

The HILL CITY LIGHT

March 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

March 2017

March 7	Stated Meeting
March 14	DeMolay Appreciation Family Night Food Committee
March 21	25 & 40 Year Awards Family Night
March 28	DDGM Reception Practice

April 2017

April 4	Stated Meeting DDGM Reception
April 11	EA Degree Practice Food Committee
April 18	Scholarship Awards Family Night
April 25	FC Practice

May 2017

May 2	Stated Meeting
May 9	EA Degree Practice Food Committee
May 16	Community Builder Family Night

Brethren,

March is DeMolay Appreciation Month. As a Senior DeMolay, I take pride in my DeMolay heritage. Numerous members of Hill City Lodge No. 456 AF&AM, and more than a few Past Masters, including John Baylor, Charlie Stewart, Scrappy King, Larry Miller, and junior past Chuck Stewart, are all Senior DeMolays. Senior DeMolays are those members who were active in their youth, before their 21st birthday. If you look across Masonry, either at the Macro-level or at the local-level, many, if not most, of the leaders you see are Senior DeMolays.

DeMolay started in 1919, in the aftermath of World War I. Many sons' fathers didn't return home. Added to that, the Influenza epidemic took an additional toll on the country. Led by Louis Lower, some young men, mentored by Frank S. Land in Kansas City, MO, formed the first chapter. Frank Land sat in on the meetings guiding them and mentoring them. They took the name DeMolay to honor the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, Jacques DeMolay, as a memory to the honor he showed.

Jacques DeMolay, the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar, is a figure revered through history. He was one of the few surviving knights of the Battle of Acre. He was

From the East (cont'd)

From the West

arrested, along with most of the Templars, on Friday, October 13, 1307, on orders from Pope Clement V, under pressure from King Philip IV of France, or Philip the Fair. The five charges, which history has since dismissed, were related heresy. Under torture, DeMolay falsely admitted to the charges, only to recant once he regained his constitution. For refusing to retract his recant, he and the rest of the arrested Templars were sentenced to death: DeMolay himself burned at the stake, with Geoffrey de Charney, in front of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France, on March 18, 1314. According to legend, Jacques DeMolay cried from the stake as it burned that both King Philip and Pope Clement would, within a year, face judgment before the throne of God for their heinous treachery; both were dead within a year: Philip from a stroke while hunting, and Clement from illness.

DeMolay teaches seven cardinal virtues: Filial Love (love of family); Reverence; Courtesy; Comradeship; Fidelity; Cleanliness; and Patriotism. Together, these can be boiled down to these three maxims: Love of God, Love of Family, and Love of Country. Every DeMolay takes these maxims and virtues to heart. Just like in a Masonic Lodge, every DeMolay goes through an initiation, consisting of two degrees (Initiatory and DeMolay), to learn about these lessons. Unlike Texas Masons, DeMolays do not have to learn a series of questions and answers before advancing to the next degree – to hold office within the Chapter, however, a DeMolay must recite their esoteric work, preferably within six (6) months of initiation.

The first DeMolay chapter in Texas, Ameth Chapter, was located in El Paso, Texas. Today, the oldest, longest run chapter without interruption is located in San Antonio: Albert Pike No. 58. This is the same chapter Charlie Stewart and I joined. My initiation was in April of 2000. That night, I met many of my future mentors in Masonry, and more importantly, my best friends: George Pandzik, John Pandzik, and Jonathan Huth. For seventeen (17) years, we've been the best of friends. DeMolay does so much for the youth that no other organization can offer.

Fraternally,
Charles E. Maddox, Worshipful Master
Hill City Lodge No. 456 AF&AM
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Brethren,

The Fantastic Teeth Program was indeed a success thanks to all who helped assembled kits for the 1st grader. Masonic Home and School furnishes each Lodge supplies for up to 300 kits free of charge with more available for very modest cost. Your Lodge has delivered close to the 300 kits to Hill, McBee and Oak Springs Schools this month. This is in time for Spring break which starts Monday, March 13. Right along with SXSW. I will be staying off Austin streets that week 😊.

Please keep 50-year mason Brother Bill Reynolds family in your prayers. He is in hospices care at Christopher House.

The Committee on Work is holding forums and exams now and in the near future to surrounding lodges. None are scheduled at our lodge this year but all masons will benefit by attending and you need not be a ritualist to benefit and enjoy the fellowship. If you will contact me at 512-529-0414, I will help you in scheduling your visit. I guarantee you will be a happier mason by the increase of knowledge you receive.

Check your dues card be sure it is current for 2017. Some members are in arrears and we would like to see that no one is suspended unnecessarily. Contact any officer is you know of someone who is in financial distress.

