


# The HILL CITY LIGHT

July 2018

<p><b>2016 - 2017 Lodge Officers</b></p> <p>W.M. Bob Wheelless, P.M.          S.W. Aaron Evans          J.W. Luke Michels          Treasurer Kent Kinkade, P.M.          Secretary Philippe Dewailly, P.M.          Chaplain Chuck Stewart, P.M.          S.D. Richard Garrett          J.D. Elan Mendoza          J.S. Richard Bardin          Marshal Hunt Armistead          M.C. Doug Freyburger, P.M.          Tiler Dennis Hill, P.M.</p>	<p><b>Hill City No. 456 A.F. &amp; A.M.</b>          Chartered June 10, 1876</p> <p>Austin Scottish Rite Theatre &amp; Museum          18th St. at Lavaca St., Austin, Texas          Mail: P.O. Box 1456, Austin, Texas 78767-1456          Phone: (512) 655-9858          Email: secretary@hillcitylodge.org          Website: www.hillcitylodge.org</p> <p>1876  2018</p> <p><u>Stated Meeting:</u> First Tuesday at 7:30 pm          Dinner at 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>Called Meetings:</u> Other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm          Dinner at 6:30 pm</p>
<p><b>Work Schedule</b></p>	<p><b>From the East</b></p>
<p><b>July 2018</b></p> <p>July 3 Stated Meeting          July 10 Committee Meetings          July 17 Family Night          Independence Day          July 24 Fellowcraft Practice          Food Committee          July 31 MWSA Meeting</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>Once again, thank you for allowing me to serve the lodge as WM. By the time you read this we will have had an EA turn in his proficiency work. We will confer a Fellowcraft Degree on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. I encourage each of you to come to lodge to witness this initiation. We have not, unfortunately, conferred a FC degree for several years. Help us make it memorable.</p> <p>July 17 is a Family Night. We will be celebrating our country's independence with a hot dog dinner. Remember, July is National Hot Dog Month. Our Senior Deacon, Brother Richard Garrett, who is a member of the National Sojourners, will perform their program on our nation's flag. The brothers dress in uniforms that represent the early days of our efforts at independence and deliver some very interesting and revealing facts about the nature and design of the flag. Let's support Brother Garrett and honor our flag.</p>
<p><b>August 2018</b></p> <p>August 7 Stated Meeting          August 14 Committee Meetings          August 21 Family Night          August 28 Fellowcraft Practice          Food Committee</p>	<p>Speaking of the Fellowcraft Degree, I have often wondered why Amos 7:8 was selected for use during the circumambulation. "Thus he shewed me; and behold the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos what seest thou? And I said a plumb line. Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:" I would be glad to sit down and talk to any brother who</p>
<p><b>September 2018</b></p> <p>September 4 Stated Meeting          September 11 Committee Meetings          September 18 Family Night          September 25 Fellowcraft Practice          Food Committee</p>	

**From the East (continued)**

**From the West**

could enlighten me concerning the usage of this scripture in the degree. I think King Solomon reigned around 970-931 BC and Amos prophesied around 789-749 BC.

We all know that the plumb line has two usages in our fraternity; an instrument to raise perpendiculars by Operative Masons and it reminds us Speculative Masons to walk upright in all that we do and to be just. I have always felt that the FC Degree signaled the time when man moved from a pure beast to a conscious thinking being that could reason and develop tools to make life easier. Thus we have Architecture and the other six of the Arts and Sciences.

I need volunteers to work on our fund raiser and a community service committees. Both of these committees place our lodge out in the community and demonstrate our commitment by donating funds and time to individuals or groups that are in need. They also help increase our image in the community.

I have to revise the August calendar because the two EA petitions I thought were going to be read at this July Stated Meeting did not materialize. We do have a FC Degree this month and we may be able to initiate a MM in August.

Brethren it's time to come home to your lodge. No matter who, what or why discouraged you, no matter who what or why caused you to feel unwelcome, Hill City is your lodge and you matter.

Bob Wheelless, P.M.  
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

Brethren,

I'm excited for the excellent work in store for Hill City Lodge in the new Masonic year. There are many opportunities available to us for improving our lodge and community while enjoying fraternity and having a good time.

