


The HILL CITY LIGHT

June 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;">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>Brethren,</p> <p>What an honor it is to serve. What a blessing it is to serve as Worshipful Master of Hill City Lodge No. 456. I received so much more than I gave. I learned so much more than I taught. I was able to work side by side with some of the best men I have ever known. I witnessed men growing in their leadership skills as they themselves travel to the East. I was able to work with men who give sacrificially of their time strengthening the foundation of our Lodge. The foundation that every Worshipful Master builds upon from the work of the men who have come before him. One hundred-forty years in the making, Hill City's foundation is strong, built on solid ground, a foundation that has stood the true test of time.</p> <p>I would like to thank my line of officers. Men who put in countless hours behind the scenes to make sure Hill City lived up to its traditions and high standards. These men are the future of Hill City. I am very proud of my brothers and the work they accomplished. I will support you in every Masonic endeavor moving forward. I know and the lodge knows that it was each of you that did the heavy lifting, the ones to whom I give all the credit for such a great year. Thank you for your work ethic, integrity, perseverance, and commitment to the Masonic values that drove Hill City to live up to our vision and obligation.</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>	
<p style="text-align: center;">August 2016</p> <p>August 2 Stated Meeting</p> <p>August 9 EA Esoteric Practice Food Committee</p> <p>August 16 Fellowcraft Practice</p> <p>August 23 York Rite Education</p> <p>August 30 Family Night</p>	

From the East (cont'd)**From the West**

A very special thank you to all the Past Masters. Men who lead by example. Men who I call my Brothers and my mentors. I asked a lot from each of you this year. I pushed many of you past any normal man's breaking point. No matter who I asked or what I asked, I always received a yes. Not only was the task completed, but it was done far above my original expectations. The bar for Worshipful is high, the bar for Past Master, is higher. You have all taught me that learning never ends, giving never ends and Brotherly Love never ends. It is my hope that you all keep me close and push me to greater heights. You are all shining examples of great Masons who continually live your life according to the Great Light in Masonry, The Holy Bible.

It is up to us to continue the climb. We have a new set of officers that will be installed at the end of this month. My hope and prayer is that each member of Hill City gives our new officers the same respect and determination that you all graciously gave to me. With the help of the entire Lodge and the direction of the new Worshipful Master, the sky is the limit.

Thank you very much for allowing me to serve this Lodge. I am very proud of this Masonic year, I am very proud of all my Hill City Brothers, and I am very proud to be a Mason.

God Bless each of you for your service and commitment to Hill City Lodge No. 456.

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

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for the vote of confidence you gave me at the June Stated Meeting to be your Worshipful Master for 2016-17 year. I will continue to vindicate the trust you repose in me, as I have these past eight years as an officer of Hill City Lodge. Like my predecessors before me, I will have an open door, so please feel free to contact me with ideas or suggestions. And, like my predecessors, I will continue to raise the bar of service and leadership at Hill City.

Having been a Past Deputy State Master Councilor in DeMolay, a past presiding officer in four different Masonic Bodies, and a past presiding officer of numerous civic and educational groups, I hope to bring surfeit experience to the membership of Hill City Lodge. No problem is too large that we cannot solve, no hole too big that we cannot get out. We have the tools, we just need the hands.

As such, a lodge's term is only as good as its active membership. We have plenty of seats at the Stated Meetings; outside activities that need volunteers; cooks are always welcome in the kitchen. This is YOUR lodge brethren. My goal is not to just make this the best year in Hill City's 141-year history, not just to make us the best lodge in District-50, but the best lodge in the whole damned state! I need your participation and your support to do it.

Emily and I invite you, your family, your friends, your neighbors, and anyone, to the 141st Installation of Officers on Tuesday, June 28, at 7:30 PM. R.W. Jerry Kirby, Deputy Grand Master will serve as the Installing Officer. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM.

And of course, we would love to see you at the July Stated Meeting. I thank those brethren who come regularly, the lodge would not be where it is today because of you. I earnestly invite those brethren who haven't been by in a while to come on back, we'd love to hear from you. And those brethren who can only attend in spirit, we thank you for your well wishes, and want to hear how you're doing.

Fraternally,
 Charles E. Maddox, Worshipful Master-Elect
 Hill City No. 456 AF&AM

Origins of Hill City Lodge

The Origins of Hill City Lodge No. 456 A. F. & A. M., taken from the "History of Hill City Lodge from its Constitution on June 19, 1876 to St. John's Day, June 24, 1919"

During the year 1875, the desire to have another Masonic Lodge located in Austin began to take definite form and early in 1876 this movement culminated in the resolve to petition the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for a charter for a new Lodge.

The petition was accordingly drawn up and dated on February 7, 1876 and was signed by 21 Master Masons who constituted the Charter Members of Hill City Lodge, No. 456. The following is a true copy of this petition:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas:

We, the undersigned, being Master Masons in good standing and having the prosperity of the Craft at heart and anxious to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of freemasonry,

And for the convenience of our respective dwellings, and for further reasons:

First: Because there are belonging to Austin Lodge, No. 12, a much larger membership that can conveniently work in one Lodge.

Second: Because experience has fully demonstrated that by having more than one Lodge, there is produced a healthy competition and emulation, not in any way subversive of the true principles of Masonry, and by which the best results are obtained.

