


The HILL CITY LIGHT

October 2018

2016 - 2017 Lodge Officers	<p style="text-align: center;">Hill City No. 456 A.F. & A.M. Chartered June 10, 1876</p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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>
Work Schedule	From the East
<p style="text-align: center;">October 2018</p> <p>October 2 Stated Meeting</p> <p>October 9 Committee Meetings</p> <p>October 16 EA Practice</p> <p>October 23 EA Degree Food Committee</p> <p>October 30 Fellowcraft Practice</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>Daphne and I were privileged to attend a National Sojourner's banquet on September 26. The guest speaker was Colonel Scott McCloud. He is the officer that will be directing the new Army Futures Command here in Austin. He was invited to speak about how our state responded to Hurricane Harvey. Colonel McCloud was assigned the command of all of the ground resources for the states response by Governor Abbott. I was surprised to learn that our governor activated the entire State National Guard for the hurricane response.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">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>	<p>We received Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Raul J. Scully for his second official visit at our October Stated Meeting. He brought fraternal greetings from Our Most Worshipful Grand Master Tommy F. Chapman. Right Worshipful Scully reminded our lodge that we must hold an open meeting before November 30, 2018 in order to introduce the principals of Free Masonry to the community. Your officers are in the planning stage for this open house and we will work earnestly towards providing a good program.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">December 2018</p> <p>December 4 Stated Meeting</p> <p>December 11 Committee Meetings</p> <p>December 18 Family Night Food Committee</p> <p>December 25 Christmas ! (Dark)</p>	<p>We will hold an EA Degree practice night on the 9th of this Month.</p> <p>We will host a family night on the 16th of this Month. Its purpose will be to present 25 year awards to worthy brothers. We will dine at 6:30pm with the awards ceremony to follow.</p>

From the East (continued)

We elected a new member at this month's stated meeting. His initiation will be conferred on the 23rd. Why don't all of y'all come on down to lodge and show this new candidate what a full house of Masons looks like.

One of the requirements for a lodge to earn a Vanguard Award this year is to have officers and members earn education certificates. There are three classes of certificates. In order to earn a C-Certificate brother must be able to show proficiency in the question and answers for all three degrees and be able to open and close all of the Masonic Lodges. The B-Certificate adds the requirement that the brother must also be able to confer the three degrees in Masonry and the A-certificate adds the requirement that the brother be able to give all three lectures. We are going to start towards earning certificates starting on October 30.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Master of Ceremonies, Brother Doug Freyburger, for the truly interesting topics he has presented for our edification so far this year. This month he talked about the many different ways there are to make a square and what they mean to the Fraternity.

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.

I hope to see you in Lodge.

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

From the West

Brethren,

For the October stated meeting, we received our second official visit from the District Deputy Grand Master. I'm pleased to say Hill City had a good turnout, good food, and good hospitality for the DDGM.

The Grand Master's letter reminded us that "there are no unimportant parts or members of our fraternity. No one else can do your part, my part, or the Grandmaster's part".

This is an excellent lesson to contemplate on: the whole of Masonry is us coming together to work (on making ourselves and our communities better). No one is made important in Masonry simply for their status or job within the fraternity; showing up and paying the bills every month is empty except that in it provides a place where we come together for our true work. All the brethren assembling is the whole of Masonry (not anyone's responsibility or authority in the lodge).

The Grand Master's letter continued, "Freemasonry is judged by our communities, by our contribution to society." With that in mind, Hill City is going to recontinue keeping records of the brethren's charitable work for the community (counted in terms both of hours spent in service and miles driven). We started strong at the beginning of the current Grand Lodge year (with many of our members traveling a long distance to clean Texas beaches), but there's no reason not to do better.

All of our members are or should be doing good work for the community, and there's nothing wrong with taking recognition for it (in fact, the Grand Lodge needs this data in order periodically justify our exemption from ad valorem tax -- so please make sure to inform the Senior Warden about your community service.)

The Lodge voted on a new petition for the mysteries this month, which means we now have twice as much degree work to enjoy. It is exciting to see the lodge get back on track raising more men to become brethren. Earlier I alluded to that "true work" (which is the improvement of ourselves and our communities), but it also includes improvement of our fraternity. The important part cannot happen without bringing new brethren into the whole.

With that in mind, we hope to see you for the events in store for October and our next stated meeting.

