

The HILL CITY LIGHT

July 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

July 2017

July 4	Dark for Independence Day
July 11	Stated Meeting
July 18	Past Master Appreciation Food Committee
July 25	EA Degree

August 2017

August 1	Stated Meeting
August 8	Work Night or Degree Food Committee
August 15	Grand Lodge Awards 50, 60 & 65 Yr. Service
August 22	Work Night or Degree
August 29	Work Night or Degree

September 2017

September 5	Stated Meeting
September 12	Work Night or Degree Food Committee
September 19	Lodge Service Awards 25 & 40 Year Service
September 26	Work Night or Degree

Brethren,

I thank you for the honor of serving as your Worshipful Master. I have set as a goal this year to reunite Hill City into a brotherhood of Masons with which each member would want to attend meetings and enjoy the fellowship of Freemasonry. This requires each of us leave our differences in political views and opinions behind as we enter the lodge. I know there are many who would like to attend but, because of a difference of opinion or something being said in the past that might have been misunderstood by another, some of us have stubbornly refused to forgive and/or forget and move forward in a way of reconciliation. I am disheartened to think such situations exist but I must accept that they do. We as masons should be above the fray and have love for each other. May I invite each of you to attend lodge and work at (re)building an organization into one into which you looked up when you petitioned to become a brother and learned your work ? Maybe refreshing your memory of the work you learned as an EA or FC would be a good starting place for this effort ? There is no better place than lodge to re-establish the satisfaction of being among brethren. Let us move toward that familiar phrase, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to swell together in unity..."

Oscar Orum
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

From the West	From the West (continued)
<p>Brethren,</p> <p>I hope that all of our brethren had a wonderful July 4th. I know I did. We held our July Stated meeting on the 11th because the first Tuesday fell on the 4th. I would like to congratulate Brother Scrappy King; many of you may not know that at the June Stated Meeting then WM Charles Maddox nominated brother King for Life Membership. Brother King has been and still is involved with many outstanding Masonic endeavors. He received the majority vote at July's meeting and joins an elite and impressive list of Hill City members with Life Membership.</p> <p>Our brother, Robert Eschenburg, has for many years participated in a community oriented event titled the Annual Rally for Kids. It is at Camp been McCullough, August 11th and 12th. The two-day event has a car show and a cook off. Brother Eschenburg heads a team of master BBQ cooks. Obviously, they participate in the BBQ the cook-off which is on the 12th. This year's proceeds benefit The Hill Country Youth. All Masons and more especially Hill City Masons are encouraged to come out on the 12th and show support for Brother Eschenburg and eat some the BBQ. He said that we need to bring our lawn chairs and enjoy a wonderful day on Onion Creek. A motion was made and seconded to be one to the sponsors for Brother Eschenburg's team. The brethren voted and approved the sum of two hundred seventy-five dollars to assist his team and promote the good of Masonic charity.</p> <p>A motion was presented to correct a conflict with what the lodge pays in fees for the degrees to Grand Lodge and the method by which it is calculated. The motion was tabled until the August Stated Meeting because of some strong disagreements on how to fix the problem. I encourage each of you to attend the August Stated Meeting to hear the arguments and perhaps be a part of the solution.</p>	<p>Unfortunately, we have suspended seven members for nonpayment of dues. These brothers have one year to pay their dues without having to renew their membership without petitioning again and being investigated.</p> <p>If you are involved in any type of program where you volunteer your time you can use those hours to help your lodge reach this year's goal which is 1,200 hours. All you must do is email me, bobnowheeless383@gmail.com, or text me at 512-468-2543 and I will record your hours and we can also use the miles you drive to and from where you volunteer.</p> <p>I hope to see you at the August Stated Meeting.</p> <p>Bob Wheeless, P.M. Senior Warden Hill City 456</p>
	Act by the Plumb...
	<p>Remember the Fellowcraft degree ? We find in Amos chapter 7, "the Lord promises to place a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel." In other words, they were to be judged by their own plumbline, not another's. We, as Masons, are to judge our fellows, if at all, by our fellows' plumbline, not our own. One brother must not condemn another by his personal standards; only when a brother is false to his own standards can he judge him.</p> <p>I hope all will try to attend lodge and enjoy the fellowship of their brethren !</p> <p>Oscar Orum, W.M.</p>

