

The HILL CITY LIGHT

January 2017

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Stated Meeting: First Tuesday at 7:30 pm.
Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Called Meetings: Other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.
Dinner at 6:30 pm.

Work Schedule

From the East

January 2017

January 3	Stated Meeting
January 10	Master Mason Practice Food Committee
January 17	50-Year Service Award Family Night Master Mason Degree
January 19-22	Grand Lodge – Waco
January 24	MWSA-50 at York Rite Lodge
January 31	EA Practice

February 2017

February 7	Stated Meeting
February 14	Sweetheart Dinner Food Committee
February 21	EA Degree Practice
February 28	25/40 Year Award

March 2017

March 7	Stated Meeting
March 14	DeMolay Appreciation Food Committee
March 21	EA Degree Practice
March 28	EA Practice

Brethren,

We have it! For the first time since the 2013-14 Masonic Year, the Traveling Gavel for Masonic District 50 is back home at Hill City Lodge. Nine weary traveling men from Hill City traveled to Onion Creek and were welcomed to their hospitality and New Years-themed dinner of cabbage, black eyed peas, and sausage. During the business meeting, Worshipful Master Jeff Carroll asked that the travelers from Hill City in attendance meet him at the Altar, whereupon he presented Hill City Lodge with the Traveling Gavel. It will be proudly displayed at our business meetings throughout the year, until someone comes to claim it.

I am thankful for those members who were able to brave the horrendous Austin traffic and show support not only for Hill City Lodge, but for district unity and fellowship. It was wonderful seeing all those brethren meeting in one room at Onion Creek, and after speaking with W.M. Carroll, I know how excited he was to have us in attendance.

Visitations such as these always brighten my day. For starters, it comforts me to know that when I'm traveling, and in need of assistance, no matter how great or small, I can always find a lodge and call upon a brother, whom I may never have met and, with just the exchange of a grip and

From the East (cont'd)

few words, I am in capable hands. Also, it reminds me that no matter what our differences and backgrounds, how different our lodge customs may be, or vastly different our traditions, the grips and words are the same no matter what. There's a benefit to that familiarity.

Last night I got to go back and view the log entries for the Traveling Gavel. For those who are not familiar, it is the responsibility of the lodge who claims the gavel to log an entry for the date of the meeting it was taken. This entry includes the number of brethren present, and the lodge they were from. These entries go as far back as the 1970s, and include a bygone era when lodges such as Rambo, Johnson City, and San Marcos were in District 50. Familiar names are in there, especially that of Kent Kinkaid. To be a part of that history, knowing 40 years from now, Masons will be reading about the history of this gavel, is awe-inspiring.

Coming back to Earth, remember brethren that January is a busy month. The best way to stay informed of all the events in lodge is to attend stated meetings and be up-to-date for the month!

Hill City will be awarding scholarships again this year. If you know any deserving high school seniors in need of financial aid, remind them of this scholarship! We will have an application out soon (likely by the time you receive this newsletter). Financial aid is also available through the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Texas. Please let me know if you know of anyone interested in this.

As always brethren, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact me. Thank you!

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

Who was the "Widow's Son"?

Continued from the December 2017 Light

Could Solomon have hired Hiram since they were family?

Doing detective work in genealogy can be taxing enough when researching ancestry just a few generations removed from the researcher, a task made much more difficult using biblical origins as references. The lineage of Jacob is vital to this story. Twelve generations prior to the time of King Solomon, and eight generations prior to the time of Boaz, the twelve sons of Jacob were the founders of the twelve tribes of Israel. The fourth son of Jacob, Judah, was of the line that included the wise King, and extended through him to Jesus the Nazarene. The sixth son, Naphtali, was the founder of the line that included Hiram Abiff. It is elementary to suggest that at the time of Jacob the designation of "Widow's Son" had not yet been used, however, in his offspring, through time until we reach the time of Ruth, and from then on, it is not so unthinkable that the lineage would have used this epithet when speaking of their heritage or when scholars were recording the history of the time or even the Gospels.

