


The HILL CITY LIGHT

July 2016

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<p>Work Schedule</p>	<p>From the East</p>
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<p>July 2016</p> <p>July 5 Stated Meeting July 12 EA Practice Food Committee July 19 EA Practice July 26 MWSA-50 Meeting</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>A new Masonic Year always reminds me of a new calendar year. We always start off with so much energy, a sense of rebirth and renewal. We recommit ourselves to the new officers, especially in the public declaration at the Installation of Officers.</p> <p>At the start of a new calendar year, it is always customary to make a New Year's Resolution: a public pledge wherein we promise to change something about ourselves. Trying to lose some of the holiday weight, throwing out all the junk we've accumulated, go to church more often; all examples of New Year's Resolutions. But how many of us have a New Masonic Year Resolution?</p> <p>We all joined Masonry because we all are, at our cores, good men, seeking to be better; we are the unfinished pyramid on the obverse of the Great Seal of the United States. But for some, as our masonic tenures progress, may begin to slack on our obligations, perhaps forgetting some of the lessons inculcated in our rituals.</p> <p>Therefore, I ask you to join me in a resolution for this New Masonic Year (2016-17). Reread some of the works out there about Masonry (Esoterica, Morals and Dogma, Lightfoot's</p>
<p>August 2016</p> <p>August 2 Stated Meeting August 9 EA Esoteric Practice Food Committee August 16 Fellowcraft Practice August 23 York Rite Education August 30 Family Night</p>	
<p>September 2016</p> <p>September 6 Stated Meeting September 13 EA Esoteric Practice Food Committee September 20 Shrine Education September 27 Family Night 50 Year Awards</p>	

From the East (cont'd)

Manual, etc.); reacquaint yourself with the positive aspects of Masonry and of life, seeking to help others and each other rather than sitting on the sides and negatively critiquing; if you haven't been to lodge in a while, perhaps returning and participating in some of the discussions regarding our messages, symbolism, and mysteries.

And don't forget about individual community service. Since setting an annual goal two years ago, Hill City has met the combined Community Service Hours commitment each year. This year, I hope, is no exception. I challenge the membership of Hill City lodge to complete 1,500 hours of community service for the 2016-17 Masonic Year. Remember to report your hours and the mileage you traveled to the community service, from the community service, and during, if applicable, to our Senior Warden, Oscar Orum. Community service hours are a great way to reacquaint yourself with your neighbors, and hopefully spread the Hill City name. If we're lucky, a good man will become interested in Masonry and will ask you how to join.

I hope you will take this opportunity to reaffirm the vows you have taken as a Mason, and recommit yourself to this magnificent fraternity we are members of!

Thank you again by electing me Worshipful Master of your lodge. Working together, we will make Hill City the best lodge in the State!

Fraternally,
Charles E. Maddox, Worshipful Master
Hill City No. 456 AF&AM
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From the West

How long has it been since you attended Lodge? What would get you interested, again? Hill City wants to see an increase in attendance both at our called and stated meetings. Remember the warm feeling and enjoyment lodge brought when you were among the brethren? It calls to my mind the story a Past Grand Master of Oregon, Elbert Bede told over 70 years ago. If, I might paraphrase, somewhat.

Remembering the cordiality which he was generally greeted within lodge reminded him of an incident in the life of Count Tolstoy, the Russian writer who lived nearly 200 years ago, and was believed to have been a Freemason in the time of the czars.

The Count was accosted by a beggar in the streets. Tolstoy searched his clothes but despite his best efforts was unable to find anything to contribute. He then addressed the beggar: "Brother, I hope you are not angry with me because I can find no coin." The trace of a smile crept to the face of the beggar. A dim light came into his eyes. He responded, "You called me 'brother' and *that* was a great blessing".

We petitioned our fraternity for many different reasons but I know of no place that gives that warmth and acceptance than that of a masonic lodge. That is a feeling that I have enjoyed for 55 years. I was inactive for few years following a move from Houston to Austin. I kept up my dues but failed in my lodge attendance. Always realizing that something was missing and really knowing what it was. I had fallen out of the habit of attending Lodge. I started attending regularly and here 35 years later am still invigorated. Would you give coming to lodge within the next month a chance? Supper is served at 6:30 and Lodge is opened at 7:30pm. I truly wish you to come and shake hands with me, my brother. I guarantee you will leave a happier man because you were among brethren.

