


The HILL CITY LIGHT

March 2016

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<p>Work Schedule</p>	<p>From the East</p>
<p>March 2016</p> <p>March 1 Stated Meeting March 5 Grand Master's Conf. San Antonio March 8 EA Degree Practice Food Committee March 15 Movie Night The Freemason March 22 C Cert. Training March 29 C Cert Training</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>Whether you think you can or you think you can't – you're right!! This quote from Henry Ford is used throughout management, leadership and motivational training. This weekend it was used by Right Worshipful Wendell P. Miller, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas at the Grand Master's Conference in San Antonio. There were 181 Lodges represented by men who traveled an average of 117 miles to hear the Grand Master's message of Plant the Seed. There is no doubt that the men who sacrificed their Saturday are the future of Masonry, the men who will help move us forward. Hill City Lodge was well represented by 7 Officers and 5 Past Masters. I am extremely thankful for the fellowship, brotherly love and spirited conversation that we were able to have during our drive to San Antonio and back to Austin. The passion and the drive to keep Hill City Lodge moving in the right direction is very apparent from all our Brethren who attended.</p>
<p>April 2016</p> <p>April 5 Stated Meeting April 12 Past Masters Meeting Food Committee April 19 Community Builder Family Night April 26 C Cert Training</p>	<p>Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. We have been given the charge to Plant the Seed, the seed of Free Masonry. You do not throw a seed on the ground and expect it to grow. We must carefully plant the seed, nurture it, and give it sun, food and water. What we get in return is a beautiful, living plant</p>
<p>May 2016</p> <p>May 3 Stated Meeting May 10 C Cert Training Food Committee May 17 Scholarship Award Family Night May 24 Work Night</p>	

From the East (cont'd)

From the South

that can sustain itself, bear fruit and reproduce time and time again. This is what happens when we plant a good seed of Masonry in a good man. We must tend to him and give him the Light to grow to become a better man.

What are the Texas Lodges being asked to do? Bottom line is to get off our rear ends, be visible, work together and achieve a positive public image of Masonry. As individuals, we have contributed over 1,000 hours of volunteer service this year in such areas as hospitals, Meals on Wheels, Mobile Loafs and Fishes, Capital Area Food Bank, Operation Turkey, Toys for Tots, Fantastic Teeth Program, Public School Week, just to name a few. As a Lodge, we give blood, have food drives, and raise money for scholarships. These are all noble endeavors that are much appreciated throughout our community. Is it enough? Are each of you fulfilling your obligation as a Mason?

As we enter this Easter Season, the season of new beginnings, new life, let us remember it is not He has Risen, it is He IS Risen. We have been given the gift of life, freedom, health and being a Mason. Be proud of who you are, be proud of Masonry and be proud to spread the word and plant the seed.

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

DOING

Most of us are familiar with the idea of “learning by doing” and have experienced the benefits of that in our work, various organizations in which we participated, our hobbies and throughout our lives. Most would agree, I believe, that such exercises are not only satisfying but have a more lasting effect that does something we learn from a book. Psychologists will tell you that that is because the *doing* part engages more parts of your brain, and it gets better with **practice**. This is true even for abstract ideas, leading to another often-heard bit of advice, “Change your actions to change your thinking to change your attitude and beliefs”. We came here to “learn” and “improve” ourselves and we have tried to connect the learning by doing concept to that in Masonic Education. So here are two questions.

What have you done lately that was Masonic and actually embodied a Masonic trait or virtue ? This is not meant to be criticism if the answer is “nothing”, but a suggestion to simply ask yourself periodically.

What would you want to do with your Brethren that represents a Masonic life to you and others ? This doesn't have to be a physical activity. Every Mason has something to contribute to Masons and others, even if just an idea or suggestion, an encouraging word, or a bit of advice.

Now, lets' take learning by doing another step: Growing by doing. We want to make Masons and the best way to attract men to “ask” may well be to show them what we do. Do you think that's true ? Your officers are working and planning to make our Lodge more active, but we need lots more Masons to participate. Please take a few moments in the coming weeks to think about a project, event, or activity that would show our community what Masonry and Masons are about. Each Stated Meeting, for the remainder of this year, I will ask attendees to offer a 3-minute description of their ideas on this kind of active Masonic Education and arrange follow-up. Or please contact me at any time. Start thinking.

And this applies to me too. Because I'm often late in submitting my newsletter article, I'm putting deadlines on my calendar to have my article finished by each Stated Meeting to go out the next week. I will do better.

Fraternally,
Don Jarrell, Junior Warden
Hill City Lodge 456

March 2016 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Priestly garb
5. Variety of stainless steel
14. Jackson on vibes
15. Certain berth
16. Jaywalking, e.g.
17. Hip bones
18. Turbulent
19. Like some memories
20. Famous for its bridge
23. Video store section
24. Chronic liver damage
28. Fishhook line
32. Argentine grassland
33. Battering device
36. Clown cover-up
38. Again
40. The Worshipful Master needs it
41. Vermeer's "Woman With a ____"
42. Gilbert and Sullivan works
45. Fold, spindle or mutilate
46. Runs off (with)
47. Gum
49. Abandons
51. Adorable one
55. Fixation
59. Stead
62. Spacious
63. Qualm
64. "Thanks ____!"
65. Havens
66. Certain surgeon's "patient"
67. Professional expert
68. Place to play

Down

1. Awry
2. Air freshener option
3. Buckwheat pancakes
4. Office crews
5. Halo, e.g.
6. "Once ____ a time..."
7. Span partner
8. Goal-oriented
9. Skin disorder
10. Off the cuff
11. "____ bad!"
12. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
13. Atlantic catch
21. Cabal
22. "Holy ____!"
25. Codeine source
26. Cupid's boss
27. Banana oil, e.g.
29. Sterol found in plant tissues.
30. Ballet move
31. Two-time U.S. Open winner
33. Ran
34. Chameleon kin
35. Office papers
37. Arid
39. Surfing tumbles
43. European particle accelerator
44. Down with something
48. An idiot
50. Brown ermine
52. Beauty pageant wear
53. ____ tube
54. Barely beat
56. Santa ____, Calif.
57. "Absolutely!"
58. Dermatologist's concern
59. Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ____"
60. 1969 Peace Prize grp.
61. Long, long time

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February 2016 Puzzle Solution

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Texas Independence Day commemorates the adoption of the Texas Declaration of Independence on March 2, 1836. This event marked Texas' independence from Mexico. As we celebrate our Independence, the following is an excerpt discussing the beginning of Masonry in Texas.

