


The HILL CITY LIGHT

September 2018

2016 - 2017 Lodge Officers	<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> <div> <div>1876</div> <div></div> <div>2018</div> </div> <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>
Work Schedule	From the East
<p>September 2018</p> <p>September 4 Stated Meeting</p> <p>September 11 Committee Meetings</p> <p>September 18 EA Practice</p> <p>September 25 EA Degree Food Committee</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>The Grand Lodge of Oklahoma sent our Grand Lodge a request to confer the three degrees in Masonry on one of their candidates that is now living in Austin. I think that this request is an honor because there are seven lodges in our district. We will be practicing the floor work for this degree on both September 11th and 18th. We will confer his EA Degree on September 25th. So far during this Masonic year we have conferred both a Fellowcraft and Masters Degree.</p> <p>The Secretary read a petition for the Mysteries at our September 4th Stated Meeting. If all goes well and our candidate receives favorable votes from the Investigation Committee, we will confer a second EA Degree on October 9th at 7pm. I encourage all Hill City Brethren to come down and make this a memorable initiation for this candidate.</p> <p>There will be no family nights in September and October. I planned to award the 25 and 40 year awards on September 18th but I did not give our Secretary enough advance notice and he didn't have time to notify the recipients and get the necessary certificates from Grand Lodge.</p> <p>During our September Stated Meeting, I initially announced that the lodge would be dark on October 30th. After some reflection, I decided to change my mind. On October 30th we are going to start classes of instruction whereby as many of our brethren that</p>
<p>October 2018</p> <p>October 2 Stated Meeting</p> <p>October 9 Committee Meetings</p> <p>October 16 Fellowcraft Practice</p> <p>October 23 Fellowcraft Practice Food Committee</p> <p>October 30 Committee Meetings</p>	
<p>November 2018</p> <p>November 6 Stated Meeting</p> <p>November 13 Committee Meetings</p> <p>November 20 Family Night</p> <p>November 27 Fellowcraft Practice Food Committee</p>	

From the East (continued)	From the West
<p>are interested can earn Class C Certificates for proficiency in the esoteric work. There are three different levels of certification. The C class is the easiest to earn because only the questions and answers to the three degrees and opening and closing the different lodges are required. Consider this an invitation and come and improve yourself in masonry.</p> <p>We are hosting a family night on November 20th to honor our brothers who served in the Armed Forces of our great country. All veterans are encouraged to attend so that our lodge can give the thanks they so rightly deserve. We will dine at six-thirty, sorry no C-rations, and have a patriotic program afterwards.</p> <p>Our District Deputy Grand Master, Raul Scully, had to cancel his official visit at our September 4th Stated Meeting for personal reasons. He is required by Grand Lodge to make two official visits to each lodge in his district. We will notify y'all via email, our webpage and Facebook when he reschedules his visit.</p> <p>This year we established a Building Committee. We have been tenants of the Scottish Rite Theater since 1986 or 87. Kervin Warnken was Worshipful Master at the time. During those thirty plus years our offices have flooded twice. The carpeting in them is the original carpeting from when we first moved in. There are other issues that I hope this committee can address and develop a plan for remediation. Right now, the two Wardens and the two Deacons comprise this committee. There is room on the building committee for any brother that has an interest in beautifying our space at the theater building.</p> <p>Finally, I would like to thank all of you that have helped make this year enjoyable. The Master's Degree we conferred had a tremendous feeling of brotherly love. There were twenty or more of us encircling our brother when he was raised his by the grip. It was loud and moving.</p> <p>I hope to see you in Lodge.</p> <p>Bob Wheelless, P.M. Worshipful Master, Hill City 456</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>As we enter September, Hill City is continuing to deliver excellent work in growing our lodge and Masonry.</p> <p>Last month, we raised a new Master Mason and had splendid turnout for an outstanding performance of that sublime degree. The brethren of Hill City take pride in their degree work, so it's always rewarding when we come together for that purpose.</p> <p>This month we are performing a courtesy EA degree on behalf of the Oklahoma Grand Lodge, so we hope everyone comes out and shows some Texas Masonry pride and fraternal love for our out-of-state brother.</p> <p>A petition for the mysteries was also read in Lodge this month, so if you've been longing for degree work, we hope you can join us. Whether you can help work in the degree, serve as a backup, or just come have fun with us during practice, we love to have you.</p> <p>This month, the lodge set its financial accounts in order by submitting its IRS 990, form 71 to the Grand Lodge, and completing our yearly audit of the permanent fund.</p> <p>The IRS 990 form is necessary to prove our non-profit status; it's essential because failing to submit it would jeopardize the tax-exemption of every lodge in the state (or cause the Grand Lodge to revoke our charter).</p> <p>Grand Lodge form 71 demonstrates that our cash accounts are in good order, and the audit committee found that our books and permanent fund are well taken care of.</p> <p>The permanent fund ended the Masonic year 7.25% higher than when it began. Hill City is fortunate, unlike many lodges in the state, to be financially stable and housed within decent facilities. We should be grateful to our permanent fund board members, and our treasurer and secretary, for being diligent stewards of these resources.</p> <p><i>Continued on page 5</i></p>

