


# The HILL CITY LIGHT

November 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>
<p><b>Work Schedule</b></p>	<p><b>From the East</b></p>
<p><b>November 2015</b></p> <p>November 3 Stated Meeting          November 10 C Cert. Training          Food Committee          November 11 Veteran's Day Parade          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 Past Masters'          Christmas Dinner          Golden Trowel Awards          Family Night          December 22 Dark          December 29 Dark</p> <p><b>January 2016</b></p> <p>January 5 Stated Meeting          January 12 Work Night          Food Committee          January 19 Lodge Service Awards          January 26 Work Night</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>Freedom is not free. It is because of you brave, courageous men that we all possess the most precious gift...Freedom. Our country is what it is today because of the visionary ideas established by our founding fathers, many of whom were Masons.</p> <p>The United States of America is eternally blessed by the men such as you, the veterans' who belong to Hill City Lodge 456, who believe freedom is always worth fighting for. Great men who believe in honor, duty and country are an inspiration to us all. Thank you to all our veterans for protecting and defending our freedom and way of life. We are the greatest country in the world because we have the greatest men in the world defending us at all times. Thank you for defending this nation's ideas as veterans and for upholding this great nation's ideals as Mason's.</p> <p>Thanks to all of you who have put on the uniform looking for nothing in return. Your selfless act of serving your country deserves the highest level of respect and gratitude we have to offer. Thank you for making me proud to be an American.</p> <p>President Kennedy once said "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Our veterans have always taken this to heart. There is no</p>

## From the East (continued)

institution in the world that commands such respect as the United States military. There are no greater men than our Brothers of Hill City to serve as the pillars of that institution. You have helped shape a nation with your service, wisdom, kindness and dignity.

It is with the utmost respect that we all give you thanks for your service, and honor you on Veterans' Day. Thank you my Brother's and God Bless You!!

We, as Brother Mason's, have so many reasons to be thankful. During this holiday season, let us take the time for reflection and prayer to the Great Architect of the Universe for the many blessing that have been bestowed upon each of us.

We have several opportunities to make a difference in someone's life. Please find something you are passionate about and serve. Here at Hill City, we are planning to raise money for Toys for Tots. Jason White and Luke Michels are heading the committee that will distribute collection boxes to any business who would step up to help a great cause and then pick up the containers full of toys before Christmas to be distributed by the United States Marine Corp. Past Master Phillippe Dewaily has hand crafted Christmas ornaments in Sterling Silver and pewter to help raise funds for the project as well. Last year we raised \$1200 and are hoping to exceed that this year. Please place your orders soon so that you can proudly hang the ornament celebrating the holidays as well as Hill City's 140 years of existence.

We will also be collecting food for the Capital Area Food Bank. Request items are: Canned tuna or chicken, dry beans and rice in bags, peanut butter, mac and cheese and cans of fruit and vegetables. Please help where you can my Brother's. There should be no one that goes hungry in Austin this holiday season. Please bring your donations to the Lodge every week and I will distribute to the Food Bank.

Thank you my Brother's for serving this Lodge, serving your community and serving God.

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

## From the West

### Seeing the Other Side – It's all Greek to Me.

How often have you come across a brother or brethren and, while in learned discussion, can both be looking or discussing the same symbol, yet have a different interpretation? What about in everyday life? I myself can recall attempting to explain to a fellow brother (and a Past Master), that we can both be correct about the possible interpretation of a Masonic axiom or symbol. That is the beauty of symbols, they hold no fixed interpretation. But with symbols, it is easy to hold to such a difference of opinion. But, unfortunately so too can language.

“Language is a system of symbols for which we express ideas. But, as we all know, language as a medium for expression of ideas is far from perfect. The words a person uses may not fully express the ideas that the person was trying to convey. Even when people appear to be using the same words, they may attribute different meanings to those words.”  
Charles Knapp, Problems in Contact Law.

