the traditional leveling of cornerstones of public buildings.

The symbolic leveling of a cornerstone is an ancient masonry custom that is as old as the craft itself. It dates back to the craftsmen and stonemasons that erected the magnificent cathedrals of Europe during the Middle Ages. We find reference to the cornerstone and the importance it has played down through the ages in the Bible. From those writings we find passages that are a part of the Masonic rites and expressions that are used when we level the cornerstone of a public building to this very day. In Amos 7:7 we read, "The Lord stood upon a wall made with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, What seest thou? And I said, A plumb line. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them anymore." In Isaiah 28:16 we read, "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation." This biblical cornerstone reminds us that as Masons we have a sure foundation on which to build eternal life in that House not made by human hands, Eternal in the Heavens. Throughout the years, we as Masons, have leveled the cornerstones of countless thousands of churches, schools, lodges and various public buildings. It is a time when Masons have the public spotlight and can demonstrate openly the high moral, social and ethical standards by which our fraternity is governed. It gives us a chance to voice the fact that Masonry is founded upon the principle of always being a just and upright person. And lastly it provides a lasting physical reminder to

Masons in Public (continued)

the community and the people who occupy the building that Masonry has charged them to distinguish the building with integrity, impeccable reputation and outstanding service.

Masonic funerals are a much more personal rite and are conducted at the request of the deceased Brother or his family. It is a service in which all Masons can demonstrate the respect and brotherly love and affection that cements our fraternity into one common bond. At a time when the family and community are feeling the loss of a loved one, the Masonic funeral is a rite that openly demonstrates for all to see and hear that we as a body deeply care about our fellow man and lodge brother. It is a comfort to the family to know that Brother Masons stand ready to pay last respects at the grave site or memorial service and that they share in the loss of the fallen Mason. The family and community of friends see the Masonic fraternity in a most favorable light when we so honor his life.

Hill City Lodge conducts at least one Masonic service during most months. Due to the advanced age of a Brother or family situation it is sometimes necessary to furnish six pall bearers as well as the five officers of the funeral. The expression of gratitude and words of thanks from the family members make the time spent in attending so very worthwhile. If you would like to have your name added to the list of members called to attend funerals please see the lodge secretary and we will insure that you are notified.

Community Builder

Obituaries

Meet our Community Builder Award Nominee: Sara Hickman

Sara Hickman was born in Jacksonville, North Carolina but grew up in Houston, Texas, where she attended the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts as a vocal major. In 1986, she graduated from North Texas State University with a BA in painting. She moved to Dallas, Texas in 1987, where she became a recording artist and musical entertainer. In 1995, Ms. Hickman moved to Austin, where she lives with her husband, Lance Schriener and their two daughters, Lili and Iolana.

Ms. Hickman is an avid supporter of numerous charities and organizations benefiting children, women, and health. She helps these organizations by creating awareness, donating her time and, often, contributing portions of the proceeds from her record sales. She has been awarded the Humana "Women Helping Women" award for her generous work with such organizations as Safe Place, Habitat for Humanity, House the Homeless, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Race for the Cure, and many other animal and human rights organizations.

Ms. Hickman was also made an honorary member of the National Association of Music Therapy because of her work in that area. And, in the early 2000s, she was the National Ambassador for Half Price Books, helping to promote literacy throughout the United States by visiting hospitals and schools where she performed for and read to children. Other positions she has held include membership on the Board of Directors of NARAS (National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, i.e., the Grammys), an advisory board member for ARTS, and the Honorary Chair for Humana's Women Helping Women Awards Ceremony and Convention.

Brethren let us pause for a moment of silent reflection for three of our members that have come to the end of life's journey. Brothers Walter Yates, Elon Carl Nash and Hardy Alexander "Foots" Johnson.

Brother **Walter Yates** was born on October 19, 1924. He was raised on September 18, 1951 and became a fifty year member in 2001. He died March 2, 2015.

Brother **Elon Carl Nash** was born on October 14, 1919. He was raised January 26, 1954 and received his fifty year service award in 2008. He died January 1, 2015.

Brother **Hardy Alexander Johnson** was born on September 21, 1923. He was raised on March 18, 1958 and received his fifty year service award in 2008. He died April 1, 2015.

Collectively these brothers represent 279 years of life and over 150 years of Masonry.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon them.

Community Builder (continued)

Ms. Hickman was also Honorary Chair of the Umlauf Sculpture Garden, and was invited to be Honorary Chair for the Austin Race for the Cure.

The Texas State Commission on the Arts has appointed Ms. Hickman as the 2010 Texas State Musician.

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Food Committee for June 2nd, 2015 Stated Meeting

Bobbie Neal Atkinson	Donald Ray Francis	Christopher Chad Montey	Archie William Scott
Gerard M. Brohman	Elbert I Franks	Edwin Veniece Morrison	George Frances Vanderhule, Jr.
Bernard R Burk	Watt P. Gee	Robert Vernon Myers, Jr.	David Lynn Von Ohlen
Roberto M. Cantu, Jr.	Brandon Dean Jenkins	John August Pflugger	Konrad Johannes Waldhauser
Clarence Lynn Cossey	Harold D Jobes	Earl Douglas Robertson	Robert A. Weissman
Tommy Charles Davidson	Leslie Eugene Law	James Wallace Roby	Jason Dean White
Billy Don Edmondson	Larry Gene Miller	Curran Price Rogers, III	

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, May 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.