


The HILL CITY LIGHT

September 2016

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<p>Work Schedule</p>	<p>From the East</p>
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<p>September 2016</p> <p>September 6 Stated Meeting September 13 Fellowcraft Practice Food Committee September 20 Scottish Rite Education September 27 50 Year Awards Family Night</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>“It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it.” – Benjamin Franklin, PGM – Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Reputations have been on my mind lately for a variety of reasons. Since starting law school, I’ve encountered many of my father’s peers. The reputation they speak of regarding him is legendary: honorable, trustworthy, encyclopedic knowledge of rules and procedures, and ultimately able to find the Achilles’ Heel in any case. Sure his friends from childhood who are judges and attorneys love to kid me about how much of a prankster he was in his youth, but naturally, his reputation is one that was built up over fifty years.</p> <p>This realization has led me to think about the perception of Masonry, and Masons in particular. P.G.M. David Counts loves to tell a story from when he and another Mason were traveling. They checked into a hotel, and for one reason or another, there was a mistake with the reservation. The other Mason went ballistic: getting irrationally upset with the desk clerk over a simple mistake that required very little work to correct. The</p>
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<p>November 2016</p> <p>November 1 Stated Meeting November 8 Esoteric Practice Food Committee November 15 York Rite Education Family Night November 22 Dark (Thanksgiving) November 29 Esoteric Practice</p>	

From the East (cont'd)

From the West

P.G.M. says he felt ashamed to be associated with that brother that day. What could that clerk have thought about Masonry, if that was her first interaction?

How often do we think about how our actions and reactions will be measured in the modern world? Certainly as late as fifteen (15) years ago, our actions would be gossiped about in a relatively controlled environment. But as the world became more technologically advanced, the reach of our reputations, whether individual or collective, has grown with that advancement. Whereas yesterday, an internal debate at Hill City might have been limited to just the district, today, such a debate will be known as far away as Dallas within a day or two. As Douglas Adams once said, "Nothing travels faster than the speed of light with the possible exception of bad news, which obeys its own special laws."

As Worshipful Master, I do think about how this lodge is viewed within the district, and within the state. Thirty years ago, when I was born, the actions and reactions of Hill City Lodge as a whole, by the Worshipful Master, and/or by the brethren might have been a mere dent in the reputation Hill City cultivated in the previous century of its existence. Today, I have a special concern given the speed and reach of social media, the inability of people to recall pertinent facts, how is the reputation of Hill City impacted with each decision we make, and each action we take – especially those by individual members who are well known in both the Masonic and general realms. Perhaps more rare is what kind of lodge are we leaving for our members, thirty years from now? How are our actions and deeds impacting the reputation built up over 140 years?

Fraternally,
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Brethren,

This comes from from an Ontario, Canada Mason and gives us solid documentation as to just how old the symbol of our apron is.

We all remember when we were given our lambskin apron and told that it was the badge of a Mason "...more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle; more honorable than the Star or Garter, or any other order". So, how old is that ?

The Order of the Golden Fleece was a chivalric order founded in 1430 by Philip the Good of Burgundy. The Order of the Eagle was founded in 1433 by Albrecht von Habsburg, Duke of Austria, who later became the Holy Roman Emperor. The Order of the Garter was founded in 1348 by King Edward III of England, and The Order of the Star, in 1351 by King Jean II of France. These are all orders of knighthood, members of which are allowed to wear the distinctive badge of the Order.

Orders of the Golden Fleece and the Roman Eagle are actually the most recent and are mentioned first when speaking of the badge of a mason as being ancient. The authors of the Work may in fact be referring not to the medieval Order of the Golden Fleece, but rather to the legend of Jason and the Argonauts, recorded in the third century B.C. by Apollonius of Rhodes, the librarian of the great library at Alexandria. The Roman Eagle to which they refer could be the Standard of the Roman Army used in the first century B.C. and was a recognized standard carried into battle by the Roman empire.

While the legend of the Golden Fleece is a myth of Hercules and the gods, not a real

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September 2016 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Amount to make do with
5. Indian state
10. Alpine transport
14. ...
15. Aquarium fish
16. "Catch!"
17. Mixture of fruits baked in a pie.
19. "___ bitten, twice shy"
20. Marina sights
21. Smooch
22. Classic board game
23. Bar
25. Batik artist's skill
27. Harp's cousin
29. Aligns
32. ___ line (major axis of an elliptical orbit)
35. Open
39. "___ we having fun yet?"
40. Govt. medical agency
41. Northwest tribe
42. "___ a chance"
43. ___ Today
44. "Finally!"
45. Allergic reaction
46. Shoulder gesture
48. Barks
50. Ancient Roman magistrate
54. Ring around the collar
58. Commoner
60. Sandler of "Big Daddy"
62. "Remember the ___!"
63. "Hey!"
64. Cancerous cells
66. Black cat, maybe
67. W.W. I soldier
68. Quaker's "you"
69. Central point
70. Chameleon kin
71. All ___

Down

1. Kind of wool
2. "Four Quartets" poet
3. Navigational aid
4. Capable of being cut
5. Store convenience, for short
6. Hunt for
7. Composed
8. Dilettantish
9. Billiards stroke for sharks
10. Full of complexities
11. Kindly and benevolent
12. Parentheses, e.g.
13. Need a bath badly
18. Catch a glimpse of
24. Blow
26. "Cast Away" setting
28. Carbon compound
30. Gator's cousin
31. Actor Green of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer"
32. Endpoint of a familiar canal
33. "Baloney!"
34. Like an eagle
36. Calypso offshoot
37. "Duck soup!"
38. Bit of high jinks
41. Dressing ingredient
45. Cut off
47. Polished
49. Excellent, in modern slang
51. Buccaneers' home
52. Ancient Greek theater
53. 4:1, e.g.
55. Porridge in Slavic cuisine
56. Arab leader
57. Derby prize
58. Sound unit
59. Airport pickup
61. Washington locale, with "the"
65. "So ___ me!"

