


# The HILL CITY LIGHT

April 2016

<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  2016</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>April 2016</b></p> <p>April 5 Stated Meeting          April 12 C Cert. Practice          Food Committee          April 19 Community Builder          Family Night          April 26 C Cert. Practice          April 27 MWSA Meeting</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>Men grow when inspired by a high purpose, when contemplating vast horizons. The sacrifice of oneself is not very difficult for one burning with the passion for a great adventure. This quote by Alexis Carrel best describes many of the great men I have met in Masonry. As I have made the journey of a traveling man on the path that has led me to the East, I have been mentored by many Masons. What separates these great men from the rest? It is simply their passion. Their passion to become better men and to make the Lodge a better place. These men give of their time, time that could very well be spent elsewhere. They give of themselves sacrificially, never asking for recognition, never giving excuses, just the knowing that they are contributing to Masonry, Hill City Lodge and to each member in our great fraternity. To these men who always put God first in their lives, it is easy to see the light and the sacrifice that you bring to Masonry.</p> <p>Hill City has so many things to offer a man who is willing to put forth the effort. My charge to each of you is find your strength and passion and move on it. God gave each of us so many gifts that we need to use. Great things never come from your comfort zone.</p> <p>On April 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be honoring Mr. Richard Bagdonas with the Community Builder Award, the high-</p>
<p><b>May 2016</b></p> <p>May 3 Stated Meeting          May 10 C Cert Training          Food Committee          May 14 Grand Lodge Called          Meeting – in Waco          May 17 Scholarship Award          Family Night          May 24 C Cert. Practice          May 31 C Cert. Practice</p>	
<p><b>June 2016</b></p> <p>June 7 Stated Meeting          Election of Officers          June 14 C Cert Training          Food Committee          June 21 Memorial Service</p>	

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<p>est award we can offer a non-Mason. Mr. Bagdonas went out of his comfort zone and created an organization, Operation Turkey that now feeds thousands of the homeless and Thanksgiving meal.</p> <p>On May 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be honoring an Austin Independent School district teacher and student with the Mirabeau B. Lamar Medal in recognition of outstanding personal achievement in academics, citizenship, and community service. As Mason's, we recognize that these young men and women are our future and want to make sure they have exposure to all things great in Masonry.</p> <p>The Community Builder Award and the Lamar Medal and Scholarship Awards are family nights at Hill City. This is our time to shine. This is our time to show the great things Masonry offers our community. Please come support Hill City and support the recognition of these fine men and women.</p> <p>This is your Lodge. Find your passion and run with it!!!</p> <p>Fraternally,  Chuck Stewart  Worshipful Master  Hill City Lodge 456 AF&amp;AM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Virtue – Badge, Idol or Ideal ?</b></p> <p>Has anyone around here heard “virtue” mentioned lately ?</p> <p>It is heard so often it fades into the background and may not be given much thought. Or, since it is connected to the degrees that we have all received, we likely think of having <i>achieved</i> a state of virtue, worn like our aprons as a “badge of a Mason”. Could we, or should we, consider other perspectives ?</p> <p>Virtuous behavior in the past is only history, even if it served to build our “edifice” and our reputation, and it does not automatically describe or govern today in our lives. The pursuit of virtue needs to be with us and alive every day as a conscious effort. But that too can become overdone.</p> <p>Have you ever seen someone try too hard at something ? Sometimes people can work so zealously at a meaningful pursuit that the mechanics of it and the demonstration of it overshadow the original reason and objective of the pursuit. It can become a game for which the score is being kept and “showing” virtue becomes its own idol carried and touted to all.</p> <p>It is better to focus one’s effort to be virtuous on the introspection and internal qualities Masonry teaches us. That is certainly less tiresome and more sustainable than flaunting it. As with all the ways that we better ourselves in Masonry, let us commit to actively practice virtue in our hearts. Doing that, aided by all the symbolic lessons available to us, virtue will inform our thinking and be applied to our behaviors as we remain focused on where we want to be. None of us will become absolutely virtuous. That job is already taken and we only human. We must keep calm balance in striving for the ideal and recognizing our weaknesses and fallibility. Tomorrow we will do better.</p> <p>“The goal is not always meant to be reached, but to serve as a mark for our aim.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>--Joseph Joubert</b></p> <p>Fraternally,  Don Jarrell, Junior Warden  Hill City Lodge 456</p>

