


The HILL CITY LIGHT

August 2016

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Work Schedule	From the East
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<p style="text-align: center;">August 2016</p> <p>August 2 Stated Meeting</p> <p>August 9 EA Degree Food Committee</p> <p>August 16 EA Education</p> <p>August 23 EA Education</p> <p>August 30 York Rite Education Family Night</p> <p style="text-align: center;">September 2016</p> <p>September 6 Stated Meeting</p> <p>September 13 EA Esoteric Practice Food Committee</p> <p>September 20 Scottish Rite Education</p> <p>September 27 Family Night 50 Year Awards</p> <p style="text-align: center;">October 2016</p> <p>October 4 Stated Meeting</p> <p>October 11 Fellowcraft Practice Food Committee</p> <p>October 18 Fellowcraft Practice</p> <p>October 25 Shrine Education Family Night</p> <p>October 27 MWSA-50 Meeting</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>This past summer, I completed a course titled Professional Responsibility, or ethics for attorneys. Now I know what many, if not all, of all you are thinking: ethics for lawyers? Oxymoron! But believe me; only 99% of lawyers give the 1% of the rest a bad name. However, this course does serve two purposes. The first, and more obvious, is learning the rules that could potentially discipline an attorney. Think of it as knowing the laws of the Grand Lodge so one does not get reprimanded, suspended, or lose his apron. The other, and more immediate reason, is to sit for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE). Passage of this exam is a prerequisite to sit for the bar in the state of Texas. Side note – I will be taking this exam on Saturday, August 13, my mother’s seventy-first birthday.</p> <p>When deciding to take this course, I sought the counsel of my professors to see which professor I should study under, and all mentioned one. There was a warning though: the highly recommended professor teaches a stronger ethical standard than what is required for the MPRE. I figured I would take this class regardless; after all, it is a Masonic idea that we should make ourselves better and go beyond the societal norms of ethic and excellence.</p> <p>One of the many mottos of Masons is” “Making Good Men</p>
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Better.” This of course implies two things: (1), that the men who join Masonry are inherently good, and (2) the implied good men are willing to become better. The definition of better of course could mean smarter, more courteous, more ethical, or any and all other definitions the Mason assigns to the word. Though we all hope, and maybe all agree, that all definitions are apt and ought to be applied.

Through every step in Masonry, we learn how to better ourselves. We take the stories, the symbols, and the lectures, and attempt to apply them to our daily lives. As we do so, we improve ourselves, as more parts of the rough and superfluous vices of ourselves are disposed of, and we become “better.”

Unfortunately, some fall victim to complacency. The mere act of becoming a Mason, in some members’ experiences and eyes, is the end. Some men join Masonry, and believe that they are already better men, and therefore do not need to learn. Nothing could be further from the truth. The initiation into Masonry is not an end, but rather a beginning. For every degree offers new opportunity to learn new lessons and allegories to become a better man. Every appendant body offers different perspectives toward that ultimate goal; not mere initiation, but evolution.

Let us, therefore, as friends, men, and brothers, seek to help every man initiated, become a better man. By not doing so, we fail that Mason. If that Mason seeks not to better himself, then we have not failed him, but rather he has failed us.

In the end, if we can be that shining light to mankind, as our ancient forbearers hoped and dreamed for us, and hold ourselves to a standard greater than that which the world holds itself to, and expects of us, maybe we can improve ourselves, improve our communities, our countries, and our civilization. But that standard, that change, that desire to improve and evolve, must start with us.

Fraternally,
Charles E. Maddox, Worshipful Master
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From the West

In all Masonic Jurisdictions, the ballot on candidates is secret and inviolable. In most Grand Jurisdictions, it is against Masonic law to ask any brother how he voted or how he would vote on a particular petitioner as well as being illegal to disclose your vote to anyone. Masters are instructed strictly to adhere to this requirement. Peace and harmony are the principle foundation of all Masonic meetings. For Brother A to learn that Brother B had balloted against his friend or would ballot against his friend would disrupt that peace and harmony. The rejection of a petitioner is a blow to the petitioner. If everyone knew who cast the negative vote or votes, it would not be long before the petitioner knew this causing friction in the profane world which would then come out of a Masonic lodge.

