


# The HILL CITY LIGHT

March 2019

| 2016 - 2017 Lodge Officers   | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hill City No. 456 A.F. &amp; A.M.</b><br/>Chartered June 10, 1876</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Austin Scottish Rite Theatre &amp; Museum<br/>18th St. at Lavaca St., Austin, Texas<br/>Mail: P.O. Box 1456, Austin, Texas 78767-1456<br/>Phone: (512) 655-9858<br/>Email: secretary@hillcitylodge.org<br/>Website: www.hillcitylodge.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1876  2019</p> <p><u>Stated Meeting:</u> First Tuesday at 7:30 pm<br/>Dinner at 6:30 pm</p> <p><u>Called Meetings:</u> Other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm<br/>Dinner at 6:30 pm</p>  |
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| Work Schedule  | From the East  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 2019</b></p> <p>March 5            Stated Meeting</p> <p>March 12          EA Degree</p> <p>March 19          EA Degree</p> <p>March 26          EA Degree<br/>                         Food Committee</p>   | <p>Brethren,</p> <p>While not necessarily having the same meaning as the phrase is used in basketball, we at Hill City will have our own “March Madness.” We will initiate three candidates on three consecutive Tuesdays. Come help us.</p> <p>In April we will initiate another candidate on the 9th. We will award scholarships and present our charitable donations at our April 16th family night. We will practice for the Master’s Degree on the 23rd and confer that degree on the 30th.</p> <p>I was honored to tender the Master’s gavel to our District Deputy Grand Master, right Worshipful Mark Dermit at our March Stated Meeting. He brought best wishes from our Grand Master and outlined the things that the Grand Master wants to happen during his year. We were also honored to have his District Instructor George Moxley and our District Communication Officer Robert Eschenburg present.</p> <p>During our meeting a motion was made and seconded to raise our annual dues to one hundred dollars. The floor was opened for discussion after which the members present passed the motion by a unanimous vote. The motion will lay over until our April 2nd Stated Meeting at which it will be voted on again but without discussion. Be sure to attend our April Stated Meeting to let cast your vote. We have 274 members and less than 100 pay dues.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 2019</b></p> <p>April 2            Stated Meeting</p> <p>April 9            EA Degree</p> <p>April 16            Family Night<br/>                         Scholarships and<br/>                         Charities</p> <p>April 23            MM Practice<br/>                         Food Committee</p> <p>April 30            MM Practice</p> |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>May 2019</b></p> <p>May 7             Stated Meeting</p> <p>May 14            EA Practice</p>  |  |

**From the East (continued)**

We still have some members that have not paid their dues. Remember that your lodge can remit your dues in the event of financial hardship. Remember to ASK. You only have until June 24th to get current.

I'm really proud of our members who have pitched in to make sure that we serve good wholesome meals at our meetings. There is so much that has to be done to make that happen. It's like KP in the military. Somebody needs to set the tables, somebody needs to cook and somebody needs to wash the dishes. Thanks to all of you.

We've been having some issues with the dependability of the internet connection that we share with Lodge 12. When it goes down our secretary is unable to reboot the router. We discussed the option of getting our on connection. I want to check with the theater to see with their plans are before we move forward. We will know more next month.

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

**Charge at Closing**

Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Terry Wayne Stogner, issued an edict at the start of this Masonic Year that the following Charge should be incorporated in the closing ceremony and be given by the Worshipful Master immediately prior to the closing benediction.

Brethren, we are now about to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue, so to mix again with the world. Amidst its concerns and employments, forget not the duties you have heard so frequently inculcated and forcibly recommended in this Lodge. Be diligent, prudent, temperate, and discreet. Remember that around this altar you have promised to befriend and

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**From the West**

Greetings, Brethren.

In March Hill City received its first official visit of the Grand Lodge year from our new Deputy District Grand Master, Br. Dermit.

If you think this visit is merely the twice-yearly event where the DDGM sits in the East and reads the Grand Master's proclamation at the end, then you aren't fully aware of what work the District Deputy is doing on behalf of Grand Lodge in the district.

The DDGM is also responsible for verifying that lodges are performing their mandatory legal and Masonic obligations, such as submitting "form 990" to the IRS and the "form 71 minimum audit" to Grand Lodge. These responsibilities are critical because they're required for Masonry in Texas to continue as a tax-free institution. Lodges that fail to follow-through on these responsibilities jeopardize other lodges in the state.

For March, all three called meetings are for performing an EA degree. I wonder if anyone can recall that ever happening before? Don't forget to say thanks to the degree team for their hard work.

