


The HILL CITY LIGHT

February 2016

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<p>Work Schedule</p>	<p>From the East</p>
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<p>February 2016</p> <p>February 2 Stated Meeting February 9 Work Night Food Committee February 16 Sweetheart Dinner Family Night February 18 Fantastic Teeth Onion Creek Lodge February 23 Work Night</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>I would like to thank all my Brothers of Hill City Lodge for a great Stated Meeting and Fish Fry on February 2nd. It was great to feel and hear the enthusiasm, excitement and pride as we had the honor and privilege of receiving Right Worshipful Keye E. Perry Sr., our District Deputy Grand Master. I have received 14 calls and emails this week from members and visitors complementing our Lodge for our Welcoming environment, community involvement and overall Lodge atmosphere. For all my Brothers who make Masonry at Hill City a priority, my hat is off to you for your dedication and service.</p> <p>The message that Right Worshipful Perry communicated to us from the Grand Lodge of Texas, should be heard, taken to heart and acted upon immediately. The message is clear; be proud to be a Mason, be proud of your Lodge and most importantly, be a visible Mason.</p> <p>I am so proud to be a member of Hill City Lodge #456. It was an aspiration of mine to follow in the footsteps of my grandfather to become a Master Mason and the Worshipful Master of a great and historic Lodge. I have fulfilled those dreams and in the process I have received much more than I could have ever dreamed possible. The Light I have received from putting God, Family and my Brothers ahead of myself is</p>
<p>March 2016</p> <p>March 1 Stated Meeting March 5 Grand Master's Conf. San Antonio March 8 Work Night Food Committee March 15 Work Night March 22 Work Night March 29 Work Night</p>	
<p>April 2016</p> <p>April 5 Stated Meeting April 12 Work Night Food Committee April 19 Work Night April 26 Work Night</p>	

From the East (cont'd)

what defines me as a man and a Mason.

I have the privilege to sit in the East this year. The view from the East is a very humbling experience. From the vantage point in the East, you get to look out and see every great man who inspires, encourages and guides you on your journey. One man does not make a Lodge. I see all the work that our members contribute and know that it is the multitudes that make this Lodge great.

I have taken on the pledge to visit at least ten different Lodges in the next few months. I did this for a couple of reasons. First, I wanted to send Fraternal Greetings from Hill City Lodge to our District 50 Brothers and other Lodges in Texas. The second reason is that I feel that traveling is knowledge. The Brotherly Love and welcome I receive at every Lodge in and out of Texas is overwhelming. I have yet to attend another Lodge's Stated Meeting where I didn't learn something new about Masonry.

I try my best to lead by example, I wear a Masonic ring and lapel pin. I want people to know I am a Hill City Lodge #456 Mason. I am proud to be a Mason. I am proud of my Lodge. I want people to see and know it. It is my hope and prayer that you feel the same. Safe and enjoyable travels my Brothers.

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

From the West

Is Death really the end?

For the Master Mason, the answer is more than obvious. We are always reminded that hope springs eternal and that our soul, freed from the shackles of our earthly bodies, will live forever. Death will, in due time, come for us; according to the poet Edmund Vance Cooke, whether it, "comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce / And whether he's slow or spy," we all must eventually meet our Creator.

Death has been on my mind lately. Not because of the constant demands of law school were many a former law student wishes they were dead, or felt they were after getting eviscerated by a professor in class, but because of two people in my life: my maternal grandmother, and the father of one of my longest known brothers.

My grandmother, my last surviving grandparent, is 98-years-old, and has lived a more than eventful life. As I shuttle back and forth from Jourdanton, Texas and Austin, I constantly think about the life she had. From 1917 to the present, she has seen the United States rise from "a sleeping giant" to the world's sole hyperpower. She's seen education reach the Texas Agricultural Community that in her youth was sheer fantasy. She has seen her shame of booms and busts. During that time, she was a faithful wife for nearly seven (7) decades, raised four (4) children, seen seven (7) grandchildren, and four (4) great-grandchildren, and perhaps the most devout Christian I have ever known. Her life and experiences can hardly be ignored, and are envied beyond doubt.

