


# The HILL CITY LIGHT

August 2015

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<p><b>Work Schedule</b></p>	<p><b>From the East</b></p>
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<p><b>August 2015</b></p> <p>August 4      Stated Meeting  August 11      Work Night  Food Committee  August 18      Work Night  August 25      Work Night</p> <p><b>September 2015</b></p> <p>September 1    Stated Meeting  September 8    Work Night  Food Committee  September 15    Work Night  September 22    Grand Lodge Awards  Family Night  September 29    Work Night</p> <p><b>October 2015</b></p> <p>October 6      Stated Meeting  October 12      MWS Meeting at  Texanna Lodge  October 13      Work Night  Food Committee  October 20      Golden Trowel Award  Family Night  October 27      Work Night</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>The perfect ashlar that make up the foundation of King Solomon's Temple were extremely large in size. Some were as large as 41 feet X 11.5 feet. King Solomon was a very wise man and understood the need to build a solid foundation for his Temple. We as Masons must do the same.</p> <p>It is impossible to fully grasp the meaning of Masonic ritual without understanding its underlying foundation, that of the biblical meanings within ritual and the rich history of Free Mason symbols. Memorizing the words is not enough!! True Light is achieved through study and understanding of what you seek.</p> <p>I have asked our Junior Warden, Don Jarrell to lead the charge of Masonic Education. He will not only give us Grand Lodge readings at every Stated Meeting, but he is developing a program he calls <b>Betterment as Men</b>. Yes, we are charged with making good men, better men. This, my brothers, will help us stay on that path. I have also asked our Junior Steward, Doug Freyburger, P.M. to educate us on the symbolism of Free Masonry. With this combination, more Light will be available to us all. Now, it is up to you to choose your path and continue to build your foundation.</p>
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## From the East (continued)

During our July Stated Meeting, we had the honor and pleasure of receiving Right Worshipful Dennis Ross, District Deputy Grand Master of District 50 for an official visit. As he broke bread with his brothers, sat with me in the East and spoke to us on a personal and Grand Lodge level, I am truly impressed with the honor, integrity and passion he has for Masonry and his brothers.

We also had a Past Master's Appreciation meal and program. I am extremely thankful for all the Past Masters of Hill City Lodge. Each PM gave us stories of his year in the East. I personally found this to be educational and inspirational. We currently have 33 Hill City Past Masters and 26 Affiliated Past Masters. This fine group of men represents 1,896 years of service to Free Masonry. That my brothers, is the foundation of Free Masonry that Hill City Lodge 456 is standing upon.

Another piece of our foundation is Service. P.M. Eschenburg is heading a team to contribute our service to the Hill Country Rally for the Kids. The event will be August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please join us if you are able. Senior Steward Luke Michels and Jason White will be leading our Holidays fundraising and community service. They did a fantastic job last year and will build on their success. Our Junior Past Master, Philippe Dewailly has offered to make and sell Christmas ornaments this year as well. As you can see, many men are stepping up to the plate to contribute to the success of our Lodge. You will only get out of Masonry what you are willing to put into Masonry. This is your Lodge. What is your calling?

Fraternally,  
Chuck Stewart  
Worshipful Master  
Hill City Lodge 456 AF&AM

## From the West

Brethren,

With the new masonic year in full swing, I want to take this time to remind you to not only send me your community service hours, but also calculate your mileage to, during, and from your community service event. Grand Lodge also wants this information, and it helps us out immensely when we do our annual reporting. For example, if I decide to volunteer at Anderson High School, 1 mile from my apartment, I would report the number of hours, plus 1 mile to and 1 mile from, for a total of 2 miles. Or if I helped the marching band, football team, and Belles dancers haul equipment from the school to House Park, I would log those 2 miles, plus 8 miles from AHS to House Park, and vice versa, for a total of 18 miles. Speaking of my example, consider helping your son's or daughter's athletics or academic program at their school for community service hours.

Another issue I want to discuss with you is an incident I encountered. As the Senior Warden, I assist in guarding the West Gate of the lodge. Recently, I was eating at a restaurant while out of town, and the manager noticed my ring. He asked if I was a Mason, to which I replied yes. He mentioned that he was trying to be a Mason, and asked if I wanted to meet his friend whom he asked to help him join. However, I was denied the opportunity to ask certain questions to determine if this man was indeed a brother Mason, or at the very least, not a clandestine Mason. Because this opportunity was not afforded me, I declined to meet the possible brother. I had an epiphany about the importance of being kind and welcome to a stranger who claims to be a brother, but nonetheless, willing to ensure his identification as such. Likewise, I hope that we, as brothers, when traveling and visiting, are investigated to and vice-versa, to make sure we all equally meet upon the level and part upon the square.

