


The HILL CITY LIGHT

August 2018

<p>2016 - 2017 Lodge Officers</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>Hill City No. 456 A.F. & A.M. Chartered June 10, 1876</p> <p>Austin Scottish Rite Theatre & 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>Work Schedule</p>	<p>From the East</p>
<p>August 2018</p> <p>August 7 Stated Meeting August 14 Committee Meetings August 21 Family Night August 28 Fellowcraft Practice Food Committee</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>Our Secretary, Brother Philippe Dewailly, received a call from a member of the Scottish Rite Theater and Museum on Tuesday morning July 17, informing us that we could not drink the water because of a problem with the water lines. Somehow the drinking water was contaminated by the water in the landscaping sprinkler system. I decided that the lodge could not take a chance with the water situation and perhaps have someone accidentally drink the water so I cancelled the family night.</p> <p>Our Senior Deacon, Brother Richard Garrett, had arranged for the National Sojourners to perform their flag presentation that night. Those not familiar with the Sojourners they are an organization composed of present and former military men who are Masons. I hope we can reschedule the flag presentation for a future date. I was surprised by the many little tidbits of information contained in their presentation.</p> <p>In addition to the flag presentation our lodge was going to have a hotdog supper. The hotdogs we bought are homemade hotdogs from the City Market in Schulenburg. They are some of the best hotdogs I have ever eaten. I'm not sure how many people know that July is national hotdog.</p> <p>We had a really good Fellow Craft degree on July 24th, our first Fellow Craft Degree in quite a long while. The initiation was</p>
<p>September 2018</p> <p>September 4 Stated Meeting September 11 Committee Meetings September 18 Family Night September 25 Fellowcraft Practice Food Committee</p>	
<p>October 2018</p> <p>October 2 Stated Meeting October 9 Committee Meetings October 16 Family Night October 23 Fellowcraft Practice Food Committee October 30 Committee Meetings</p>	

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From the West

well attended and the new Fellow Craft expressed his thanks to the brothers for their performance in his degree.

Our lodge hosted the quarterly Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association on July 31st. There were close to fifty brothers in attendance, twenty-one of the attendees were our brothers. Three members from the New Braunfels High Twelve club were present and explained what the club is and how to form a club if there is any interest in doing so. The High Twelve Club is a social masonic group that meets for lunch and spreads good fellowship. Also Brothers Larry Miller and Scrappy King gave the association an update on the Dell Children’s Hospital fundraising drive. Their goal is to raise at least \$25,000 for the hospital in the name of Texas Masons. The hospital has a donor board at inside the lobby of the front entrance with the names of the donors that have made significant donations. Their goal is to visit all of the Masonic Lodges in the hospital’s coverage area to raise enough money to get a plaque for Texas Masons on the donor board.

Sadly, our Tiler Emeritus Sam Henson passed away. We conducted a memorial service for him at Austin Peel and Son Funeral Home on Saturday August 4, with Brother Kent Kinkade presiding. I was pleased to see the twenty or more masons that came to honor our departed friend and brother.

We had a good turnout for our August Stated Meeting. We ate those hotdogs we were supposed to eat in July! Under the heading of new business we discussed increasing the fees for initiation, passing and raising. We were charging eighty dollars for each of the three degrees. We pay the Grand Lodge five dollars for every EA Degree we confer and twenty-five dollars for each Masters Degree. I made a motion to increase our degree fees to one hundred dollars apiece. There was a second on the motion and after discussion the motion passed. The timing on this motion was right since we don’t have any candidates right now and Grand Lodge is encouraging lodges to increase fees as a way to increase the value of being a mason.

Mark your calendars; we will be practicing for the

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Brethren,

There has been much activity at Hill City so far this Masonic year, and plenty on the agenda to come. In July, we passed a new Fellow Craft and affiliated a Master Mason.

We also hosted the District 50 Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries association, where we had 21 in attendance (and good representation from Hill City). All Masons are welcome to attend the quarterly MWSA meeting, and it's a great way to share fellowship with brethren from other Austin lodges while staying up-to-date on events within the district. The next meeting is at University Lodge 1190 in October, so feel free to come out even if you're not a lodge officer.

We mourned the loss of Sam Henson on July 31st. Brother Henson was a pillar of Hill City Lodge, having taught the esoteric work to so many members of the lodge as they were coming up through the degrees. It was heart-lifting to see so strong a Masonic presence in memorial of our brother.

Many lodge and district Masons were at the Hill Country Rally for the Kids, with some of our members making Masonry proud by participating in a BBQ cook-off to raise money for the charity of area children.