Jonathan Huth is one of my DeMolay brothers. Initiated in the class right after me, we've been brothers for going on 16 years now. I remember his father, Mike, a Past Master of Lonnie Irvin Daylight Lodge, shuttling him and his sister, a Rainbow Girl and Job's Daughter, to Masonic Youth meetings during the week and events like dances during the weekend. He was a devoted to his wife and children, and I have nothing but fond memories of what he did for them, and for the Masonic Community in San Antonio. On February 5, 2016, I learned of his passing.

Constantly, we as people, always think about the loss of a loved one. And yes, we should mourn their lives, but how often do we think about the experience they had, the devotions they gave, and the lives they touched? More importantly, how often can we take a lesson and participate in the beauties and wonders of life? Yes life is eternal, but should we not revel in the joys of family and friends, so what when we die, we may best be remembered: "His life was gentle, and the elements / So mixed in him that Nature might stand up / And say to all the world, 'This was a man.'"

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

February 2016 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Kind of drive
6. Dart
10. Indian Mountain Range
14. Japanese verse
15. Doctor Who villainess, with "the"
16. Baltic capital
17. Progressive accumulations
19. Way, way off
20. Goes back over
21. Gush
22. Certain digital watch face, for short
23. "Cut it out!"
25. "Evangeline" setting
29. Accra Resident
33. Barn topper
34. Stigmatize
35. Batman and Robin, e.g.
36. Recognition
40. "Be quiet!"
41. Ninnies
42. Diminish
43. Mosaic pieces
45. Rolls top with onions
47. "___ It Romantic?"
48. Blackout
49. Circumvent
52. Tennis bag item
57. Moore of "G.I. Jane"
58. In the Chritian era
60. Hidden valley
61. Channel marker
62. Islamic head (Var.)
63. Masculine side
64. Aardvark fare
65. Be theatrical

Down

1. Blacken
2. Carp relative
3. Deep
4. Creole vegetable
5. Breakfast cereal
6. Blotto
7. Golden Triangle country
8. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
9. "___ the season ..."
10. Italian brandy
11. LP player
12. Biology lab supply
13. Bakery buy
18. "___-Team"
21. Meteorological probe
23. Sardine cousins
24. Bite
25. "Halt!" to a salt
26. Secret store
27. Crosses with loops
28. Animal house
29. Cousin of a loon
30. Archetype
31. Mommy's sister
32. Jottings
34. Swell
37. Corpulent
38. Dog-eared
39. "Dilbert" cartoonist
Scott Adams has one: Abbr.
44. You won't see any on an igloo
45. Boston or Chicago, e.g.
46. Call upon
48. Lifts, as spirits
49. Irascible
50. Sail constellation
51. "Absolutely!"
52. Spoiled kid
53. Mosque V.I.P.
54. Fodder holder
55. "Don't bet ___!"
56. Abounding
58. "The ___ Daba Honeymoon"
59. Mother Teresa, for one

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January 2016 Puzzle Solution

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**50 Year Service Award
Howard Ingram Dixon**



Howard Dixon received his 50 Years of Service Award from the Grand Lodge of Texas. Howard is 93 years old. He is a resident of south Austin and a beloved member of Hill City Lodge no. 456.

Howard became a Mason at McDill Airforce Base in St. Joe Missouri in 1947. He became a Master Mason of the King Hill Lodge. He was married to his wife of 68 years, Betsy Mae. Betsy Mae came from a family of several generations of Masons. Her father, grandfather, brothers, and uncles were all Masons. She was an active member of the Eastern Star. After his military service, Howard went into civil service after the war with the Missouri National Guard. He said everyone there was a mason.

He wanted to be a Mason and petitioned the King Hill Lodge in 1947.

Howard spent 5 years in civil service in Missouri where he played semi-pro baseball. He was a pitcher and the team shortstop. He loved the game of baseball and enjoyed the years he was able to play the game. He has fond memories of the teams and has photos of the experience.



Howard and Betsy Mae moved to Austin Texas in 1952. They had a small business in downtown Austin for many years. When Highland Mall opened, they had a Singer Sewing machine business in the mall.