Oscar Orum
Senior Warden

March 2017 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Honeydew producer
6. Lackluster
10. ___-American
14. Dilly
15. Long narrative poem
16. "D"
17. Prepare for later viewing
19. Duff
20. O. Henry device
21. Secluded valleys
22. Juice source
26. Telly network, with "The"
27. Paperless novels
28. Steer's last stop
32. Hawaiian feasts
33. The great unwashed
34. ___ lab
35. "Back in the ___"
36. Bristles
37. Bananas
38. "___ lost!"
39. Holy text
40. Coffee break snack
41. Archie Bunker's spot
43. Cinema's Mr. Tibbs
44. Apple spray
45. Babar's queen
46. Bad lighting?
48. Stir up, in a way
50. Adjusts, as a clock
51. Photographer's accessory
56. "Trick" joint
57. Sundae topper, perhaps
58. Substantial
59. Breed
60. Delight
61. Pond buildup

Down (continued)

1. Appropriate
2. ___ green
3. Accident
4. "Rocks"
5. Screams
6. Lure
7. "Once ___ a time..."
8. Parrot cousin
9. "Acid"
10. Browser module
11. Apprehensions
12. Bookbinding leather
13. Crumbs
18. Blows it
21. Catches on
22. Caviar source
23. Addict
24. Banquet figure
25. ___ de force
26. Honey
28. Church part
29. Gray matter
30. Go with your gut
31. Faze
33. "Frasier" actress Gilpin
36. Fly high
37. "Encore!"
39. Top Tatar
40. Catch-22
42. Kind of case
43. Clothe
45. Alaskan town
46. Says "When?"
47. Ashcroft's predecessor
48. Demoiselle
49. Arch type
51. Account
52. Moray, e.g.
53. What "it" plays
54. In-flight info, for short
55. "The Catcher in the ___"

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February 2016 Puzzle Solution

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From the South

From the South (continued)

Brethren,

For the last couple of weeks some members of Hill City have been visiting other lodges. February 20th we visited Norton Moses Lodge in Leander. Their members are as welcoming to visitors as we are. They invite the families and the Eastern Star to diner.

We took with us some of the surveys that the steering committee developed as instructed by the Worshipful Master. The survey seeks information on five different categories: attendance, new members, communications and community involvement. Norton Moses is deeply involved in their community. They sell water at all of the local events. They support every elementary school in Leander. They set up an information table at Camp Mabry for veteran’s appreciation during several events that some of their members participate in and give of their time. There is a deep sense of family in their lodge and as I left the meeting I couldn’t help but think that masonry is alive and well in Leander.

Our lodge went to Onion Creek lodge on Thursday February 23rd and participated in assembling the packets for the Fantastic Teeth project which is sponsored by the Masonic Home and school. These packets contain a tooth brush, tooth paste, dental floss and some fun information for the youngsters. These packets are for first graders and the group assembled 1,900 kits for these kids.

We visited Texana Lodge on Monday the 6th. They meet in the Shrine Temple. We got there early so we were able to help them in setting up the lodge for the meeting. Like Norton Moses the members were friendly and welcoming. We passed out surveys to their members as we did in Leander.

March 8th we visited Parsons Lodge where we met the DDGM. Parsons is a lodge with young officers and a mix of masons from several

generations. They use a website, direct mail, Facebook and a phone tree to inform their members of upcoming events.

We visited San Gabriel Lodge in Georgetown on March 9th. Once again we were made to feel welcome. The Eastern Star sponsored their meal and then turned around and donated six hundred dollars to the lodge. They recently installed a new floor in the lodge consisting of black and white porcelain tiles. They have the one of the most beautiful alters. I don’t think I have ever seen any alter as pretty.

We still have some other lodges to visit. I will give a report next month.

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

Who was the “Widow’s Son”?

*Continued from the
February 2017 Light*

In the end, we will never know if Adam, Jesus the Nazarene or Hiram were truly related, however it is clear that The Widows Son is a title given to the offspring of Ruth and her descendants. It is also clear that Freemasonry calls its patron Saint Hiram Abiff a “Widow's Son”, who was a builder and that the lessons taught philosophically within our Masonic system have much to do with building as well, the main difference is that we are building our spiritual temples. In the Masonic system we follow in the footsteps of Hiram Abiff but we not only represent him, we physically become him in the degrees and in the end we all end up a “Widow’s Son”. Becoming a Master Mason we all end up being builders of fantastic edifices of hearts, minds and souls.

This is the original work of Brother Robert H Johnson. I feel a need to share this with my brethren.

Best to all, Oscar Orum, Senior Warden

York Rite Summer Festival 2017



*The Austin York Rite Bodies
Spring Festival 2017*

CHAPTER: Saturday May 20, 2017

COUNCIL: Saturday May 20, 2017

COMMANDERY: Saturday June 3, 2017

Coffee & Registration – 7:30 AM

Degree Conferral - 9:00 AM

Lunch 12:30 PM

Degree Fees (2017 dues included): \$105 Chapter; \$90 Council; \$185 Commandery

Annual Dues: \$35 Chapter; \$30 (Council); \$76 Commandery

Endowed Memberships: \$500 Chapter; \$500 Council; \$1,000 Commandery

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE:
WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2017**

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Food Committee for May 2nd Stated Meeting

Robert Leonard Andrews, III	Ernest L Butler	James Mitchell Goforth, Sr.	Ronald Eugene Roberts
Fereidoun Bakhshi	Mark Dwain Chapman	Robert J Hueffmeier	David S Solverson
Bruce Edward Barton	Tommy Paul Cox	Theodore J. Kalenterides	James Wilson Tindel
John David Baylor	Harry W. "Hal" Elliott	Dell Laclair Martin, Jr.	William Keith Turner
George David Bryan	Ernie T. French	Clyde Junior Medlock	

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, April 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.