

The HILL CITY LIGHT

May 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

From the East

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 Mem. Serv. Practice
June 16	Family Night Award Scholarships
June 23	Memorial Service
June 30	Installation

July 2015

July 7	Stated Meeting
July 14	Work Night Food Committee
July 21	Work Night
July 28	Work Night

Howdy Brethren,

The countdown has now started for me. The end of my journey in the East is very close. However, we still have important things to address.

During the month of April, we awarded Mrs. Sarah Hickman with the Community Builder Award; we also conferred a fellowcraft degree upon a member of our lodge.

Weldon C. Swanson, Hardy A. Johnson and Joe C. Cole left us for the Celestial Lodge. All of our condolences to their families.

May 12 will see the drawing of our annual raffle. I would like to remind you that there is still time to buy tickets to win either a 50 caliber black powder rifle, a two day stay in a resort at the coast, a 50" color TV, jewelry items and gift cards. The drawing will be held after dinner in the Scottish Rite Theater. One must not be there to win.

On May 26th, we will be conferring a Master Mason degree upon one of our young Mason. Come join us that night for a great meal followed by the making of a new Master Mason.

I am glad to report that we did raise enough money to meet our goal of \$6,000 for scholarships. Our scholarship committee has carefully selected six winners from the many candidates who applied with our lodge. On June 16, we will

From the East (continued)

Masonic Humor

remit the money during a ceremony held in their honor and their families. We will also be entertained by opera singer Chelsea Sandaker.

Our Memorial ceremony will be held on June 23rd. Brothers, please, do your best to attend this important ceremony to honor our fallen brothers and their families.

Brethren, I will see you at the lodge.

Philippe Dewailly, Worshipful Master
Hill City Lodge #456.

May Birthdays

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

Bob and Bill were brother masons and great friends for most of their lives.

Each had agreed that when one of them passed on to that Grand Lodge above, he would attempt to make contact with the other and tell him all about what heaven was like.

As so happened, Bill went to heaven, first.

One night Bob was just drifting off to sleep when he heard Bill's voice calling to him.

- "Is that you, Bill?"

- "Yes, Bob. I am honoring our agreement."

- "Oh, MY,.... what's it like?" Bob asked with some anticipation.

- "It's like nothing you could ever imagine. The lodge here is fantastic,... better than any lodge we ever saw on Earth. The meetings are always well attended, the ritual is letter perfect, the friendship nights always have tons of new people just itching to join, and the spirit of fellowship blankets the entire place."

Bob's eyes teared up.

- "Oh, my, it's just like we'd hoped. I'm so happy for you. But I have to ask,... that sounds really great, but you didn't really seem all that excited. What's wrong?"

"Well, I have some good news and some bad. The good news is that we're raising a fellow to the third degree next Wednesday."

"That's fantastic. What's the bad news?"

"Your name is on the list to be the Senior Deacon."

May 2015 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. "Get ___!"
5. "The Crucible" setting
10. Riches alternative
14. Cost of living?
15. Balderdash
16. Decorative sewing case
17. Abominable Snowman
18. At full speed
19. Gab
20. Suffered an electrical problem
23. Sylvester, to Tweety
24. Barely get, with "out"
25. Flax fabric
27. Faint
29. Motionless
33. Altar avowal
34. Hawaiian dish
36. Aloof
37. New Mexico art community
38. British money
42. Johns
43. Grassland
44. "A Nightmare on ___ Street"
45. A pint, maybe
46. Howler
48. Auspices
52. Compound in ceramics
54. Game with matchsticks
56. "___ Ng" (They Might Be Giants song)
57. Religious conservative put up money for a mindreader
62. Strong fiber
63. Phoebe
64. Above
65. Maple genus
66. Cook, as clams
67. Unload, as stock
68. Change
69. Noblemen
70. Certain surgeon's "patient"

Down

1. Assignations
2. Farm cry
3. Altogether
4. Ado
5. Can be of pancakes
6. Hosts
7. Pinocchio, at times
8. "Beowulf," e.g.
9. Children's ___
10. Prefix with linear
11. Demosthenes, e.g.
12. Pooch who's a leader
13. Anger, e.g.
21. Join securely
22. "___ say!"
26. Discouraging words
28. Sonata, e.g.
30. Hyperion, for one
31. "Rocks"
32. Harp's cousin
35. One way to stand by
37. Debut of March 3, 1923
38. Oater Caucasian
39. Like some expressions
40. "Comprende?"
41. Andean animal
42. Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ___"
46. "We've been ___!"
47. Temper, as metal
49. Shoe style
50. Boot part
51. Taste
53. Foreword, for short
55. Agenda entries
58. ___ line (major axis of an elliptical orbit)
59. Intro to physics?
60. The America's Cup trophy, e.g.
61. Bringing up the rear
62. Keep out

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March 2015 Puzzle Solution

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Astronomy

Astronomy is the science which instructs us in the laws that govern the heavenly bodies. Its origin is lost in the mist of antiquity; for the earliest inhabitants of the earth must have been attracted by the splendor of the glorious firmament above them, and have sought, in the motions of its luminaries, for the readiest and most certain method of measuring time.