Howard loves his Hill City Lodge. He can reflect back many years about the fond memories. He is especially thankful to the generations of Masons who came before him and after him for keeping the Hill City Lodge such a special place. Howard, at 93 years old, is quite the fireball in spirit. He was very excited about coming to Lodge family Night to get his service award. Two days before the event, he suffered a heart attack. Howard called me and regretfully gave me the news of his situation. I was only concerned about his well-being, but Howard was all mad because those darn doctors wouldn't let him out to come to the ceremony. Howard said, "Darn it; I can't make it. These doctors won't let me go because of a little ole heart attack; heck, I feel fine and they told me I'll have to stay here."

**Esoteric memory work. Symbolic learning.
Signs and tokens. Yes, we do play to
psychology quite a bit.**

I had the pleasure of sitting in Lodge three times this past week – Scottish Rite Lodge of Secret Masters last Saturday, Hill City Lodge Stated Meeting on Tuesday, and University Lodge Stated Meeting on Thursday – and having at least 10 additional moments of Masonic reflection, communication and expression, including one-on-one visits and a group at El Mercado with Masons. So my story here is really about being an *active* Mason.

That represents a lot of time in **contemplation** of (1) the Fraternity I share with the Brethren I was seeing, (2) the special knowledge and symbolic meaning of ritual taking place, (3) the service, duties and giving that is carried out, and talked about, by Masons, (4) my responsibilities to the Lodge and the Craft, and (5) the many virtues and other guidance that define, and are represented by, an ideal Mason. And even more quick, pleasing and instructive thoughts in and about Freemasonry that swirled through my head. Very few other parts of our lives channel our thoughts and feelings away from the “vices and superfluties of life” and into the realm of bettering ourselves and serving our friends, communities, families, Lodge, Craft and Nation. I really enjoyed being in a “Masonic *state*”. I am absolutely sure that that made me a better man this week. Not all of us can, for various reasons, get out to Lodge or face-to-face gatherings often. But every Mason can make time for reflection on the virtues, teachings and other psychological aspects of Freemasonry and benefit from that state of mind. I’m certainly planning that for this coming week. Care to join me?

Our **Lodge Leader-Officer Development Training** continues with dates set for February 13 and 27, March 26 and tentatively for March 12 in the Dining room at the Scottish Rite building. To find out more about LLODT contact me at (512) 289-3986 or visit <http://hillcitylodge.org/leader-officer-development-training>.

Fraternally,
Don Jarrell, Junior Warden
Hill City Lodge 456

Our lodges and grand lodges charge dues and are therefore businesses. We are non-profit businesses so we don't try to turn profits. Still, all businesses have a product whether they are for profit or not. What do you think our products are?

In the long run the product of a grand lodge is to make new lodges at least as fast as old lodges close. How often have new lodges been opened in our jurisdiction? Think about neighborhoods without lodges. As the population of Texas increases we should think about organizing lodges.

During the twentieth century the next product of grand lodges was charity foundations. That might or might not be the product of grand lodges in the twenty first century. What do the new guys seem the most interested in?

In the long run the product of a lodge is to make new Masons at least as fast as old Masons die. The flow of new candidates ebbs and flows over time. We aren't allowed to invite men to become a part of our family so we have to rely on other means to draw petitioners.

The lodge that draws the petitioners is the lodge that has the activities. Community service, social events, fund raisers. Watch for ways we can get together doing fun service.

To be continued in the March Hill City Light...

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Food Committee for April 5th, 2016 Stated Meeting

Hugh Larry Adkins	Douglas John Freyburger	William L Hatten	William Carson Shafer
James Ethridge Bailey	Octavio Tripp Garza	Sam H. Henson	Margarito R. Sosa
Mark Edward Bennett	Mario Humberto Guel, II	Bennie Len Hudson	Henry Herbert Tomlin, Jr.
John Charles Casey	Douglas Dwight Gullickson	Michael Eugene Kinser	Leslie John Whetham
Bob Day, Jr.	Clyde H Hardy	Kenneth C Newell	

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, March 8th 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.