


The HILL CITY LIGHT

April 2019

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Work Schedule	From the East
April 2019	Brethren, I want to thank all of our brothers who helped make our three March initiations such a success. Fraternal spirit was in the air. Our attendance was excellent and the kitchen cooked some really delicious meals. By the time you have had an opportunity to read this newsletter we will have conferred one more EA degree. On April 16 Hill City will present four scholarships to college bound seniors from McCallum and Reagan High Schools. As usual, we will serve dinner and six-thirty and began the awards ceremony at seven-thirty. I want to thank Brother Tom Jackson for his generous leadership in organizing the application process and handling the correspondence involved with the scholarship program. Also on the 16th we will present a charitable donation to the Dell Children's Hospital. Several years ago, two of our brothers, Larry Miller and "Scrappy" King, decided to raise money for the hospital in the name of Texas Masons. Their goal is to raise \$50,000 dollars. This donation will give Masons a prominent location inside the hospital. It will place the Square and Compasses on the large donor board that everyone sees when they walk into the hospital. We will confer a Master's Degree on Aril 30th. The Master's Degree requires a large number of brothers to act the different
April 2 Stated Meeting	
April 9 EA Degree	
April 16 Family Night Scholarships and Charities	
April 23 MM Practice Food Committee	
April 30 MM Practice	
May 2019	
May 7 Stated Meeting	
May 14 Memorial Service Practice	
May 12 Family Night	
May 28 Installation Practice Food Committee	
June 2019	
June 4 Stated Meeting	
June 11 Memorial Service	

From the East (continued)

rolls so come to lodge and help us give our soon to be Master Mason the Degree he deserves.

During our March Stated meeting, a motion was made and seconded to raise our annual dues to \$100. The Lodge was given an opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of the motion after which the brothers passed the motion by a unanimous vote. By law, the motion had to lie over until our April Stated Meeting where it was again voted on without discussion. The motion was adopted again by a unanimous vote. The dues increase will not take effect until the next year's dues cards arrive.

The Traveling Gavel is back with our lodge. Seven of our brothers attended the Stated Meeting of Lodge 12 and brought it back with us. Members of University 1190 were also in attendance to claim the gavel but we had one more brother present than they did. The gavel has passed between the lodges in our district for as many years as I can remember. The program began as a path to increase visitation between the various lodges and over time it has proven successful.

Our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Terry W. Stogner was in town on April sixth. He held his regional conference in the Ben Hur Shrine Temple. There were 85 Masons present, ten of which were Hill City Masons. The program started off with some short commercial like film segments directed toward attracting and informing men about the qualities of Masons. He talked about ways to increase attention to our fraternity through community involvement.

Thanks again for all of y'all's support and I hope to see you at one of our upcoming meetings.

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

From the West

Greetings, Brethren.

In March, Hill City Lodge initiated three candidates into the mysteries of Masonry and welcomed these new brothers to our lodge. We had excellent participation in these degrees, which we hope to repeat in April when we are performing both an EA and an MM degree.

This month, we officially raised the dues of the lodge of \$100 per annum. In the June stated meeting, we will propose to increase the endowment fee commensurate with this to \$1,000. If you wish to become an endowed member of the lodge, you have some time to get in at the earlier amount.

While endowments are beneficial because they generate returns for the lodge even after a brother has departed from us, be aware that for active members these endowments typical only cover the per annum dues to Grand Lodge. Endowed brethren are more than welcome to contribute that per annum or some other amount to Hill City, so we can continue to maintain the financial health of our lodge.

Lodges in the district will all come together for a raffle later this year to finish raising the planned donation for Dell Children's Medical Center from Masons of the Texas counties served by this hospital. For the past year, brothers Miller, Lafosse, and King have traveled central Texas raising funds which will go solely to the relief of children receiving medical care at Dell, and hopefully, this project can be completed at Hill City where it first started.

Brothers who are willing to help make this raffle a success can join us at the District 50 MWSA on April 22nd at Lodge 12 to help participate. Grand Lodge rules and state law allow us to hold only one raffle per year, where the proceeds of it can solely go towards charity rather than any operational costs of Masonry itself. By hosting this event, we can bring to fruition an excellent project championed by Hill City members, while doing our work as Masons in the state of Texas. Each lodge in the district is sending a committee to help make this project a success, with preparation through the rest of the summer for the event to take place in the fall. If you're willing to participate, please help make this endeavor a success.

As always, thank you for making Hill City such an upstanding lodge and for your good work in the community.

Aaron Evans
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

April 2019 Crossword Puzzle

Across	Down
1. Catch a glimpse of	1. At attention
5. Annexes	2. Pago Pago's place
9. Party handout	3. Roam as a predator
14. Pink, as a steak	4. "Are we there ___?"
15. Abysmal test score	5. Island group that includes São Miguel
16. Alpha's opposite	6. Bare
17. Worked up	7. Downer
19. Extend, in a way	8. Costa del ___
20. Bully	9. Divine
21. Dope	10. Let them love (present subj)
22. Contradicts	11. Vice
23. Scores, agrees	12. Arch type
25. Peace Corps cousin	13. Youngs
26. California national park	18. Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"
28. Alkaline liquid	22. Bubble-headed
31. Bond, for one	24. Wildcat
34. Exude	25. Six-stringed instrument
35. Census datum	27. Pitcher's place
36. Linen plant	29. Abominable Snowman
37. "No kidding"	30. Board member, for short
39. Baptism, for one	31. ___-American
40. Dust remover	32. Garden bloom, informally
41. Small songbird	33. Green seas generated enthusiasm
42. Charged, in a way	37. Father, Son and Holy Ghost
43. "___ to Billie Joe"	38. Ashcroft's predecessor
44. Nearest the rear	39. Campus military org.
47. Safari sight	41. Ford and Herzog
49. Boil	42. Any Time
53. Victorian, in a way	45. Composer whose work include Das Lied von der Erde
55. 10 C-notes	46. Double-reed player
56. "___ a chance"	48. Dispatch
57. The persons or things here	50. Admittance
58. Most importantly	51. Kind of battery
60. Cantankerous	52. Class
61. Assayers' stuff	53. "Beetle Bailey" dog
62. Face-to-face exam	54. Perlman of "Cheers"
63. Havens	55. Container weight
64. Chipper	58. Absorb, with "up"
65. Circular course	59. Holiday drink

