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May 2018

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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

May 2018

May 1	Stated Meeting Food Committee
May 8	Work Night or Degree
May 15	Family Night for Scholarships, Lamar Medal, and Community Builder Award
May 22	Ritual Practice
May 29	Certificate Practice

June 2018

June 5	Stated Meeting Officer Election Food Committee
June 12	Work Night or Degree
June 19	Memorial Service
June 26	Officer Installation Family Night

July 2018

July 3	Stated Meeting Food Committee
July 10	Committee meetings
July 17	Family Night Independence Day theme
July 24	Fellowcraft Practice

Those Legends

“I am a very much disturbed person!”

The speaker, a newly made Master Mason, addressed the Old Past Master earnestly.

“I have always believed, as I believe my Bible, that the story of Solomon’s being our first Grand master was true. I have always believed that Masonry has come down to us through the ages substantially as it is now. I have always believed in the reality of the drama of the third degree. Now I find that great scholars say it isn’t so?”

“Poor boy!” soothe the Old Past Master. “He has discovered that his dolls are stuffed with sawdust. Someone took away his Santa Claus! Fairies have been banished from his heart and he grieves!”

“I didn’t think you would make fun of me!” protested the young Mason.

“My dear brother, I don’t make fun of you! I speak with all seriousness!” protested the Old Past Master. “You are exactly in the position of your young child who is robbed of Santa, who learns that fairies do not exist, who finds that a doll is made of powdered wood. But, like the child, you will

From the East (continued)

find an old and much-loved doll. She knows it is only sawdust, but she loves it. And I will bet a cookie that you send Santa Christmas cards to your friends and like to go and see someone dressed up as Santa, distributing presents at Christmas. As for fairies, did you, or did you not, enjoy reading and seeing Peter Pan? The grief is gone; the joy remains!”

“But what has that to do with Solomon and Masonry?”

“A whole lot!” answered the Old Past Master, “The greatest truths have been taught by parables and stories. It is the best way of teaching, for it touches the imagination. For instance, it is obviously a truth that a man should remember his parents in their need, take care of his children, and be charitable. The far Easterner puts it in a fable. A man going to the bazaar buys seven loaves of bread. “For what do you purchase so many, Oh, Effendi?” asks the merchant. “Two I return, two I lend, two I give, and one I use,” answers the buyer. “Explain, Effendi,” begs the merchant. “The two I return are for my parents, who once gave to me. The two I lend are to my children, who will one day return to me. The two I give are for charity and the one I use is for myself.”

“Is not that a pretty way of teaching? And does it not make a far greater impression on our mind that the mere statement of fact?”

“It is so with the Solomonic legend. We know that modern Freemason began little more than three hundred years ago. We trace well defined ancestors of Masonry through the Roman Collegia, the Comacines, the Steinmetzen of Germany, the Compagnonage of France, and the Guilds of medieval England. We find Masonic symbols in Egypt and ancient Babylon. We find Masonic philosophy in many lands in remote ages. There is no doubt that the forebears of our Masonry were very far back in time, perhaps even further back than Solomon. That there is any direct connection between Solomon, King of Israel, and modern Grand Lodge cannot be established.

“But neither can we establish any direct connection between Christmas and Santa Claus! How shall you teach a small child of the beautiful spirit of Christmas by telling him it is to celebrate the birthday of Christ? You can’t. He cannot comprehend. How may you teach a newly made Master Mason all the history of Masonry, all at once? You can’t.

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From the West

Brethren,

Remember Hill City needs your help. Over the next several months your lodge will be updating its roster of Brethren. The data base has many incorrect phone numbers and addresses. Don’t be upset if you receive a call from one of your lodge officers asking you to confirm your address or email account. The Grand Lodge has included a location on their website where each of you may update your own information and at the same time view your masonic history. To get started, in the upper right hand corner is a member portal where you enter your masonic ID number and establish a password. Once you are logged in check to see if Grand Lodge has the correct information needed to contact you. You are also able to verify the accuracy of your important masonic history.

June will be a very busy month. At the June 5th Stated Meeting, Hill city will elect a new slate of officers for the 2018-2019 Masonic Year. Please come to the meeting and support your new officers. The annual memorial service will be on the 12th. We will pay homage to our deceased brethren and offer support to their families. If you have never attended the memorial service you will be impressed. Finally on the 26th our lodge will install the newly elected officers. This will be the 144th installation.