Far too often, we can be in conversation with someone, and both speaking the language, but have a different comprehension. Instead of making sure everyone is on the same page, we walk away from such a conversation, ensconced in our own understanding of what was said, and go our merry way. With that misinterpretation, we invariably come develop problems that could have easily been avoided.

When was the last time we sought clarification? When was the last time we asked the other person how they arrived at their interpretation or conclusion? Perhaps it costs us a little bit of pride to ask for elucidation, but in the long run, we can have a clearer, more finite understanding. And ultimately, we can all live in peace and harmony.

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

## November 2015 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Scale
6. Kind of concerto
11. Apply gently
14. St. Anthony, notably
15. Acrylic fiber
16. A pint, maybe
17. accept the truth
19. "\_\_\_ say!"
20. Prefix with therapy
21. Level
22. Costa del \_\_\_
23. Astringent
25. Clerical assistant
27. Clap
30. "\_\_\_ we forget"
32. "What's \_\_\_?"
33. Babysitter's handful
34. \_\_\_ lab
35. Female fowl
38. Cheat
40. Constructed
42. Kosher \_\_\_
43. Flash
45. "The Matrix" hero
46. "C'\_\_\_ la vie!"
47. "To \_\_\_ is human ..."
48. Any thing
49. Brews
50. It might lead to skin cancer
53. Bank
55. "A jealous mistress": Emerson
56. Spiritual, e.g.
58. Halogen salt
62. "Rocky \_\_\_"
63. In enforced seclusion
65. Anita Brookner's "Hotel du \_\_\_"
66. Sammy Kaye's "\_\_\_ Tomorrow"
67. African antelope
68. "\_\_\_ Cried" (1962 hit)
69. Swelling
70. Atlanta-based airline

### Down

1. Applaud
2. \_\_\_ Fyne, Scotland
3. Black
4. Monthly
5. Barbecue
6. Tennessee athlete, for short
7. Piques
8. Behind the times
9. Sudoku skill
10. Buttercup family member
11. Typewriter part
12. Apportion
13. Scarlett O'Hara, e.g.
18. Continuation of the quote
24. Children's \_\_\_
26. Detective's need
27. Gluttons
28. Give off, as light
29. Tenderfoot
31. Peter, Paul or Mary
35. Disease(var)
36. "... or \_\_\_!"
37. Pesky insects
39. Soak up
41. Bottom of the barrel
44. Short
48. Hereditary
49. Roman official
50. Wind catchers?
51. Dickens's \_\_\_ Heep
52. Pub order
54. Went to the polls
57. Harsh
59. Uptight
60. Camping gear
61. Icelandic epic
64. \_\_\_ grecque (cooked in olive oil, lemon juice, wine, and herbs, and served cold)

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## October 2015 Puzzle Solution

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## The Checkered Floor

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

*(Continued from the October Hill City Light)*

Professor R.A. Proctor, the astronomer, says in a late article, "The Mystery of the Pyramids" ("Popular Science Monthly Supplement," No.III0, that the purpose for which the pyramids were erected "was in some way associated with astronomy, for the pyramids were built with most accurate reference to celestial aspects." The following is quoted at length from Mr. Proctor's interesting article. We have italicized a line or two, as bearing more particularly on our subject. Mr. Proctor says: "These buildings [the pyramids] are all, without exception, build on special astronomical principles. Their square bases are so placed as to have two sides lying east and west, and two lying north and south; or, in other words, so that their four faces front the four cardinal points. One cannot imagine why a tomb should have such a position. It is not, indeed, easy to understand why any building at all, except an astronomical observatory, should have such a position. A *temple*, perhaps, *devoted to sun-worship*, and generally to the worship of the heavenly bodies, *might be built in that way*; for it is to be noticed that the peculiar figure and position of the pyramids would bring about the following relations: When the sun rose and set south of the east and west points, or (speaking generally) between the autumn and spring equinoxes, the rays of the rising and setting sun illuminated the southern face of the pyramid; whereas during the rest of the year, that is, during the six months between the spring and autumn equinoxes, the rays of the rising and setting sun illuminated the northern face. Again, all the year round the sun's rays passed from the eastern to the western face at solar noon. And. Lastly, during seven months and a half of each year,

## The Checkered Floor (cont'd)

namely, for three months and three quarters before and after midsummer, the noon rays of the sun fell on all four faces of the pyramid, or, according to a Peruvian expression ( so Smyth says), the sun shone on the pyramid 'with all his rays.'