## April 2016 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Operatic villains, often
6. Channels
10. Bomber letters
14. Roswell crash victim, supposedly
15. "The \_\_\_ of the Ancient Mariner"
16. Andean land
17. Marketing group
19. Cambodian currency
20. Shoreline problem
21. Magazine
23. Forum wear
25. Asian weight units
26. Cunning
30. Grief
33. Henry \_\_\_
34. Avid
35. "What's \_\_\_?"
38. It opens at nightfall
42. Cabernet, e.g.
43. Hotel offering
44. Kuwaiti, e.g.
45. String bean's opposite
46. Kind of test
48. African capital
51. Commuter line
53. More preferred
56. Meaningful
61. Bring on
62. Revolving spit
64. Brio
65. Good shot
66. "Halt!" to a salt
67. Immature herring
68. Bypass
69. Genitalia in the Kama Sutra

### Down

1. Bottom
2. Apple spray
3. Fodder holder
4. Attends
5. Undisturbed
6. Not right
7. Balloon filler
8. Pool site, maybe
9. Merlin, e.g.
10. Raise or erect
11. Angler's gear
12. "He's \_\_\_ nowhere man" (Beatles lyric)
13. At capacity
18. April honoree
22. Attack
24. Conversion gadget
26. Affirm
27. Bank of Paris
28. 20-20, e.g.
29. Flipper
31. Shrek, e.g.
32. "Fantasy Island" prop
34. Auspices
35. "Cheers" regular
36. Biblical birthright seller
37. Entanglements
39. Bartender on TV's Pacific Princess
40. Cashew, e.g.
41. Backstabber
45. Damon, to Pythias
46. "Hogwash!"
47. "Amen!"
48. Flu symptoms
49. Kind of dog
50. Reef material
52. Inclined
54. "Cogito \_\_\_ sum"
55. Study, say
57. The L of L-dopa
58. Persia, now
59. Not yet final, at law
60. Catches on
63. Clavell's "\_\_\_-Pan"

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### March 2016 Puzzle Solution

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## Community Builder Award

## Community Builder Award (cont'd)

The **Community Builder Award** was designed by the Grand Lodge Texas to enable our Lodge to recognize outstanding non-Masons who have distinguished themselves through their service to the community, to the local, state or national government, to their house of worship, or to humanity. Thus, the award is presented to individuals who, although they have never been initiated into Masonry, have followed the same precepts, ideals and standards that have been established for Masonic behavior.

The Community Builder Award is not necessarily designed to be given only to the obvious leaders of the community, those in the limelight, although they certainly must be considered. Often times the award is bestowed upon a man or woman who, year in and year out, quietly and without fanfare, show their devotion to their community and its people without the expectation of awards or honors.

This award is the highest award that a Masonic lodge can bestow on someone outside its membership, to recognize with deep appreciation unselfish efforts to build a better world for us all, and to more fully exemplify that spirit of the Brotherhood of Man, under the Fatherhood of God.

### **Mr. Richard Bagdonas**

Hill Lodge #456 is honored and privileged to present the Community Builder Award to Mr. Richard Bagdonas. Mr. Bagdonas has been building technology and service companies for over 25 years with a focus on healthcare and hospitality integration since the early 2000's, but he is far more than a technology creator.

To be sure, Mr. Bagdonas' technical career has had major impact in and beyond Austin. Back to 1987, the companies he has founded and grew include Voicer Technologies, SubtleData, SpeedMenu, Remote Operations, Mahana (acquired by Crunchtime last year) and several others. The jobs created by these companies and the wave he has created of innovation, productivity and leadership through the rest of the technology, healthcare and hospitality industries amounts to serving and building a rather large *community*, but it doesn't stop there.