Aaron Evans
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

October 2018 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Charades, essentially
5. Bungle
9. Challenge for a barber
13. Father of Balder
14. Doofus
16. Clickable image
17. "Bill & ___ Excellent Adventure"
18. Yall
19. Not yet final, at law
20. Lacked, briefly
22. Anticipated
24. Golden Triangle country
26. ___ four
27. God, with "the"
30. Crackpot
33. Initiation tool
35. Australian bird
37. "___ Town Too" (1981 hit)
38. Dead-on
41. Bauxite, e.g.
42. Science
45. Handle
48. Gym wear
51. Dissension
52. Wag
54. War losers, usually
55. Sandspout
59. Pronunciation symbol
62. Fishing, perhaps
63. Bunk
65. Zen
66. Abstruse
67. Online publication
68. At one time, at one time
69. About
70. Aims
71. Gym set

Down

1. Maker of holes
2. "I had no ___!"
3. Lib Dem
4. Tangle up
5. Bug out
6. Aerial maneuver
7. Appropriate
8. Suit
9. Detail
10. Battery contents
11. Barely beat, with "out" character
12. "Idylls of the King" character
15. Ogee
21. Strengthen, with "up"
23. Diminutive suffix
25. Fill
27. Bounce back, in a way
28. Asian weight units
29. Nova, e.g.
31. Dinah
32. Christmas ___
34. Large amount of money
36. Daughter of Zeus
39. Bully
40. Cause for a lawsuit
43. Nazi police
44. Swerves at sea
46. youngs
47. Mallet
49. Church donation
50. Big bore
53. Loins
55. Carpenter's groove
56. ___-friendly
57. Attends
58. Darn, as socks
60. Mud dauber, e.g.
61. Aardvark fare
64. "Absolutely!"

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September 2018 Puzzle Solution

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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...

The director's Staff of the Ben Hur Shrine is hosting a Chili Cook Off in Pflugerville Saturday, October 13; at The Spirit of Texas Distillery 1715 Dalshank St. Pflugerville TX 78660. This event is open to the public. You do not have to cook to attend. Contact Chris Garner 512-577-6893 Garner3825@gmail.com for an entry form.

The Grand Master is hosting the annual Family Masonic Picnic Saturday, October 13 10am - 4pm, on the grounds of the Texas Masonic Retirement Center. 1501 W Division St. Arlington Texas. There will be a BBQ cook off. For information contact Jimmy Emmons @ 214-212-5501 or by email jdones54@yahoo.com. There will be a Classic Car show, live music, kid's games, Kettle Corn, pony rides, crafts, jump houses, petting zoo, dunking booth, and much more.

Garth Weaver, Craig Hammonds, Donnie Baron, Fernando Alboniz, and James Baker will be honored at the Scottish Rite's Double Eagle Banquet Thursday, October 18 at the Mid Town Holiday Inn, 6000 Middle Fiskville Road 6-10pm. The cost is 55.00 per ticket purchase on-line at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3624111 or contact George Moxley at 512-422-7443 or 512 472-7247. The guest speaker will be PGM RW Elmer Murphy.

Dennis Ross, District 50 Masonic Education officer, will present the Briscoe Workshop, October 20 at Onion Creek Lodge. He encourages all lodge officers to attend. PM Ross will be assisted by the D50 Service team. Lunch will be served at noon.

Austin Lodge No. 12 hosts their October Fest Festive Board Monday, October 22 beginning at 6pm. The menu includes Beer braised brats, Bavarian sauerkraut, German potato salad, and additional German treats. Bro. C.R. Dunning will be giving a lecture. This is a black tie event. Proceeds from the event will go to Dell Children's Hospital.

University Lodge 1190 will host the District 50 MWSA Meeting Thursday, October 25, in the York Rite Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm with the meeting to follow. All current District 50 Lodge officers are asked to attend, and the meeting is open to all Master Masons.

From the South

Brethren,

September was another outstanding month of Masonry at Hill City. It has been an exciting year as we continue to grow our lodge by putting on degrees and introducing new members into our ancient and honorable order.

On September 25th we conferred the first degree on a new Brother as a courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. Before his initiation, the candidate had to unexpectedly move to Texas for his job and it is an honor for Hill City to be asked to confer the degrees of Masonry on him. It was a fantastic turnout as we gave the new Entered Apprentice a warm Texas welcome into Masonry.

October will be no different when it comes to growth at Hill City Lodge. We will be conducting another Entered Apprentice degree on October 23rd for a young candidate who has been visiting the lodge regularly over the past few months. We will have first degree practices October 9th and 16th to help us continue to sharpen our work. If you are interested in participating in this or any other degrees please contact one of our officers and we will find a way to work you in.

On October 30th, the lodge will have a practice group session for those of you interested in obtaining your C certificate. As always, dinner will be provided and practice will start promptly at 7:30 PM.

I encourage everyone to continue to show your light of Masonry in the community. Whether you go and visit other lodges and invite them to ours, speak to people who ask questions about Masonry and inviting them to our lodge, or calling up a Brother that has not been to lodge in awhile. Let's keep the momentum going and make October another exciting month at Hill City Lodge!

Luke Michels

Junior Warden, Hill City Lodge 456

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Food Committee for November 6th Stated Meeting

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Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, October 23rd 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.