Fraternally,  
Charles E. Maddox,  
Senior Warden  
Hill City No. 456 AF&AM

## August 2015 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Commend
5. Advocate
9. Close-knit group
14. Almond
15. Advertising sign
16. Bailiwicks
17. It may get into a jamb
18. "I had no \_\_\_!"
19. Doesn't own
20. Between the ribs
23. 20-20, e.g.
24. E or G, e.g.
25. Shoreline problem
27. Like Calculus II
32. A little lower
33. Court
34. Any Platters platter
36. Related to brain material
39. Corker
41. "Snowy" bird
43. Computer rule of thumb, informally
44. Mucus substance from the lungs
46. Like "The X-Files"
48. When doubled, a dance
49. Approach
51. Reuben component
53. Solitary pleasure
56. "For shame!"
57. Australian runner
58. Wind instrument?
64. Counters
66. Brass component
67. Bounce back, in a way
68. Small finch
69. Trans-Siberian Railroad city
70. Again
71. Assignment
72. Adjusts, as a clock
73. After-dinner selection

### Down

1. Ghana currency
2. Clickable image
3. Bring (out)
4. "Aha"
5. Circus teeterer
6. Change
7. Functions
8. Related maternally
9. Large quantity
10. "\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
11. Preparation for fighting cavities
12. 4:1, e.g.
13. Big Bertha's birthplace
21. Ashcroft's predecessor
22. Parenthesis, essentially
26. Wallop
27. Cobblers' tools
28. Arrange, as hair
29. Devoted to sensual pleasure
30. Halftime lead, e.g.
31. More terrible
35. Mysterious: Var.
37. Eastern pooh-bah
38. Amount of work
40. Its motto is "Industry"
42. Haberdashers' items
45. Corrupt
47. Black, in poetry
50. Cast
52. Fix, as leftovers
53. Brute
54. Color of honey
55. Clowns
59. Citrus fruit
60. Acad.
61. Bad marks
62. Perlman of "Cheers"
63. Stalag inmates
65. Alliance that includes Ukr.

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## July 2015 Puzzle Solution

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<b>The Square</b>	<b>The Square (cont'd)</b>
<p><b>Excerpt from “Stellar Theology &amp; Masonic Astronomy” by Robert Hewitt Brown.</b></p> <p>It is a general impression, among masons and others, that the square, or right angle, as an emblem, was derived wholly from operative masonry, and is but one of the working-tools of a mechanical art adopted as an emblem by speculative masons. This idea is countenanced by Cross in his “American Chart,” who says, “The square is an instrument made use of by operative masons to square their work,” and then proceeds to moralize upon it. This idea has also found its way into all the monitors. The square, or right angle, as emblem is, however, geometrical and mechanical in its origin, and dates back to the ancient Egyptians, in whose solemn processions the Stolistes carried the cubit of justice, by which perpendiculars, right angles, and squares might be laid out, its form being that of one arm of a square, with the inner cut to an angle of 45 degrees, or one half of a right angle. The square was in Egypt an emblem of justice, because being a right angle is deviated in no respect from a true horizontal joined to a perfect perpendicular. The close analogy between justice and that which is perfectly upright is so obvious, in fact, as to have become universal. The terms “an upright man” and a “just man” are in nearly all languages synonymous, hence the Scriptural phrases: “The way of the just is uprightness: Thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just” (ISA. 26,7); “He that walketh uprightly” (Psalm 15,2); and the admonition “to walk uprightly before God and man.” Beside this, the square was used in Egypt to predetermine the boundaries of each man’s possessions when, as frequently happened, the landmarks were swept away by the inundations of the Nile, thus recovering to every man his just rights. The Egyptian land-</p>	<p>measure itself was an aroura, or square, containing one hundred cubits. (Wilkinson’s “Egypt.”)</p> <p>The square, or right angle, represents 90 degrees, or the fourth part of a circle, and has direct allusion to division of the ecliptic and celestial equator into four equal parts, indicative of the celestial and equinoctial points, and the division of the year into four seasons. By it, we are also enabled to divide the circle of the horizon into quadrants, and by the aid of the sun in the south to correctly mark out the four cardinal points of the compass. In not only geometry, but astronomy also, the use was thus connected not only with the loftiest problems of science, but with religion also, it soon became universally adopted by the ancients as a sacred emblem, not only of justice, but of rectitude of conduct. As every perpendicular forms a right angle with its base, and is a straight line, so the primitive roots of the words right and wrong mean straight and crooked, or oblique.</p>
<b>Lodge Awards</b>	
	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>Please join Hill City Lodge No. 456 as we honor our fellow brothers who have committed their life to Masonry. It will be our honor to present Grand Lodge of Texas honors for 50, 60 and 65 years of service. This is our opportunity to give each Brother the recognition they deserve for paving the way for the rest of us to enjoy Free Masonry.</p> <p>We will serve dinner at 6:30 and our presentation will begin at 7:30. Please join us to give these men and their families the appreciation, recognition and respect they have earned.</p>

