


The HILL CITY LIGHT

February 2019

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  2019</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>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, P.M. Marshal Hunt Armistead M.C. Doug Freyburger, P.M. Tiler Dennis Hill, P.M.</p>	
Work Schedule	From the East
February 2019	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>All five of our principal officers attended Grand Lodge during the Grand Annual Convention held from January 17th to the 19th. The lodge received its Vanguard award which is awarded to lodges that fulfill certain requirements aimed at improving the quality of their lodge programs.</p> <p>I was proud to present the Grand Master our annual donations of 2,000 dollars to the Masonic Charities Foundation and 1,000 dollars to the Masonic Retirement Home. These donations are given in the memories of Roy I. Irwin and Robert Redfield, two our brethren that made significant donations to the Lodge's Permanent Fund.</p> <p>Once again Hill City will participate in the Grand Lodge's Fantastic Teeth Program. The Lodges in our fiftieth district will meet at 6pm on February 19th at Onion Creek Lodge #220 to assemble kits of toothbrushes, paste, and floss which are given out to first graders in various elementary schools in Austin. The schools are selected based on where the neediest and underprivileged children attend. A meal will be provided.</p> <p>We were privileged to honor and to host The Order of the Eastern Star Chapters of District five: Section six, at our January 19th family night. Section six contains the Chapters in the Austin area. Deputy Grand Matron Patsy Davidson, who represents the Division and Section, talked about the origins of the order and Cladette Allen, Worthy Matron of Travis Chapter</p>
<p>February 5 Stated Meeting February 12 EA Practice February 19 Hill City Dark February 19 Participate in Good Teeth at Onion Creek February 26 Family Night February 26 Food Committee</p>	
March 2019	
<p>March 5 Stated Meeting March 12 EA Degree March 19 EA Degree March 26 EA Degree March 26 Food Committee</p>	
April 2019	
<p>April 2 Stated Meeting April 9 EA Practice April 16 Family Night April 16 Award Ceremony</p>	

From the East (continued)

number 472 provided us information on the many charities the Eastern Star supports.

The Masters, Wardens and Secretaries Association of our district 50 is once again very strong and active. It dwindled for several years and was not well attended. This quarter T. Neal Lodge hosted the meeting. All eight of the lodges that comprise District 50 had either officers or members present. Besides the usual business meeting, the National Sojourners presented the wonderful explanation and demonstration of the origin and history of Old Glory.

At our February 5th Stated Meeting the lodge voted on and elected three men for initiation. These initiations will take place in March on the 12th, 19th and the 26th. We need brothers to fill the many places and stations in these degrees.

Sadly we have many brothers who have not yet paid their dues. Remember that we swore, in our Master's obligation, to help, aid and assist any brother Mason that asks for our help. The Lodge can remit the dues of a brother that is unable to do so, if he asks. Grand Lodge requires a Brother to pay his dues one year in advance on January 1st of each year. If not paid on or before that date the member shall be in arrears for his dues; and on or before thirty days before the last stated meeting of the Lodge held before June 24th of each year shall be automatically suspended. Let's all contribute to the support of our Lodge.

Finally we are honored to receive our new District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Mark Dermit at our March 5th Stated Meeting. A good attendance will make him feel welcomed and appreciated.

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

From the West

Greetings, Brethren.

Since the most recent edition of this newsletter, the lodge voted to accept three petitions to receive the degrees of Masonry. In addition to that, another petition for the mysteries was read and an investigation committee subsequently appointed. This means we should expect plenty of degree work in the coming months, and we hope all the brethren can join us as new worthy young men are initiated into the fraternity.

We also attended the Communication of the Grand Lodge of Texas. I cannot give you a full account in the space here of what resolutions were adopted this year, but it's of note that the Grand Master's Resolution appointing a committee to make suggestions improving Title V of the constitution was successful.

In addition to that, a resolution was passed allowing the committee on work to develop a ritual allowing for the portion of the Fellowcraft Masons' Lecture that involves the explanations of the emblems identified in the latter part of the Degree to also be recited to the candidate from the lodge room floor.