It’s no secret that the average age of Masons in our lodge is somewhere in the 60 age range. One way that we can try and lower the average age is to invite our family, friends and neighbors to one of our third Tuesday family nights. Six of the third Tuesdays will be devoted to fulfilling our obligations to our brethren: 25 year service awards, 50 year service awards, the Golden Trowel Award, the

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May 2018 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Easy dupes
5. Related to the vagus nerve
10. Cicatrix
14. Fishing, perhaps
15. Absurd
16. Its quarter says "Birthplace of Aviation Pioneers"
17. Book part
18. About
19. Bell the cat
20. Geometry figure
23. Hollow spaces in European trains
24. "___ rang?"
25. Aged
28. Olympian blood
32. Good friend, slangily
34. ___ de deux
37. Man keeping fit sure to swim in watersport
40. Freudian topics
42. Will carry messages from West to South
43. Dog biter
44. Oceania perhaps civilised accommodating spurious caste
47. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
48. Single girl on railway line
49. Bouquet
51. The "p" in m.p.g.
52. Order between "ready" and "fire"
55. Do-nothing
59. where pianist may develop wild overreactions
64. "... happily ___ after"
66. Saved on supper, perhaps
67. Anger
68. Game piece
69. "You ___ kidding!"
70. Carbon compound
71. ...
72. "Unforgettable" singers
73. "Darn it all!"

Down

1. Sea tulip, for one
2. Eastern trading bloc
3. Drummer Neil of "Rush"
4. Game Journey
5. Container for nitroglycerin
6. "Green Gables" girl
7. Highlander
8. Bother
9. "Take your hands off me!"
10. Fizzy drink
11. Aromatic plant of the daisy family
12. Balloon filler
13. ___ v. Wade
21. Dearth
22. Essen basin
26. Flax fabric
27. Cézanne contemporary
29. Conceal
30. "Miss ___ Regrets"
31. Plural of rectum
33. Amiss
34. Animate
35. Past, quaint
36. Producer of electricity from sunlight
38. Fly high
39. "Do ___ others as..."
41. "Dear" one
45. Blue hue
46. Give off, as light
50. Doting fan
53. Bartender on TV's Pacific Princess
54. Geo model
56. Jungle climber
57. Cereal killer
58. Film units
60. Sundae topper, perhaps
61. Casting need
62. Kudzu, for one
63. Aardvark fare
64. Addis Ababa's land: Abbr.
65. ___ Appia

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April 2018 Puzzle Solution

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From the East (continued)

From the South

In either case you require a legend. And make no mistake about it, my friend; the facts of the legend may be all wrong. But the spirit of both legends is entirely true!

“Now Freemasonry is not concerned with facts; “twice two is four” is far less interesting to Masonry than “he gives twice who gives quickly.” Masonry is wholly a matter of the mind, heart, spirit, will, character, desire, love, veneration of us humans. It is not concerned with heating or lighting or invention or armies or hay stacks. The spirits of the Solomonic and Hiramic legends are true; they are true to the heart, just as the Christmas myth is true to the child. You never saw a fairy, but your life would be the poorer with them! You never showed your little child a Santa Claus, but his life would be the poorer without him. Masonry cannot show a direct, logical, provable, evidential descent from Solomon, but Masonry would be the poorer without the legend which teaches of her beautiful beginning in the erection of a Temple to God, and the wise guidance she had from the most learned man of all time.

“For, it is not the facts of our legends with which we are concerned, but what they teach. With the trowel we spread the cement of brotherly love. Did you ever feel, see, taste, and smell, any of that cement? Did you ever see any one use a trowel to spread it? It is not true, in the fact sense, is it? Yet you believe it, I believe it, we all believe it, even when we know it is but an allegory, a symbol, a truth expressed in fiction.

“If the lesser lights be put out, can you see the Great Light? You cannot. The Great Light does not emit radiance for physical eyes. No one thinks it does. Yet its radiance makes Masonry.

“Trouble not your heart, my brother, that antiquarians have let in the light and discovered the facts. We are always the better for facts. But your very searcher after Masonic facts would be the first to defend the legends. Masonry is old, old; old as the human heart. Lodges, degrees, Grand Masters; these may, indeed, be young. But the principles of Masonry are ancient as the world, and if we teach them with allegories of words as well as of symbols, it is because that is the best way to teach any heart!

