


# The HILL CITY LIGHT

October 2015

<p><b>2014 - 2015 Lodge Officers</b></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 Michels          J. S. Doug Freyburger, P.M.          Marshal Hunt Armistead          M. C. Weston Floyd, P.M.          Musician Brandon Jenkins          Tiler Ralph Layne</p>	<p><b>Hill City No. 456 A.F. &amp; A.M.</b>          Chartered June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1876</p> <p>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: secretary@hillcitylodge.org          Website: <a href="http://www.hillcitylodge.org">www.hillcitylodge.org</a></p> <p>(Subscribe to receive Lodge email communications on website)</p> <p>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>
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<p><b>Work Schedule</b></p>	<p><b>From the East</b></p>
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<p><b>October 2015</b></p> <p>October 6 Stated Meeting          October 13 C Cert. Training          Food Committee          October 20 C Cert. Training          October 26 MWSA Meeting at          Ben Hur Shrine          October 27 Work Night</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>I believe the biggest impact that we can have on Hill City Lodge No. 456 is a strong focus on leadership development. There is no limit to our potential if we continue to bring in good men, raise them up as leaders and continually develop them. Masonry is a progressive science and our teachings should not end when we are raised as a Master Mason. Each of us knelt at the Alter of Free Masonry and was asked point blank; "What do you most desire"? We all had the same answer: Light! Lodge leadership accepts the great responsibility of securing the future of Hill City Lodge for continuous improvement in always striving to gain more light. I am both honored and humbled to be surrounded by great men and great leaders, my line officers and Past Masters. It is our obligation to continue our own thirst for knowledge and to share that knowledge. We must pass that knowledge to each other and hold each other accountable for our actions. We are Masons!!!</p> <p>I do want to point out two of our Past Masters that have stepped up their leadership. PM Weston Floyd and PM Kent Kinkade have been teaching the work involved to obtain a C Certificate from the Grand Lodge of Texas. What started out as a request to get the officers certified has turned into a group of 20 – 25 Brothers, and not just from our Lodge. PM Floyd has set a schedule to where we work on the second and</p>
<p><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>	
<p><b>December 2015</b></p> <p>December 1 Stated Meeting          December 8 Work Night          Food Committee          December 15 Christmas Dinner          Family Night          December 22 Dark          December 29 Dark</p>	

## From the East (continued)

and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Yes this takes commitment and a thirst for knowledge from every Brother, but the improvement we see each week is incredible. Thank you both for leading by example.

Service is another leadership trait that PM Philippe Dewailly is demonstrating today. PM Dewailly has handcrafted a beautiful Hill City Lodge Christmas ornament that we will sell this holiday season. The proceeds of this sell will go directly to one of our charitable organizations, Toys for Tots. Senior Steward Luke Michels and Brother Jason White have been in contact with the United States Marine Corp to help coordinate the Toys for Tots effort.

We had major computer problems this week. Junior Warden Don Jerrell and PM Lee Kinser have been working long nights and weekends to fix the situation so our Brother Secretary may resume his duties. Thank you both for your hard work, dedication and servant leadership.

I have been watching, listening and learning from our Permanent Fund Committee. The work involved in managing our Lodge Funds is truly a science. I have been attentive to PM's Baylor, Jackson, Hill and Kinser as they discuss the future of our Lodge. These men are a fantastic example of leading by example and putting the Lodge and Masonry in a great place for the future.

What amazes me is all the above was done this week. Mostly behind the scenes. No spotlight, very few thank you's, never asking for recognition. This happens week in and week out. True leaders stepping up to do their part to ensure our future. True leaders. We have such a great Lodge, filled with great men. Thank you all!!

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

## From the West

**Torts.** The very name conjures up images of advertising attorneys running after ambulances or overzealous lawyers seeking to sue small business for copious amounts of damages. While this article is neither a condemnation nor a condoning of the actions of those people, there is something rather interesting I've discovered this semester when reading my torts cases.

For better or for worse, tort law "is a vehicle of legal redress for victims of physical injury or damage to property. "Vincent Johnson, *Studies in American Tort Law*, 2013. In studying tort law, one area analyzed is negligence: the conduct and perhaps state of mind of the defendant when the harm is caused. When determining the (possible) negligence of a defendant, both the *Palsgraf* rule and the Learned Hand Balancing Test govern the determination.