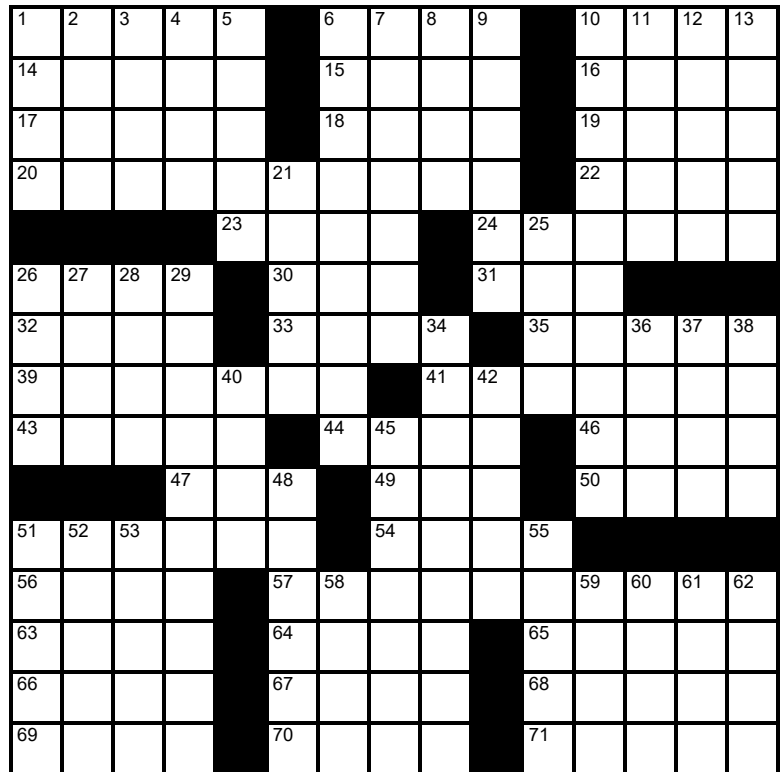
September 2018 Crossword Puzzle

Across

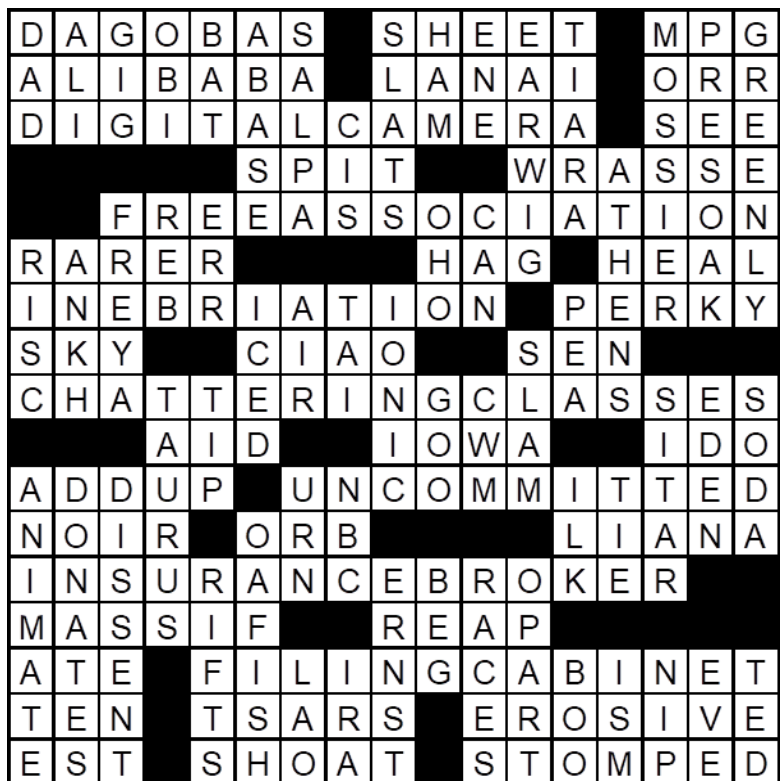
1. Massage target
6. "Darn it all!"
10. Amazon language
14. Salk's conquest
15. "How ___ Mehta Got Kissed, Got Wild, and Got a Life" (Kaavya Viswanathan novel in the news)
16. ___-friendly
17. Delaware indian
18. Boat in "Jaws"
19. "Nonsense!"
20. Denouement
22. Coastal raptor
23. Weird, to the Scots
24. From south, would I protect bears over hibernating?
26. ___ bag
30. "Wheels"
31. Amniotic ___
32. Open wide
33. Condo, e.g.
35. Laugh producer
39. Proportionately
41. Bay
43. English exam finale, often
44. Artificial bait
46. Like, with "to"
47. Handle clumsily
49. Marienbad, for one
50. Medical advice, often
51. Voters' problem
54. Bring on
56. Expert
57. Hamoi native
63. Little, e.g.
64. Almond
65. Wandered freely
66. Baptism, for one
67. Bust, so to speak
68. Simple chord
69. Coaster
70. ___ of the above
71. "You there? "

Down

1. Cowboy boot attachment
2. Dog command
3. "Ah, me!"
4. Airport pickup
5. W.W. I soldier
6. Unpleasant dental procedure
7. Deductive
8. ___ Bell
9. Biases
10. A person with tuberculosis
11. Appropriate
12. Old finnish money
13. Angry
21. Full-length
25. Diamond Head locale
26. Sort
27. Boat propellers
28. War losers, usually
29. Transported with delight
34. Depravity, wickedness
36. Construct
37. "Miss ___ Regrets"
38. Cost of living?
40. Nurse in Malaya hospital
42. Discover
45. Mark the beginning of
48. wife nervy about monster
51. petri dish gelectine
52. Trainee
53. Spur on a peak
55. Our "mother"
58. International Civil Aviation Organization
59. "Encore!"
60. "... there is no ___ angel but Love": Shakespeare
61. Close, as an envelope
62. Common Brazilian root veggi



July 2018 Puzzle Solution



10 Things About the Winter Solstice	Winter Solstice (continued)
<p>1. Winter and Summer Solstice</p> <p>In the Northern Hemisphere, the December Solstice is the winter solstice and the shortest day of the year.</p> <p>In the Southern Hemisphere, it is summer solstice and the longest day of the year, because equinoxes and solstices are on opposite sides of the planet.</p> <p>2. A Specific Point in Time</p> <p>Most people count the whole day as the December Solstice. However, the Solstice is actually at a specific moment - when the Sun is exactly overhead the Tropic of Capricorn.</p> <p>In 2018, the December Solstice is on December 21. Due to the Time Zone difference, some locations will have their solstice on a different date.