

# The HILL CITY LIGHT

September 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

### 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

### October 2017

October 3	Stated Meeting
October 10	Work Night or Degree Food Committee
October 17	Golden Trowel Award Family Night
October 24	Work Night or Degree
October 31	Work Night or Degree

### November 2017

November 7	Stated Meeting
November 14	Thanksgiving Dinner Food Committee
November 21	Dark for Thanksgiving
November 28	Work Night or Degree

## From the East

The Ideal Mason

So you think Brother Parkes is an ideal Mason, do you?" asked the Old Past Master of the Young Brother. "I like Brother Parkes, but before I gave assent to your adjective of 'ideal' I'd like for you to define it."

"What I meant answered the Younger Brother, "was that he is so well rounded a Mason. He is brotherly, charitable, loves a good speech and a good time, and does his Masonic duty as he sees it."

Oh! Well, if that's being an ideal Mason, Parkes surely is one. But I can't follow your definition of ideal. For there are so many ideals n Freemasonry, and it has been given to few. I doubt, really, if it has been given to any...man realize them all. Certainly, I never knew one.

"There are so many kinds of Masons! I do not refer now to the various bodies a brother may join: Chapter, Council, Commandery, Scottish Rite Lodge, Chapter, Council, and Consistory. Shrine, Grotto, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Eastern Star; a man may belong to the all and still be just one kind of Mason.

"When I speak of 'kinds' of Masons, I mean 'kinds of ideals.'

**From the East (continued)**

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“There is the man whose idea of Masonry is ritual. He believes the ritual is the backbone of the fraternity. Not to be letter perfect in a degree is an actual pain to him; he cares more for the absolute accuracy of the lessons than in the meaning in them. His ideal is a necessary one, and to him we are indebted for our Schools of Instruction, for our accuracy in handing down to those who come after us he secret work, and, to a large extent, for what small difficulties we put in the way of a candidate by which he conceives a regard for the Order. What is too easily obtained is of small value. Making a new mason learn by rote some difficult teaches him the essential lessons, but makes him respect that which he gets by making it difficult.

“There is the brother with the social ideal of Masonry. To him the order is a benevolent organization, one which dispenses charity, supports homes, looks after the sick, buries the dead and occasionally, stages a 'ladies night', or a 'free feed, or an 'entertainment'. He is the man that thinks more of the lessons of brotherly love than the languages in which they are thought; as a ritualist, he used symbolism all the time, to the great distress of the ritually-minded Mason. To the social ideal of Masonry and to those to whom it makes it greatest appeal we are indebted for much of the public approbation of our Order, since in its social contacts it is seen of the world.

“There are brethren to whom the historical, perhaps I should say that archaeological ideal is the one of greatest appeal. They are the learned men; the men who dig in libraries, who read the books, who write the papers on history and antiquity. To them we are indebted for the real, though not yet fully told story of the Craft. They have taken from us the old apocryphal tales of the origin of the Order and set Truth in their places; They have uncovered a far more wonderful story than those ancient ones which romanticists told. They have given us the right

to venerate our age and our vitality; before they came, we had only fables to live by. To them we owe Lodges of Research, histories, commentaries and the great books of Masonry and much of the interpretation of our mysteries.

“Then there is the symbolist. His ideal is found in the esoteric teachings of Freemasonry. He is not content with the bare outline of the meaning of our symbols found in our lectures- he has dug and delved and learned, until he has uncovered so great a wealth of philosophical, religious and fraternal lessons in our symbols as would amaze the Masons who lived before the symbolist began his work.

“To him we are indebted for such a wealth of beauty as has made the craft lovely in the eyes of men who otherwise would find it only as “another organization'. To him we are indebted for the greatest reasons for its life, its tenuity, its vitality. For the symbolist has pointed the way to the inner, spiritual truths of Freemasonry and made it blossom like the rose in the hearts of men who seek, they know not what, and find, that which is too great for them to comprehend.

“There are other ideals of Freemasonry, my son, but these are enough to illustrate my point. Brother Parkes follows the social ideal of Freemasonry, and follows it well. He is a good man, a good Mason, in every sense of the word. But he is not an 'ideal Mason'. An 'ideal' Mason would have to live up to, to love, to understand, to practice, all of the ideals of Freemasonry, and I submit, it cannot be done.”

“What's your ideal of Freemasonry?” asked the Younger Mason curiously, as the Old Past Master paused.

