


The HILL CITY LIGHT

May 2016

2014 - 2015 Lodge Officers	<p style="text-align: center;">Hill City No. 456 A.F. & A.M. Chartered June 10th, 1876</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Austin Scottish Rite Theater & Museum Lavaca St. at 18th St., Austin, Texas Mail: P.O. Box 1456, Austin, TX 78767-1456 Phone: (512) 655-9858 Email: secretary@hillcitylodge.org Website: www.hillcitylodge.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Subscribe to receive Lodge email communications on website)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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>
Work Schedule	From the East
<p style="text-align: center;">May 2016</p> <p>May 3 Stated Meeting</p> <p>May 10 C Cert Training Food Committee</p> <p>May 14 Grand Lodge Called Meeting – in Waco</p> <p>May 17 Scholarship Award Family Night</p> <p>May 24 C Cert. Practice</p> <p>May 31 C Cert. Practice</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>Socrates once stated that “The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.” I have spent this Masonic year surrounded by great men who have given much time and energy to ensure Hill City Lodge continues to look to the future. I have seen my Brothers come together for the common good of our Fraternity. I feel, hear and see a bond of Brotherly Love that has pulled us all together as one body. This Brotherhood takes hard work, commitment, sacrifice, forgiveness and a deep love for the craft. These servant leaders are the foundation by which Hill City Lodge will continue to grow and continue to build better men.</p> <p>During our May Stated Meeting, Past Masters Larry Miller, J.D. Lafosse and Scrappy King brought an outstanding charitable idea to the floor. I was extremely moved by the passion our Brother’s brought in sharing their idea to bring all Central Texas Masons together to create an endowment to the Dell Children’s Hospital. These three men have been working behind the scenes with Dell’s Children’s Hospital for many years. Each has a bond to the hospital that most of us are aware of and have prayed for. The Dell’s Children’s Hospital serves the children, parents, grandparents and our community. We as Masons share the same giving vales. We now have the</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">June 2016</p> <p>June 7 Stated Meeting Election of Officers</p> <p>June 14 C Cert. Training Food Committee</p> <p>June 21 Memorial Service</p> <p>June 28 Installation of Officers Family Night</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">July 2016</p> <p>July 5 Stated Meeting</p> <p>July 12 Fellowcraft Practice Food Committee</p> <p>July 19 Master’s Practice</p> <p>July 26 Family Night</p>	

From the East (cont'd)

opportunity serve, be charitable and let others know of some of the good work that is being done by Hill City and all Central Texas Masons. Harry Truman said it best: It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit. Thank you my Brothers for your hard work and determination in bringing this opportunity to Masonry.

On May 17, 2016 we will hold our Scholarship Award Presentation. We will award 6 highly acclaimed Austin Independent School District students with a well-deserved scholarship. We will also honor the top student with the Mirabeau B. Lamar Award for Excellence in Education. This presentation will honor the students as well as their parents and highlight Hill City's commitment to a bright future by assisting these students and families in fulfilling their dream of a higher education to the school of their choice. Please plan to join Hill City for this celebration of knowledge.

My Brothers, there are many things to do for the good of Masonry and for the good of the world. Each one of us took the same obligation. It is up to every Mason to give back. To use the Light that has been given you for good and noble purposes. Find your passion and find your purpose. Make your actions inspire others to do more and become more. It is your opportunity to leave a great legacy.

This is your Lodge. Find your passion and run with it!!!

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

From the South

Physics at Work in the Lodge

At the recent Past Masters meeting, someone used the word "disarray" to describe the Lodge, relative to it functioning as he saw it. We don't need to identify the person who said it, or debate the accuracy of the assessment. But if that perception is widely held, or might be considered accurate, let's consider the solution for it as described in ... physics.

In physics, things that interact in certain ways are called "systems" and, according to the notion of *entropy*, all systems naturally tend toward a state of disorder or disarray. Continuing in the vein of physics, resisting that tendency toward disarray – or certainly reversing it – requires two things: one or more organizing principles and energy. I think most would agree that we in the Craft and in the Lodge have sufficient organizing principles in Masonic law, landmarks, traditions and so forth. That leaves one simple thing – energy. We are not talking about the *theoretical* energy in the hearts and minds that the Brethren say they **would** contribute. We do have a relative few number of Brothers in the Lodge that regularly contribute their energy by showing up and looking for, or asking about, things to do to help the Lodge. Even better are those who imagine a bigger, better condition for the Lodge and come up with ideas and action, and engage with the Brothers, to actually, really, make something happen. Brothers, we each have a choice. According to each Brother's cable tow, we either contribute energy or watch as entropy takes its toll on the Lodge.

