


The HILL CITY LIGHT

May 2019

2018 - 2019 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>																								
<table border="1"> <tr><td>W.M.</td><td>Bob Wheelless, P.M.</td></tr> <tr><td>S.W.</td><td>Aaron Evans</td></tr> <tr><td>J.W.</td><td>Luke Michels</td></tr> <tr><td>Treasurer</td><td>Kent Kinkade, P.M.</td></tr> <tr><td>Secretary</td><td>Philippe Dewailly, P.M.</td></tr> <tr><td>Chaplain</td><td>Chuck Stewart, P.M.</td></tr> <tr><td>S.D.</td><td>Richard Garrett</td></tr> <tr><td>J.D.</td><td>Elan Mendoza</td></tr> <tr><td>J.S.</td><td>Richard Bardin, P.M.</td></tr> <tr><td>Marshal</td><td>Hunt Armistead</td></tr> <tr><td>M.C.</td><td>Doug Freyburger, P.M.</td></tr> <tr><td>Tiler</td><td>Dennis Hill, P.M.</td></tr> </table>	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.	
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.																								
Work Schedule	From the East																								
<p style="text-align: center;">May 2019</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>May 7</td><td>Stated Meeting</td></tr> <tr><td>May 14</td><td>Ceremony Practice</td></tr> <tr><td>May 21</td><td>Family Night—Texas Masonic Charities</td></tr> <tr><td>May 28</td><td>Ceremony Practice Food Committee</td></tr> </table>	May 7	Stated Meeting	May 14	Ceremony Practice	May 21	Family Night—Texas Masonic Charities	May 28	Ceremony Practice Food Committee	<p>Brethren,</p> <p>We were honored and fortunate to have our PM Joe Kindred and PM Bill Finch from Gonzales Lodge #30 entertain us before and during our Stated Meeting Dinner. PM, Dennis Hill, prepared a delicious Rib Dinner. I want to extend thanks to PM, Chuck Stewart, PM Robert Eschenburg, PM, Richard Bardin for their continuous help in the kitchen this year.</p>																
May 7	Stated Meeting																								
May 14	Ceremony Practice																								
May 21	Family Night—Texas Masonic Charities																								
May 28	Ceremony Practice Food Committee																								
<p style="text-align: center;">June 2019</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>June 4</td><td>Stated Meeting Election of Officers</td></tr> <tr><td>June 11</td><td>Memorial Service Practice</td></tr> <tr><td>June 18</td><td>Memorial Service</td></tr> <tr><td>June 25</td><td>Installation of Officers Food Committee</td></tr> </table>	June 4	Stated Meeting Election of Officers	June 11	Memorial Service Practice	June 18	Memorial Service	June 25	Installation of Officers Food Committee	<p>We opened this month's Stated Meeting in an Entered Apprentice Lodge so that our newest members could sit with us and take part in our business meeting. We were blessed to have two of them present.</p> <p>We had nine visitors from Colorado Lodge #96 visit us and take home the Traveling Gavel. I glad to see the lodges in the 50th District once again visiting and claiming the gavel for their lodge. The gavel has been traveling since its introduction to the district in 1979.</p>																
June 4	Stated Meeting Election of Officers																								
June 11	Memorial Service Practice																								
June 18	Memorial Service																								
June 25	Installation of Officers Food Committee																								
<p style="text-align: center;">July 2019</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>July 2</td><td>Stated Meeting</td></tr> <tr><td>July 9</td><td>Lodge Development</td></tr> <tr><td>July 16</td><td>Degree Team Practice</td></tr> <tr><td>July 23</td><td>Masonic Education</td></tr> </table>	July 2	Stated Meeting	July 9	Lodge Development	July 16	Degree Team Practice	July 23	Masonic Education	<p>Last month, during our Stated Meeting, the lodge passed a motion to sponsor a raffle for the purpose of raising funds in support of the Dell Children's Hospital. This raffle is a coordinated function with the efforts of other members of our lodge whose goal is to raise 50,000 dollars for the Masons of Texas. Their efforts will result with a plaque on a wall of donors in the entry way of the hospital. We discovered that we might be in violation of the gambling laws of the State and Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge Jurisprudence Committee met in conjunction</p>																
July 2	Stated Meeting																								
July 9	Lodge Development																								
July 16	Degree Team Practice																								
July 23	Masonic Education																								

From the East (continued)

with other Grand Lodge Committees and clarified the statutes of law that courts apply to raffles. The explanation of statutes and the procedure that we need to follow were read into the minutes of this month's Stated Meeting. We are now on safe ground and announcements and ticket sales should begin as soon as possible.

