

# The HILL CITY LIGHT

October 2017

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## Hill City No. 456 A.F. & A.M.

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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

### October 2017

October 3	Stated Meeting
October 10	Work Night or Degree Food Committee
October 17	Work Night or Degree
October 24	Work Night or Degree
October 31	Work Night or Degree

### November 2017

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

### December 2017

December 5	Stated Meeting Food Committee
December 12	Past Master / Christmas Dinner Family Night
December 19	Work Night or Degree
December 26	Dark for Christmas

### The Masonry You Make

Well, I know you'll be glad to hear I am through with learning the work!" announced a young brother to the Old Past Master. "One more lesson and I'll know all about Masonry!"

"That's fine, son. I congratulate you!" answered the Old Past Master.

"Some conceit!" murmured another brother, as the satisfied young brother moved away. "I've been studying Masonry many years and I don't think I know all about it, by a long chalk!"

"Of course, you don't, and neither does he. But we all have to learn of the Masonry we make for ourselves."

"Oh, do you think so? I thought we learned of the Masonry our ancient brethren had made for us!"

"That, too, of course. But the Masonry they made for us is the Masonry which can be written down, or put in symbols, or taught by word of mouth. It is a concrete thing; a thing of words and phrases, of symbols and figures, of stone and wood and temple and rough ashlar and square and compasses. But the inner Masonry.... that we make for ourselves."

"Do you ever read Ingersoll? Somewhere he says "an honest

**From the East (continued)**

God is the noblest work of man’ and thousands of people have shuddered away from the sentence and called it blasphemy. But they fail to understand what the Great Architect meant. Our modern conception of the Great Architect of course falls infinitely short of the reality, but at least we do not do Him the injustice of confining Him with the limits of our human frailties. But up through the ages man has limited his gods and his God, according to himself. The gods of Greece and Rome (to go no further back) were gods and goddesses who felt jealousy, anger, revenge. They interfered in the affairs of men for their own pleasures. They were made in the image of men who made them! Later, God was a cruel tyrant, who sanctioned the torment of the Inquisition and loved those who were wicked in his name... at, least such was the middles ages' concept of Deity. Only within a few hundred years has the world come to consider God as the all-wise, all-loving, all-merciful, all-tender Father of us all. This was what Ingersoll meant when he spoke of the honest God as the noblest work of men; am honest conception of a God infinitely wonderful and beautiful, is a noble conception.”

“Masonry is a conception. After on gets through learning the ritual, the mere words and phrases, he begins to absorb the philosophy and moral system of Masonry. Still later he begins to carry masonry in his daily life and live by it. Later on .... but wait a minute. We have word Masons; the ritual is the whole. We have Masons, to whom the symbolism is the whole thing, and who see nothing beyond the inner meaning of squares and compasses and stones and angles. We have others who add to this, philosophy of Masonry, but to whom Masonry is yet a perfect system which can be learned in its entirety by those who apply themselves.

“But there are others.... more every year, thank God!.... who make their own Masonry, beyond

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**From the West**

We honored three of our members: Doug Freyburger, P.M., J.D. Lafosse, P.M., and Ron Roberts, P.M. on September 19<sup>th</sup> by presenting them with their well-deserved twenty-five year service awards. Our worshipful Master Oscar Orum was unable to make the presentations so I presented their pins to them on his behalf. If any brother has an official Grand Lodge of Texas monitor the ceremony is on pages 130-132.

After the ceremony, all three recipients were provided an opportunity to speak about their Masonic experience. All three credited their interest in masonry as being based on a Free Mason they admired and respected. Once these fine brothers spoke, they introduced their wives and other family members who were applauded for the support and encouragement they provide their Masonic husbands. We all know that if a brother’s wife has an unfavorable opinion of Free Masonry, he more than likely will not be active in masonry.

On Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>, the Fifth Masonic District will hold their annual family picnic starting at 11:00 am. The location is 815 Cat Hollow Club Drive which is just past the Briarcliff Marina off of Pace Bend Rd N. in Spicewood. Lodge 12 will provide BBQ and the other lodges in the district are encouraged to bring side dishes. All attendees must bring their own beverages. There is plenty of open area and you are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. Parking is limited so get there early. By the way, if you want to fish, bring your own tackle and fishing license.