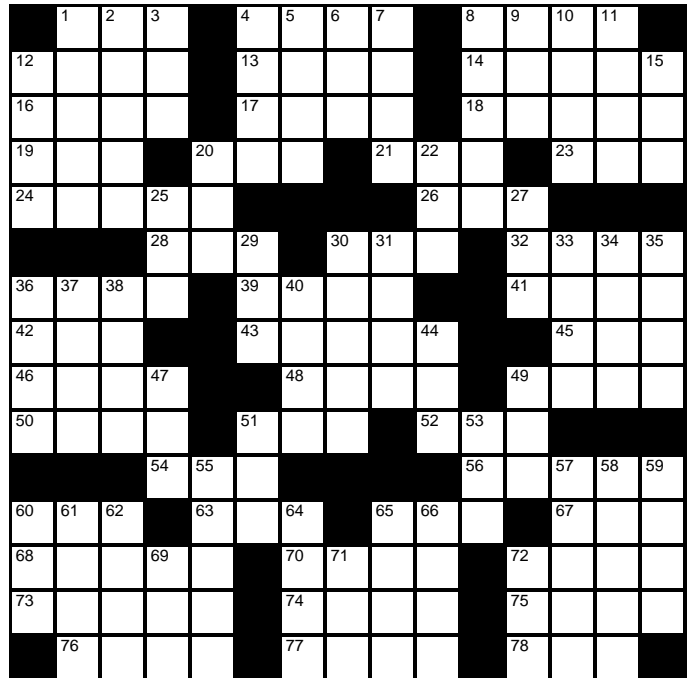
July 2017 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Telekinesis, e.g.
4. Bikini parts
8. Arab boat
12. Brio
13. Eastern discipline
14. Deserved
16. Buddies
17. Captured
18. Basket material
19. An end to sex?
20. "A rat!"
21. "___ alive!"
23. 007, for one
24. Recipe direction
26. Balaam's mount
28. Amiss
30. Massenet's "Le ___"
32. "Do ___ others as..."
36. Furnace output
39. Arab League member
41. Indian bread
42. Starchy tuber
43. ___ Novo (Benin's capital)
45. "___ say!"
46. College VIP
48. "Once ___ a time..."
49. Comrade in arms
50. "... or ___!"
51. "Fantasy Island" prop
52. Victorian, for one
54. #26 of 26
56. "Goody!"
60. "The ___ Daba Honeymoon"
63. Ring bearer, maybe
65. Grinder
67. Egg cells
68. Former
70. Knowing, as a secret
72. Falling flakes
73. Pie cuts, essentially
74. 18-wheeler
75. Auspices
76. Drop
77. Cajole
78. Affirmative action

Down

1. Spatter
2. Game ragout
3. ___ and outs
4. Information unit
5. Corner piece
6. "Give it ___!"
7. "The Open Window" writer
8. Refuse
9. Consumes
10. "Miss ___ Regrets"
11. Blubber
12. "Beowulf," e.g.
15. Arid
20. "Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice ___ Agin)" (#1 hit of 1970)
22. Bit
25. Auction offering
27. Juliet, to Romeo
29. Coxcomb
30. Italian Town
31. "What's gotten ___ you?"
33. Catch
34. Farfetched
35. The "O" in S.R.O.
36. Ballyhoo
37. Benjamin Disraeli, e.g.
38. Andy's radio partner
40. Grimace
44. "___ moment"
47. Casbah headgear
49. "I see!"
51. Grassland
53. Burgle
55. Like "The X-Files"
57. Beat it
58. Not perfectly round
59. Swerves at sea
60. 30-day mo.
61. Actor Pitt
62. Asssistant
64. Computer programming word.
65. "Brave New World" drug
66. Alternative to Windows
69. Black gold
71. "The Matrix" hero
72. Clinton, e.g.: Abbr.



June 2017 Puzzle Solution



From the South

From the South (continued)

Brethren,

I hope everyone is excited to get off and running for the new Masonic year! I'd like to congratulate Oscar Orum and Bob Wheelless for election to their respective offices, along with the other officers for their appointments to serve during the following term. For my part, I would like to thank the brethren for their support and encouragement; I will serve as your Junior Warden with all my heart.

One area where I'm excited about getting down to work is on improving Hill City's presence across several online channels.

I think it's fair to say that new Masons are vital to maintaining healthy Lodges and we should look to find those aspiring Masons wherever they are.

We should pay attention to how prospective brothers will find us if they're considering taking the leap. In this age, that will usually involve the internet.

Whether our future brothers go to Google, Facebook, or the maps application on their phone and type "Masonic Lodge," they will be presented with several results in the Austin area.

Let us put ourselves in their shoes for a minute: how will you decide which lodge to visit? The statistical evidence bears out that the first three results receive the most attention. And how do those results look -- are they professional and up-to-date with new content? Does it seem like a welcoming place? Per the evidence, the appearance of quality here also influences which options they will pick.

Hill City has a tremendous opportunity ahead because the possibilities for improvement will put us ahead of other lodges in the area.