Rarely but occasionally, a ballot is immediately retaken because the appearance of a single black cube may be an error: The cube might have been cast by mistake. If the single black cube appears the second time, presumably it was intentionally cast. In most Grand Jurisdictions a ballot is cast for all three degrees, some cast a separate ballot for every degree, and in one, another ballot for “moral qualification” is cast. In all Grand Jurisdictions ballots are secret, inviolable and regarded as a cornerstone of our fraternity.

When I petitioned for the degrees, one black cube or negative vote was required to deny the degrees to the petitioner. Today three negative votes are required and a second balloting would be most unusual. *(This information was taken from three short talk bulletins (Balloting STB 11/48, Black Cube 11/29 and 7/60)*

I, as Senior Warden, I will do the record-
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August 2016 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Fearless
5. Declines
9. Gym set
13. Dwarf buffalo of Indonesia
14. Traction aid
15. On the safe side, at sea
16. Element of chaos theory
19. Cinch
20. Hit the bottle
21. Bygone bird
22. Breakfast, lunch or dinner
24. Lift
26. Priestly garb
29. "Follow me!"
31. Dash lengths
32. Modern telegraph
37. Handle roughly
38. Ring bearer, maybe
39. "I had no ___!"
41. One who believe in the will of God
46. "Fancy that!"
47. Principal
48. "Don't give up!"
49. Flag raiser
53. Beef cut
55. Mozart's "L' ___ del Cairo"
56. Associations
58. Deli offering
62. Reproduction process of some invertebrates
65. "Cogito ___ sum"
66. Brown shade
67. Round sound
68. Brawl
69. Cookbook abbr.
70. "___ on Down the Road"

Down

1. "Ali ___ and the 40 Thieves"
2. ___ probandi
3. Gobs
4. Bit of info
5. "Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice ___ Agin)" (#1 hit of 1970)
6. Boxing prize
7. Crawfish habitat
8. Dancer, informally
9. Churchill's "so few": Abbr.
10. Fragrant resin
11. River to the Rio Grande
12. Bristles
14. Smooth
17. At attention
18. 1938 Physics Nobelist
23. Runs
25. Buzzing
26. Store convenience, for short
27. Ballet move
28. Cloud
30. Poet's "below"
33. Mournful poem
34. More twisted
35. Cut, maybe
36. Back
40. "___ calls?"
42. End
43. Supremely spooky
44. Sartre novel
45. Pitcher, of a sort
49. Wishful one
50. Mites
51. Florida's Key ___
52. Star in Cygnus
54. Newbie, of sorts
57. Absorbs, with "up"
59. Fishing, perhaps
60. Inch fractions
61. "Cast Away" setting
63. "Sesame Street" watcher
64. Gut fish

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July 2016 Puzzle Solution

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Lodges and Grand Lodges whose charters' roots derive from the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of England, The Grand Lodge of Ireland or the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland use the expression, A·F·& A·M·

Those Grand Lodges that don't use the appellation "Ancient", claim descent from the "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the constitution of England" during the period from 1717 until 1813.

This English Grand Lodge was constituted from four lodges on June 24, 1717. A later Grand Lodge in England, styling themselves Ancient, labelled the first group "Modern" although today the preferred term is "Premier." The "Moderns" and "Ancients" united in November 25, 1813 to form the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of England [now styled the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England].

The choice of style is not universal as some Grand Lodges simply chose one or other title for reasons of their own. The usage has no bearing on regularity or recognition.

Ancient or Ancient Freemasons

Mostly Irish freemasons formed this Grand Lodge in London in 1751. Properly titled the "Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Old Institutions," it is also called Atholl freemasons, after the third and fourth Dukes of Atholl.

Free

"It is quite likely that the word 'freemason' represented at least three distinct meanings, each having respect to a different century."