We have just one steward in the kitchen this year so I would like to thank Past Masters Bob Schmidt, Tom Jackson, Chuck Stewart, Weston Floyd, and the many other brothers for their help in the kitchen this year.

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## October 2017 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Band-aid
8. Inched
13. Bullish
14. Ice cream shop employee
16. Begin to take action
17. Island of wine fame
18. Wild Garlic
19. Adaptable
20. Freudian topics
21. Infomercials, e.g.
22. "Act your \_\_\_!"
23. Succulent plant
25. "Your majesty"
27. The "p" in m.p.g.
28. Arsenal, so to speak
31. "Get your hands off me!"
32. Certain Afridan inhabitant
33. \_\_\_-relief
36. Warranted
40. Coke's partner
41. Water carrier
42. Excitement
44. Anger
45. Afflict
46. Arab League member
47. Jordan River terminus
49. Apparent
52. Most violent
53. Barely perceptible
54. Better
55. Go
56. Alternative to a convertible
57. Like some mail

### Down

1. Cordwood units
2. Bird
3. Render obsolete
4. Floor exercise, in Britain
5. Copter's forerunner
6. Soon, to a bard
7. Composes
8. Musical endings
9. Some deer
10. Famous last Words?
11. Orbital low point
12. Gothic-window decoration
14. Most messy, as makeup
15. Volcanic depressions
24. Prefix with phone
25. Whip up
26. Charged, in a way
29. Most Florid
30. "Idylls of the King" character
33. Madison County structures
34. Halo
35. Slandered
37. Volatile liquid element
38. Layered
39. Come (from)
43. Went fishing
45. Eastern confed.
48. Opera star
49. Urban blight
50. Cork's country
51. Give off, as lig

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## August 2017 Puzzle Solution

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**From the East (continued)**

that of the books and the lodge, the words and the symbol. To these, Ingersoll might have said that 'an honest Masonry is the noblest work of the Craft' with no more irreverence that he intended in his famous epigram.”

“Masonry, to such a thinking man, is illimitable. It has no end. It is as infinite as space, as unending as time, as distant in boundary of the faintest nebula. It is not a thing of earth only; it encompasses the universe, and joins man's hand with God. This is the Masonry we make for ourselves, and could what we make be measured, its proportions would be exactly the proportions of our own. For the announced a young brother hidden Masonry we make is large or small, wide or cramped, beautiful or ugly, grave or gay, useful or ornamental, fine or dross, exactly as are we.”

“In each of us is an ideal conception of all we would attain. We have our ideal man, our ideal woman, our ideal job, our ideal position, our ideal happiness. Some of us are inarticulate we cannot express them; some of us are so inchoate in our thinking we cannot clearly visualize this, but they are there, these ideals, each and every one a measure of what we are.”

“And we have also our ideals of Masonry, the hidden Masonry we make, each man for himself. Your inner temple is not like mine and mine is not like yours, though each may beautiful and perfect; two faces may be equally lovely, you know, yet not totally alike.”

“To my way of thinking, we are better Masons as we grow our inner Masonry for ourselves, as we perfect it, polish it, and raise it higher and higher. It is sadly true that no man may teach another how to build his hidden temple, but u\it us beautifully true that all of us may build the better for by getting for ourselves better working tools. And the working tools with which we as Craftsman build our own inner hidden temple of Masonry, into which none may

**From the West (continued)**

It’s not hard to notice that our younger generations have a very profound interest in tattoos. All of those tattoos have a special meaning to the owner. I have noticed several that have the inscription “I am my brother’s keeper” incorporated into the design. This inscription made me think about the five points of fellowship we learn about in the MM degree. We all swore to be our brother’s keeper.

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

**From the East (continued)**

every step but ourselves and God; The rough and perfect ashlar, square and plumb, trowel and compasses, by which we build this sacred edifice, are available for us all. Our young friend has one, when he secures perfect working knowledge of the ritual. The student has another, when he has mastered most of the symbolism. The doctor has a third, when he understands and can formulate the philosophy of Masonry, and all of us get a new edge to our tools as we live according to Masonic light and gain Masonic experience.”

The Old Past Master stopped and looked off, as if he saw a vision.

The brother to who he spoke sighed. “I wish,” he said, “I might have the inspiration of looking at your temple of Masonry, that I might make mine better.”

