

The HILL CITY LIGHT

November 2018

2016 - 2017 Lodge Officers	Hill City No. 456 A.F. & A.M. Chartered June 10, 1876
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Work Schedule	From the East
November 2018	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>It sure seems like time is moving really fast. We have had the change from Daylight Savings to Central Standard Time and are moving into the holiday season.</p> <p>On Sunday November 11th our nation remembered all of the men and women who gave of their time and in some instances their lives in defense of our great country. Our area lodges assembled and marched up Congress Avenue to the Capitol in the City of Austin's Veteran's Day parade. I want to personally thank all of our brethren that have served in the military for their time and sacrifice in the defense of our great country.</p> <p>Hill City will honor and celebrate our veteran members and any other veteran that will attend our Veterans Family Night on November 20. We promise not to serve K-rations, C-rations or MREs! While Masonry is confined to men, the armed services like masonry takes good men and women and makes them better. Like masonry our armed forces are taught to stand upright, be true to their country and neighbor.</p> <p>I want to say thank you to Past Masters Kervin Warnken, Dennis Hill, for the great pot roast dinner that they served at our November Stated Meeting. I would also like to thank the brothers that helped in the serving line and those who helped clean up the kitchen and dining hall.</p>
November 6 Stated Meeting	
November 13 Committee Meetings	
November 20 Veterans' Family night	
November 27 Fellowcraft Practice Food Committee	
December 2018	
December 4 Stated Meeting	
December 11 Committee Meetings	
December 18 Family Night Christmas Dinner Food Committee	
December 25 Christmas ! (Dark)	
January 2019	
January 1 New Year's Day ! (Dark)	
January 8 Stated Meeting	
January 15 Fellowcraft Practice	

From the East (continued)

If my count is right, seven different generations are active in our lodge. Each of these different generations has their own set of rules and values. Each generation wants everybody else to look and act the same exact way they do. Each generation's rules and values are more than likely to be in conflict with the generation before them and the one after them. I am proud that in Hill City Lodge we all meet of the level!

I was unable to attend the November Stated Meeting so our Senior Warden, Aaron Evans, presided as WM pro-tem. I think it was his first time up on the stage and I jokingly hope that it was hot and noisy up there as it has been so far this year. Our Secretary read a petition for the Mysteries and the Lodge elected PM Lee Kinser to serve as proxy during Grand Lodge this year. Grand Lodge will open on January 17th and will be in session through the 19th.

Finally, some of the brothers are meeting on Tuesdays after supper to work on obtaining proficiency certificates. If you wish to learn the work or are rusty come down and join the crowd.

I hope to see you in Lodge.

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

From the West

Greetings, Brethren.

We're off to another good month at Hill City, and for Masonry here in District 50.

We have received another petition for the mysteries, with additional new brethren coming up behind that, providing us with more opportunities to improve our degree work. Not only is there more than enough opportunity for the brethren of Hill City to practice their esoteric work, but at this point, we could use the help. I've hoped to see us have fully rostered and prepared degree teams (with well-practiced backups ready to step in) and soon we're going need it. Degree work is incredibly important because not only do we use it to grow the foundation of our lodge, but we use it to grow ourselves (by becoming reinitiated when we study the work).

Hill City is co-sponsoring a District 50 open-house with Austin and University Lodges on November 17th from 11 am to 3. This takes place in the parking lot of Scottish Rite before tailgating of a UT football game. University Lodge is generously renting extra tailgating space and providing food and libations.

In the past, it's been difficult to attract attendance for Masonic open houses here in Austin (because it's difficult and expensive to be noticed in this city). I'm particularly excited about this opportunity because tailgating brings the crowd to us (and the worst-case scenario is rather than sitting around in an empty building we get food and plenty of pre-game excitement). We hope every member of the Lodge able to make it will join us for the fun and the opportunity to speak with anyone interested in the craft).

On November 20th the Lodge has a family night in honor of Veterans Day, with a presentation by the National Sojourner Society.

In the November Stated Meeting, we discussed what Masonry can do for the mental health of veterans. Masons from district 50 are forming a local support group, which will regularly meet with refreshments and space provided by Austin lodges. Vets from every lodge are invited to participate if interested.