A deal of effort is necessary to return to being a thriving lodge, but these challenges are an opportunity for working together and improving ourselves in Masonry. Creating a lodge that's more appealing to visitors and younger generations will also create a space where we have more enjoyment participating.

If we want to have institutions such as our lodge, it depends on each of us to contribute time and energy toward making it exist. Don't count on the officers to create the lodge you want to have; our true value is a measure of the effort we can bring to bear as a group. Besides, the officers already have a lot on their plates necessary to keep the lodge running. We don't show up and conduct the business of the lodge each month merely to pay the bills -- we do it to create a venue enabling our members to engage in positive works and fellowship.

There are many ways to contribute or lead within our lodge; you don't have to join the line of officers to create a better organization. If you're willing to put in a little extra work occasionally, then show up and help us in our events. If you feel passionate about something, help organize a project or community night for the lodge. I promise the energy invested will create a more rewarding environment for ourselves and others.

One initiative I look forward to in the coming year is efforts where we get together and work on making our lodge space more inviting and attractive. This is an area where even busy Masons can invest a few hours that immediately pays off in creating a space we'll find more enjoyable when we come together for our regular meetings (not to mention making us more attractive to first-time visitors).

I also look forward to the many compelling events on the agenda. This month we have a family night including a flag presentation by the National Sojourners, and a Fellowcraft degree. Coming out to participate and share fellowship is also a way you can help the lodge, so we hope you can attend.

Aaron Evans  
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

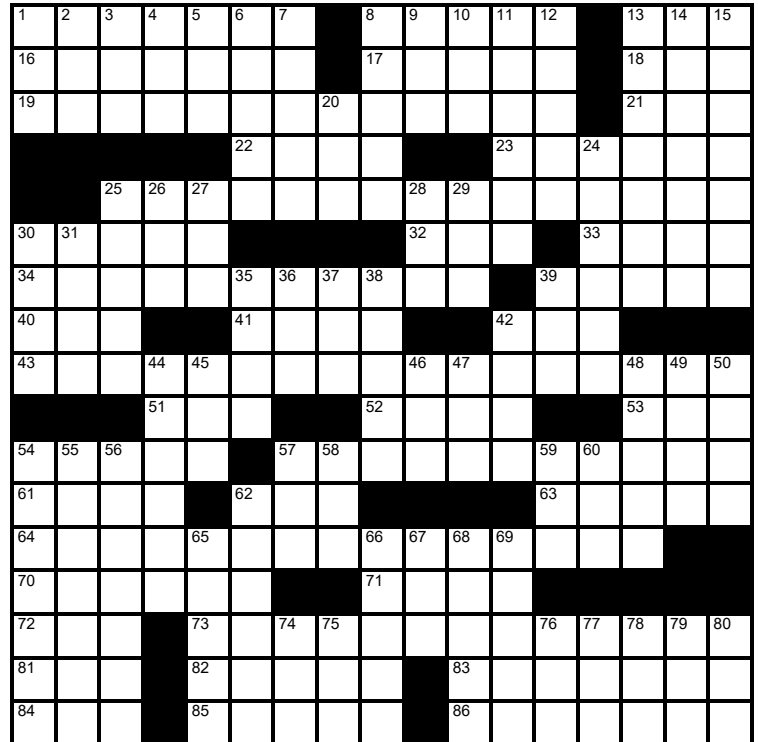
## July 2018 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Buddhist Shrines
8. Sleep on it
13. Automobile sticker fig.
16. "Arabian Nights" hero
17. Hawaiian island
18. "Catch-22" pilot
19. Picture-taker who uses his fingers
21. "Comprende?"
22. Fast-moving card game
23. Fish oddly warm stormy seas
25. Freud's analysis of Frank Bond
30. Harder to find
32. Beldam
33. Get better
34. Stumbling into Iberian drunkenness
39. Brisk
40. Blue hue
41. "Bye now"
42. Clinton, e.g.: Abbr.
43. Shivering school
51. A hand
52. "Field of Dreams" setting
53. Altar avowal
54. Make sense
57. Still sitting on the fence
61. Black, as la nuit
62. Sun, e.g.
63. Jungle climber
64. He covers maintained church, penniless, in ruins sadly
70. The \_\_\_\_\_ Central ( French plateau)
71. Acquire
72. Absorbed, as a cost
73. Four-drawer office fixture
81. Big \_\_\_ Conference
82. Autocrats
83. Wearing
84. "C' \_\_\_ la vie!"
85. Young hog
86. Trod heavily

