

The HILL CITY LIGHT

November 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

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

January 2018

January 2	Stated Meeting Food Committee
January 9	Work Night or Degree
January 16	Work Night or Degree
January 23	Work Night or Degree
January 30	Work Night or Degree

The Masonry You Make

“I have been a mason for a year now,” remarked the Young Brother to the Old Past Master, “and while I find a great deal in Masonry to enjoy, and like to fellow and all that, I am more or less in the dark as to what good Masonry really is in the world. I don't believe that I can't appreciate its charily, or its fellow-ship, but it seems to me that I don't get much out of it; I can't see why it has any function outside of that relationship we enjoy in the lodge room and the litchi charitable act that we do.”

“I think I could win an argument about you,” smiled the Old Past Master.

“An argument about Me?”

“Yes, you say you have been a Master Mason for a year. I think that I could prove to the satisfaction of a jury of your peers who (would not need to be Master Masons), that while you are a lodge member in good standing, you are not a Master Mason.”

“I don't think I quite understand,” puzzled the Young Mason. “I was surely initiated, passed and raised. I have my certificate and my good standings card. I attend the lodge regularly. I do what work I am assigned. If that isn't being a Master Mason, what is?”

From the East (continued)

“You have the mind but not the spirit,’ retorted the Old Past Master. You eat the husks and discard the kernel. You know the ritual and fail to understand its meaning. You carry the documents but for you they attest but an empty form. You do not understand the first underlying principle which makes Masonry the great force she is. And yet, in spite of it, you enjoy her blessings...which is one of her miracles, that a man may love and profit by what he does not comprehend.”

“WhyI...I just don't understand you at all. I am sure I am a god Mason...”

“No man is a good Mason who thinks the fraternity has no function beyond pleasant association in lodge, and charity. Man, there are thousands of Masons who never see the inside of a lodge and therefore, perforce, miss the fellowship. There are thousands who never need her charity and so come never in contact with one of its many features. Yet these may take freely and largely from the treasure house which is Masonry.”

“Masonry my young friend is an opportunity. It gives a man the chance to do and to be, among the world of men, something he otherwise could not accomplish, a state to which he otherwise could not obtain. No man kneels at the Altar of Masonry and rises again the same man. At the Altar something is taken from him that will never return; his feeling for living for himself alone. Be he never so selfish, never so self-centered, never so much an individualist, at the Altar he leaves behind some of the dross of his purely profane makeup.”

“No man kneels at the Alar of Masonry and rises the same man, because, in the place where the dross and selfishness was, is put a little of the most Divine Spark which men may see. Where was the self-interest is put an interest in others. Where was the ego is put love for one's fellow man.”

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From the West

It sure seems like time is moving really fast. We have changed from daylight savings to Central Standard Time and are now moving into the holiday season.

By the time you read this article we will have eaten our Thanksgiving dinner and presented The Golden Trowel Award to our brother James Russell Lafosse because he consistently demonstrated outstanding and exemplary service to his lodge and also through his community service. He was raised in 1993, served as WM in 1999-2000, and purchased an endowed membership in 1998. In addition to his contribution of time and efforts to our lodge, JD is active in other Masonic Districts and is assisting with raising money for the Dell Children's Hospital. Well done my Brother!

On Saturday, November 11th, our nation remembered all of the men and women who gave of their time and in some instances their lives in defense of our great country. Our area lodges assembled and marched up Congress Avenue to the Capitol in the City of Austin's Veteran's Day parade. I want to personally thank all of our brethren that served in the military for their time and sacrifice in the defense of our great country.

I don't know how many of you have ever had your freezer quit working. Ours lodge's did a couple of weeks ago and it was quite obvious within twenty feet of it. Our Junior Warden, Aaron Evans, presented a motion at our November 7 stated Meeting to purchase a new freezer. I was surprised at the amount of lively discussion about what the lodge should buy. The discussion ranged from what cubic feet capacity to buy, where to buy it, the possibility of price matching, pickup and delivery fees and so on it went. When it was all said and done the lodge agreed to spend up to eight hundred dollars on a replacement.