Mr. Proctor thinks the purpose pf the pyramids was rather astrological than astronomical, for he says, "The slant tunnel above mentioned is precisely what the astrologer would require in order to get the horoscope correctly." This distinction between astrology and astronomy was unknown to the ancients. The two were one. Astrology assumes, it is true. To predict not only eclipses, but the future generally from the position and aspects of the heavenly bodies; but, in order to make those assumed predictions, it was first required, according to the rules of astrology itself, to obtain a correct knowledge of the position and aspects of the sun, moon, and planets. This necessitated, of course, correct astronomical observations, which might be and were put to uses entirely scientific and practical by the ancients, as well as serving as basis for their pretended predictions of the future.

That the pyramids (whatever else they may have been intended for) were not temples, we are perfectly willing to grant, because the only object which has induced this notice of their astronomical proportions, is to show that it is a demonstrated fact that the ancient Egyptians did allow the most exact astronomical ideas to greatly influence, if not wholly control, their most stupendous works of architecture—works so gigantic in size, and requiring such an expenditure of time, treasure, labor, and human life, as to render them the greatest wonder of all antiquity. It therefore becomes almost certain that astronomical considerations would not be neglected in the construction of their

*(to be continued in the December Light)*

**Discipline / Working tools (continued)**

We are continuing the discussion from last month's HC Light article relating the disciplines of living a Masonic life to the working tools. We will particularly focus on the developmental progression of the lessons of the working tools and how they parallel the progression of Masonic living.

**The Common Gavel – Focus and Prioritization**

Many of us cannot do everything in a day that we would like to do because we are imperfect planners and things do come up unexpectedly. So, it is important that we work hard on setting priorities appropriately and focusing on those things we are doing so that we ensure the most important things that *need* to be done are completed before that time we give ourselves for refreshment and fun.

Is it any surprise, really, that these are the first two tools presented to a Mason ? Without the use of these symbolic working tools, and disciplines, we cannot master our lives to be **available** to be a Mason and to learn and practice the other working tools.

**The Plumb, Square and Level –Moral Rectitude**

After the evolving Mason has developed in the commitment of time and focus on being a Mason, as we discussed previously related to the 24-inch gauge and common gavel, the real core lessons can be better understood and practiced. What does, and should, set Masons apart from the profane, or ordinary men, is the constant demonstration of moral correctness that is expressed in so many instances and ways throughout our rituals, ceremonies, lessons and literature, and most especially as the working tools of a Fellowcraft Mason.

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 January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Stated Meeting**

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Cecil Lee Anderson	Charles David Collier	Charles Milton Lancaster	John Anthony Padilla
Jeffrey H Armstrong	Dale Patrick Ellison	Michael Dean Larkin	Willard Lee Pannell
Thomas Bunnell Ayers	Robert Louis Eschenburg	Jerry Stephen Lightsey	Michael Owen Stafford
Edward Earl Bartel, Jr.	Ronald Glenn Gamble	Robert Harvey Lloyd	Jason Earl Thomas
Kevin Brown	Bobby Pat Hagans	Michael Stephen Lummus	Neal Avery Watt
William Howard Bryant	Dennis James Hill	Robert Clyde McCarty	Todd Alan Wesson
Ty William Carl	Robert Gene Housman	Sidney Patrick McDavid	Andrew Joseph Williamsen

**Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, December 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.