In August stated meeting, we raised the degree fee for future petitions to the Masonic mysteries. Henceforce, candidates will pay \$100 per degree (for which the Hill City degree fee, after Grand Lodge fees, will be \$95, \$100, and \$75 for EA, FC, and MM).

The lodge passed its yearly budget (which was mostly the same as last year's). While our expenses are modest, it's difficult for the lodge to break even with so few dues-paying members (and dues that are some of the lowest within the State of Texas). Please consider contributing extra (and putting more in the food kitty), so we can remain a viable organization.

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Sam Houston Henson

Brother Sam Houston "Buster" Henson, age 92, of Austin passed away peacefully on July 31, 2018. Sam was born in Rowena, TX on April 10, 1926. He was raised in Gouldbusk, Texas where he assisted his father with farming operations. At the age of 18 he was drafted into the Army on Sept. 8, 1944. During WWII he drove an M-4 Sherman with Patton's famed tank corps in the last months of the war before occupying Berlin from July 1945 to 1946. And, as an MP, he helped guard the famous Checkpoint Charlie. When he returned from war he began working at the brick plant in Brownwood.

Sam met and married the love of his life, Connie Beth Woods, in 1953. Sam and Connie lived in Brownwood and Abilene while raising their family before deciding to move to Austin in 1967. After moving to Austin Sam became an Ironworker, doing the ironwork in many of the large structures seen in Austin's skyline today. When Sam retired from ironworking he decided to stay home with Connie and help her with her home day-care business. Granny & Pa raised many kids, touched many hearts, and taught many lessons - all while working side by side: she watching her soap operas and him listening to her soap operas, while reading the Louis L 'amour westerns that he loved so much.

Sam was always a "hands on Dad" with his boys as they were growing up; spending time at the lake many weekends taking them skiing, fishing, tubing, or camping. He supported them in band, baseball, and yes, even bull-riding; making every event he could. He carried this hands-on support to his grandkids and great-grandkids, always wanting to be at their games, concerts, performances, and recitals.

Sam was never stingy. Though he was a child of the Great Depression who understood the value of a dollar and the importance of saving, the generosity he gave from his heart and spirit was no match for any amount of money. Sam Loved His Family, his extended Family, and his Friends!

Sam was a member of Fairview Church of Christ in Austin where he gained many long-standing friendships that are cherished. In addition, he was a proud member of the Hill City Masonic Lodge #456 AF&AM and proudly served as their Worshipful Master in 1982. Sam was a gifted Mason who knew the teachings well, and spent many hours at his kitchen table or outside at his picnic table teaching hundreds of men their masonic work. He was also a member of the Ben Hur Shrine, Scottish Rite and York Rite. And, Sam was a member of the Eastern Star and served as Worthy Patron with his beloved Connie every time she served as Worthy Matron.

Sam was preceded in death by his loving wife of 59 years, Connie Henson, parents, Roy and Vivian Henson, brothers, Buddy and John Henson, sister, May Pearl Hiller. He is survived by two brothers, Gene (Wanda) of Brownwood and Little Roy (Margaret) of Pearland. He is also survived by his three sons Sammy (Taffy), Roy (Olga), and James (Nancy); grandchildren Roy (Audra), John (Liz), Sarah (Steve), Hannah (Joshua), Bradley (Zoe), and Kenneth; great grandchildren Caitlin, Sable, Emily, Major, Carly and Bethany.

Sam Houston Henson was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on June 15, 1971, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on January 4, 1972, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on February 22, 1972, at Hill City Lodge No. 456 A. F. & A. M. Sam was Worshipful Master during the 1986 – 1987 Masonic year. P.M. Henson received the Golden Trowel Award on January 24, 1995, became a Life member on June 7, 1994, an Endowed member on May 24, 1988 and faithfully served as Tiler for 26 Years where he taught many Masons their work as well as life lessons and Masonic history. He was a true servant of the craft.

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.

Bruce Edward Barton

Brother Bruce Barton, age 67, passed away on June 12, 2018. He was born May 28, 1951 in Abilene, Texas to John and Jean (Dawson) Barton. Bruce graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a BA in Government and Business Management. He was a Real Estate Developer and Economic Development Advisor in Georgetown and the surrounding areas.

Bruce held many positions along his life which included: Assistant Manager of the Temple Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation, Executive Director of the Denison Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Foundation, Executive Director of the Georgetown Industrial Foundation, Director of the Economic Development Division for the State of Texas, Vice President of the Jarrell Economic Development Corp., Associate of the Jarrell Development Group, LLC, Georgetown Economic Development Board, Georgetown UDC Board, and he was a long term member of Rotary Club.