Contact your Lodge Officers or Past Masters. All Officer email addresses and phone number are on the website (About | Lodge Officers). If you don't "do" websites, call me (512 289-3986) or Brother Secretary Oscar Orum (512 529-0414) and tell us what you want to do or what you are willing to do. Talk to other Brothers in our Lodge. Get something going. Make a choice. Growth and progress or disarray.

Fraternally,
Don Jarrell, Junior Warden
Hill City Lodge 456

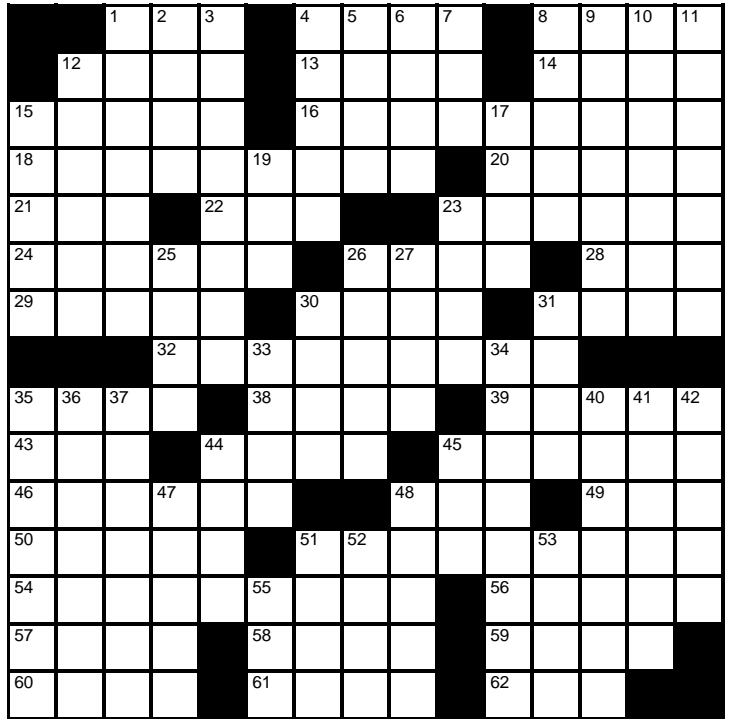
May 2016 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. "For shame!"
4. Hate group
8. "Hamlet" has five
12. Island brew
13. 100 cents
14. Links rental
15. Edmonton hockey player
16. Can be used in a cooking recipe
18. Minnesota City
20. About to explode
21. Kind of rule
22. Airline's home base
23. Waste time frolicking
24. Basra residents
26. Breezy
28. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
29. Birchbark
30. "Not to mention ..."
31. Coaster
32. Before takeoff
35. Allergic reaction
38. Honoree's spot
39. Kind of board
43. "Cool" amount
44. "Fudge!"
45. Associate
46. Wreath for the head
48. ___ Master's Voice
49. ___ Appia
50. Often used by the worshipful Master
51. blandly urbane
54. Rather obvious
56. Circumference
57. Some deer
58. Fasten
59. Chooses, with "for"
60. "No problem!"
61. a fish measure
62. Functioned as

Down

1. Afghan power
2. Beehive, e.g.
3. More practical
4. Meal on skewer
5. Hilo feast
6. Husk
7. "Smoking or ___?"
8. Mites
9. Nina for example
10. Musical interval
11. Ready
12. New Zealander's Greeting
15. Acid used to stain microscopes slides
17. Like a bog
19. Sign of infection
23. Jumper
25. Hebrew letter
26. Beat
27. Egyptian fertility goddess
30. Way, way off
31. Ticket leftover
33. ___ cheese
34. Slammer
35. Printer components
36. Ratite bird
37. Harpsichord, e.g.
40. Flips
41. Building supports
42. Discompose
44. Drop
45. Aids cause
47. Crowded
48. Mozart contemporary
51. Ado
52. Arm bone
53. Asiatic palm tree
55. "ER" network



April 2016 Puzzle Solution



Cathedrals

Although it is not known how lodges became completely speculative, it is known that Grand Lodge speculative Masonry evolved out of the guilds of operative Masons who had built the cathedrals. Somewhere along the line our forbearers went from building that house made with hands to building that house not made with hands.

The story of Masonry was well under way by the time Gothic cathedrals were constructed. The style of churches before Gothic was Romanesque. Romanesque cathedrals used circular Roman arches and carefully squared thick walls. The geometry used in Romanesque architecture is comparatively simple.

