


# The HILL CITY LIGHT

September 2015

2014 - 2015 Lodge Officers	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hill City No. 456 A.F. &amp; A.M.</b> Chartered June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1876</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Austin Scottish Rite Theater &amp; Museum Lavaca St. at 18<sup>th</sup> St., Austin, Texas Mail: P.O. Box 1456, Austin, TX 78767-1456 Phone: (512) 655-9858 Email: <a href="mailto:secretary@hillcitylodge.org">secretary@hillcitylodge.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.hillcitylodge.org">www.hillcitylodge.org</a></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>
<p>W. M. Chuck Stewart S. W. Charles Maddox J. W. Don Jarrell Treasurer Kent Kinkade, P.M. Secretary Oscar Orum, P.M. Chaplain John Baylor, P.M. S. D. Nick Maulding J. D. Aaron Evans S. S. Luke Michaels J. S. Doug Freyburger, P.M. Marshal Hunt Armistead M. C. Weston Floyd, P.M. Musician Brandon Jenkins Tiler Ralph Layne</p>	

<b>Work Schedule</b>	<b>From the East</b>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>September 2015</b></p> <p>September 1 Stated Meeting September 8 C Cert. Training Food Committee September 15 Open &amp; Close Practice September 22 Grand Lodge Awards Family Night September 29 Work Night</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>We all join Masonry for our own different and personal reasons. Together, we form the oldest fraternity in the world. From my early childhood memories of my grandfather telling me about one of his greatest hopes and dreams was for me to follow in his footsteps as a Master Mason, to my time spent in DeMolay, receiving my grandfather's Masonic ring at his passing, being raised to a Master Mason, to now sitting in the East, I understand that it is the journey, not the destination that is my driving force.</p> <p>As Free Masons, this journey is what makes and molds us into better men. How do we do this? We stand side by side with our brothers, through the highs and lows of our life and our Lodge, we encourage one another and most importantly, we hold each other accountable. Another important part of the journey is being challenged by each other. Today, I challenge you to answer the following questions: Who are you serving? How can you best serve? Are you making your unique contribution? Are you getting better every day? I ask myself these questions because I strive to be a better husband and father, church leader, business leader and a Mason. How we answer these questions drive the success of our Lodge.</p> <p>Every Stated Meeting, the Junior Warden has been giving the Lodge a lesson in Masonic education. After the lesson, he has</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 2015</b></p> <p>October 6 Stated Meeting October 12 MWS Meeting at Texanna Lodge October 13 C Cert. Training Food Committee October 20 Golden Trowel Award Family Night October 27 Work Night</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>November 2015</b></p> <p>November 3 Stated Meeting November 10 C Cert. Training Food Committee November 17 Thanksgiving Dinner Family Night November 24 Dark</p>	

## From the East (continued)

asked one of the Past Masters to let the Lodge know what Masonry has done for him, his family and his life. The passion that flows through each of these men is truly amazing. I also believe that each of us could stand and give a passionate talk on what Masonry has done for us. The question I want us to be just as passionate about is: What Have You Done for Masonry? Each of us has the obligation to make this a better Lodge. This is not one man's obligation; this is every man's obligation. Find your passion and move on it. We have brothers stepping up to help in the kitchen, to make Christmas ornaments as a fund raiser, serving Thanksgiving dinner to the homeless and less fortunate, toys for needy children, food for the Capital Area Food Bank, recognitions to our teachers, police and fireman. If you are not involved, get involved.

No matter what trials and tribulations have affected our lives, we have all been blessed. We are coming up on the Holiday Season. Let us all give thanks, remember why we became Masons and fulfill our Masonic obligations.

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

## Lodge Awards

Brethren,

Please join Hill City Lodge No. 456 on Tuesday, September 22 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.

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.

## From the West

Brethren,

At the end of August, I began Law School. And, without a doubt, it is perhaps the most arduous, taxing, yet exhilarating experiences of my life. I've met a lot of new friends and colleagues that I hopefully will keep throughout the rest of my career. But two things have struck me as unique as I embark on this path.

First, you would be surprised at how well the lodge has prepared me for my case work. No, we haven't reviewed any court cases that involve Freemasonry or the Morgan Affair. But reading court cases requires you to read, reread, and read a third time, analyzing over every little nugget of information: Why did the deciding judge use the word(s) he did? Why did he phrase his decision the way he did? In what context is a particular word used? And perhaps most intriguing, why is the judge using a word that likely hasn't been used since 1750? These, in a different context, are questions I feel that Entered Apprentices ask when they are first taught their esoteric work; certainly I had these very questions. The thoughtful use of a word or phrase, the surgical use of sentence construction can convey to the student a certain lesson. Constructed a different way, it is entirely possible to construe a different meaning altogether.