I hope that all of y'all have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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

November 2017 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. spine "Hamlet" has five
5. Carve in stone
9. Bubbly drinks
14. Drag
15. Halo, e.g.
16. Fourth in a series
17. 10 jiao
18. "Wheel of Fortune" choice
19. Query before "Here goes!"
20. Spooky
23. Nickel, e.g.
24. "Fancy that!"
25. "___ Baby Baby" (Linda Ronstadt hit)
28. A business where everyone arrives late
33. Boat with an open hold
37. "Help!"
38. 1967 war locale
39. Blond
41. Tees off
43. Kounikova and others
44. Drivel
45. Cut, maybe
46. Stepfathers and stepmothers
50. "___ Town Too" (1981 hit)
51. Cabernet, e.g.
52. Keep after
57. home safety device
62. One who puts you in your place
64. Kind of court
65. Ghana currency
66. Indian yogurt dish
67. Frau's partner
68. ___-Altaic languages
69. High land
70. About
71. Brook

1. Deep cavity
2. Two-door
3. Blue eyes or baldness, e.g.
4. Medicinal plant
5. "___ of Eden"
6. Brazilian native
7. Worries
8. Dry-cleaner freebie
9. ...
10. Airy
11. Tortured
12. A hand
13. Arch
21. "Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice ___ Agin)" (#1 hit of 1970)
22. Grassland
26. Certain Arab
27. Bank job
29. ___ Today
30. Affirmative action
31. "Acid"
32. Conceal
33. Hiding place
34. Medieval Narrative tale
35. Possession - as in legal title
36. Larrup
40. Clairvoyance, e.g.
41. "Gee whiz!"
42. Appropriate
44. Street trader
47. "Raiders of the Lost ___"
48. Bounce back again
49. "___ Cried" (1962 hit)
53. Arise
54. Development zones?
55. Knobby
56. Practice
58. Intro to physics?
59. Face-to-face exam
60. All ___
61. Apprentice
62. Ashes holder
63. Ed's request

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October 2017 Puzzle Solution

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From the East (continued)

From the South

“You say that the 'fraternity has no function.” Man, the fraternity performs the greatest function of any institution at work among men that it provides a common meeting ground where all of us, by our creed, our social position, our wealth, our ideas, our station in life what they may be, may meet and understand one another.”

“What caused the downfall of Rome? Class hatred. What caused the Civil War? Failure of one people to understand another, and an inequality of men which the country could not endure. What caused the Great War? Class hatred. What is the greatest leveler of class in the world? Masonry. Where is the only place in which capitalist and laborer, socialist and democrat, fundamentalist and modernist, Jew and Gentile, gentle and simple alike may meet and forget their differences? In a masonic lodge, by, through the influence of Masonry....Masonry, which opens her portals to me because they are men, not because they are wealthy or wise or foolish or great or small but because they seek the brotherhood with only she can give.”

“Masonry has no function? Why, son, the function of charity, great as it is, is the least of the things that Masonry does; the fellowship in the lodge room, as beautiful as it is, is at best, no more than one can get in a good club, association. These are beauties of Masonry, but they are also beauties of other organizations. The great fundamental beauty of Masonry is all her own. She and only she, stretches a kindly and loving hand around the world, uniting millions in a bond too strong for breaking. Time has demonstrated that Masonry is too strong for war; too strong for hate; too strong for jealousy and fear; the worst of men have used the strongest of means and have but pushed Masonry to one side for the moment; not all their efforts have broken her, or ever will!”

“Masonry gives us all a chance to do and to be; to do a little, however humble the part, in making the world better; to be a little larger, a little fuller in our lives, a little nearer to the G.A.O.T.U. And unless a man understands this, and believes it, and takes it to his heart and lives it in his daily life, and strives to show it forth to others in his every act' unless her lives, loves and labors in his Masonry, I say he is no Master Mason: aye though he belongs to all Rites and carries all cards though he be hung as a Christmas tree with jewels and pins, though he be an

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Brethren,

Many times I've heard "that's not how we traditionally do things" in response to ideas and suggestions for how to improve the lodge or Masonry.”

I want to look at the merits of this argument because I don't feel it's sufficient argument for rejecting an idea.

Like the rest of you, I'm a professional who strives to do his job as well as possible. And when it comes to my job, "that's not how we used to do it" isn't an acceptable answer to my colleagues. To do the best I can at work, I'm continually trying new ideas and throwing out strategies that no longer work.

Business strategies that worked in 2007 aren't effective now, and 1987 is a distant memory. What worked then wouldn't hold up now; we have new strategies for dealing with 2017.