Notably, the Grand Lodge passed a resolution changing the language of the qualifications for becoming a Mason from "maim" to "physical disability" and only requiring that such be disclosed rather than disqualify a potential brother. This is a progressive step forward in Texas Masonry: we as Masons don't actually have to be physically capable of the manual labor expected from apprentices and craftsmen in stonemasonry. For that matter, Franklin Roosevelt became paralyzed many years after his initiation in Masonry, but that didn't stop him from contributing to Masonry or his nation.

Later in this month, Hill City will be dark on February 19th in order to attend the Fantastic Teeth night at Onion Creek Lodge. We will be assembling kits for distribution to underprivileged local students ensuring they have access to proper dental hygiene. Join us there if you're able, so we can work and enjoy our fraternity together while improving the community.

Looking forward, we hope to see everyone at the March stated meeting, when we'll be receiving the new District Deputy Grand Master on an official visit. We hope to show the DDGM a lot of support by having a large turnout when he visits, so make sure to stop by.

Aaron Evans
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

February 2019 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. "Shoo!"
5. Armageddon
8. Pointed arch
13. Stamina
14. Algonquian Indian
15. More upscale
16. Earth-cutting blade
18. "Encore!"
19. Certain sorority woman
20. Cavalry forces
22. Astern
24. Moray, e.g.
25. Work for instrumental group with orchestra
33. ___ State (Arkansas nickname)
34. Desert sight
35. Automobile sticker fig.
36. Wildcat
37. Deterrents for speeders
38. Do a grinding job
39. "Tarzan" extra
40. Stake
41. Adorable one
42. Sweet kid hit, leg's hurt, needs treatment
45. Amazon, e.g.
46. "Silent Night" adjective
47. Place that might honour cheques
52. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
56. Archlike structure
57. Dwelling can be refurbished now he's out
60. Fertiliser found in Nicaragua, notably
61. Call to a mate
62. Face-to-face exam
63. Hinder
64. Short order, for short
65. "___ of the Flies"

Down

1. Increase, with "up"
2. Pedestrian's sign
3. Wild buffalo
4. Sharp, harsh cry
5. Victorian, for one
6. Doofus
7. Big game
8. Wild asses
9. Richard Gere film, American ...
10. International Civil Aviation Org.
11. Style
12. Coastal raptors
14. Irritate
17. "The final frontier"
21. Auspices
23. Thug crossing river channel
25. Rodent turning up, timid at first
26. Dog tag datum
27. Eighty-six
28. Broken
29. Fish hawk
30. Forger
31. Divided
32. Eye
33. Raucous note
37. Butter up?
38. Kind of shot
40. Royal House set out in words
41. Something that is easy to do
43. Big shot
44. Bats
47. Hamster's home
48. Jack-in-the-pulpit, e.g.
49. Fink
50. Attempt
51. Former senator for Wisconsin
53. Plane, e.g.
54. 100 cents
55. Boris Godunov, for one
58. Old word for 'know'
59. Antiquity, in antiquity

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January 2018 Puzzle Solution

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Masonic Obligations

The vital center of Masonry is said to reside more in the obligation than in any or all other parts of the mystic Institution. If this is true, every Mason should well understand the principles and doctrines involved in this focal center of his Masonic profession.

Masonry, receiving its light from the inspired word of God, is bound to regard all men as free moral agents, by which it is understood that all their acts, and the motive and principles on which they are based, are of their own free and voluntary choice; otherwise there could be no moral character attached to such choice and action. Where volition and freedom of action ceases, all moral obligation are at an end.

Moral obligation arises chiefly from two sources; first, from the relations we sustain from God as our Creator and Benefactor. God has bestowed upon us a higher order of existence; endowed us with moral and intellectual powers, as well as a physical nature, and stamped our spiritual being with immortality.

From these relations to God, and the manifold blessings receives and His hands through life and our dependence upon him for future bliss and persecution, both in this life and that which is to cometh certainly places us under moral obligation to regard His will, live according to His government, and thereby establish peaceful, honorable, happy relations with Him.

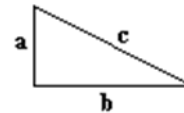
The second source of moral obligation grows out of man's relation to his fellow men. We inherit from God a common nature; we are bound together by common interest, and are dependent upon each other for social pleasures, substantial peace, safety and prosperity.