The advent of Gothic architecture involved a number of advances, some of which have since been lost. In modern times we use calculus to describe and analyse Gothic structures, yet they were built centuries before calculus was invented. The Masons who built the Gothic cathedrals must have used sophisticated geometric methods no longer known. These methods were taught in an apprenticeship system that kept secrets. I suspect that the third degree teaches the danger of keeping secrets in this manner.

Think of the type of arch used in Gothic architecture. It is a truncated arch with a peak at the top. The peak serves as a keystone that holds the arch together so it does not suffer the slow decay problem of the Roman circular arch. It also allows the Gothic arch to be much taller than the Roman arch. Gothic buildings are collections of Gothic arches of various sizes filled with delicate curved walls and coloured glass.

Next, think of the many levels of Gothic buildings. The outer layer is half arches that are short. Then there are layer after layer of progressively taller arches until we reach the central arch. The balance of each tier is very exacting to offset sideways forces.

Gothic cathedrals were built by skilled craftsmen who were taught in layers of apprenticeship connected by religion. Gothic cathedrals were built of layered half arches connected by colored windows and thin walls. Gothic cathedrals were built of cross upon cross, number upon number, symbol upon symbol.

That's what I think of when I ask myself what that house made with hands was. What do you think was made with hands?

Fraternal regards,
Doug Freyburger Junior Steward
Hill City Lodge 456 AF&AM

The Great Light in Masonry

The Holy Bible is the Great Light in Freemasonry and upon it rests the Square and Compasses in every lodge. As such, the Holy Bible represents the foundation of the work of Freemasonry. The Bible is central to the work of the Freemason as he works to develop his moral and spiritual self according to the symbolism of the Square and Compasses.

The Holy Bible is the source of enlightenment that all Freemasons should seek. Open upon the Altar, its rays of truth, faith, and hope radiate outward throughout the lodge room, symbolically representing the will of God pouring forth upon the world. The spirit of the Bible, its faith and its attitude toward life and man's relationship to God.

Faith in God is the cornerstone of Freemasonry so it is only natural that the book, which presents to us the truth of God, should be our rule and guide to our faith and practice. Upon no other foundation can man build his moral and spiritual edifice with any sense of security and permanence in preparation for the hereafter. Within the Holy Bible, the unity, righteousness and spirituality of God is revealed and within its pages moral truth is stored to light the mind and warm the heart of man.

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 introduce 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

What a Long Strange Trip It's Been...

Ten years ago, I asked a question, a very simple question: How do I become a mason? In fact, I asked my father many years prior to that when I asked him about the strange ring inside a clear pyramid sitting on his desk at home, but the first time I could receive a satisfactory answer was ten years ago. Ten years: a decade. My initiation as an Entered Apprentice was in May 2006.

In those ten years, I've taken more than a few vows, the most important of which was with my wife before God and our friends and family in June of last year. I've received an education within the craft, at university, and in life that few can ever have. In fact, I firmly believe in the maxim: the more I learn, the more I realize how much I don't know.

Perhaps the greatest lesson I've learned to date is, while I can accomplish some things on my own, I cannot accomplish all things. Most of the time, I've found myself asking for help: my wife for a science-based question, my parents on a life lesson, a Past Grand Master or two to make a phone call for a job, in nearly all aspects of my life, I've had to ask for help. And perhaps that is the greatest lesson I've learned in my decade in the lodge: the necessity that I cannot do all things myself, and that I need help. The wealth of experience and knowledge available in the lodge, Hill City especially, is truly awe-inspiring.

Hill City is a lodge that is only as good as its members, especially those who participate. I know that in the coming year, I will be reaching out to you in one form or another, for assistance. I ask that you contribute what you can, when you can, how you can. Hill City is a magnificent lodge, and we have challenges just like every other lodge. But it's in our membership that we will be able to overcome those problems, and truly enjoy the trip together!

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

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Food Committee for July 5th Stated Meeting

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Kirk Broaddus	Clive Noil Hartsfield, III	Billy Bob Long	Charles James Stewart
Edward Andrew Carr, Jr.	Marvin Marion Henry	Nicholas Sammons Maulding	Otto William Thiele
Patrick Ryan Carroll	Stanford Walter Henson	Lester Lewis Munson	Joseph Edmund Touchet
Robert Ammann Cullen, Jr.	Sammy Edward Henson	Douglas Gene Peschka	Wilbur Robert Valentine
Aaron Spencer Evans	Bryan Patrick Jordan	William Wendell Reynolds	Shirley Drace Williams, II
Charles Henry Field, Jr.	James Edward Jordan	Eugene Evans Rhemann	Roy Leo Wolff
	Olan Arthur Kelley, Jr.	Joe Raymond Sanchez	

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, June 14th 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.