Our Brother, Doug Freyburger PM and Master of Ceremonies gave a very interesting presentation about the symbol Masons use to explain who lodges are dedicated. As we all know lodges are dedicated to Saints John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. The symbol is a point within a circle embroidered by two perpendicular parallel lines with the Holy Bible sitting on the top of the circle. As stated in our monitor "the point represents an individual brother; the circle is the boundary line, beyond which he is never to suffer his prejudice of passions to betray him. In going around this circle, we necessarily touch upon these two lines, as well as the Holy Scriptures; and while a Mason keeps himself circumscribed within these due bounds, it is impossible that he should materially err." What Brother Freyburger speculated was that while the point still represents the brother, the circle could represent the principle officers positions during the obligation and the two perpendicular, parallel lines might represent the brethren standing on the north and south sides of the alter during the obligation and upon the brother being brought to life. These brothers are the living stones that form the structure of a lodge. Thanks Brother Doug.

Tuesday May 21 is a Family Night. We have invited Brother Don Comedy from the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation to tell us about all of the Good works that Texas Masons do by way of this foundation. It should be an interesting evening so come and eat a good meal and learn about Texas Masonic Charities. We dine at 6:30 pm with program afterwards.

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

From the West

Greetings Brethren,

We're now wrapping up what has been a productive Masonic year. During April, we performed Entered Apprentice and Master Mason degrees, and also awarded our yearly scholarships to four outstanding high school students.

I was particularly impressed by the caliber of this year's scholarship recipients. Not only were they outstanding citizens and students, but also hardworking and deserving of what support we could offer them.

During Stated Meeting this month, we discussed advice from Grand Lodge regarding the upcoming raffle raising money for an endowment at Dell Children's Hospital on behalf of Central Texas Masons.

You may be aware that as a non-profit group we are allowed to hold two raffles per year (so long as the proceeds go to charity, and not operational costs). Because the District 50 Masters, Wardens, and Secretary's Association is not a 501c10 organization, it cannot hold a raffle and therefore a lodge in the district must take responsibility for this. There was some question whether members of other lodges were legally allowed to participate by selling raffle tickets. The Grand Lodge has settled this by advising us that a lodge can hold a raffle that brethren from other lodges sell tickets for, so long as they are given written authorization to do so.

Several members of Hill City have been instrumental in raising money for Dell Children's Hospital, and for putting together this raffle (which will have quite a number of impressive prizes in it). We hope you're able to join us making this effort a success, and getting central Texas Masons recognized in the entry of the children's hospital.

On May 21st, we're having a family night with guest speaker Don Comedy from the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation. He will be present to recognize the donations we made this year to that foundation. Our ability to operate in a tax-exempt status (and hold raffles as previous mentioned) is predicated on charitable giving and community service such as this, so it's only right that we should take some recognition for it.

The June Stated Meeting will be the election of officers, so I hope you're able to join us and support the new officers joining our line along with those current officers taking greater responsibility in the operation of our group.

Thank you all for making Hill City such a wonderful lodge, and we hope to see you soon.