Aaron Evans
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

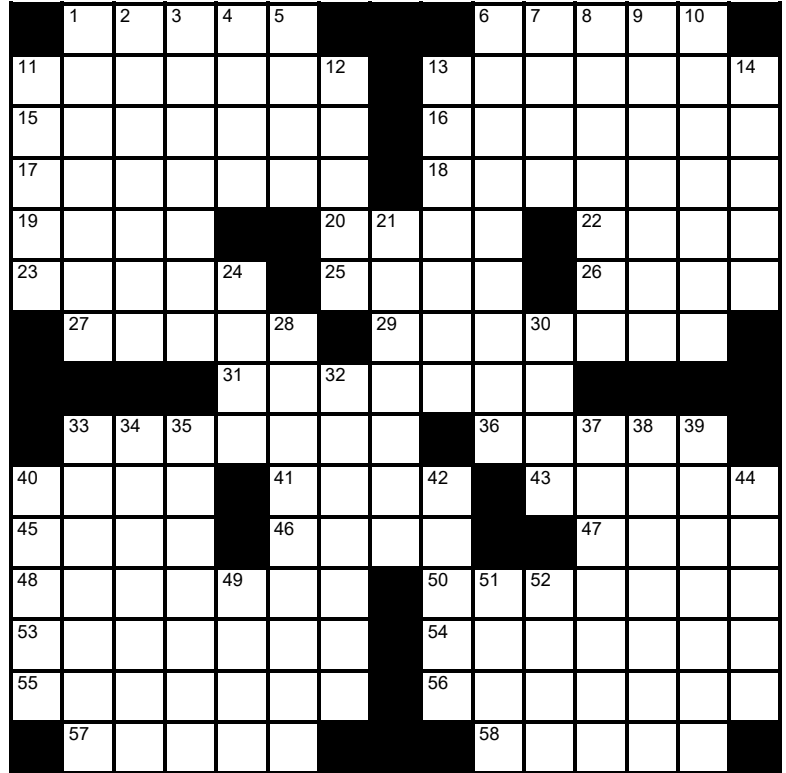
November 2018 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Exertion
6. 18-wheelers
11. Sot with gins reordered drinks
13. Dressed for the lodge
15. Possesses tuft that is spear-shaped
16. Horse's eye flap
17. Clad
18. Artificial tooth
19. Certain apartment
20. Long, long time
22. Air force heroes
23. "No kidding"
25. Finger, in a way
26. 1987 Costner role
27. "The sweetest gift of heaven": Virgil
29. Hunting dogs
31. Some June arrivals
33. One leaving the country
36. Religious law
40. Attention ____
41. Atomizer output
43. Indian coin
45. Keats, for one
46. Bit
47. Prefix with phone
48. Protudes, medically speaking
50. Kodaks, e.g.
53. Salty compound
54. Territory of the Middle East
55. Develops (from)
56. Herbal teas
57. Cupola-shaped
58. Knuckleheads

Down

1. Motor parts
2. Rgretfully longing
3. Authorize
4. Biology lab supply
5. ____ bag
6. Bad-tempered, spiteful
7. "____ Brockovich"
8. Native to high altitudes
9. Persuader
10. Sibyl
11. Commandment word
12. Alternative to a convertible
13. Paunch
14. Shift, e.g.
21. Simplest
24. Burglar
28. Let
30. Boris Godunov, for one
32. Understatements
33. Held together very well
34. Baton wielder
35. Gap
37. I, for one
38. Effective
39. Makes null and void
40. Devote, as time
42. Be silent, in music
44. Facilitates
49. Rage and roar
51. During
52. Japanese soup



October 2018 Puzzle Solution



Masons in Public

There are very few times when the public at large has the opportunity to see members of the Masonic fraternity dressed in white aprons and officers jewels conducting Masonic rites. We are able to proudly present ourselves as Masons for all to see during the conduct of MASONIC Funerals and during the traditional leveling of cornerstones of public buildings.

The symbolic leveling of a cornerstone is an ancient masonry custom that is as old as the craft itself. It dates back to the craftsmen and stonemasons that erected the magnificent cathedrals of Europe during the Middle Ages. We find reference to the cornerstone and the importance it has played down through the ages in the Bible. From those writings we find passages that are a part of the Masonic rites and expressions that are used when we level the cornerstone of a public building to this very day. In Amos 7.7 we read, "The Lord stood upon a wall made with 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. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them anymore." In Isaiah 28:16 we read, "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation." This biblical cornerstone reminds us that as Masons we have a sure foundation on which to build eternal life in that House not made by human hands, Eternal in the Heavens. Throughout the years, we as Masons, have leveled the cornerstones of countless thousands of churches, schools, lodges and various public buildings. It is a time when Masons have the public spotlight and can demonstrate openly the high moral, social and ethical standards by which our fraternity is governed. It gives us a chance to voice the fact that Masonry is founded upon the principle of always being a just and upright person. And lastly it provides a lasting physical reminder to the community and the people who occupy the building that Masonry has charged them to distinguish the building with integrity, impeccable reputation and outstanding service.

Masonic funerals are a much more personal rite and are conducted at the request of the deceased Brother or his family. It is a service in which all Masons can

Masons in Public (continued)

demonstrate the respect and brotherly love and affection that cements our fraternity into one common bond. At a time when the family and community are feeling the loss of a loved one, the Masonic funeral is a rite that openly demonstrates for all to see and hear that we as a body deeply care about our fellow man and lodge brother. It is a comfort to the family to know that Brother Masons stand ready to pay last respects at the grave site or memorial service and that they share in the loss of the fallen Mason. The family and community of friends see the Masonic fraternity in a most favorable light when we so honor his life.