</p> <p>3. Second Solstice of the Year</p> <p>Solstices happen twice a year - once around June 21 and then again around December 21. On the June Solstice, the Sun is directly overhead the Tropic of Cancer (latitude 23° 30' North) in the Northern Hemisphere, while on the December Solstice, the Sun shines directly over the Tropic of Capricorn (latitude 23° 30' South) in the Southern Hemisphere.</p> <p>4. The Date Varies</p> <p>The December Solstice can happen on December 20, 21, 22 or 23, though December 20 or 23 solstices are rare. The last December 23 solstice was in 1903 and will not happen again until 2303.</p> <p>5. The Sun 'Stands Still'</p> <p>The term solstice comes from the Latin word solstitium, meaning 'the Sun stands still'. This is because on this day, the Sun reaches its southernmost position as seen from the Earth. The Sun seems to stand still at the Tropic of Capricorn and then reverses its direction. It's also common to call it the day the Sun turns around.</p>	<p>6. It's the First Day of Astronomical Winter</p> <p>In the Northern Hemisphere, astronomers and scientists use the December Solstice as the start of the winter season, which ends on the March Equinox. For meteorologists, on the other hand, winter began three weeks ago on December 1.</p> <p>7. The Earth Isn't Farthest From the Sun</p> <p>During winter in the Northern Hemisphere, the Earth is actually closest to the Sun. Seasons occur because Earth orbits the Sun on a slant, with an axial tilt of around 23.4 degrees. Therefore different amounts of sunlight reach the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, causing variation in temperatures and weather patterns throughout the year.</p> <p>In fact, the Earth is on its Perihelion - the point on the Earth's orbit closest to the Sun - a few weeks after the December Solstice.</p> <p>8. Earliest Sunset Not on the Solstice</p> <p>Most places in the Northern Hemisphere see their earliest sunset a few days before the Solstice and their latest sunrise a few days after the Solstice. This happens because of the difference between how we measure time using watches and the time measured by a sundial.</p> <p>9. Daylight Hours Increase Faster in the North</p> <p>If you are in the Northern Hemisphere, the increase rate of daylight hours depends on your location's latitude - in more northern latitudes you will see a rapid increase in daylight hours compared to if you're in the more southern latitudes.</p> <p>10. Celebrated Around the World</p> <p>Many cultures around the world hold feasts and celebrate holidays around the December Solstice.</p>