And we could use your help! Whether you're able to write content, come up with ideas, or help test it, you can make an impact.

There is always a place for finding new Masons through our interactions and relationships, but to ignore a vital conduit of interested future brothers makes no sense. As such, I hope Hill City Lodge can work to present itself on the internet in the most compelling way possible.

Aaron Evans, Junior Warden
Hill City Lodge, No. 456 AF & AM

From Uncle Bob

My Brethren of Hill City Lodge.

We are starting a new Masonic year with new officials and crews. And, we want this year to be the best of all!

Every month, we send out a list of names on the cover of the Hill City Light. This list is the food committee for the following month - the members to decide what to eat at the stated meeting. If/when your name appears in the list, please come down, help decide, and enjoy the fellowship. And, if possible, please come down and help prepare the food and clean up the mess at the stated meeting. There is always something you can do even if you don't cook - such as setting up the dining room.

I hope to hear from each of you when your name appears on the list and I look forward to seeing you and meeting old and new members.

Thank you,
Uncle Bob

Obituary

A.M. (Woody) Woodward, Jr.

Brother Woody Woodward, 96, passed away on June 25th 2017 in Hoschton Georgia. He was born August 31, 1920 in Jerrell, Texas to A.M. and Lola Woodward.

He enlisted in the US Army on October 8, 1940. In the 71 Signal Corp in World War II he served in Algeria-French Morocco, Sicily, Naples-Fogia, Rome-Arno, Southern France, Central Europe, and Rhineland. Following victory in Europe he was on leave getting ready to proceed to the Pacific when the WWII ended. He was Honorably Discharged as a Sergeant on September 9, 1945 with the EAME Campaign Medal with 7 bronze stars and 1 Bronze Arrowhead.

He went back to work for Southwestern Bell (part of AT&T). In Nov. 1946, he married Virgie Bell Turner of Clifton, TX. They had one son, Don Woodward. Woody and Virgie were married 63 years until she passed in April, 2010.

Woody worked for Southwestern Bell for 33 years before retiring. He had some amazing experiences with the phone company. For example, he was picked to install the president's secret service phone system with international hot lines for LBJ at the "White House on the Perdarnales" in Dec 1963 right after JFK had been shot. Years later after retiring he was working as airport security when Ladybird Johnson was passing through and stopped and recognized him as her "Phone man".

He was a Master Mason at Hill City Lodge #456, Austin Scottish Rite, and a Shriner, Ben Hur Shrine Temple and Patrol Unit. He was a member of the Crestview United Methodist Church in Austin.

Obituary (continued)

After he and Virgie retired, they enjoyed traveling. They took several cruises and toured the US in one of a series of increasingly larger motor homes (RV's) that they owned.

Those left to cherish his memory are his son, Don Woodward and his wife Donna of Georgia, grandson Brandon Woodward and his wife Bibi of Georgia, and great-granddaughter Mackenzie Woodward. He also leaves 4 of his 11 siblings, Helen Sanderford, Sarah James, and Peggy McClung of Temple, Mary Brannam of Rockdale.

A.M. Woodward Jr. was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on March 13, 1951; Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on May 22, 1951 and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on July 24, 1951. Brother Woodward received his 50 Year Service Award in 2001.

And so it has come to pass, a Brother Master Mason having completed all the design's laid down on the Trestle board of Life, has answered the summons of the Grand Warden of Heaven and Earth and has entered into the Grand Lodge over which the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe presides.

Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 6th, 2017 at the Cook Walden Funeral Home, 6100 N. Lamar Blvd. Interment, officiated by Hill City Lodge 456 with Masonic Graveside service, led by Funeral Master Rev. Brother Don Long (at the family's request) followed at Cook Walden Capital Parks Cemetery in Pflugerville, TX.

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Food Committee for September 5th Stated Meeting

James Ray Barber	Patrick K Graham	Rodney D Kothmann	David Edward Schnautz
Arthur Lee Connor, III	Philip Edward Hornsey	John Tate McFarland	Ernest Serrano
Hilton Vern Crocker	James David Hurt	Norman Glen Montgomery	Leroy Eugene Steadman
Fred Joseph Crooks	Enoch S. Johnson, Jr.	Harold Ray Pack	Byron Wayne Weaver
Jerry Seburn Daniel	Michael Lee Johnson	Michael Anthony Payne	Arthur Cyril Williams
Lance Barrett Dean	Sammy Ronald Jones	Kip Lee Portis	Robert Charles Williams
Robert Carson Fisk	David Lee Kinser, Jr.	Jack Lavern Ryle	Rudolph Edgar Willie, Jr.

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, August 8th 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 from the food committee members at the food committee meeting unless you included your food committee donation with your Lodge dues in December.