“Personally, Solomon is as real to me as my fairies and my Santa Claus, and you, nor any other man can rob me of their spirit by denying to me their letter!”

“Nor me, either, any more!” answered the newly made brother.

Oscar Orum, P.M.
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

Brethren,

Several Hill City Brethren and their spouses traveled to Port Aransas to participate in the Texas Adopt-a-Beach cleanup event, which took place across state beaches on April 21st to remove trash and raise awareness about protecting our coastline.

The trip was fun, and we enjoyed our opportunity to enjoy some recreation outside the lodge while doing good for the community. While there, we had a chance to meet and interact with other volunteers in addition to the public who were merely out enjoying their Saturday. Other organizations may have outdone us regarding their group t-shirts, but we were still noticeable in ours sporting the square and compasses and the name of Hill City Lodge.

I would love to report that the beach in Port Aransas is now perfectly pristine, but there's only so much that a group of volunteers can accomplish in a few hours. And when I reflect on the number of miles of Texas coastline (and the length of the world's coasts), it's a little sad to realize that the scope of the problem is likely beyond humanity's ability to clean now.

But in working together to make some effort toward it, we raise awareness -- our own and that of regular people who inquire why a group of Masons is cleaning the beach -- to hopefully serve as a reminder the next time someone is buying bottled water or failing to recycle when they can.

And when Masons work together to raise awareness for the good of man, it is a laudable undertaking.

Aaron Evans
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

Obituary

From the West (continued)

Roy Emil Van Zandt, Sr.

Brother Roy Emil Van Zandt, Sr. was born on August 19, 1950 in Victoria, Texas to the late Roy T. and Fannie E. Van Zandt. Roy was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to many. He was employed for over 47 years with Olen Cothron of Cothron's Safe & Lock. He impression cut, copied and unlocked car doors. Roy's family would like you to know that he has impressed his last key and it was made to open the gates of Heaven. Roy was a Master Mason in the Hill City Lodge No. 456 as well as a member of the Ben Hur Shriners. He was proud to wear many hats over the years; serving as Cub Scout Leader, Camp Boss at the family reunions and will be forever remembered for his sweet smile and his favorite Stetson. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Roy married Linda Darlene McDonald on January 25, 1974 in Austin, Texas.

In addition to his wife of 44 years he is survived by three daughters, Heather O'Neal Barrow of Blue, Texas, Rebecca Darlene Van Zandt of Round Rock, Texas and Crystal Lynn Van Zandt of Austin, Texas; daughter-in-law, Hanni Van Zandt (Wrencher) of Pflugerville, Texas; eight perfect grandchildren; two sisters, Annie Solis of San Antonio, Texas and Ella Mayfield of Barstow, California; sister-in-law, Shirley Van Zandt of Saginaw, Texas as well as many nieces, nephews, and a multitude of cousins and a host of many dear friends. In addition to his parents, Roy was preceded in death by his beloved son, Roy Emil Van Zandt, Jr. two brothers George T. Van Zandt and James R. Van Zandt, Sr. as well as several other important family members.

Roy Emil Van Zandt Sr. was a member of Hill City Lodge No. 456 A. F. & A. M. Brother Roy Van Zandt was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on August 28, 2001, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on January 15, 2002, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 9, 2002. He also became an Endowed Member of Hill City on May, 26, 2011.

And so it has come to pass, a Brother Master Mason having completed all the design's laid down on the Trestleboard 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.

Community Builders Award and the Memorial Service. The planning for the other six third Tuesdays is underway and they should be fun and informative. We will provide more information on these activities as they evolve.

Finally, let me say thank you to our Worshipful Master Oscar Orum and his officers for their efforts during this year.

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

Thank You!

Brethren,

For the April 7 stated meeting, brothers Uncle Bob, P.M., Bob Wheelless, and Senior Steward Elan Mendoza prepared a great meal of BBQ brisket, potato salad, and pinto beans (all homemade) for supper.

You should come down and give it a try before the July meal. In May, we had Hungarian Stew prepared by Secretary Philippe Dewailly, P.M. Hope y'all come by and give it a taste !

Yours Fraternally,
Uncle Bob, P.M.

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Robert Ammann Cullen, Jr.	Stanford Walter Henson	Elan Daniel Mendoza	Joseph E. Touchet
Aaron Spencer Evans	Bryan Patrick Jordan	Douglas Gene Peschka	Wilbur Robert Valentine
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			Roy Leo Wolff

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, June 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.