


# The HILL CITY LIGHT

November 2016

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>November 2016</b></p> <p>November 1 Stated Meeting November 8 Fellowcraft Practice Food Committee November 15 Veteran's Day Program Family Night November 22 Dark (Thanksgiving) November 29 Master Mason Practice</p>	<p>A Time of Thanksgiving.</p> <p>The month of November is a special time in our country. Naturally, it's when we celebrate Thanksgiving. A time when we come together with family, or friends who are like family, and give thanks for the blessings bestowed on us all. Because of this, I thought it appropriate to reprint the first Proclamation of Thanksgiving from the President George Washington:</p> <p>Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "<i>recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:</i>"</p> <p>Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>December 2016</b></p> <p>December 6 Stated Meeting December 13 Past Master Dinner Golden Trowel Food Committee December 20 Dark (Christmas) December 27 Dark (New Year's)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>January 2017</b></p> <p>January 3 Stated Meeting January 10 Master Mason Practice Food Committee January 17 Master Mason Practice January 19-22 Grand Lodge – Waco January 24 Master Mason Practice</p>	

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

**From the West**

protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enable to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.

Fraternally,  
Charles E. Maddox, Worshipful Master  
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Brethren,

Funerals have a way of reminding us of our mortality. They cause us to reflect on our lives, what we've done, what we're doing, and what we need to change. Funerals, however, aren't just a reminder of impending eternity, they recall the fond memories of the good times and love you have for others. It is a true Masonic occurrence symbolized in the second section of the third degree.

Funerals are a time to reflect. Day to day life pulls us in every direction. We are constantly being drawn to work, to ball games, to school functions, and various other activities. Our schedules are so filled with events and engagements that we rarely stop and think about eternity. Is this saying be have no time for a beloved brother's funeral? Funerals aren't the only time that we ought to think about our life, both earthly and eternal, but they certainly provide a perfect opportunity to do so. Imagine losing the spouse you share your life with or the child that you love so dearly.

Now imagine entering in through the back of the funeral home to an empty auditorium. No one came for the funeral. How would you feel? Now imagine the same scenario only this time you walk into the auditorium where your Masonic Brethren are assembled to show their respects for you to your family and loved ones.

As Masons, we are there for each other during times of gladness and times of mourning. Funerals provide a great opportunity to show members of your family the Masonic family of which you are an important part. Support of family is most important in our fraternity. We should show it on all proper occasions.

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## November 2016 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Active areas
5. Ice cream mold
10. It holds a yard
14. Christiania, now
15. Homeric epic
16. Eerie, in Edinburgh
17. Rail campaign, traditionally
20. Big \_\_\_ Conference
21. "A Lesson From \_\_\_"
22. Quests
23. Garbage
25. \_\_\_ constrictor
26. Undertake, with "out"
27. Snags
32. Aces, sometimes
35. Cousin of a raccoon
36. Conk out
37. Carbohydrate of some sort.
41. Bank offering, for short
42. Hazardous
43. Ado
44. Parfums
46. Head, for short
48. "Ciao!"
49. Make merry
53. Curved ice cream pattern
56. Take over, in a way
58. Roman seven
59. Queen's attendants
62. Arch type
63. "Bellefleur" author
64. Egyptian cross
65. Withdraw gradually
66. English Channel port
67. Makeup, e.g.

### Down

1. Bookstore section
2. One who puts you in your place
3. Like many taste tests
4. "Help!"
5. Provide Lodging for
6. Bread spreads
7. \_\_\_-en-scène
8. Bonkers
9. Tokyo, formerly
10. Between you and me.
11. Soon, to a bard
12. Cottontail's tail
13. High spots
18. Container weight
19. Fear
24. "Back in the \_\_\_"
25. Not just one
27. Small pits
28. R-rated, maybe
29. Cut, maybe
30. Calf-length skirt
31. Merlin, e.g.
32. Auditory
33. "I, Claudius" role
34. And others, for short
35. Beer buy
38. Like some socks
39. \_\_\_ function
40. Common request
45. "Access Hollywood" cohost
46. Digestive enzyme
47. \_\_\_ Spumante
49. Wooden pin
50. Like Bo-Peep's charges
51. Hockey venues
52. Close
53. Lento
54. "Minimum" amount
55. "I had no \_\_\_!"
56. "Bye now"
57. "I'm \_\_\_ you!"
60. Absorb, with "up"
61. Sylvester, to Tweety

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## September 2016 Puzzle Solution

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Brethren,

We all should know what the Three Great Lights in Masonry are. They are in plain sight upon the altar. Of these, according to Henry P. H. Bromwell in his work, Restorations of Masonic Geometry Being A Dissertation Of The Lost Knowledges Of The Lodge, the Holy Bible which is first Great Light represents communication. He wrote that it must be more than a symbol, wholly divorced from actual speech. He goes on to write that it must represent and also exhibit in fact some form of that transcendent and marvelous faculty and means of communication the *human language* —not in vocal sounds but by means of the noblest art known to mankind, written words, in alphabetic or syllabic form to represent words. The other two Lights represent ideas without words. In the Holy Bible or other writings, language is not possible in the absence of the living soul or spirit which both wills and understands and so intends and hence the First Great Light conjoins and completes the representatives of the second and third by adding thoughts and words to their expression of ideas— words. Which are themselves are symbols of a more perfect order.