Fraternally,
Oscar Orum, Senior Warden
Hill City No. 456 AF&AM

July 2016 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Eat like a bird
5. Indian state
10. ___ stick (incense)
14. Brio
15. Biological groupings
16. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
17. Watering hole?
19. Kind of phone
20. Parting words
21. Coal bunker opening
23. Certain digital watch face, for short
24. "Losing My Religion" rock group
26. Clavell's "___-Pan"
27. Inattentive disposition
33. AM/FM device
36. Young dragonfly
37. Ring bearer, maybe
38. Mosque V.I.P.
39. Leveling tools
40. In need of resupply, maybe
41. Cal. col.
42. Antipasto morsel
43. Disgrace
44. Catharellus cibarius
47. A hand
48. Appetite
49. Criticize, slangily
52. Thanksgiving time
57. Compliance
59. Kennel cry
60. Will not budge
62. On the safe side, at sea
63. Corner
64. Crust-forming rock
65. Go through
66. Tonne millionths
67. Eye affliction

Down

1. Kind of code
2. Say "Li'l Abner," say
3. Fox or wolf
4. "Trick" joint
5. High points
6. "___ Cried" (1962 hit)
7. Harmony
8. A chorus line
9. Hindu sages
10. Goes with Boaz
11. Sundae topper, perhaps
12. Pie perch
13. Ad headline
18. Engine supercharger
22. Bet
25. Standing stone
27. Order between "ready" and "fire"
28. Green
29. Seasonable
30. "Agreed!"
31. Benjamin Disraeli, e.g.
32. Stylish
33. Computer architecture acronym
34. Asian nurse
35. Computer info
39. Winter sport
40. Greyhound, e.g.
42. "Miss ___ Regrets"
43. Taste, e.g.
45. Acted as an informant
46. Checks out
49. Ledger entry
50. Dental filling
51. Commemorative marker
52. Alpine transport
53. Fit
54. Carbamide
55. Gulf V.I.P.
56. Pool site, maybe
58. Back talk
61. Electrical unit

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June 2016 Puzzle Solution

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That house made with imagination – Republics

It is not known how far back lodges have been electing their own leaders, but it was long before that happened in governments.

Somewhere along the line our forbearers went from electing their own leaders to national governments electing their own leaders.

When people refer to Masonic conspiracies the origin of the idea may have come from the many revolutions of the mid-1700s though the mid-1800s that led to republics around the world. Very many of those revolutions had Free Masons prominently involved.

At the foundation of the Grand Lodge system in 1717 it was a new idea that groups could elect their own leaders. Now the idea is common across more than half of the world. Thank you, our Masonic forbearers for that.

At the foundation of the Grand Lodge system in 1717, free practice of religion was unknown. But at the time there was recent memory of people being killed for refusing to convert when the latest King or Queen told them to. The system of not discussing religion was a huge innovation.

Free Masonry teaches freedom. No wonder so many revolutionaries have been Brothers.

Free Masonry teaches elections. No wonder those revolutions with Free Masons prominently involved had been among the few that resulted in better governments after the revolutions.

Keep teaching freedom, fervency and zeal because they help us to achieve many types of houses. Some in this world and some not in this world.

When I hear about that house not made with hands, I think about many types of variation like this. What others can you think of?

Fraternal regards,
Doug Freyburger PM Senior Steward

Officer and Brother Brent Thompson

On Thursday July 7, 2016, DART Police Officer and Brother **Brent Thompson** was killed in the line of duty during a Dallas, Texas police ambush. Brother Thompson was a Police Officer for the Dallas Transit Police Department and a Master Mason (member of Corsicana Lodge No. 174 in Corsicana). His death marks the first time a DART officer has been killed in the line of duty. Brother Thompson joined DART police in 2009, according to the transit agency, which established a police department in 1989. Military records indicate that Brother Thompson served in the Marines during the early 1990s and then graduated from the Navarro College Police Academy in 1997, according to a spokeswoman for the school, which is located in Corsicana, Texas.