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March 2019 Puzzle Solution

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Mason Bees

Of the 4,000 bee species native to North America, mason bees are among the easiest to raise, while also being gentle and amazing pollinators. Mason bees nest in pre-made holes and hole-nesting bees represent about 25% of the world's bee species. We can increase mason bee populations by raising them in our backyards and gardens, which are a great way to supplement the stressed honeybee, sustain our future food supply, and provide nesting sites for other native bees, too.

The blue orchard mason bee (*Osmia lignaria*) is a very productive pollinator for spring flowering fruit and nut trees and spring berry plants. A female mason bee carries pollen mainly on the underside of her hairy abdomen and scrapes the pollen off within her nesting hole. She carries the pollen dry on her belly and it falls off easily as she moves among flowers. Mason bees are generalists that love to visit a variety of flowers.

Dry, loose pollen carried on the large surface of the mason bee's belly results in significantly more pollinated flowers. Honeybees, on the other hand, wet the pollen and stick it to their hind legs to transport to the hive. Mason bees are an awesome cross-pollinator because they busily flit back and forth between branches and trees, instead of focusing on stripping pollen and nectar from one location.

Another reason Mason bees are easy to maintain is because of their solitary nature. Like 90% of the world's 21,000 bee species are solitary, meaning that they do not live in a hive. Female Mason bees build their own nests, gather their own food, and lay their own eggs. With all this work to do, Mason bees are far too busy to be aggressive towards people. They only sting as a last resort, and the venom they release from a sting is very mild. If you're allergic to honeybees, Mason bees are a great alternative. You can watch them work without fear of being stung.

What Is The Good of Masonry ?

It is only right that Masons should be able to answer this question. It would require more space than we can command in this in this article to treat this question exclusively, but we would simply call attention to the following answers:

1. Masonry begets a confidence between individuals that neither party nor sect can accomplish; this is a benefit that extends into every ramification of social life.
2. It confers authority upon its members to speak confidently yet prudently to an erring brother. It will never be known in this world how many dear brethren have been saved from temporal and spiritual ruin by whispered counsel, sympathetic warning and proffered aid. The written and unwritten annals of the Order are full of illustrations of this fact.
3. Masonry possesses a universal language, understood in all countries, by all nationalities, of many tongues, and of all monotheistic creeds. That language is understood as well in the night as by day. The deaf, dumb and blind can use it, as Masons can communicate with one another as long as they possess the sense of hearing, seeing, feeling or speaking; so that it is strictly true, that Masons can communicate without seeing one another or hearing one another or feeling one another, or speaking a word; either in the day time or night, through of course one of these faculties must necessarily be used. There is nothing like this wonderful language for universality, so that amid all the vicissitudes of human life, the Mason feels that only one word of Masonic language is sufficient to call to his aid the good offices of brethren near and dear to his heart.
4. It gives men a code of life principles, intensifying the noble aspirations. It makes them cosmopolitan, breaking down the petty barriers of country, state, county, town, sect, set, profession, business, family and wealth. The highest of titles is Brother—no other can take its place.
5. It unites men in a common work for a common good. It teaches men that sects, parties, and side issues never could influence beyond the bounds of petty associations. It sternly refuses to proselytize, as it wants no material untried

From the South

Brethren,

Spring is here and with it comes new life and opportunity at the Lodge! New life comes in the form of a rising number of new members. In the past month we have initiated three new Entered Apprentices with more on the calendar in the coming weeks. We also have several visitors who have been frequenting our Tuesday night dinners and I am anticipating some petitions being read at a stated meeting in the near future.

With so many new members coming on board, now is a great opportunity for our current members to connect and take an active part in becoming a positive role model for these young Masons. Remember Brothers, we were all drawn to our great Fraternity by something that gave us the desire to learn about Freemasonry. While we may have been introduced to the Craft in different ways, we all found something that gave us the inspiration to continue to grow in Masonry and as men. For most of us that source of inspiration was drawn from those active Brothers who took the time to help mentor us and assist us in our journey to become a Master Mason; at least that was the case for me. I hope to continue to see our Lodge members, new and old, take this opportunity to attend as many lodge functions as possible to share their ideas and get to know and support our new Brothers.

Hill City will soon be kicking off a huge district wide raffle to benefit the Dell Children's Hospital. Hill City, along with the rest of the District 50 Lodges, will join forces to help raise a goal of \$20,000 to assist with reaching foundation status of the Dell Children's Hospital Texas Masons Foundation. Several members of the District have worked diligently for the past two years and are currently at 65% of the foundation requirement. The purpose of this raffle will be to get them at or above the \$50,000 requirement. Be on the lookout for more information on how you can help us reach our goal and take part in this exciting adventure!

Fraternally,
Luke Michels, Junior Warden

Dell Hospital Texas Mason Foundation

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.

The Austin High 12

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 www.high12.org

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Food Committee for May 7th . Stated Meeting

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George David Bryan	Harry W. "Hal" Elliott	Theodore J. Kalenterides	David S Solverson
Ernest L Butler	Ernie T. French	Dell Laclair Martin, Jr.	James Wilson Tindel

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, April 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.