Secondly, in just the first few weeks, I have been amazed at how wide our fraternity really is. In class, three female students noticed my ring, and commented that their respective fathers were Freemasons, one right down the road in New Braunfels. Within a couple of days, she returned to class, and apparently told me that her father said that, if she found herself in need of assistance, she could safely turn to me. This certainly isn't a duty that I take lightly and, to be honest, am rather honored by such a request. It has certainly made me more aware of my actions on campus, not that I wasn't to begin with.

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

## September 2015 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. What a pipe is after cleaning
9. Canal site
15. Confrontation
16. Part of H2O
17. Sea salt gastropod
18. Refinement
19. Home of the Chargers
21. Double-reed instruments
24. Not quite a pro
29. Go for
30. Decrease
33. Avoid
34. Parenthesis, essentially
35. "Cut it out!"
36. Absurd
37. Nuclear explosion aftermath
41. Rolling
42. Farm call
43. \_\_\_-tac-toe
45. Decorative sewing case
46. Marriage announcement
48. Crude dude
49. Modernize
51. Like some mouthwashes
52. Debate period
56. Certain chess piece
60. Apodal
64. Station identification?
65. Handel bars
66. It blows off steam
67. Sideways

### Down

1. Affairs
2. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
3. Caribbean, e.g.
4. Baby
5. Christie and others
6. Advance

7. "Idylls of the King" character
8. Kosher \_\_\_
9. Silky fabric
10. Adage
11. Big Apple inits.
12. "Act your \_\_\_!"
13. Big Apple attraction, with "the"
14. "\_\_\_ calls?"
20. "C'\_\_\_ la vie!"
21. Mozart's "L'\_\_\_ del Cairo"
22. Reddish-brown mineral
23. Part of a sponge
25. "\_\_\_ It Romantic?"
26. Touring car
27. Act without restraint
28. "\_\_\_ moment"
30. Absorbed, as a cost
31. \_\_\_ constrictor
32. Table part
35. Arch
36. Publicity, slangily
38. History Muse
39. Acquire
40. \_\_\_ and outs
41. "\_\_\_ Town Too" (1981 hit)
44. Bawl
46. Belt clip-on
47. Priestly garb
48. Swell out
50. Go on and on
51. Certain print
53. Roswell sightings
54. Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
55. Contemptible one
56. Impede, with "down"
57. "Rocks"
58. Chester White's home
59. Consumes
61. Victorian, for one
62. "Dear" one
63. Ground cover

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### August 2015 Puzzle Solution

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## The Circle Embordered

## The Circle (cont'd)

### From “Stellar Theology & Masonic Astronomy” by Robert Hewitt Brown.

What does this emblem signify?

The astronomical signification of this emblem is so apparent that it seems to have forced itself upon the attention of many intelligent masons. Dr. Oliver, in his Dictionary, says: “The symbol of a point within a circle has sometimes been invested with an astronomical reference. Thus it said that the point in the circle represents the Supreme Being, the circle indicates the annual circuit of the sun, and the parallel lines mark out the solstices, within which that circuit is limited. And they deduce from this hypothesis this corollary: that the mason, by subjecting himself to due bonds, in imitation of that glorious luminary, will not wander from the path of duty.”

This explanation is supported by Dr. Mackey, notwithstanding his disapproval of the astronomical theory. It is however, for more reasonable than the explanation given in the lecture appertaining to this degree, but is not in all respects correct. It is true that the circle represents the ecliptic or annual path of the sun, but the “point in the circle” does not represent the supreme being, but the earth, around which, as a center, the sun appears to annually revolve among the stars of the zodiac. The parallel lines are the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. The summer solstice is on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, and the winter solstice on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December. These are the solstitial points, always marked by two parallel lines representing the tropics, as may be seen on any terrestrial globe or map. These two dates, as we have remarked in the answer to the previous question, have been said to be the respective birthdays of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist but there is no authentic history to substantiate the assertion.

The sun’s circuit among the stars is limited and defined by the tropics. When, in June, he reaches the tropic of Cancer, and attains his greatest northern declination, he goes no farther

north, but turns and begins to approach the south. He reaches his greatest southern declination in December at the other tropic, which terminates his southern progress, for he there again turns about, and once more journeys toward the north. Upon the integrity of the sun’s movement, in this particular, depend all the order and regularity of the seasons. Should the sun not retrograde at the summer solstice, the heat would grow intolerable, and both vegetable and animal existence not only become impossible from that cause, but the melting of the polar snows and ice would produce another deluge. If the sun, on the contrary, turned not back at the winter solstice, eternal winter would reign in all lands north of the equator, and a perpetual glacial era extinguish all life and vegetation. The foregoing cut is without question the most ancient and proper method of exhibiting the emblem of “a circle embordered by two parallel lines.”