That may be fine, but is Masonry more exquisite and therefore immutable? While I do agree our craft is more elevated than the banalities of working a job, that doesn't mean we can't improve how we do it. And I don't argue for changing universal or Grand Lodge laws (nor anything violating our obligations).

But we must realize we're competing for attention with all the other hobbies and distractions out there (television, browsing Facebook, etc.). People only have limited energy during the week.

Those other industries continually evolve to remain engaged with their audiences. Therefore, we need to accept the methods that are most efficient at attracting the people of today.

Aaron Evans
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

Obituary

Jerry Stephen Lightsey

Music is always in the air in Austin and Central Texas but the venue has changed for one of its noted bass player's, Jerry Stephen Lightsey, aged 82.

Jerry passed away October 25, 2017 after battling Parkinson's for several years. He was born January 23, 1935 in Austin, Texas to Stephen Monroe Lightsey and Pansy Sutton Lightsey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters; Mignon Wagener, Louise Marie Graham and Yvonne Duderstadt, brothers Kenneth and Donald Lightsey, also daughter DeLeslyn Lightsey, grandson Joseph Debeneato and granddaughter, Kayla Crumley.

Jerry is survived by his sister Jo Larue Stannard of Buda, his son Steve Lee Lightsey of Tahlequah, Ok, daughter Dawn Dennette Stone of Round Rock, husband Michael, Kimberley Rodgers of San Angelo. Jerry is also survived by the Love of his Life, Louise Owen Lightsey, 6 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, numerous nieces and nephews, family members and a host of dear friends and large host of musician friends from coast to coast.

Jerry grew up and lived in Austin all of his life. At the age of fifteen, his father instilled a lifelong love of music by teaching him to play the guitar and upright bass. His father, Steve Lightsey, had the first western swing band in Austin during the nineteen fifties. Jerry started playing with some friends in junior high school. They played parks in the Austin area including music shows at Zilker Hillside Theater. Jerry joined a band in the early fifties and played dances in the central Texas area.

In 1957, Jerry volunteered to join the US Army. He was stationed with the US Army in Stuttgart, Germany as a Peace Keeper. Upon arriving on Post, the first thing he did was purchase an upright bass and gathered musicians to play in the NCO club and other gigs. He was honorably discharged in 1959.

In his spare time from music and fishing, Jerry was

Obituary (continued)

a plumber and pipefitter for over 50 years. He was a member the Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local #286, also Hill City Masonic Lodge #456, Scottish Rite, and Ben Hur Shrine of Austin. He served as a deacon and elder of South Austin Christian Church. He was also a member of local charities and clubs that served the greater Austin community.

Brother Jerry Stephen Lightsey was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on April 16, 1985, Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on May 21, 1985 and Raised to a Master Mason on July 16, 1985.

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.

From the East (continued)

officer in all the bodies. But the man who has it in his heart and sees in Masonry the chance to be in reality, what he has sworn to be he would be, a brother to his fellow Masons, is a Master Mason that has been raised but tonight, belongs to no organization but is Blue Lodge and too poor to buy and wear a single pin.”

The young brother, looking down, unfastened the emblem from his coat lapel and handed it to the Old Past Master.

“Of course you are right,” he said, “low, here is my pin. Don't give it back to me until you think I am worthy to wear it.”

“The Old Past Master smiled, “I think you would better put it back on, now,” he answered gently. “None are more fit to wear the square and compass than those who know themselves unworthy, for they are those who strive to be real Masons.”

Oscar Orum, P.M.

Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

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Food Committee for January 2th Stated Meeting

Frank Daniel Allard	Ty William Carl	Dennis James Hill	William Forrest McFarlin, Jr.
Cecil Lee Anderson	John Sammis Cole	Robert Gene Housman	John Anthony Padilla
Jeffrey H Armstrong	Charles David Collier	Sampson Kenneth Jordan	Willard Lee Pannell
Thomas Bunnell Ayers	Dale Patrick Ellison	Michael Dean Larkin	Michael Owen Stafford
Edward Earl Bartel, Jr.	Robert Eschenburg, Jr.	Michael Stephen Lummus	Jason Earl Thomas
Kevin Brown	Ronald Glenn Gamble	Robert Clyde McCarty	Todd Alan Wesson
William Howard Bryant	Bobby Pat Hagans	Sidney Patrick McDavid	

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, December 5th 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.