Aaron Evans
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

May 2019 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Aquatic plant
5. Young hog
10. The "E" of B.P.O.E.
14. "___ me!"
15. British legislative body
17. Performer of complicated operations
19. One run in by the police
20. Caribbean, e.g.
21. Arthur Godfrey played it
24. "Absolutely!"
25. Create a sculpture
27. 18-wheeler
29. Rough seat
33. Harvest goddess
34. Accused's need
36. Family
38. Body promoting force
43. Charm
44. "No ___" (bumper sticker)
46. Thoughtful sound
48. Chaotic
51. Makeup, e.g.
52. Spoil, with "up"
54. Oolong, for one
56. ___ sauce
57. Dash lengths
58. Indian royal
63. Bearer of message presenting a one-sided view?
68. The act of joining a group
69. Brio
70. Bakery selections
71. Son nervous describing grasses
72. Computer info

Down

1. Make sense, with "up"
2. "Fantasy Island" prop
3. [That's awful!]
4. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
5. Converted Splits
6. Most vigorous
7. Tolkien creatures
8. "Thanks ___!"
9. Debut of March 3, 1923
10. Australian runner
11. Eases
12. Gets down
13. Rein, e.g.
16. "Planet of the ___"
18. "Don't give up!"
21. ___ Today
22. Food for sea urchins
23. Arabic for "commander"
26. Choose not to do something because of 12
28. Support group?
30. Baddies
31. Bauxite, e.g.
32. Account
35. An end to sex?
37. Ashes holder
39. Bottom line
40. "It's no ___!"
41. Hawaiian strings
42. 100 centavos
45. Chester White's home
46. Grits source
47. Clout
49. Undiluted
50. Frothy
52. Colony member
53. Flightless flock
55. Amazon, e.g.
59. Song and dance, e.g.
60. Blood pigment
61. Acted like
62. Decorated, as a cake
64. "___ the season ..."
65. ___ grecque (cooked in olive oil, lemon juice, wine, and herbs, and served cold)
66. Backstabber
67. ___ lab

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9		10	11	12	13
14					15						16			
17					18									
			19									20		
21	22	23		24						25	26			
27			28		29		30	31	32		33			
34				35			36			37				
	38				39	40						41	42	
				43						44				45
	46	47			48			49	50		51			
52				53				54		55		56		
57				58	59	60	61				62			
63			64									65	66	67
68											69			
70					71						72			

April 2019 Puzzle Solution

E	S	P	Y		A	D	D	S		F	A	V	O	R
R	A	R	E		Z	E	R	O		O	M	E	G	A
E	M	O	T	I	O	N	A	L		R	E	N	E	W
C	O	W		D	R	U	G		D	E	N	I	E	S
T	A	L	L	I	E	D		V	I	S	T	A		
			Y	O	S	E	M	I	T	E		L	Y	E
A	G	E	N	T			O	O	Z	E		S	E	X
F	L	A	X		T	R	U	L	Y		R	I	T	E
R	A	G		W	R	E	N			I	O	N	I	C
O	D	E		H	I	N	D	M	O	S	T			
		R	H	I	N	O		A	B	S	C	E	S	S
O	R	N	A	T	E		T	H	O	U		N	O	T
T	H	E	S	E		S	A	L	I	E	N	T	L	Y
T	E	S	T	Y		O	R	E	S		O	R	A	L
O	A	S	E	S		P	E	R	T		G	Y	R	E

Obituary

Patrick H. Luckett, Jr.

Brother Patrick H. Luckett, Jr., passed away peacefully on September 11, 2017, surrounded by his children and listening to the hymns he loved. He was born in Wichita Falls, Texas on December 12, 1924 to Patrick H. Luckett, Sr. and Emma Lou Humphries, whose families predate their arrival in the New World to before the Revolutionary War. Patrick graduated from Wichita Falls High School in 1942, six months after Pearl Harbor. He attended Hardin-Simmons University for one semester before he enlisted in the Marine Corps. He served in the invasions of Guam and Iwo Jima, where he was wounded. He received the Purple Heart. After the war, Pat enrolled in Baylor University on the GI Bill. He met Mary Eleanor Dann from San Antonio, and they were married on December 15, 1946 and were happily married for nearly 61 years until her death in 2007.

Before he graduated from Baylor in 1948, he was President of the Student Body and presided over the retirement ceremonies for Baylor President and former Texas Governor Pat Neff. A gifted salesman with an enormous personality, Pat rose through the ranks of Rockwell Manufacturing Company. For 32 years, he worked in various capacities, retiring as Vice President of Rockwell International's Municipal and Utilities Division. Following his retirement, he worked for 25 years as an international marketing consultant to domestic and foreign companies in the water and waste water industries. Patrick was a man of deep faith. He was a charter member of Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston, and he was Chair of Deacons at First Baptist Church in Austin more than once. He served his community as President of the Austin Chapter and the Texas Division of the American Cancer Society, and as President of the Patrick Henry Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Baylor University Alumni Association.