### Down

1. "Dear old" guy
2. "Aladdin" prince
3. Band booking
4. \_\_\_-Wan Kenobi
5. Dracula, at times
6. Belittle
7. Sea tulip, for one
8. Blind parts
9. \_\_\_ and cheese
10. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
11. Crop-eating insect
12. Beauty pageant wear
13. Richer in bryophytes
14. Laundry action
15. Ecofriendly way to work
20. Alliance that includes Ukr.
24. 2004 Olympics site
25. 2016 Novel by Anthony Queen
26. Confederate soldier, for short
27. "To \_\_\_ is human ..."
28. "Look here!"
29. Jail, slangily
30. CICS alternative
31. Egyptian cross
35. Decorated, as a cake
36. Balloon filler
37. Clavell's "\_\_\_-Pan"
38. Charged, in a way
39. \_\_\_ green
42. Brickbat
44. Ford model
45. End
46. Baby's first word, maybe
47. Welsh valley hollow
48. "Norwegian Wood" instrument
49. "Our Time in \_\_\_" (10,000 Maniacs album)
50. Fizzy drink
54. Energize
55. Gives to a charity
56. Not Agree
57. Ashes holder
58. "ER" network
59. Breed
60. 20-20, e.g.
62. Like a boorish person
65. Breaks in relations
66. Artist Max
67. Beseech
68. Revs
69. Eyeball benders
74. \_\_\_-tzu
75. Bank offering, for short
76. "You stink!"
77. An end to sex?
78. Barely beat
79. "The Three Faces of \_\_\_"
80. "First Blood" director Kotcheff



## June 2018 Puzzle Solution



## Obituary

### Robert Flores

Brother Robert Flores passed away February 21, 2018 while in the hospital. He was born and raised in Austin, Texas. He attended Austin public schools and earned an Associates Degree from Austin Community College. He was 86 years young. At his side, his son Roberto T. Flores Master Mason, his daughter Monica Flores-Rojo and his sister Annie Fuentes from Dallas, Texas.

Robert lived a full life. He was one of the many young Marines advancing to the rear in the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War - 17 day battle in freezing weather. After the war he came home and lived a full life traveling all over the world, after retiring from the Texas National Guard. He loved the arts and had many parts in plays such as "Fiddler on the Roof", "Finnian's Rainbow" and many seasons with "Esther's Follies" during the 70's and 80's.

He was a proud member of Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A.M and Past Worshipful Master for Live Oak Lodge No. 304. His pride beamed when his son became a Master Mason. At his request his interment was held at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen, Texas with full Military Honors.

Robert Flores was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on May 19, 1982, passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on October 20, 1982, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 17, 1982 in Tarrant Lodge No. 942 A.F. & A.M. Past Master Flores affiliated with Hill City Lodge No. 456 on October 7, 1986 and became a plural member of Live Oak Lodge No. 304 on June 6, 1991. He was also an Endowed Member of Hill City Lodge No. 456 and Live Oak Lodge No. 304.

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.

## From the South

Brethren,

I would like to thank everyone for your confidence in allowing me to serve as Junior Warden for Hill City Lodge for the new Masonic year 2018-2019. I am looking forward to an exciting year as we continue to focus on fostering community involvement opportunities within our organization. The virtue of Charity is an essential characteristic in every Mason's heart. As a member of Hill City Lodge I take pride in the many charitable contributions we make each year in the form of scholarships, donations, and community volunteering. As a non-profit it is important to be engaged in the community in which we exist. By becoming active members within the local area, not only can we increase the recognition of Masonry, but we can also meet the people who are our very direct base of potential members. In order to broaden our involvement in the local community, I would like to encourage our brothers to think about those philanthropic organizations and opportunities you are most passionate about and what we can do as a lodge to help. Feel free to reach out to myself or any of your lodge officers with any suggestions of how we can aid and serve our fellow citizens. It is a great way to make a difference, promote our organization, and maybe have a little fun along the way.