The earliest notions of the majesty and power of Almighty God were derived from contemplation of the glories of the starry universe. The sacred writings of all times and regions are replete with astronomical allusions, and Masonry abounds with them. When we grasp the idea that our universe as a whole was considered the temple or the habitation of its Creator, then we can understand why men sought to construct symbolic representations of the stupendous whole, and thereby preserve for the Initiates of future generations, their discoveries of sublime processes, which they saw going on in the mysterious depths of the Cosmos, and thus testify, in the strongest manner possible, to their realization of their own share in the eternal plan and scheme of things.

With Astronomy, the system of Freemasonry is intimately connected. From that science many of our most significant emblems are borrowed. The Lodge itself is a representation of the world; it is adorned with images of the sun and moon, whose regularity and precision furnish a lesson of wisdom and prudence. Its pillars of strength and Establishment have been compared to the two columns which the Ancients placed at the equinoctial points, as supporters of the arch of Heaven. The blazing star (which was, among the Egyptians, a symbol of Anubis or the Dog star, the most majestic and brilliant star in the heavens, the astronomical name of which is Sirius, and in rising foretold the overflowing of the Nile), shone in the east of the ancient Lodges, while the clouded canopy was decorated with the beautiful Pleiades. The sciences of Geometry and Astronomy are intimately connected and we are dependent upon them for the knowledge we possess of the divine order and the mighty forces which regulates its movements, and maintain its equilibrium. The earnest Masonic student will learn much of the true signification of Masonic symbolism by thoroughly investigating these sciences.

Twelve Signs of the Zodiac

The Zodiac is said to be a series of constellations completely encircling our own solar system. There are twelve constellations in the series, each occupying about 30 degrees of the arc of their circle.

In width, the belt extends about eight degrees on each side of the ecliptic, or the apparent path of the sun. The sun, and all the planets connected with our solar system, seems to rise in the east, ascend to the zenith, and finally set in the west. In some doing they appear to travel along much the same path through the sky, which path is clearly outlined by the belt of constellations forming the twelve Signs of the Zodiac.

The number twelve was a sacred number in all of the ancient mysteries. Likewise it has a significant part in the second sections of the Master's Degree. Among the notable instances in which the number twelve plays an important part, may be mentioned the twelve sons of Jacob, who founded the twelve tribes; the group of twelve apostles; the twelve stones of the breastplate of the Jewish High Priest; twelve months of the year. Groups of twelve gods are to be noticed in the religions of many of the ancient nations, as the Chaldeans, Etruscans and Romans. In Scandinavia, the Great Odin had twelve names; and there are twelve signs in the Zodiac, which form the belt of constellations completely surrounding our solar system, and through which the paths of the sun and the planets of our solar system continually pass, without wandering therefrom, in their apparent courses from east to west. The twelve labors of Hercules, in one meaning, symbolize the course of the sun, and its labors in the twelve houses represented by the twelve signs of Zodiac. Likewise Josephus informs us that the twelve jewels in the breastplate of the High Priest symbolize, in one aspect, the twelve signs. The twelve signs of the Zodiac, together with the planets of our solar system, bear an intimate relation to the symbolism, rites and ceremonies of Ancient Craft Masonry.

More Masonic Humor

A man is walking through the recreation ground of his local park when he notices a huge fight going on in full fury on the football field he is passing.

- "What's going on?", he asks a spectator, watching from the side-lines.

The other replies "It's a match between the Masons and the Knights of Columbus."

- "What's the score?" asks the first man.

- "I don't know. It's a secret."

Two experienced Master Masons were enjoying a flight in a hot air balloon when suddenly a thick cloud formed between them and the ground. Being without instruments, after half an hour, they realized that they were well and truly lost.

A short time later they came across a large hole in the cloud and spotted a gentleman down below walking his dog across a field. They had a few moments to exchange pleasantries, and, found that he too was a member of the Craft

The men in the balloon enquired of him as to their location and received the reply, "About 200 feet up in a balloon."

Just then the cloud closed the hole, and they were alone again.

One turned to the other and said, "I bet he's the SECRETARY of his Lodge!"

"Why do you say that?", the other asked.

"Well, what he has told us is absolutely true - but in our present situation, is totally useless!"

Obituaries

Once again brethren let us pause for a moment of silent reflection for two of our members that have come to the end of life's journey. Brothers Walter Conrad Swanson and Joe Curtis Cole.

Brother **Walter Conrad Swanson** was known to his family and friends as Connie. He was born October 7, 1922. He was raised a Master Mason October 30, 1951 and received his fifty year service award in 2001 and his 60 year service award in 2010. He was a mason for sixty-three years. He passed away April 24 2015. He was ninety-two years old.

Brother **Joe Curtis Cole** was a past Potentate of the Ben Hur Shrine Temple (he served in 1994). He was also in the clown club and his moniker was "Ol Coach." He was born November 28, 1938. He was raised June 27, 1967 and received his twenty-five year award in 1992. He passed away April 25, 2015. He was seventy-five years old.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon them.

Community Hours Report

Being out of town, our Junior Warden, Charles Maddox, asked me to report that at the end of April, we were up to 630 hours in our community hours of service. As Worshipful Master of Hill City, I would like to congratulate every one of you who have volunteered to meet this community hour challenge. Keep on the good work Brethren. Thank you.

Philippe Dewailly
WM, HCL456

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Food Committee for July 14th, 2015 Stated Meeting

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

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, June 9th 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.