Bruce was a kind and generous man who was committed to family, friends, and his work. He was deeply involved in the community and had a great passion for the city of Georgetown. He loved fast cars, politics, UT Athletics, days spent on the lake, and good music. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include his daughters: Courtney Barton and Stacy Barton (Brent Nicewonger); granddaughter, Rory Barton; former wife and mother of his children, Pam Barton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, John Barton.

Brother Barton was a member of Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A.M. where he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on March 19, 1974, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on October 15, 1974, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on January 7, 1975. Bruce Barton was awarded his 25 Year Service Award on June 7, 2007.

Brethren,

July was a great month at Hill City. The lodge was bustling with activity with several noteworthy events taking place. We had an EA turn in on July 10th which gave our Brothers a chance to brush up on their FC degree. It also gave some new Brothers an opportunity to participate in putting on an outstanding FC degree on July 24th. Hill City hosted the District 50 MWSA meeting on the 31st and enjoyed a great turnout from all the Lodges in our district. In true Hill City fashion our kitchen served up a mouth-watering feast with all the trimmings. Brother Eschenburg made his world famous pulled pork sandwiches which were served alongside baked beans and potato salad prepared by Brothers Tom Jackson and Richard Bardin.

August is on track to be as eventful as July. On the 28th we are scheduled to put on a Master Mason degree. In preparation, we will have degree practice every Tuesday night after dinner this month. If you are interested in participating in a degree please come out and we will find a spot for you. On August 21st we will also be practicing for our DDGM official visit taking place at our September stated meeting. Make sure you come out to the lodge on September 4th to help us welcome our DDGM.

I am excited about how this Masonic year is shaping up. We have seen a lot of involvement from the brothers and some new faces in the lodge. Help us keep the momentum going by reaching out to any brothers that may not have attended lodge in awhile, let them know they are always welcome and we would love to see them!

Luke Michels
Junior Warden, Hill City Lodge 456

Obituary

Henry Herbert Tomlin, Jr.

Henry Herbert Tomlin, Jr. (known to family and friends as Buddy, Boto, Henry or Herbert) age 85 of Bastrop, Texas passed away on Tuesday June 12, 2018. He was born in Tyler, Texas on April 25, 1933 to Herbert and Sarah Frances McFadden Tomlin. He was a proud graduate of Stephen F. Austin High School class of 1951, where he loved playing football. Henry was a Boy Scouts of America Master, leading Troop 409 of Austin, TX. He was a long-time member and Deacon of Kinney Avenue Baptist Church in Austin, and a member of Calvary Baptist in Bastrop where he also enjoyed signing in the choirs. Henry was a life member of The Scottish Rite. He was an accomplished lapidarist and enjoyed working in precious metals. During his life he planned and built two homes, both of which his family still enjoy. He served the citizens of Austin, TX for 28 years with the Austin Police Department achieving the rank of Sr. Sargent. He is preceded in death by his parents; his only son, Kenneth James; and his brothers, Billy, Bobby and Donnie. Henry is survived by his wife of 66 years, Carlene Wright Tomlin; his daughter, Jo Dee Tomlin Myatt; grandsons, Carlton Henry Tomlin, Brady E. Myatt and Adam J. Myatt; his sisters-in-law, Ann Broward Tomlin and Jane Lockridge and many other extended family members.

Brother Tomlin was a member of Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A.M. where he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on April 14, 1959, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on August 18, 1959, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on October 20, 1959. Henry was awarded his 25 Year Service Award on October 20, 1984 and was awarded his 50 Year Service Award on October 20, 2009.

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Master's Degree on August 14 and 21. We will be conferring the Masters Degree on August 28th. The best thing a new Master Mason can see is a full house when his hoodwink is lifted. Come help us make that happen.

Just so you know, our DDGM, Right Worshipful Raul Scully will make his second official visit at our September 4th Stated Meeting. On September 11th we will be presenting 25 and 40 year service awards. This is a family night so bring the whole crowd.

Also we received a request from the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma to confer the three degrees in Masonry upon one of their candidates that is currently living in Austin. It looks like we will confer his EA Degree on the 25th of September.

I hope to see you in Lodge.

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

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For the rest of the month, we are practicing and then putting on a Master's degree on August 28th.

District Deputy Grand Master Raul Scully is making his official visit on the September stated meeting, so please make it out Sept. 4th and honor him with a strong turnout. That night we'll also receive the report of the audit committee, and learn what's on the Lodge agenda for the month to come.

As you can see, there is a lot of Masonic activity going on, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Aaron Evans
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

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Food Committee for September 4th Stated Meeting

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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.