Oscar Orum, Worshipful Master  
Hill City, 456

Greetings Brethren,

This month I'll share some notes I found of interest while reading "The History of Hill City Lodge No. 456, A.F. & A.M.".

Many brothers may not be aware a book was written in 1919, chronicling the first 43 years of Hill City. A scanned copy is online at the website of the University of North Texas.

A majority of the book is a list of the members that joined (or passed away) during these years of the lodge. However, I did find some things of interest.

As you're well aware, Austin Lodge No. 12 is the first lodge in Austin and dates to the Republic of Texas. The desire to create Austin's second Lodge took definite form in 1876 when area Masons petitioned for the creation of a new body.

There were three motivations given for this request. First, because there were enough Masons in the area to support another lodge; second, to promote healthy competition and emulation; third, because many area Masons weren't willing to attend at Austin lodge.

This petition was presented to the membership of Lodge No. 12 in stated meetings on February 15 and March 4. Unsurprisingly, it was refused recommendation by a vote of three for and 16 against. The petition was then appealed to the Grand Lodge of Texas which granted a charter for Hill City Lodge on June 10, 1876.

The first meeting was held on June 19 that year in the same lodge room as Austin Lodge No. 12.

From this story, we can intuit there may have been some hurt feelings about the original formation of Hill City Lodge. And yet, 141 years later Hill City is still meeting in the same lodge as Austin No. 12.

Aaron Evans, Junior Warden, Hill City 456

## **Arthur Cyril Williams**

Brother Arthur Cyril Williams, 86, passed away Thursday, April 14, 2016 at a Temple care facility. He was born on September 25, 1929 in Brooklyn, NY to Norman and Laura (Williams) Williams.

Arthur married Mildred Donahay on January 1, 1951 in Jamaica, NY. He proudly served in the United States Marines, lived in Belton for 31 years and was formerly of Round Rock. He was also a member of the Hill City Masonic Lodge 456.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and 2 sons, Glen Williams and Keith Williams. He will be greatly missed by his wife Mildred Williams of Belton, his 3 daughters Stephenie Norment of Utley, Deborah Williams of Cedar Park and Doni Williams of Bastrop, his 7 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Brother Williams was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on June 20, 1960; Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on September 19, 1960 and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 31, 1960. Brother Williams received his 50 Year Service Award on September 9, 2010.

## Obituary

### Raymond Lee Whitaker

Brother Raymond Lee Whitaker, 88, was born at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin, Texas on October 3, 1928 to Lee and Mae (Polk) Whitaker and passed away on September 27, 2017 at his home in Austin. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Marie Gunn Whitaker, and his wife of three years, Mickey (Martha) Braun Whitaker.

Raymond graduated from Austin High in 1946 and then joined the Texas Army National Guard in February 1947. He served in the Guard, with the exception of tours of Active Duty and Active Duty for Training, until his retirement as a Chief Warrant Officer Four on September 28, 1990. He was a member of Hill City Lodge 456, the Austin Scottish Rite Bodies, and the Cosmopolitan Club of Austin. He was also a life member of the National Guard Association of Texas with life number #38.

Raymond is survived by his wife Margaret Brown Whitaker, whom he married in December of 1999. As an honorary Dad and everyone's favorite Uncle, Raymond leaves behind numerous relatives and a huge circle of friends.

Memorial services were held at 2:00PM on Saturday, September 30, 2017 at Harrell Funeral Home, 4435 Frontier Trail, Austin, TX. A graveside service was not held as Raymond's ashes/remains will be placed at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date.

Brother Whitaker was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on May 21, 1957; Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on July 23, 1957 and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on September 24, 1957. Brother Whitaker received his 50 Year Service Award on October 25, 2007 and his 60 Year Service Award on July 10, 2017.

## Obituary

### Edelmiro Jimenez

Brother Edelmiro Jimenez, 84, was called home by our Lord on August 12, 2017. Edelmiro lost his battle to cancer and died peacefully.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cristobal and Guadalupe Jimenez; sisters, Guadalupe Jimenez Salazar and Evangelina Jimenez Salinas; his brothers, Cristobal Jimenez Jr, Arturo Jimenez, Eliud Jimenez and is survived by wife Mary Jimenez and his son and daughters: Ricardo Jimenez, Rebecca Japko (Gilbert), Victoria Jimenez and Linda Jimenez. He is also survived by his grandchildren: David and Daniel Japko.