Mr. Bagdonas created a national phenomenon on Thanksgiving in 2000 that began with his feeding a single, homeless person in Austin a warm, Thanksgiving meal. Since then, the organization has grown to tens of thousands of volunteers serving meals in 5 states. This year the organization will feed 40,000 homeless individuals in our community and others. Mr. Bagdonas remains involved in promoting this activity and inspiring the thousands of volunteers as Operation Turkey's Chairman and Executive Director Emeritus.

For those who have the blessing of knowing Mr. Bagdonas personally, and enjoying one of his famous hugs, it is easy to tell that he is one of the most genuinely caring people one might ever meet.

Please come and join us on April 19 at the Lodge for a great meal, presentation of the 2016 Community Builder Award, and to honor Mr. Mr. Bagdonas for all of his efforts in our community.

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

## Masonic Funeral Ritual

## From the West

Will you miss your own Brother's funeral ?

All Master Masons have a final step, a step that when it arrives is the final gift we can reward you with. It is also the final gift You can give to your loved ones and to the Fraternity you are so proud to have been a part of.

Let your family and your Lodge Secretary how you wish that final step to proceed. I will try my best to be there and to solemnly perform the Masonic Graveside Service if that is your wish, but I sincerely hope you will also be there for me to show how loved and how proud we are to be a part of the world's most renowned fraternity.

If you have not yet attended a Masonic Service, you have missed one of our Brother's wishes that you come to celebrate and support a life well lived. Hill City has a funeral call list that will inform you if a Brother's service is within a cable tow's length, and if you wish to be added, let our Secretary know and if you will, please call others who may also want to be there for us and the family.

Masons don't have many public displays of our ceremonial work, and many will be introduced to the fraternity via this final wish you make. I can tell you that I am often approached after a service with statements and questions about Masonry, and that this is the first time they have seen anything like this. To see Masons arrive and follow the casket in formation, and lay the evergreen, is outstanding when the numbers are many. I know that you may have reasons you cannot attend, but I also know that many will attend if they only know they are summoned, and to this end, let your wishes be known.

Kent Dawson Kinkade P.M.  
Hill City No. 456, AF&AM

Brethren,

It is your Senior Warden's delight to announce that our lodge, combined, met our 2015-2016 goal to volunteer 1,000 hours in the community. As of Stated Meeting, April 5, 2016, our lodge donated 1,108.25 hours to the community. This does not mean we should rest on our laurels, but continue to donate your time and energy back into your communities.

Below is our effort for the Masonic year to date:

<u>Brother</u>	<u>Number of Hours</u>
John Baylor	450
Ken Nichols	187.5
Chuck Stewart	72
Philippe Dewailly	52
Charles Jackson	48
Lee Kinser	24.5
Charles Maddox	8
Oscar Orum	35
Robert Eschenburg	55
David Damewood	4
Garnett Damewood	3
Bob Wheelless	38
Robert Andrews	131.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108.25</b>

If you donated any number of hours to your community and do not see them listed, please notify me or the secretary so we can properly record them. Remember, as you continue to record hours, also record your mileage. This is a requirement for the Grand Lodge on our annual reports.

Next year, I will ask that our lodge achieve 1,500 hours of service in our community. Given the commitment I have seen from the lodge these past two years, I have no doubt we will hit this mark with ease.

Thank you again for your service brothers!

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

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## **Food Committee for June 7<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**

Bobbie Neal Atkinson	Donald Ray Francis	Larry Gene Miller	Archie William Scott
Gerard M. Brohman	Elbert I Franks	Christopher Chad Montey	George Frances Vanderhule, Jr.
Bernard R Burk	Watt P. Gee	Edwin Veniece Morrison	David Lynn Von Ohlen
Roberto M. Cantu, Jr.	Brandon Dean Jenkins	Robert Vernon Myers, Jr.	Konrad Johannes Waldhauser
Clarence Lynn Cossey	Harold D Jobs	Earl Douglas Robertson	Robert A. Weissman
Billy Don Edmondson	Leslie Eugene Law	James Wallace Roby	Jason Dean White

**Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, May 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.