The circle, in order to correspond with our modern ideas of the points of the compass, should be turned about so that the two parallel lines would be in a horizontal position and not in a perpendicular position. The tropic of Cancer would then be at the north, and the tropic of Capricorn at the south, in accordance with our custom of devoting the top of any map or draft to the north and the lower part to the south. The Hebrews, however, and other ancient Oriental nations, when speaking of the four quarters of the heavens, always *supposed the spectator to be looking east*, toward the rising sun; and in their language “before” meant “east”, “behind” “west,” the *right hand south*, and *left hand north*—as, for instance, the Hebrew word *kedem* means not only *before*, but also *east*.

The same custom as to the points of the compass prevailed with the Arabians, who called the north *shemal*, a word meaning at the left, This ancient custom fully accounts for the fact that in the emblem the two lines representing the tropics are placed in a perpendicular and not in a horizontal

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## From the South

### Change and Symbolic Learning

Because of the nature of my work, I have to be an advocate of change, but I know many people, and many Masons are not as comfortable when things around them change. In fact, some are deliberately and outwardly resistant to change, believing that they are defending Masonry itself. Perhaps the same commitment to symbolic learning and thinking can help *level* this situation.

We accept, and even highly regard, the working tools of an operative mason for their importance in building a literal “magnificent edifice” even thousands of years ago. What we regularly bring forward today, in speculative masonry, are *principles* more so than practices. In building modern magnificent edifices today, the current version of operative masons use laser transits and other tools of modern technology but they are pursuing the same principles that teach the importance of exact right angles, truly level surfaces, and perfectly vertical structures.

As we, Lodge Officers and Past Masters, draw on the trestle boards of Freemasonry for today and tomorrow, we should similarly focus on the principles, the mysteries and the expansive body of symbolic knowledge that has been handed to use by predecessors who certainly would not understand our daily lives. But we must embrace the practices, methods and modern day working tools available to us as generations of Masons have done, who have gone this way before us. That is the only way that we can grow the Fraternity and maintain its immortal nature.

Speaking of modern tools, our Computer class this month will be at 5:30 on 29 September. If you are interested in participating, please contact me at [dbjarrell@pristacorp.com](mailto:dbjarrell@pristacorp.com) or (512) 289-3986 and tell me what you want to learn how to do on the computer. If I don't hear from anyone, there will be no class.

Fraternally,  
Don Jarrell, Junior Warden  
Hill City Lodge 456

## The Circle (continued)

position. The further fact that in some of the Indian cave-temples the circle is found, actually inscribed with the sign of the zodiac, makes the correctness of the foregoing explanation certain. The absurdity of supposing that the operative masons of the middle ages invented this emblem in connection with their art is plain.

**Of what does this emblem admonish us?** As the sun, in his annual course around the circle of the ecliptic, perpetually performs his revolution with regularity and certainty, never staying beyond the tropical points, but always returning in due season to beautify, adorn, and fructify the earth, so ought we all to govern our actions with equal certainty and regularity, adorning our lives with wisdom and virtue, and making our years fruitful of good deeds, never suffering our passions to lead beyond the boundary-line of good conduct or the points of reason, for, while we keep ourselves thus circumscribed, it is impossible for us materially to err.

## Lodge Awards

Brethren,

Please join us for a Family Night meal at 6:30 and presentation at 7:30 to honor the following Brothers.

John Charles Shirley – 65 Years  
Raymond Lewis Etter Jr – 60 Years  
William Keith Turner – 60 Years  
Howard R. Pack – 50 Years  
Herbert E. Adams – 50 Years  
Howard Ingram Dixon – 50 Years  
David S. Solverson – 50 Years  
Norman Glen Montgomery – 50 Years  
Joe M. Moore Jr. – 50 Years  
Lavan Riley Parker Jr. – 50 Years

We have confirmation that 7 of these men and their families will be in attendance. Please show these fine men the respect they have earned and join us for this presentation.

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## **Food Committee for November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 Stated Meeting**

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Herbert E Adams	Weston Wayne Floyd	Nicholas Collins Maulding	Vaughn Edward Smith
Kendall Elliott Bardin	Oliver W. Harbison, Jr.	Boaz Mell	J. Robert Stone
Steven Karl Buck	David Ryan Hill	Luke Allen Michels	Frank Burke Sykes
Donald Voss Carlson	Evan Michael Holmes	Marcus Jerome Moseley	Byron T. Townsend
Vernon Earl Cole	William Paul Hunt	Van Martin Nimrick	Gregorio M. Trejo
Robert W Crutchfield	David John James	Vance Edward Powell, III	Christian James Wagner
Howard Ingram Dixon	Ernest Edward Jones	Ira Landrith Rabourn	Charles Michael Wentz
William Frank Farley	Matthew Chris Kirksey	Patrick Nicholas Rodriguez	Robert Steven Whatley
Hugh Monroe Farmer	Mark E. Lett	John Charles Shirley	Ricky Sherrill Wilson
Roberto T Flores	Philip Peter Marshall	Byron Russell Smith	

**Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, October 13<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.