Edelmiro was born August 2, 1933, grew up in Falfurrias, Texas and graduated from Falfurrias High School. He served his country through two branches of military – Air Force and Army. After serving in the military, he worked for the Post Office for 25 years and then retired. During his retirement, Edelmiro gave back to the community through church and civic organizations.

A funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Thursday, August 17, 2017, at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 4600 E Ben White Blvd, Austin, Texas. Interment followed at Forest Oaks Memorial Park, Austin, Texas.

Brother Jimenez was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on August 9, 1966; Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on September 20, 1966 and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 18, 1966. Brother Jimenez received his 50 Year Service Award on August 16, 2016.

**Don Voss Carlson**

Brother Don Voss Carlson passed from this life on September 17, 2017 at the age of 75. He was born on October 24, 1941 in Austin, Texas to parents Decker and Virginia Carlson and married Janean Jacobsen Ferguson in 1963. They had one son, Chris Carlson, together. In 1974, he met Judy, whom he married September 26, 1974 and they remained together for almost 43 years. Don and Judy lived life to the fullest. They both enjoyed hunting in San Saba, Llano and Colorado. They also enjoyed going to trap shoots and made many friends throughout Texas and the United States. Trap shooting was Don’s favorite thing to do. He was extremely good at it and won numerous competitions.

Don was a Union Pipefitter in Local #286 since graduating from high school. He always spoke highly of his mentor, B.O. Walker, who taught him so much about pipefitting and welding. In the early 1980’s he went into the mechanical contracting business. He started a company, Carlson & Foster, with Russell Foster and later partnered with Dale Rebold. He then changed the name of the company to D. Carlson & Company and became partners with Buddy Howell. Russell, Dale and Buddy were more than business partners – they were friends. Everyone who worked for Don thought highly of him as a person and an employer. He always had a smile and a story to tell and will be missed by those that knew him.

Don is survived by his wife Judy Browning Carlson, his sons Kevin Faulkner and Chris Carlson, his grandchildren, Cody and Brenna Carlson, his brother Ronnie Carlson and his beloved cat Skidder. He was preceded in death by his parents, Decker and Virginia Carlson, his daughter Sara “Beth” Faulkner and granddaughter Chrystal Dawn Carlson

Brethren,

As this year is the 300th anniversary of Grand Lodge Freemasonry, I expected there to be significant changes being voted on at Grand Lodge Communications around the country. It is very common for Grand Lodge meetings to be in October and November because that's after the harvest so brothers in agricultural districts had time to travel.

I looked around and discovered this is actually a quiet year for legislation at most Grand Lodge jurisdictions. Parties to celebrate the 300th anniversary are common, but controversial proposals are not.

Illinois meets the weekend before Columbus Day so that was last week. Their proposals dealt with per capita charges and a couple of other expected financial details. There was a proposal to remove mention of the gallery from the ritual. I have never been to a meeting with even one brother on the second floor. Our meeting room at the Scottish Rite building might even be the only building I've ever been to that has functioning seats on the second-floor balcony.

California meets in a few weeks, so I looked up their list of proposals. Also, nothing controversial.

I looked up on Masonic forums. Not much of interest is coming up in other American jurisdictions, either.

Peace prevails in much of the Masonic world. Would that peace prevailed in the rest of the world. Let peace begin with me.

**Don Voss Carlson (continued)**

Brother Carlson was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on December 11, 1990; Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on March 11, 1991 and Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on April 16, 1991.

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## Food Committee for December 5<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting

Thomas Seth Bonnacarrere	Roy Lynn Henson	Patrick H. Lockett	Joe Craig Robinson
Anthony Hubbard Clark	Raymond H Herrington	C.L.'Buddy' McGee	Benton Elliott Ryon
Chad Damon Collier	Don Boyd Jarrell	William Riley Pampe	Robert Henry Schmidt
Thomas Don Dickson	Christopher DeWitt Jordan	Aaron Michael Payne	Brian Thomas Schnautz
William Sam Dickson	Lee Edward Line	Billy Floyd Peel	Charles Marcus Stewart
Gene Leroy Freudenberg	Terrance Michael Linn	Robert Stephen Peel	James Correll Tisdale
Robert Warren Hensley	James Dale Loflin	Dale William Reynolds	Bob M. Wheelless
			Timothy Earl Willett

**Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, November 7<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.