On 11 February 1828, [Stephen F. Austin](#) called a meeting of Masons at [San Felipe de Austin](#) for the purpose of petitioning the [York Grand Lodge of Mexico](#) for a charter to form a lodge. Although the petition reached [Matamoros](#), and was to be forwarded to [Mexico City](#), nothing more was heard of it. By 1828 the ruling faction in Mexico City feared that the liberal elements in Texas might attempt to gain independence, and being aware of the political philosophies of English-speaking Freemasons, the Mexican government outlawed Freemasonry on 25 October of that year. The following year, Austin called another meeting of Masons who, in an attempt to alleviate the fears of the Mexican government, decided it was "impolitic and imprudent, at this time, to form Masonic lodges in Texas."

In March 1835, five Master Masons met "in a little grove of peach or laurel" at the town of [Brazoria](#), "near a place known as General John Austin's," and resolved to petition Grand Master John H. Holland of the [Grand Lodge of Louisiana](#) asking for a dispensation to form a lodge in Texas. Foremost among these five Masons was [Anson Jones](#) who would later serve as Grand Master, and as President of the [Republic of Texas](#).

That charter, creating [Holland Lodge No. 1](#), was issued and signed on 27 January 1835. It was given to a Mr. John M. Allen, originally of Louisiana Lodge No. 32 to carry to Texas. Allen had been recruiting volunteers for the [Texas Army](#) in [New Orleans](#), and would not reach Texas until just before the [Battle of San Jacinto](#) on 21 April 1836.

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In the long run the product of a Mason is being a better man. There are surface methods like charity fund raising and volunteer service. There are less obvious methods like the memorization of proficiencies to break preconceptions about being unable to memorize. When you encounter a situation that you think you can't handle, remember that before you worked on your proficiencies you probably didn't think you could memorize.

At lodge the older guys try to set a good example for the younger guys. At lodge the younger guys try to follow the example of the older guys. It's an escalation of excellence that has almost nothing to do with our degrees.

Oh yes, yes have degrees, too. Those are more than just the background. But so many of us write so much about our ritual.

That's what I think about the products of our grand lodge, our lodge and ourselves. Have you considered that our lodge counts as a non-profit business?

Fraternal regards,
Doug Freyburger,
Junior Steward, Hill City Lodge 456

From the West

From the West (continued)

Brethren,

March is an important month for DeMolays everywhere for two reasons. First, it marks the anniversary of the founding of our order in 1919. And second, it marks the anniversary of the martyrdom of our namesake who was burned at the stake in 1314 in front of Notre Dame Cathedral for refusing to confess to false crimes and betray the trust his brethren in the Knight Templar reposed in him.

Over a million men have taken the obligation to be a DeMolay. Many include captains of industry, political leaders, military heroes, and other such stalwarts. Numerous Senior DeMolays are active in Hill City Lodge and throughout District 50, myself and the Worshipful Master included. In honor of the month of March, DeMolay Month, I would like to reprint an essay titled, "100 DeMolays."

Of any 100 young men who join DeMolay, five of those 100 will become Master Councilor of their DeMolay chapters. And at least one of them will later say that he valued that experience above his college degree. Eighty or more of the 100 will go on to complete some form of post-high school education.

Many of the 100 will find their vocation through other DeMolay involvement, such as Merit Bar work. DeMolay has produced a good number of men, who after serving as chaplain of their local chapters, went on to become ministers or pastors. Along those same lines, several of the 100 DeMolays will first be introduced to some form of organized religion by attending some church or temple through a chapter function.

Of any 100 young men who become a DeMolay, thirty will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure. But in later life, most of these will remember that

they have been in DeMolay and speak well of the program and the lessons it teaches.

Of any 100 DeMolays, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge or be in any trouble with the law. In fact, DeMolay produces a great many lawyers. And, although the percentages are not known, many of the 100 will join the military. Each of the 100 will learn something from DeMolay and most all will benefit from their association with the fraternity. Again, the percentages are not known, but a considerable number of the 100 will also go into the Masonic Lodge in later life. Of the 100 who join Masonry, many will serve as a head of one of the Masonic organizations.

A number of the 100 come from single parent families and look to their advisors (Masons) as positive role models. One out of the 100 will be awarded the rank and honor of Chevalier, the highest honor granted to an active DeMolay. Approximately sixteen of the 100 will value their time in DeMolay so much that they will "give back" to DeMolay by serving as an adult volunteer in later life.

Although only one out of every 1,000 young men in the United States, age 13 to 21, will join DeMolay, it is interesting to note that many of this nation's leaders in business, religion, and politics belonged to DeMolay in their teens. In fact, one out of every twelve State Governors is a Senior DeMolay and one out of every ten United States Senators is a Senior DeMolay.

One hundred DeMolays ... equals a high number of leaders.

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

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George David Bryan	Ernie T. French	Dell Laclair Martin, Jr.	William Keith Turner
	Carl W. Goericke	Ronald P. McDavid	

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, April 12th 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.