These rights and interests are so numerous, and involve the common well being of man so universally, that civil law, based upon moral principle—the rights of man—has to be invoked, and certain of our obligations have to be observed towards the civil compact or covenant... The same

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Pythagorean Triples

Pythagorean triples" are integer solutions to the Pythagorean Theorem, $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. I like "triplets," but "triples" seems to be the favored term. For a right triangle, the c side is the hypotenuse, the side opposite the right angle. The a side is the shorter of the two sides adjacent to the right angle. The first rules that I became aware of for determining a subset of Pythagorean triplets are as follows:



Every odd number is the a side of a Pythagorean triplet.

The b side of a Pythagorean triplet is simply $(a^2 - 1) / 2$.

The c side is $b + 1$.

Here, a and c are always odd; b is always even. These relationships hold because the difference between successive square numbers is successive odd numbers. Every odd number that is itself a square (and the square of every odd number is an odd number) thus makes for a Pythagorean triplet. Thus, the square of 7, 49, is the difference between 576, the square of 24, and 625, the square of 25, giving us the triplet 7,24,25. Similarly, the square of 23, 529, is the difference between 69696, the square of 264, and 70225, the square of 265, giving us the triplet 23,264,265.

Masonic Obligations (continued)	From the South
<p>element of voluntary action, recognizing the true moral principles upon which good society must rest, is seen and embraced by our Ancient and Honorable Order.</p> <p>The moral principles on which every good Mason acts cannot compromise its obligation to suit every shifting form of circumstances or prejudice, principles never change, and men of principle cannot do so, without a violation of moral obligation.</p> <p>The parties to a Masonic obligation are two; the whole fraternal order, under its universal organization on the one hand sets forth all its doctrines, principles, policies and conditions before the world, to be examined and investigated, but asks no man to accept them.</p> <p>On the other hand, the candidate who, “of his free will and accord,” petitions for a knowledge of our mysteries, and the rights and privileges of the order, and gains the unanimous consent of a Lodge to be admitted. He then approaches our sacred altar and becomes the second party to the covenant. He is informed of the nature and extent of the obligation or agreement he is about to enter into and again agrees voluntarily to proceed.</p> <p>Masonry offers a full and free access to her mysteries; clothes her members with the power to “travel into foreign countries,” and throws her mystic shield of defense around them wherever they may be found; feeds the hungry, relieves the sick and buries the dead. The candidate agrees to “stand to and abide by” all her laws and edicts, and be ready to perform a faithful part in carrying out the benevolent designs of the ole order. If he keeps his obligation he will do so.</p> <p>Grand Lodge of Texas, 1930 ‘Masonic Obligations ‘abridged Ten Short Lessons in Masonic Philosophy Pages 9-14</p>	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>With the holidays well behind us we are back in full swing at Hill City. I want to thank all the brothers for their support in all the things we are doing this year and I hope to see some more new faces at practice and meetings. With three new petitioners we will have several EA degrees in the near future. We will be holding degree practices over the next few weeks so come on down and take part if you can, it’s a great way to become active again at the lodge and learn about Masonry. On February 26th we will have a family night, so bring your wives and kids and enjoy a night of food and fellowship!</p> <p>Take advantage of this month and every opportunity to let your wife or significant other know how much you love and appreciate her and her patience and understanding of your Masonic pursuits. I recently learned about the significance of the Blue Slipper Pin as it relates to our loved ones and wanted to share the story behind it. The Masonic slipper pin is a small lapel pin the shape of a blue slipper. Many wives, daughters, and widows wear one of these on their coat or dress when traveling. For many years this pin has served to identify loved ones of Masons to other members of the craft. The origin of this symbol comes from the book of Ruth and is as follows: “Now this was the manner in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor: and this was a testimony in Israel. So the kinsman drew off his shoe and gave it to Boaz. Boaz held it up for all in the gate to see. He asked them to be witnesses that he became Naomi’s protector, Ruth’s husband, and a redeemer of Elimelech’s property.” Thus, today we have the little blue slipper as an emblem of the protective influence of Masons for their wives, daughters, and widows.</p> <p>Luke Michels Junior Warden, Hill City Lodge 456</p>

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	George Curtis Holland, Jr.		

<p>Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, February 26th at 6 pm.</p> <p>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.</p>
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