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## August 2017 (yes, repeated) Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Informer
5. Heaters
9. 10 kilogauss
14. Small ox
15. Chill
16. Architectural projection
17. Clickable image
18. In need of resupply, maybe
19. Loosen, as laces
20. Instruments for determining the distance of an object
23. "Absolutely!"
24. Mass communication?
28. Woe, so to speak
31. Kind of dealer
33. "Comprende?"
34. A politician will use it
36. Caribbean, e.g.
37. Novice
38. \_\_\_ v. Wade
39. Wanders
40. Victorian, for one
41. Part of mathematical funtion
45. Cambridge sch.
46. Game name
47. Investment option
48. Swipes second
50. Kind of income
51. Doronic orientale
57. "M\*A\*S\*H" role
60. Berry from palms
61. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
62. Ancient city NW of Carthage
63. Colorful salamander
64. "\_\_\_ go!"
65. Sideshow performers
66. Coastal raptor
67. Bringing up the rear

### Down

1. C-worthy?
2. Ancient Andean
3. "High" time
4. Pocket Books logo
5. Talkathon
6. "Encore!"
7. Go bad
8. Lentil, e.g.
9. Main Hawaiian industry
10. Artist Max
11. Be in session
12. "Fantasy Island" prop
13. A pint, maybe
21. Arabic for "commander"
22. "Desire Under the \_\_\_"
25. Lash out at
26. "You \_\_\_ bother!"
27. Frothy
28. Tribal towers
29. Apparition
30. More megs to your computer will \_\_\_\_\_ it.
31. \_\_\_ dark space (region in a vacuum tube)
32. Cambodian currency
35. Language of Lahore
39. Sport for blind people
41. Eye coats
42. "Not to mention ..."
43. Learned
44. Exemplars of twinship
49. "Wellaway!"
50. Tied
52. French door part
53. Maple genus
54. Length x width, for a rectangle
55. Pesky insects
56. "\_\_\_ of Eden"
57. Persian, e.g.
58. Absorbed, as a cost
59. Conk out

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## July 2017 Puzzle Solution

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**From the West**

**From the West (continued)**

Brethren,

Both of your Wardens, Brother Aaron Evans and I attended the Grand Lodge Officer Training Conference in Waco during the weekend starting on August 18<sup>th</sup>. We met many other Wardens from all over the state and were able to visit with the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Junior Warden. The conference gives the participants tools and ideas to help in the planning of their year in the East.

One of the talking points that I found interesting is that Masons don't communicate the value of Masonry to the community. Of course, the Scottish Rite Hospital and the Shrine Burn Center are the exceptions. Because our lodge is down town, we have a difficult time showing off our value to those around us.

One important truism that I gathered from the conference is that, without the support of our wives, many of us would not be masons. They have to have a favorable opinion of masonry and a willingness to allow us the opportunity to attend lodge meetings.

The secretary had an unusual but interesting request last week. Someone was doing some research on a family member that attended our Lodge back in 1881. The minutes of the lodge back then were all hand written in a very elegant example of cursive. It turns out that the mason was a member of Lodge 12.

Speaking of Lodge 12, we were honored pass onto them the Traveling Gavel. The rule is that a lodge attempting to get the gavel must have as many members present as the officers of the lodge which has possession of the gavel. They had fifteen members present and easily outnumbered our officers. We also were honored to have five members of Onion Creek 220 and one member of University Lodge 1190 present.

Mark your calendars for September 19<sup>th</sup>. The lodge is awarding 25 and 40-year service awards.

Bring your wives and friends to show support for these masons who have reached this monumental stage of their Masonic career.

If any brother is interested in earning a certified of proficiency, Onion Creek 220 is hosting a forum and examination on September 30<sup>th</sup>. They will open at 8:00 am with the forum beginning at 9:00 and the examination afterwards. Even if you are not interested in earning a certificate, it is an excellent opportunity to brush up with the questions and answers.

Our next stated meeting is on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Remember we dine at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7:30. I hope to see all of you there.

Bob Wheelless, P.M.  
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

**From the East (continued)**

“The one from which all the others spring” was the smiling answer. “O am not possessed of a good enough memory to be a fine ritualist; I don't have enough time to spare for the many social activities of Masonry, I am not learned enough to be and historian or antiquary, nor enough vision to be and interpreter of symbols for any man but myself. My ideal is the simple one we try to teach to all, and which, if we live up to it, encompasses all the rest; The Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man.