Third: Because there are many good and zealous Master Masons in the City of Austin and vicinity, hitherto unaffiliated, who, for the above and other good reasons have expressed a desire to become members of a new Lodge; but who will not affiliate with the old.

Origins of Hill City Lodge (continued)

For the above reasons we are desirous of forming a new Lodge, to be named "HILL CITY LODGE"

We therefore, respectfully pray for a charter empowering us to meet at...in the City of Austin, Texas, on the ...in the month of...A.D. 1876 and regularly thereafter and there to discharge the duties of Ancient Craft Masonry in a constitutional manner according to the forms of the order and the laws of the Grand Lodge. And we have nominated and do recommend Brother W. G. Thomas to be the first Master, Brother R. M. Swearingen to be the first Senior Warden and Brother J. A. Sink to be the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge.

The prayer of the petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the Laws and regulation of the Grand Lodge.

Austin, Texas

February 7, 1876

This matter came up before the M. W. Grand Lodge of Texas at its next communication held in Houston in the month of June 1876, with the result that a charter was granted and issued under date of June 10, 1876.

Hill City Lodge, No. 456 was opened for the first time in the Lodge room occupied by Austin Lodge No. 12, in the brick building at 700 Congress Avenue. This first meeting was held on June 19, 1876 and the Lodge was then constituted and the officers installed by Deputy Grand Master Norton Moses, assisted by District Deputy Grand Master J.W. Hannig.

From the South

Stations, Gates and Keys

As we come to the close of a Masonic year, my thoughts have focused on the progression of the principal officers in what some have called the “Eastward journey”. We have already talked about how being an active part of the Lodge, especially progressing through the line of officers, is a large Masonic learning experience building up to serving in the principal offices. In addition to referring to the South, West and East as “stations”, we will recall that they were also the locations, in King Solomon’s Temple, of “gates”, and they are treated as such in the degrees. During the degrees, we consider the circumambulation to represent introspection and should note that the progression of the officers follows that same path and direction. What might we then consider to be the symbolic keys, or rites of passage, obtained through introspection, for each of those gates in the officers’ progression? While I am certainly no authority, allow me to share some thoughts.

Two of the most important functions of the Junior Warden are to lead the Lodge in Masonic Education – which helps the Brethren **build and expand** their Masonic edifice - and to attend to Masonic law on behalf of the Lodge – which **restricts and conforms** the individual and collective behavior of the Brethren to that which defines a Mason, the Lodge and the Craft in best form. Many Masons will understand the need for **equilibrium** between those major influences as the foundation for leadership among the Brethren of the Lodge. Perhaps that is one of the keys in moving from the South to the West.

The Senior Warden regularly acknowledges his primary responsibility to “assist the Worshipful Master”, but even more importantly it is to *become* the Master of the Lodge, emulating the best leadership

From the South (continued)

demonstrated by the current Master and yet **striving** to do better. For a full year, the Senior Warden has the same lengthwise view of the entire Lodge, almost exactly like, but the **mirror image** of, the view that the Master has of the Lodge. With a focused gaze upon the Master sitting in the East, along the line of emanation of the Great Light toward the East, the Senior Warden has the best view of the Master’s example and guidance by which to **prepare himself** and plan for his year in the East. Throughout his year in the West, he constantly bears the responsibility to fill in *as* the Master, when needed, as a demonstration of his **preparation**. Perhaps that is one of the keys in moving from the West to the East.

Sitting in the East may be thought of as the culmination of the education that is the Eastward journey and that the Master has completed the journey. But, just as being a **Past Master** is the requirement of being a full individual member of the Grand Lodge, so is it the position of being a **fellow** of the Craft, having experienced the full progression of the line of officers. And so it is that the East gate is opened to him who is “duly and truly prepared” during the course of his year in the East. What then has the Master to **learn** during his year? Every Past Master who has shared with me their personal and best views of Masonry has several rich answers to that. From those stories I have assimilated a composite. The Master holds the gavel representing absolute power. In a good year, the Master learns when **it must be used** and how to preside **using it only then**. That is true leadership and is truly one of the keys in moving through the East gate.

“The higher we are placed, the more humbly we should walk.” **--Marcus Tullius Cicero**

Fraternally,
Don Jarrell, Junior Warden
Hill City Lodge 456

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Food Committee for August 2nd Stated Meeting

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Charles E. Bryant	Roger Lee Gunter	Raymond Clifford Mathews, Jr.	Todd Malcolm Smith
John C Burkhardt	Lawrence Ray House	Jim Conway McLendon	Eulojio Rodriguez Sosa
Austin L. Conquest	Thomas Ray Jackson	Charles Henry Meyer, Jr.	Carl Larry Templeton
Garnett David Damewood, Sr	Edelmiro Jimenez	Curtis Montgomery	Roy Emil Van Zandt
Warren Pierce Darnell	Robert Wade Jones, Jr.	Joe McCoy Moore, Jr.	James Gordon Wilson
Philippe Paul Dewailly	James Russell Lafosse	John A. Murphy	Garvid H. Wilson, Jr.
Raymond Lewis Etter, Jr.	Ralph Emerson Layne	Jason Scott Mutchler	Alma Monger Woodward, Jr.

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, July 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.