In Stated Meeting this month, the lodge also voted to initiate an additional candidate into the mysteries of Masonry.

A motion was also put forward this month to raise dues to \$80 per year. The last time our lodge raised dues was 2014, and Hill City dues are on the lower side of the spectrum compared to most Masonic lodges (and much cheaper than many fraternal organizations).

By raising the dues, we are doing the right thing for our body: it allows the lodge to remain financially healthy, so it can continue to educate generations of Masons to come. Those future Masons won't find "cheap" what Hill City has to offer them, because Masonry teaches truths which cannot be measured monetarily. Although it would be nice if the lodge didn't have bills to pay, your dues are a good value for what the Lodge does for its brotherhood and community.

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone that the closest Grand Master's Conference this year is here in Austin on April 6th. It's located at the Ben Hur Shrine on 7811 Rockwood Lane in Austin, with registration at 2 pm and the proceedings at 3. Attendance from members of Hill City counts towards the Lodge's Vanguard award, so make sure to join us there.

Aaron Evans  
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

## March 2019 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Symbol of thinness
6. Aquatic plant
10. Arid
14. "Haste makes waste," e.g.
15. Sometime today, say
16. Affirm
17. Nameless
18. Set up a position
20. Clavell's "\_\_\_-Pan"
21. High points
23. Wallops
24. In-flight info, for short
25. "\_\_\_ bad!"
26. Fix firmly
28. Who is this?
33. "Wheels"
34. "Surely you \_\_\_!"
35. "... \_\_\_ he drove out of sight"
36. Allocate, with "out"
39. Fourposter, e.g.
40. Coastal raptor
41. "Catch-22" pilot
42. After-bath powder
44. Car accessory
46. Translation
52. Meat case choice
53. Alt. spelling
54. When doubled, a dance
55. Contemptuous look
57. Biblical possessive
59. Dash lengths
60. Beer strenght is something easily beaten
62. Altar enclosures
64. Carbon compound
65. Face-to-face exam
66. Candidate's concern
67. "Minimum" amount
68. Catch a glimpse of
69. Radio

### Down

1. One taking orders
2. Biologically attached
3. Mudpack
4. "I" problem
5. Boat racing event
6. Isaac of science fiction fame
7. "The \_\_\_ Ranger"
8. Exchanged rumors
9. Amazon, e.g.
10. Cotton fabric, satiny finish
11. Villain
12. Cost of living?
13. Units of work
19. Brothers' keeper?
22. Coconut fiber
27. "\_\_\_ Doubtfire"
29. Trick taker, often
30. Boot out
31. Ashes holder
32. Born, in French
36. Bon \_\_\_
37. "To \_\_\_ is human ..."
38. Film on vacationing
39. Sore spots
40. "Dig in!"
42. Autocrats
43. "Is that \_\_\_?"
44. Breakfast staple
45. Baked dish
47. Bug
48. How demons operate
49. The \_\_\_\_\_ Cometh
50. Electrical resistance
51. Egypt's Lake \_\_\_
55. Old World duck
56. La ocean cooling
58. Bucket of bolts
61. "For shame!"
63. Australian runner

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## February 2019 Puzzle Solution

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## The Battle of the Alamo

The Battle of the Alamo (February 23 – March 6, 1836) was a pivotal event in the Texas Revolution. Following a 13-day siege, Mexican troops under President General Antonio López de Santa Anna reclaimed the Alamo Mission near San Antonio de Béxar (modern-day San Antonio, Texas, United States), killing the Texian and immigrant occupiers. Santa Anna's cruelty during the battle inspired many Texians, both legal Texas settlers and illegal immigrants from the United States, to join the Texian Army. Buoyed by a desire for revenge, the Texians defeated the Mexican Army at the Battle of San Jacinto, on April 21, 1836, ending the rebellion.

Several months previously, Texians had driven all Mexican troops out of Mexican Texas. About 100 Texians were then garrisoned at the Alamo. The Texian force grew slightly with the arrival of reinforcements led by eventual Alamo co-commanders James Bowie and William B. Travis. On February 23, approximately 1,500 Mexicans marched into San Antonio de Béxar as the first step in a campaign to retake Texas. For the next 10 days, the two armies engaged in several skirmishes with minimal casualties. Aware that his garrison could not withstand an attack by such a large force, Travis wrote multiple letters pleading for more men and supplies from Texas and from the United States, but the Texians were reinforced by fewer than 100 men because the United States had a treaty with Mexico, and supplying men and weapons would have been an overt act of war.