He writes that for the purpose of holding the first place it need not be any particular book nor in any particular language that it does not have to be any book at all. And inscribed tablet of stone or tile or plate of metal, wax or clay, indented after the style of cuneiform inscriptions or a painted scroll of papyrus or pelt can serve to accomplish the intent and contain that which would constitute it a Great Light; but is must effect in the most perfect attainable manner, direct communication between mind and by means of language.

Hill City presents to all newly Master Masons the Bible on which they placed right hand during the initiations. We tell them “that in this book, the Holy writings, which is the volume of the sacred

One of the fundamental practices of Freemasonry is that we do not discuss religion or politics in lodge. That prohibition is carried out into the world to an extent. Most Regular Masonic jurisdictions enjoin a practice of restricting the use of masonic symbols.

For instance, in California we are enjoined not to use the Square and Compass device on our business cards, in our business logo, on our business signage... and in our politics. So when we find a brother using the square and compass to promote his political views, it is all the more surprising.

Recently, a brother expressed support for a third party candidate for political office. On the surface, there is no problem with a brother, or any citizen, choosing to support someone for office. The problem arises when a mason, using a forum marked as masonic, regardless of personal disclaimers, advocates as a mason, his support for a political candidate.

Some brothers have noted that what he has done is little different from placing a political sticker on a car that also has masonic badges on it, though the argument is little disingenuous. The only reason for posting a political opinion on a blog ostensibly aimed at masons is to reach out TO masons, to push your opinion as a mason onto masons.

Keeping in mind my own credo regarding freemasonry: It’s not about me changing them, it’s about me changing me, I am not so much worried about a brother wrapping himself in politics, but that in doing so as a mason, he may be losing sight of that valuable instrument by which we are taught to circumscribe our passions and keep them within due bounds toward all mankind, particularly our brethren in freemasonry.

**Politics and Masonry (continued)**

Because politics are divisive by their very nature, we, as Freemasons, should not be playing at them and aiming them at our brethren. Posting political opinion to masons is akin to using the lodge mailing list to send out political flyers on lodge letterhead. This is never a good thing, and is only cause for distention from brothers who do not agree with the candidate/position being advocated in their name.

We should always remember that freemasonry is about improving ourselves, not selling soaps, powders, or politics, and anything that detracts from that lofty goal should be avoided. After all, there is a time and a place for religious observation and a time and a place for politics. Lodge is not a place for them, and mailing to, or reaching out to brothers on a forum, blog or web space set aside or dedicated to freemasonry is not the place for such a divisive topic as political advocacy.

*May the blessings of heaven rest upon us and all regular masons. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue, cement us.*

By: Theron Dunn,  
<http://beaconofmasoniclight.blogspot.com/2007/12/politics-and-freemasonry.html>

**From the West (continued)**

We should think of funerals as outreach opportunities. At Lazarus’ death, Jesus wept and the people said “See how much he loved him”. His weeping showed those around Lazarus’ tomb that Jesus cared. The same is true at the funerals we attend today. When Masons show up with support for those who have lost someone, those in attendance take notice of our love and sympathy for each other.

I thank Brother Schmidt (Uncle Bob) for his addressing his concern for lack of funeral attendance to the Lodge. It was indeed a timely item as our attendance has been shameful. Let each of us keep in mind the uncertainty of our lives and that each of us might “be err long laid within the narrow limits of the silent tomb”. Please make plans to attend the funeral services of our deceased brethren when it is at all possible. It is appreciated by the families left behind and I feel it is our duty.

On another note, I would like the volunteer or charity hours from each of you for July-October. To date only 3 three have provided this information. You can give it to me at Lodge, mail it to the Lodge, or call my cell (512) 529-0414.

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

**From the South (continued from page 2)**

law to Freemasons, is the wisdom of the ages. It is given you here not as the special book of any religion. No matter what your faith may be, you will find in this book of books counsel, instruction, and inspiration. You may worship the God you know by any name you wish and yet find here the story of His mercy and His goodness.”

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

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## **Food Committee for January 3<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting**

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Kevin Brown	Ronald Glenn Gamble	Michael Stephen Lummus	Jason Earl Thomas
William Howard Bryant	Bobby Pat Hagans	Robert Clyde McCarty	Neal Avery Watt
			Todd Alan Wesson

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**Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 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.