What is it about this lineage which draws the title to it? What was so special? The three largest monotheistic religions, Judaism, Christianity and Islam all regard it [the lineage] with reverence. After all, this lineage contains Adam, Enoch, Noah, Shem, Abraham, David, Solomon, Nathan, Zerubbabel and Jesus the Nazarene. Perhaps the coincidence which ties this lineage together is the ability to create. In Luke, the line starts with Elohim (The Great Architect of the Universe) and then to Adam. The Christian Bible does not specifically

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January 2017 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. The "A" of ABM
5. Daisy-like bloom
10. Drag
14. Dairy airs?
15. 1938 Physics Nobelist
16. French sword
17. Artic soil phenomenon
19. Command to a dog
20. Arch
21. Could be electric
22. Flips
24. Indian bread
25. Diamond stat
26. Absorb
29. Small reed organ
32. Correspond
33. Stout
34. Blue hue
35. Falls behind
36. Like a marsh
37. Canaanite deity
38. In-flight info, for short
39. A heap
40. Beat
41. Third in order
43. Mild protein
44. "Reversal of Fortune" star
45. Strong fiber
46. Cuba, e.g.
48. Boot
49. Antiquity, in antiquity
52. After-bath powder
53. Simpleminded
56. Coagulate
57. Be bombastic
58. Part of the Hindu trinity
59. Amerada ____ (Fortune 500 company)
60. Eye sores
61. "Don't go!"

Down (continued)

1. Intensifies, with "up"
2. "O Sanctissima," e.g.
3. Conservative
4. An end to sex?
5. Brawl
6. Small finch
7. Put one's foot down?
8. Dash lengths
9. In a traditional way
10. Saw
11. Incantation #3
12. Bassoon, e.g.
13. Congers
18. Obviously surprised
23. Clever tactic
24. "Darn it!"
25. Ice formations
26. Young hooter
27. Box
28. They turn into smoke
29. Clouded with sediment
30. Giraffe cousin
31. Hose material
33. Endures
36. Jerks
37. Numero uno
39. Animal with a mane
40. Spoonful, say
42. Parcels
43. Ready and petty
45. Montana city
46. Allergic reaction
47. Ad headline
48. West African contemptuous term
49. Cut, maybe
50. Bulgarian coins
51. June 6, 1944
54. Crumb
55. Balaam's mount

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December 2016 Puzzle Solution

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From the South	From the South (continued)
<p>Rules Regarding Motions from 2016 lodge officer manual</p> <p>The following are general guidelines that members should be familiar with regarding motions:</p> <p>01) Motions that are in conflict with Grand Lodge Law, Masonic Landmarks, and the customs and traditions of Freemasonry are not acceptable.</p> <p>02) Motions and resolutions that are long and complex should be written, presented to the Worshipful Master, read by the Secretary, referred to a committee for a recommendation, and then voted on by the lodge.</p> <p>03) Motions and committee reports should always be framed in the affirmative; and never in the negative (it is improper to move that the lodge <i>not do something</i>).</p> <p>04) When a motion has been made, seconded, and stated by the Worshipful Master, it no longer belongs to the proposer, but to the lodge; consequently, only the lodge, with permission of the Worshipful Master, can permit its withdrawal.</p> <p>05) Another Brother, without making a formal motion, may request the proposer of a motion to modify or change the wording of his motion, provided he does so before the Worshipful Master “states” the motion.</p> <p>06) Motions and resolutions adopted shall not be reconsidered, except at the same or next stated meeting, nor unless an equal or greater number of members are present than were present when the original action was taken.</p> <p>07) Motions and resolutions adopted may be amended, revoked, or rescinded at any subsequent stated meeting.</p> <p>08) Whenever a proposed motion is under consideration, a motion of a higher rank may be accepted by the Worshipful Master; but a motion of a lower rank cannot. The higher ranking motion must be disposed of first.</p>	<p>09) Motions are ranked by order of precedence and are disposed of in the following order (motion to postpone temporarily is disposed of first and a motion to adopt is disposed of last):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) to postpone temporarily (also called a motion to table) B) to postpone definitely C) to refer to a committee D) to amend E) to adopt <p><i>(These motions require only a simple majority to pass.)</i></p> <p>10) The following motions are never allowed in the Masonic lodge:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) to adjourn B) to recess C) to vote immediately D) to limit debate E) to postpone indefinitely F) to call for a point of order <p><i>(Only the Worshipful Master has the authority to perform these functions.)</i></p> <p>11) Only one main motion is allowed for consideration at a time.</p> <p>12) Main motions should be seconded.</p> <p>13) Secondary motions do not require a second.</p> <p>14) Incidental motions allowed are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) to withdraw B) to divide <p>15) Incidental motions require a second, other than the Worshipful Master’s, and are not debatable.</p> <p>16) Only two motions to amend are allowed at any given time. The last amendment to a particular motion is always disposed of first. Any number of amendments may be considered, but only two may be pending simultaneously.</p> <p>Fraternally, Bob Wheelless, Junior Warden Hill City Lodge, No. 456</p>