A guide post never gets anywhere, but it points the way! So said, Claud L. Claudy, the author, known to many as the Old Past Master.

Oscar Orum, Worshipful Master  
Hill City, 456

## From the South

## Attendance (continued)

Greetings Brethren,

I've written recently about efforts to make our lodge more visible and presentable to young men who search for it that when they become interested in Masonry, Hill City Lodge is a compelling place for them to visit.

It's also worth paying attention to how we have an effective line of officers so that when new Masons begin participating in running the lodge, they're able to step up and begin doing a productive job more quickly.

The Lodge kitchen was in the past one of the areas where we did a good job at this. Because the Mason assisting with running the kitchen was next in line to be responsible for performing that role, they already knew the ropes before becoming Senior Steward.

For many other officer responsibilities in the line, learning how to execute that job often takes place on the fly. For example, I can testify as Senior Deacon I was only just becoming efficient at coordinating degree work when it was time to hand the reigns over to the next line. In retrospect, had I assisted with the job as Junior Deacon I would have done a better job early on.

For that reason, I think it would be helpful that we consider how officers in the line can support the ones ahead and behind them, to make all of us better at our jobs and create a pipeline for transforming new Masons into leaders.

There is a lot to improve, but I'm heartened and thankful for the willingness of our elder Masons to step up and assist the newer members this year.

Aaron Evans, Junior Warden, Hill City 456

### Attendance (continued from August)

*Continued from the August Hill City Light*

“And, let me tell you something, my brother. There are many, many men who become Masons in the sense that they join a lodge and pay dues although they never attend, who do good Masonic work. There is Filby, for instance. Filby has been

a member of this lodge for twenty years and never been in it, to my knowledge, since the day he was raised. I don't know why, I rather think he was frightened and showed it, and was afraid of being laughed at. Now he knows there is nothing to be afraid about.

But there was never a need for money that Filby didn't contribute; there was never a committee appointed to work on the Masonic Home that Filby didn't head. There was never any work outside of the lodge that Filby didn't try to help. He is a good Mason even if he doesn't attend.”

“And, there are plenty of good men who join the fraternity and neglect their lodge in the early years, who turn their hearts toward it in later years; boys who are too fond of girls and dances and good times to spend a moment in serious thought while they are just in the puppy age, who grow up finally, to be thoughtful men, turning their hearts toward the noble teaching of this fraternity and becoming more ardent lodge members and attenders.”

“Oh, no, my brother, never weep because we have but a portion of our membership at a meeting. Be glad we have so many; be happy that those that come, come so regularly and enthusiastically, be proud that there are such a large number of men content to sit through the same three degrees - year after year, to learn what they can, let sink a little deeper the hidden beauties of the story, absorb a little more of the secret doctrine which lies behind the words of the ritual.”

“Masonry is not for yesterday, for today, or for tomorrow alone. She is for all the ages to come. The Temple Not Built With Hands cannot be built alone by you and me, nor in a day or even a century. And, remember that the stone rejected by the builder was finally found the most necessary of them all. Perhaps the man who doesn't come to lodge now may be the most earnest and powerful Mason of tomorrow. Only the Great Architect knows. Masonry is His work. Be content to let it be done His way.”

*This work was written by Carl H. Claudy, P.G.M of Washington, D.C. in 1943*

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## Food Committee for November 7<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting

Herbert E Adams	Weston Wayne Floyd	Nicholas Collins Maulding	Vaughn Edward Smith
Kendall Elliott Bardin	Oliver W. Harbison, Jr.	Boaz Mell	J. Robert Stone
Steven Karl Buck	Evan Michael Holmes	Luke Allen Michels	Frank Burke Sykes
Donald Voss Carlson	William Paul Hunt	Marcus Jerome Moseley	Byron T. Townsend
Vernon Earl Cole	David John James	Van Martin Nimrick	Gregorio M. Trejo
William Frank Farley	Matthew Chris Kirksey	Vance Edward Powell, III	Christian James Wagner
Hugh Monroe Farmer	James Paul Leigh	Ira Landrith Rabourn	Charles Michael Wentz
Roberto T Flores	Philip Peter Marshall	John Charles Shirley	Robert Steven Whatley
			Ricky Sherrill Wilson

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, October 10<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 from the food committee members at the food committee meeting unless you included your food committee donation with your Lodge dues in December.