The *Palsgraf* rule, from a famous New York case in 1928, states that, "The risk reasonably to be perceived defines the duty to be obeyed," while the Learned Hand Balancing Test, named for federal appellate judge Learned Hand states, "Conduct is negligent if the burden of prevention is outweighed by the gravity of the loss times the probability of the harm." For algebraic thinkers reading this, it can be expressed thusly:

$$B < L \times P$$

Taken together, these two axioms of negligence forced me to think back to my Master Mason's obligation, towards the very end. Surely this could be no mere coincidence. Could two jurists have been influenced by the craft when formulating the rule and test? Sadly, the research I have conducted in the last two weeks, and by research I mean a Google search here and there, does say that it is mere coincidence. But it certainly is comforting to know that what we as Masons have known for centuries was eventually accepted as a matter of common law in the early- to mid- twentieth century.

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

## October 2015 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Easter flower
5. "Iliad" city
9. Goodness
14. On the safe side, at sea
15. The "B" of N.B.
16. Belittle
17. Galileo's birthplace
18. Not "fer"
19. Easy wins
20. Mathematical subset
23. Be theatrical
24. Car dealer's offering
25. "Monty Python" airer
28. Pool site, maybe
30. Sweater material
32. Functioned as
35. Winter wear
38. Part of BYO
39. Acceptance of the truth
43. Gull-like bird
44. "Hurray!"
45. \_\_\_-eyed
46. Court contest
49. Brewer's equipment
51. "A rat!"
52. Burst
55. About to explode
59. Comic book
61. "M\*A\*S\*H" setting
64. All there
65. French Sudan, today
66. Absurd
67. Barely managed, with "out"
68. Ancient Briton
69. Banister post
70. "\_\_\_ Like It Hot"
71. \_\_\_ gin fizz

### Down

1. Run out, as a subscription
2. Hipbone section
3. Disparaging term for lesbian
4. Frothy
5. Alpine transport
6. As a rule
7. Chilled
8. "Fiddler on the Roof" role
9. Moon or Zevon
10. "O" in old radio lingo
11. Battering device
12. Cooking meas.
13. "For \_\_\_ a jolly ..."
21. Beat
22. \_\_\_ Today
25. Like visiting teams, often
26. "Grenade" singer Mars
27. Bill of fare
29. Aviary sound
31. High school class
32. Fritter away
33. National fruit of Jamaica
34. No-goodnik
36. Mauna \_\_\_
37. Personal
40. Masefield play "The Tragedy of \_\_\_"
41. \_\_\_ few rounds
42. Gasoline colorant
47. David, "the sweet psalmist of \_\_\_"
48. Marienbad, for one
50. Routs
53. Church recesses
54. Parade hat
56. Be of use
57. Verizon or AT&T
58. A-list
59. Characteristic carrier
60. Formally surrender
61. Connections
62. "\_\_\_ moment"
63. Cold and wet

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## September 2015 Puzzle Solution

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## The Checkered Floor

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

Whenever it was considered necessary to have the solstitial lines or the length of the shadow actually marked on the floor, then a certain carefully placed line or row of mosaic squares would answer the purpose, and also perfectly conceal the design of the whole arrangement; and this is probably the reason why the priests in their temple architecture adopted that kind of pavement. Of course, the details of the arrangement were modified to suit different places and circumstances. The observations might be made from the roof, or standing in front of the temple, where instruments, simple in construction, for determining the line of direction toward the rising sun, with reference to the front of the temple, might be, and probably were, used, without relying wholly on the shadows cast by the columns. The mean daily rate at which the point of sunrise moved along the horizon, and the length of the shadows increased or diminished, would also soon be determined, and thus an observation could be taken at sunrise, noon, and sunset any day. The month and day of the month could thus be determined at any time with tolerable accuracy. The same arrangement would serve to ascertain the true solar time. The same arrangement would serve to ascertain the true solar time. Of course, it is now impossible, in the absence of any direct information, to arrive at all the details of the peculiar arrangement by which these ancient solar observations were made, but the main outline is without doubt correct. It was but a more extended application of the principle of the sundial, by means of which not only the hours of the day, but the arrival of the sun at the solstitial and equinoctial points, was determined, together with the length of the year and the other important particulars. Of course, these methods seem clumsy to us, being familiar with the wonderful

## The Checkered Floor (cont'd)

“instruments of precision” which modern science possesses; but, in those ancient days, such primitive methods were the only ones known, and the accuracy of the results arrived at is a matter of wonder and surprise.