Skilled mediaeval builders worked with an even-grained limestone or sandstone called freestone, first mentioned in 1212 in Normandy. The term free-stone mason is recorded in 1375 and the term was easily condensed to free mason. Centuries later this meaning became secondary, if not forgotten,

when town mason guilds became more powerful.

It is hypothesized that a Free Mason was free of his Guild; he had the freedom of its privileges and was entrusted with certain rights. The London Company of Freemasons changed its name to that of Masons in 1655-56, perhaps recognizing that the term had undergone yet another change in meaning.

Members who were not stonemasons could be accepted in the Company and were termed speculative, free or accepted. In time the terms became synonymous and "free" then referred to an inner fraternity of speculative masons.

There are many other discredited theories. The tradition that sixth and seventh century builders travelled France and Italy freely by authority of Papal bull is unfounded. Another theory has it that a mediaeval freemason was either not tied to the land or else, being attached to a monastery or ecclesiastical order, was free from the guilds. During the height of the abbey and church building period, there were few, if any, town mason guilds so this derivation is suspect.

Free and Accepted

This term was first used in 1722 in J. Roberts', The Old Constitutions belonging to the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons.

Accepted

"Acception" was an Inner Fraternity of speculative freemasons found within the Worshipful Company of Masons of the City of London. Operative members were "admitted" by apprenticeship, patrimony, or redemption; speculative members were "accepted". First recorded use of the term dates from 1620.

¹ Bernard E. Jones. Freemasons' Guide and Compendium. London: George G. Harrap & Company Ltd., 1950. p. 152 [note pp. 147-61.]

Reference: Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

From the South

Hill City hosted the July District 50 Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries Association meeting. Two things about that meeting impressed me: first, Brother Eschenburg's smoked brisket, chicken and sausage and secondly how busy the other lodges in our district are at making new Masons. Has anyone besides me noticed that our lodge is not initiating new members? The last time we conferred an E.A. degree was in January 2015. And, even that brother doesn't bother to attend our meetings.

The other lodges are growing because they see value in opening their doors and truly welcoming men of every faith, creed, and color. Hill City Lodge will not grow as long as some of our members think that the answer to the question "By what further right does he expect to gain admission" is understood to mean by being a white man and only a white man.

At our August Stated Meeting, the stewards had an easy time because the food committee opted to serve fried chicken, from HEB, beans and potato salad. That combined with an assortment of pies made for quite a wonderful meal. The only down side was some unmasonic grumbling because there was no bread.

I was unable to deliver my Masonic Education Minute because the meeting ran long. I intended to read about the Four Cardinal Virtues: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. As I sit here, I can see our Brother Sam Henson standing on the dais delivering this part of the EA lecture. I can't remember how many times he spoke those words but I know I enjoyed listening to and watching him.

However, I was able to provide a bit of information from the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Texas. In Division II, Article VI, Section 2a (which concerns presiding officers), it is

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interesting to note that if the Grand Master and the other three principle officers are not available to open the annual Grand Communication that the Master of the oldest chartered Lodge present shall preside as Grand Master Pro tem or opt to allow a Past Grand Master to preside. I can imagine the look on that Worshipful Master's face when he is called to the Grand Secretary's office, handed the gavel, patted on the butt and told get in there and do us proud!

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

From the West (continued)

keeping of the volunteer work done by our members on a monthly basis. Please advise me during the **1st week of each month of the number of hours you devoted and number of miles you drove your personal vehicle.** This information will be provided to the Grand Lodge and submitted on our IRS for 990. I appreciate your help in helping me compile it. You may give it to me in person, by phone 512-529-0413 (give the information clearly if you leave it on the voice mail), or by e-mail (oorum@austin.rr.com).

Thanks brethren and I look forward to seeing each of you in Lodge. If you are unable to come I would appreciate a call and we will chat. If you know of a need please call and let us discuss it and try to relieve the situation.

Fraternally,
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Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, September 13th 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.