Other Masonic Happenings...	From the South
<p>Chili Cook Off in Pflugerville! Can you make some Blue Ribbon Chili? Prove it at this event hosted by the director's Staff of the Ben Hur Shrine. The event will be held at The Spirit of Texas Distillery 1715 Dalshank St. Pville Tx 78660. Chili entry fee is 25.00. Jackpot beans entry is 10.00. Contact Chris Garner for an entry form at 512-577-6893 or Garner3825@gmail.com.</p> <p>Saturday, October 13 (10:00am - 4:00pm): The Grand Lodge of Texas Family Masonic Picnic in Arlington, TX. The Grand Master & the Grand Lodge officers will be in attendance.</p> <p>October 20th at Onion Creek Lodge. Briscoe Workshop presented by the District 50 Masonic Education officer, Dennis Ross. It is very much encouraged for all of your Lodge officers to attend this workshop because the session covers material pertinent for serving a Blue Lodge as an officer and a Worshipful Master. PM Ross will be assisted by the D50 Service team.</p> <p>Monday, October 22 - Austin Lodge No. 12 hosts the Oktoberfest Festive Board. Beer braised brats, Bavarian sauerkraut, German potato salad, and additional German treats will be served, and Bro. C.R. Dunning will be giving a lecture. Proceeds from the event will go to Dell Children's Hospital.</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>August was another great month for Hill City Masonry. We had several degree practice nights which gave many of our newer brothers the opportunity to participate in another degree.</p> <p>On August 28th, Hill City put on an outstanding degree and raised a new Master Mason. For me it is a fun and educating experience to get to be part of a degree and work with my fellow Hill City Masons. It is also a very important step in the development of a new Brother. In the words of Carl H. Claudy, "There is one thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world. That one thing is Masonry."</p> <p>We have all heard that Masonry takes good men and makes them better. When a candidate receives a degree he takes his first steps towards the great purpose in Masonry which is to instill a system of moral development that will widen his path of improvement. Our new and incoming Brothers deserve a first class degree and that is why we take pride in our work at Hill City.</p> <p>I would like to encourage everyone to attend as many degree practices as you can and perhaps learn a new part. It's a great feeling to be a part of raising a new Brother and you will always learn a little bit more about Masonry each time. We will have degree work nights on September 11th and 18th to prepare for an Entered Apprentice degree on the 25th. Come on out and enjoy a fun night of Masonry with dinner at 6:30 with degree practice following. There's always a welcome mat at the door and a hot meal on the table!</p> <p>Luke Michels</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">From the West (continued)</p> <p>Finally, with the assistance of so many awesome brothers, the Lodge steward continues sending our visitors and us home well-satisfied every week. One of our mottos is "Hill City Lodge always has a welcome mat at the door and a hot meal on the table," so whether it's your month on the food committee or not, stop by the kitchen and help out -- you can wash plenty of dishes at home, but you'll have more fun doing it here.</p> <p>Aaron Evans Senior Warden, Hill City 456</p>

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Food Committee for October 2nd Stated Meeting

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Edward Charles Fritsch	Calvin Cleave Nolen	Michael Anthony Von Ohlen	

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, September 25th 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.