The whole arrangement of the porch and pillars of ancient temples for astronomical uses thus depended to a great extent upon the accurate laying of the corner-stone in the northeast corner, so that the outer corner of the same should point to exactly the proper place in the circle of the horizon. The great importance attached to the ceremony of laying the corner-stone is thus accounted for. This explanation, although founded partly on conjecture, harmonizes so well with all that is known as to the religious customs and ideas of the ancients, with the facts of astronomical science, and the whole system of solar worship, as to render its truth in the main almost certain. No investigation appears to have ever been made as to the probable connection between astronomy and porches of ancient temples, beyond the fact, apparent at first sight, that they all face the rising sun; and this attributed to religious ideas wholly, and not at all to scientific ones, although it was the well-known custom of the ancient priests to conceal the facts of astronomical science under religious allegories.

Those mysterious structures, the pyramids of Egypt, have been more carefully examined, and are found to have been constructed with direct reference to certain astronomical facts, if not uses. The pyramid of Cheops is placed so correctly on the true meridian that the variation of the magnetic needle may be determined by it. It is also so proportioned that its height is the radius of a circle whose circumference is equal to the circuit of the pyramid's northern face, points to the pole-star of Cheops's time.

*(to be continued in the November Light)*

**Discipline**

There are several definitions of this word and most focus on either punishment itself, especially as pertaining to children, or self-control to “suppress base desires” or according to Merriam-Webster “control that is gained by requiring that rules or orders be obeyed and punishing bad behavior. While any of those may seem fitting for a Masonic view of discipline, there may be a better framework for us to think about. A more positive one is probably what Coach Lout Holtz had in mind when he said “Without self-discipline, success is impossible, period.”

In the academic sense, a discipline is the application of specialized knowledge and techniques in the practice of an art, science or craft. That is pretty obviously a fit with our operative mason Brethren and included the use of their working tools. How fitting it is that we then use references to their working tools to convey, in symbolic form, the disciplines that make a good man better in speculative Masonry.

There are very few people on Earth who have not heard, at least once, the behavioral advice we associate with our working tools but the important distinction is putting that information into practice on a regular basis, and that requires thinking about those disciplines very frequently. We see and hear references to the working tools all the time in Lodge, in our building and throughout our materials, and now here, again, with reminders of the connection to the disciplines we need every day.

**The 24-inch gauge – Time Management**

This is certainly a discipline on which I want to improve. And it is not simply the 3 portions we normally talk about but ensuring that those things that need to be done, in all aspects of our lives, receive the time each deserves in our schedule.

To be continued...

Fraternally,  
Don Jarrell, Junior Warden  
Hill City Lodge 456

Dear Brothers,

Our Lodge and the Charity Committee are once again teaming up with the U.S Marine Corps and the Toys for Tots foundation this holiday season. We will collect **Christmas toys for economically disadvantaged children in central Texas**. Our goal this year is to beat last year’s toy collection totals.

**3 Ways You Can Help:**

1. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to Lodge by December 8th.
2. Contact me now with business or church locations in the central Texas area where we can place our toy collection boxes. Beginning November 16th we will deliver toy collection boxes as well as pick them up by December 14th. All we need is the business/church name and contact person. Please call me at 512-577-4968 or email [Fundraising@HillCityLodge.org](mailto:Fundraising@HillCityLodge.org) with location information.
3. Purchase a beautiful Christmas tree ornament, that Brother Philippe Dewailly has hand crafted from pewter or silver - \$20 or \$60. See images and more info at [www.facebook.com/hillcity456](http://www.facebook.com/hillcity456). These were a hit last year and all proceeds will be used to purchase new toys for the kids. Do you have a knack for sales? Great! You can also help us sell these ornaments, beginning November 1st. Call Brother Dewailly at 512-589-1716 to buy or help sell ornaments.

To help the children in our community, please contact us today. Thank you, gentlemen, we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Warmest regards,  
Jason White  
Charity Committee Chair  
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## Food Committee for December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 Stated Meeting

Thomas Seth Bonnacarrere	Don Boyd Jarrell	Aaron Michael Payne	Charles Thomas Slack
Anthony Hubbard Clark	Christopher DeWitt Jordan	Robert Stephen Peel	Ronald William Snipes
Chad Damon Collier	Lee Edward Line	Billy Floyd Peel	Charles Marcus Stewart
William Sam Dickson	Terrance Michael Linn	Dale William Reynolds	John William Stone
Thomas Don Dickson	James Dale Loflin	Joe Craig Robinson	James Correll Tisdale
Gene Leroy Freudenberg	Patrick H. Luckett	Benton Elliott Ryon	Bob M. Wheelless
Robert Warren Hensley	C.L.'Buddy' McGee	David Allen Sands	Walter Edwin White, Jr.
Roy Lynn Henson	David Lee Moffett	Robert Henry Schmidt	Timothy Earl Willett
Raymond H Herrington	William Riley Pampe	Brian Thomas Schnautz	

**Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, November 10<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.