In the early morning hours of March 6, the Mexican Army advanced on the Alamo. After repelling two attacks, the Texians were unable to fend off a third attack. As Mexican soldiers scaled the walls, most of the Texian fighters withdrew into interior buildings. Occupiers unable to reach these points were slain by the Mexican cavalry as they attempted to escape. Between five and seven Texians may have surrendered; if so, they were quickly executed. Most eyewitness accounts reported between 182

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## Masonic Funerals

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 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. Just like a regular lodge, a Lodge of Sorrow needs at least five brothers to perform the ceremony.

Masonic Funerals, like so many masonic functions, provide an opportunity for a lodge to demonstrate their support to both the deceased brother and his family. We are seen clothed as Masons in public. The majority of the surviving family members of our brother are not masons. Our decorum and sincerity are great masonic calling cards.

Hill City Lodge is well versed in officiating at Masonic Funerals. 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.

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| <p align="center"><b>The Battle of the Alamo (continued)</b></p> <p>and 257 Texians died, while most historians of the Alamo agree that around 600 Mexicans were killed or wounded. Several noncombatants were sent to Gonzales to spread word of the Texian defeat. The news sparked both a strong rush to join the Texian army and a panic, known as "The Runaway Scrape", in which the Texian army, most settlers, and the new, self-proclaimed but officially unrecognized, Republic of Texas government fled eastward toward the United States ahead of the advancing Mexican Army.</p> <p>Within Mexico, the battle has often been overshadowed by events from the Mexican–American War of 1846–48. In 19th-century Texas, the Alamo complex gradually became known as a battle site rather than a former mission. The Texas Legislature purchased the land and buildings in the early part of the 20th century and designated the Alamo chapel as an official Texas State Shrine.</p> <p>- Wikipedia</p> | <p align="center"><b>Dell Hospital Texas Mason Foundation</b></p> <p>The 50th Masonic District (8 Travis County Texas Lodges) is conducting a Raffle for the Dell Children's Hospital Texas Mason Foundation. Several District 50 masons have worked diligently for the last 2 years to establish foundation status for the Texas Masons with the Dell Children's hospital. Foundation status is accomplished at a \$50,000 threshold. They are nearing 65% of the goal and District 50 will be conducting a huge raffle to get us closer to foundation status. The Raffle goal is \$20,000.00 and is tentatively scheduled for May 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019. The 8 Lodges of the District 50 are forming Raffle Assistance Committees within their lodges. The RAC's will work hand in hand to accomplish the goal. Currently, the Raffle committee has received prize donations totaling \$11,000.00 in value and more is coming. The Lodge is seeking Hill City 456 masons to serve on the 456 RAC. For more information, call Ron Roberts PM (512-6639-075) or Robert Eschenburg PM (512-825-2509). We are seeking donation items for prizes but Cash donations to the cause will also be accepted. The Dell Children's Hospital Foundation is a 501 c3 organization.</p> |
| <p align="center"><b>Charge at Closing (continued)</b></p> <p>relieve every brother who shall need your assistance. Remember that you have promised to remind him, in the most tender manner, of his errors, and aid in his reformation. Vindicate his character when wrongfully traduced.</p> <p>These generous principles are to extend further; every human being has a claim upon your kind offices, "Do good unto all." Remember it more "especially to the household of the faithful."</p> <p>Finally, brethren, be ye all of one mind; live in peace, and may the God of love and peace delight to dwell with and bless you.</p> <p>Amen.</p>  | <p align="center"><b>The Austin High 12</b></p> <p>The 50th Masonic District is forming an Austin High 12 Club. High 12 is a Masonic Social Club. The idea of a High 12 Club is for Master Masons to come together in an open, light hearted way, for fraternalism, philanthropy, and socializing. Master Masons can be members, but the meetings are open to anyone, and are attractive times to invite men who have expressed interest in Masonry. We meet for lunch once a month. The dress code is come as you are. The next meeting will be the 2nd Wednesday of April, April 10th, at 11:30 am at El Mercado Uptown. 1702 Lavaca St., across from the Scottish Rite. visit <a href="http://www.high12.org">www.high12.org</a></p>   |

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## Food Committee for April 2nd Stated Meeting

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| Hugh Larry Adkins     | John Charles Casey      | Douglas Dwight Gullickson | Michael Eugene Kinser |
| James Ethridge Bailey | Bob Day, Jr.            | Clyde H Hardy             | Margarito R. Sosa     |
| Mark Edward Bennett   | Douglas John Freyburger | William L Hatten          | Leslie John Whetham   |
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### Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, March 26th 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.