Before he joined the transit force, Brother Thompson spent nearly five years working for DynCorp International, an American private military contractor, as an international police liaison officer in Iraq and Afghanistan. He supervised American police officers who were training and mentoring Iraqi officers, including in Baghdad, Basra and the country’s north. He had also been based in Afghanistan, in Helmand and Kandahar Provinces.

Brother Thompson leaves behind a wife, several children, and numerous family members. If you like, an online fund has been set up at the following link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/2debdfk4>.

These donations will support the family in this tragic event.

(Parts of this obituary were taken from the New York Times and the Dallas Morning News)

Fraternally,
Charles E. Maddox, Worshipful Master
Hill City Lodge No. 456

From the South

Our first Stated Meeting of the new Masonic year went off without a hitch. I would like to thank the Stewards for a well prepared and tasty roast beef dinner. They have set a high bar.

The Stewards and I discussed reaching out to our members whose names are on the food committee. In years past these brothers have greatly aided the setup and preparation of the meals. An additional result of this “asking” is a greater amount of fellowship in the kitchen and perhaps a rekindling of attendance at the Stated Meetings.

The Worshipful Master *asked* me to deliver a topic for Masonic enlightenment. I chose to talk about the principal tenets of our profession: brotherly love, relief and truth. These tenets are in the Monitor Of The Lodge on page 33-34 of the 2012 revised edition.

Briefly, Brotherly Love teaches us that the entire human race is one. We all breathe the same air and we all die. It doesn't hurt to be nice to each other. To relieve really means to care about each other: to empathize, to sympathize, to be there when a friend or brother needs a helping hand or an attentive ear. “To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry...while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us, sincerity and plain-dealing distinguish us, and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare and rejoicing is each other's prosperity.” If the truth be known not very many of us are truly truthful, myself included.

Once again I would like to express my thanks to all 456ers for allowing me to serve as your Junior Warden.

Fraternally,
Bob Wheelless, Junior Warden
Hill City Lodge, No. 456

Obituaries

Carl William Goericke

EA 5/14/1960, FC 10/8/1960

MM 11/19/1960

50 years Award Service 9/7/2010 at HCL456

"Brethren, Carl William Goericke, Sr., laid down his working tools, surrounded by his loving family, early Thursday morning, July 7, 2016. Carl was born the son of Henry Goericke and Grace Solomon Goericke in Elgin, Texas, on May 10, 1927. He attended schools in Sea Drift and Elgin, before leaving early to join the United States Navy during World War II.

After the war, Carl realized “he could walk better than he could swim,” and joined the United States Army. Shortly into his enlistment, he became involved in the Korean Conflict. While stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala., he met the love of his life, Annie Ruth Cotton. On Dec. 18, 1951, the two united in Holy Matrimony.

Carl moved his young bride all over the world with the military and in 1958, they made Austin, Texas, their home. Carl worked hard his whole life, working as an HVAC Technician for Texas State Hospital, Texas Capital Complex, and many years at Brackenridge Hospital, where he retired due to heart complications. He loved to travel, fishing, and camping with his wife and family. Carl also spent his time keeping honey bees and was a member of the Williamson County Bee Keepers Association. He served as a Deacon at several Assembly of God churches throughout the Austin area over the years. He was a 33 Degree Mason at the Scottish Rite Temple of Austin, where he loved to cook and served for more than 50 years.

On May 30, 2016, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 65 years, Annie Ruth Goericke. He was also preceded in death by both of his parents; his older brother, Henry Goericke, Jr.; sister, Betty Lou Riddings; and his granddaughter, Christina Grace Brunken.

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Fred Joseph Crooks
Jerry Seburn Daniel
Marcos de Leon, Jr.
Lance Barrett Dean

Robert Carson Fisk
Patrick K Graham
Leo L Herrera
Philip Edward Hornsey
James David Hurt
Michael Lee Johnson
Enoch S. Johnson, Jr.
Sammy Ronald Jones

David Lee Kinser, Jr.
Rodney D Kothmann
John Tate McFarland
Norman Glen Montgomery
Harold Ray Pack
Michael Anthony Payne
Kip Lee Portis
Jack Lavern Ryle

David Edward Schnautz
Ernest Serrano
Leroy Eugene Steadman
Byron Wayne Weaver
Robert Charles Williams
Arthur Cyril Williams
Rudolph Edgar Willie, Jr.

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, August 9th 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.