Hill City Lodge conducts at least one Masonic service during most months. Due to the advanced age of a Brother or family situation it is sometimes necessary to furnish six pall bearers as well as the five officers of the funeral. The expression of gratitude and words of thanks from the family members make the time spent in attending so very worthwhile. If you would like to have your name added to the list of members called to attend funerals please see the lodge secretary and we will insure that your are notified.

Tom Jackson, P.M.

Happenings in District 50

Saturday November 17 is a Huge Day in Masonry in the District 50. There will be a big Open House and a Masonic Tailgate for the UT game. The tailgate is hosted by University Lodge 1190 and will be held in the Scottish Rite parking lot beginning at 10 am. Lots of food and fun! This is open to friends and families. Bring your lawn chairs and you can bring stuff to throw on the grill. The game is an evening game beginning at 6pm against Iowa State. The tailgate will compliment a huge open house event of Lodges 12, 456, and 1190, and the Scottish Rite bodies. The Open Houses will be 1-3pm. The Scottish Rite and the York Rite buildings will be set up for the open Houses. Visitors will be encouraged to visit both buildings for tours and information about masonry and to also visit the tailgate.

Hope to see y'all there !

A Plan in the Making...

Masons who are Veterans of the 50th Masonic District of Texas, your assistance is needed.

Sad Statistics about Veterans- There are approximately 20 million veterans.

- 45 of every 100,000 veterans ages 18-34 committed suicide in 2016 – up from around 40 a year earlier.
- The VA found that there were more than 6,000 veteran suicides each year from 2008 to 2016.
- At least 20% of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans have PTSD and/or Depression.
- A large majority of Vietnam Veterans struggled with chronic PTSD symptoms, with four out of five reporting recent symptoms when interviewed 20-25 years after Vietnam.

“Because many veterans do not use VA services and benefits, we must build networks of support, communication and care across the communities where veterans live and thrive.”

What can Masonic Lodges do to help those who have defended our freedom to meet as Masons?

1. Offer access to a Masonic Lodge’s dining rooms for visitation.
2. Contact VA, state and local veterans service organizations to secure commitments of support.
3. Invite veterans to attend and participate in group discussions and mutual support activities, without fear of guilt, stigma or embarrassment.
4. Provide safe, secure location for veterans to meet for mutual support.
5. Introduce Masonic Values and invite veterans to participate in community activities with Masonic bodies.
6. Provide veterans with a sense of purpose, trust and belonging.

Engage in supporting your veterans with open doors and open minds. They need and deserve our helping hands. Brother Joe Schriever of the Masonic District 50, along with Brother Keye Perry and others of the National Sojourners is forming a local Masonic support group and are asking each Lodge in the District 50 to offer volunteer positions for this cause. The initial plan is to form a masonic veterans support group made up of Masons, who are veterans, of the Masonic District 50. This will entail 2 hours of time per week. The group will meet with veterans once a week over coffee and refreshments for Vet to Vet talks. There is no limit to the number of volunteers within your Mason Lodge. Masons, who are veterans, are encouraged to participate. To get more information, contact Joe Schriever by email at js4208@aol.com for initial contact on this wonderful cause.

Fraternally;
Robert Eschenburg, P.M. (512) 825-2509

From the South

Brethren,

Fall is finally here. The days are getting shorter, the temperatures are cooling off, but there is still a lot going on at Hill City!

We recently initiated another brand new EA on October 23rd and I am happy to report that he is progressing very quickly. I anticipate an FC degree in the near future.

On November 17th there will be an open house and Masonic tailgate for the University of Texas game vs. Iowa State. The tailgate will be hosted by University Lodge in the parking lot of the Scottish Rite building beginning at 10am. This is open to friends and family so bring your lawn chairs and something to throw on the grill. The tailgate will complement a joint open house event between Hill City, Lodge 12, University Lodge, and the Scottish Rite bodies. There will be open houses at both the York Rite and Scottish Rite buildings from 1pm-3pm. Visitors will be encouraged to visit the open houses for tours and information about Masonry and also join the tailgate. Come on out for a fun day of Masonry and football!

I want to wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and I hope everyone is able to enjoy some time feasting with family and friends. Let’s all take time to reflect on those things we are thankful for in our lives and the many blessings He has given us. All of us at Hill City would like to offer you a happy and hearty Thanksgiving. I want to leave you with one of my favorite Albert Pike quotes from Morals and Dogma. I believe it is very fitting for the season.

“Enjoy the blessings of this day, if God sends them, and the evils of it bear patiently and calmly; for this day only is ours: we are dead to yesterday, and we are not yet born to the morrow. When our fortunes are violently changed, our spirits are unchanged, if they always stood in the suburbs and expectation of sorrows and reverses. The blessings of immunity, safeguard, liberty, and integrity deserve the thanksgiving of a whole life.”

Luke Michels
Junior Warden, Hill City Lodge 456

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Food Committee for December 4th Stated Meeting			
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Gene Leroy Freudenberg	Terrance Michael Linn	Dale William Reynolds	Bob M. Wheelless
Robert Warren Hensley	James Dale Loflin	Joe Craig Robinson	Timothy Earl Willett

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, November 27th 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.