## From the South

**Heeding the call:** With a lot of projects and activities planned for this year, your officers will be reaching out for participation and support (AKA “real work”) from the Brethren. Of course, no one is obligated to pitch in to these activities or projects, but I personally believe Brothers have two duties here. The first is to be reachable in a timely manner. Please ensure the Lodge has your current cell phone number and email address if you use those things regularly. Secondly, please respond to the requester within 24 hours even if only to say that you cannot participate so we can pursue other “volunteers”. To get that information in our database, please contact me at either [dbjarrell@pristacorp.com](mailto:dbjarrell@pristacorp.com) or 512-289-3986.

**Mentoring program:** As we mentioned last month, we will be connecting new Hill City Masons with a Mentor. A list of Brothers raised within the past 2 years, and those who have affiliated with Hill City Lodge within the past year will be shared with those Past Masters who wish to volunteer to be mentors who can select a mentee from the list. If you want to be a mentor, or have questions, please contact me as shown above.

**Sharing Freemasonry:** We received a lot of material at the last Warden’s Retreat that is useful in providing information and answering questions for those any Brother may encounter who want to know about Masonry. Some of these materials are particularly helpful in mentoring. Obviously, these materials are approved by the Grand Lodge of Texas. We will make these materials available on a secure shared folder in the near future and also provide a means of obtaining them in physical form for those who do not have access to a computer.

**Computer Classes:** We will begin monthly computer classes on 18 August and announce the dates for each class on an ongoing basis. If you are interested in attending, please contact me as shown above to let me know and also indicate what you intend to do with your computer or what you want to learn.

Fraternally,  
Don Jarrell, Junior Warden  
Hill City Lodge 456

## The Twenty-Four Inch Gauge

In a metric world, why would we use a ruler divvied twenty-four ways? One reason as discussed in the degree is to remind a brother of the twenty hours of the day.

Any good symbol will have layer after layer of meaning. Here is what I think about when I see the twenty-four inch gauge.

When a man arrives at his first degree we call him Mister. When a man leaves his first degree we call him Brother. Squares keep appearing at every point of our degrees. The degrees symbolically represent transforming a man from the level to upright. When we make a man a Mason we symbolically make a square.

We now learn in high school geometry class several ways to construct a square. Maybe these were among the secrets of the operative Mason that have long since moved into the public perception.

One tool for one method to make a square appear on the altar whenever lodge is open is the compass. Using the compass and a straight edge, we learn in geometry class how to create a right angle. Sure enough the twenty-four inch gauge is a straight edge.

The forty-seventh problem of Euclid is the Pythagorean Theorem that tells of another method to create a right angle. The Pythagorean Theorem tells us that if straight lines of lengths three, four and five are put into a triangle, the result will be a right angle. Add up three, four and five and the total is twelve.

If you have twenty-four equal length lines, you have the raw material to construct two right angles! Sure enough, one of the other symbols of the first degree features lines that are separated by two right angles. And so the various tools and symbols of the first degree work together as a matched set.

Can you think of other meanings for the twenty-four inch gauge beyond the one we learn in the proficiency?

Fraternal regards,  
Doug Freyburger, P.M., Junior Steward  
Hill City Lodge 456

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## **Food Committee for October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Stated Meeting**

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Bennie Edmiston	Joe Alan Kindred	Jeremiah Petra Spence	Matthew Glenn Wells
Edward Charles Fritsch	Charles R. Maddox	Ronald Starry	Patrick L. Wheelless
			Raymond Lee Whitaker

**Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, September 8<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.