make any magnificent claims to what Adam had ever built, however several other men in this lineage in fact are great builders.

Enoch was the builder of the mythological underground temple consisting of nine vaults with an altar where on the “Stone of Creation” and the Tetragrammaton were said to have been hidden. These legends are featured in the York and Scottish Rites namely the 7th degree in the York Rite called “The Holy Royal Arch” and the 13th degree of the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction, called the “Royal Arch of Solomon”. In recent years it has even been suggested that Enoch was the builder of the Great Pyramid at Giza. The ancient Egyptians are said to have known the Great Pyramid as “The Pillar of Enoch”.

A somewhat obscure reference to that is found in the Bible, “In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt...” Isaiah 19:19.

Noah of course built the mythological Ark to house all of the creations of God that were spared in the legend of the great flood.

Abraham or Abram and his son Ishmael are purported to have built the Kaaba, a cube shaped building in Arabia which is one of the holiest sites for Brothers of the Muslim faith.

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Walter E. White Jr., age 92, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather died November 29, 2016. He was born in Austin, Texas on December 12, 1923 to Walter and Bessie White.

Walter grew up on Duval Road and graduated from Austin High School. One of his proudest accomplishments in life was serving in WWII as a B24 tail gunner. He completed 30 missions and returned home safely to Austin. At the end of the war he was honorably discharged from the Air Force and completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Texas in Austin. While attending UT his best friend, Harold Clark, introduced Walter to Joye Clark, who was also a student at UT. Walter began attending Central Christian Church with Joye where they participated in Young Adults together. Marrying Joye was the highlight of his life in 1951. The Air Force recalled Walter back to active duty for the Korean Conflict and they moved to George AFB in California. When the Korean Conflict ended they returned to Austin where he worked for the Civil Service at Bergstrom AFB for the next 30 years. Upon retirement Walter earned his Master's Degree in Industrial Arts from Southwest Texas State. He began teaching at McCallum High School for the next 18 years before retiring a second time. In retirement Walter and Joye continued to enjoy spending time with their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Another retirement passion they shared was shipboard cruising around the world.

Walter has been a member of Central Christian Church for over 67 years where he was Elder Emeritus. Walter served as a Mason and was a member of Hill Country Lodge # 456.

Walter is preceded in death by his wife of 62 years Joye L. White. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Brian and Barbara White, his son and daughter-in-law Clark and Margaret White, five grandchildren Craig White, Ross White, Leah White, Lauren Berkebile, and Morgan McLaughlin, and two great-grandchildren Olivia Joy White and Jackson White.

Obituary Courtesy of Weed-Corley Fish Funeral Home

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Food Committee for March 7th Stated Meeting

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Alfred Williams Boulter	Milton Eugene Francis	Russell Monroe Hur	Calvin Stokes Story, Jr.
Vernon L. Bracewell, Jr.	Richard Lee Garrett	George Albert Pipes	Raymond Lum Toungate, II
Jonathan Charles Cearley	Frank Hubbard Gore	Isadore Reichek	Alfred Munoz Vasquez
Bradley Cooper Cole	William Donn Haffelder	Robert Lehman Roberts, Jr.	Weldon L. Welch
David Edward Ferguson	Randall Dale Hobson	Michael William Roy	

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, February 14th 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.