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August 2016 Puzzle Solution

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From the South

From the South (cont'd)

Brethren,

Let's keep our Senior Steward, Doug Freyburger, in our hearts and prayers as he recovers from heart valve surgery. In his absence, Brothers Dennis Hill and Tom Jackson helped out in the kitchen. I want to say thank you to Lori, the daughter of our Junior Steward, Richard Garret, for her time and effort in our kitchen. If you get a chance please tell her thank you.

The food committee is now organized by birthdays. The names of the food committee members are always in the Hill City Light the month before their birthday. In addition to their names is information about a planning meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month at six thirty. At that meeting the decisions on the menu are finalized and arrival times are set for the next stated meeting. Please support our lodge and participate.

Generations

The core, the basic biological functions of mammals are to mate and bear offspring. Normally in nature, the female of each species chooses her mate. This means that the male is going to do whatever it takes to get her attention. In humans, especially in the U.S.A, female preferences change from generation to generation. The male's awareness of her preferences: hair style, type of clothing, body fragrance, jewelry, piercings, tattoos, mannerisms and actions and his ability to adapt to them is the key to his success with finding a mate. It's not surprising that these changes can sometimes generate anger and disappointment in their parent's generation. Generational differences create fear, outrage, and mistrust. They call into question ones faith, morals and values.

These generational differences are present in our lodge; I think it's interesting that our lodge has at least seven different generations of Masons. I thought about this a couple of stated meetings ago when a Mason long gone was mentioned. I got this mental picture of the level of time being like a conveyor belt; on one end a new mason gets on and on the other end an older mason steps off into the Grand Lodge above. I realized that the same mental image applies to generations of masons.

Masonry has always been and will always continue on the level of time in spite of the generational differences. There will always be conflicts between the different generations. The redeeming quality of masonry is that we are able to look through the façade of the human body into the moral and spiritual core of a man and recognize a good mason. Masonry takes a good man and makes him better.

Fraternally,
Bob Wheelless, Junior Warden
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The Equinox is Upon Us

From the West (continued)

The equinox is upon us: September 22, 2016. But in this period of the equinox, an interesting thing happens. For the briefest moment of time the planet becomes suspended in place, a point when the earth is neither closer to nor further away from the sun.

The equinox's, vernal (spring) and autumnal (fall) are the middle points to the summer and winter solstice. This is an echo to the balance of all points, and from each of those compass points, there is a center, a middle aspect of the compass from which the needle point pivots.

The middle space is similar to the point in which a pendulum on its back and forth motion for the briefest of instances touches an absolute 0 point, the moment between the furthest of its arc's reach. At that middle point, some say, is where miracles happen, where for the briefest of moments the motion of balance is in perfect harmony before the plumb line swings away in its motion. It also suggests that at these instances of the pendulum 0 point are the high (or low) points of our lives, the punctuated moments of transition between two periods.

From a Masonic perspective, we can equate this time of year, this equinox to the measuring of our point within a circle, the plumb line achieving that 0 center point in its swing up to its furthest reaches. Tradition tells us that the plumb measures our vertical, but when given motion, even something so slight as the earth's rotation, it can also demonstrate the path of our circumference, our diameter, and our rotational motion around our axis. As the plumb traces its circumference, in the space of the sphere, the plumb also orients back through the center of the circumference, when marking the furthest points of our radius.

In a more metaphysical aspect, the idea of the equinox could be viewed as a more than the transition point, but the idea of the position movement, the transition from one place to another, from one idea to another. And in an even more profound way, this can be seen as at once not being initiated, to being initiated encompassing the start of transition from one inner idea to another, the growing path of our thought and its sway of our own internal gravity. In this point of view, we can easily see the similarities to the ideas of alchemy and the changing of states.

One caution, however, is that there is no definition of what the states are, or if they are up into a higher realm or down into a lower attitude. Remember, Jacob's ladder was both a way to ascend to heaven and a way to descend to earth (and possibly sub-terra). In reflecting on this, it is good to keep in mind that your mental state defines your position, and with some exertion, you can manifest the power of your position.

By: The Masonic Traveler. First Published March 20, 2010 for the spring equinox. <http://freemasoninformation.com/2010/03/the-masonic-equinox/>

event, the Roman Eagle was. I think if we look closely at the Work we can see the answer. It says that the badge of a mason is older than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle. It does not however say it is older than the Star or Garter. Does that not imply that it is not as old as they are? When the Senior Warden tells the candidate that Freemasonry is older than the Order of the Golden Fleece, but not as old as the Order of the Star; he is saying that the Craft dates from somewhere between 1351 and 1430.

What was happening in the world at that time?

The Norman cathedral at York was being torn down and replaced by the present Gothic structure; the British Parliament was passing laws which formally organized the trade guilds, including one statute in 1389 which required that guilds and brotherhoods submit charters and letters patent; and the Halliwell Manuscript containing the Regius Poem was written. This manuscript, which some date to 1390, contains the oldest record of Freemasonry which we have, and was the basis for the Ancient Charges which are found in our Book of Constitution. This leads us to believe that the authors of the Work were stating that Freemasonry had its origins in the stonemason's guilds formed in the late 14th century - or at least the apron did.

Thanks, Brother David Cameron.

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William Frank Farley	James Paul Leigh	Patrick Nicholas Rodriguez	Robert Steven Whatley
Hugh Monroe Farmer	Mark E. Lett	John Charles Shirley	Ricky Sherrill Wilson

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, October 11th 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.