Following the last officer installation our new Worshipful Master, Bob Wheelless, spoke of "Opportunity" and how we can reach out into the community, "go places in the character of Masons, and perhaps generate some interest from non-masons." We have a couple of EA and FC degrees coming down the pipeline. As these new members join our ranks, we have an opportunity to mentor them and show them how to be an active member of the lodge to not only better themselves as men, but also better the community in which they live.

Luke Michels

Junior Warden, Hill City Lodge 456

## Symbolism

The symbolism based on the implements of the operative, is equally ancient and runs through the literature of the greatest teachers of ancient and modern times. The Bible is rich in such symbolism. The Prophet Amos said: "I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel." In Proverbs we find: "When he set the compass on the face of the deep I was there." Ezekiel in prophetic vision saw a "City four square." In Second Kings, it is recorded that Jehovah "Will stretch over Jerusalem a line of Samaria, and the plummet of the House of Ahab." St. Peter said: "Ye also are living stones." In the prophecies of Isaiah we find: "Judgment also will I lay to the line and righteousness to the plummet," and Zachariah said: "For they shall rejoice and shall see the plummet in the hands of Zerubbabel." These are only a few quotations. There are many other examples of beautiful and impressive symbols used by the Old and New Testament writers. This geometrical and architectural symbolism runs through all literature, ancient and modern, secular and religious. Imagery, symbols, allegory, and trope are the beauty and sublimity of Biblical literature. The purpose and use of symbolism among all great religious teachers was to make clear, to elucidate, to make plain, but never to hide or conceal great truths and precepts. Christ was prolific in the use of symbols, especially in allegorical form. His parables and allegories are remarkable for their pertinence and graphic in their power to present moral and religious truths with clearness and comprehension. He never used them to cast a metaphysical fog over his listeners.

By Bro. Wm. F. Kuhn, P. G. M., Missouri

## The Man in the Hat

We all know the Worshipful Master wears a Hat in the lodge room to distinguish himself as he sits in the East to open and govern the lodge. Outside of Masonry, the Hat, especially in western movies is a symbol of the just and upright good guy. The famous cowboy actors: Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, and John Wayne all wore the square and compasses. In most of their roles, the characters they portrayed were stalwarts in the community. They stood for what's right and defended the beliefs of their fellow man. Though the use of cinema these Masons were able to set the example of taking a good man and making him better. When you stop and think, the Shrine Fez, the Scottish Rite Prayer Cap, and the York Rite Chapeau also play a large role as images that mark us as Masons and help the Fraternity to spread the light.

Charles M. Stewart, P.M.

## From the Kitchen

I am Richard Bardin. I will be working as Senior Steward in the kitchen this year. As usual we will strive to provide good healthy meals when our Lodge is at labor. We will serve sandwiches or snacks on work nights.

When you are on the Food Committee, come on down and help us plan the meal and work in the kitchen. If you can't work, just come for the fellowship.

Richard Bardin, P.M.

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## **Food Committee for September 4th Stated Meeting**

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Arthur L. Connor, III	Philip Edward Hornsey	John Tate McFarland	David Edward Schnautz
Hilton Vern Crocker	James David Hurt	Curtis Montgomery	Ernest Serrano
Fred Joseph Crooks	Enoch S. Johnson, Jr.	Harold Ray Pack	Leroy E. Steadman
Jerry Seburn Daniel	Michael Lee Johnson	David Kerry Parker	Byron W. Weaver
Lance Barrett Dean	Sammy Ronald Jones	Michael Anthony Payne	Robert Charles Williams
Robert Carson Fisk	David Lee Kinser, Jr.	Kip Lee Portis	

### **Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, August 28th at 6 pm.**

The 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.