Brother Patrick H. Luckett, Jr. was a proud member of Texas Free Masonry for more than 57 years. Patrick Luckett Jr. was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on May 17, 1947, Passed to the Degree

Obituary (continued)

of Fellow Craft on June 18, 1959, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on September 17, 1959 at Houston's Gray No. 329 A.F. & A. M. Brother Luckett affiliated with Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A. M. on April 7, 1981 and was awarded his 50 Year Service Award on August 26, 2009.

And so it has come to pass, a Brother Master Mason having completed all the design's laid down on the Trestleboard of Life, has answered the summons of the Grand Warden of Heaven and Earth and has entered into the Grand Lodge over which the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe presides.

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.

From the South

Brethren,

I hope everyone had a happy Easter! With summer coming around I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer temperatures and taking the opportunity to enjoy some outdoor activities. It has been an exciting few weeks as we continue to enjoy a prosperous year at Hill City.

We had a fun and productive May stated meeting. We welcomed several visitors including nine Brothers from Colorado Lodge #96 who claimed the Traveling Gavel from us. As always, the kitchen provided a delightful meal complete with barbecued ribs & sides and apple pie for dessert. We even had a couple of Brothers bring their guitar and fiddle to entertain the Lodge before our meal!

On April 30th, Hill City conducted an outstanding Master Mason degree on Brother Ryan DiVincenzo. We have a number of other new up and coming members and I hope we will be putting on more degrees very soon. I am happy to see all of our current and new incoming Brothers becoming more involved in the Lodge. I want to encourage everyone to participate in any way, shape, or form. Whether it is setting up and creating committees, helping out in the kitchen, or getting the Lodge room ready for meetings. There is always something you can do to help make a difference!

We have a lot of exciting things coming up over the next couple of months. Come join us for our next Family Night on May 21st, bring your family out to enjoy some fun and fellowship. The honorable Don Comedy from the Texas Masonic Charities Foundation will give a presentation of all in attendance. The program will be in the theater after a wonder is served at 6:30pm.

Fraternally,
Luke Michels, Junior Warden

King Solomon's Temple

King Solomon's Temple is a biblical structure that was built in Jerusalem during the reign of King Solomon.

King Solomon's Temple, here after simply called the Temple or the First Temple, is believed to have been built some time around the 9th or 10th century B.C.E. Most of the details that are known about the Temple come from the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament.

The dimensions of the Temple are given in cubits. A cubit is roughly the distance from the tip of your middle finger to the base of the elbow. In fact the word cubit in English comes from the Latin word cubitum which means elbow. The Temple is described as being 20 cubits wide, 60 cubits long and 30 cubits high. It consisted of three areas inside the structure and two courts which surrounded the Temple where priests and others would assemble for prayer. There were also chambers that were built on the south, west and north side of the Temple. The chambers were believed to be for storage of some kind.

The three inside areas of the Temple consisted of the Porch or Vestibule, the Holy Place or Great House and the Holy of Holies or Inner House.

The Porch is described as 20 cubits in width with two great pillars standing on either side of the porch. It was 10 cubits deep. The Porch is stated to have been 120 cubits high. It is unclear by the descriptions given in the Bible whether a wall separated the Porch from the Great House.

The Great House was 30 cubits high, 40 cubits in length and 20 cubits in width. The walls were wooden and covered in gold. They had carvings of palm trees, flowers in bloom and cherubim.

The final and most sacred portion of the Temple was the Holy of Holies, the inner most room of the Temple. The room is described as being a perfect cube, 20 cubits in width height and length. The discrepancy of the missing 10 cubits from the height has been explained by the belief that the Holy of Holies were actually elevated and that there was a space underneath. The Holy of Holies is believed to have contained all of the sacred relics of the time. This would have included the seven branched candlestick and more importantly the Ark of the Covenant.

There is no archaeological evidence that the Temple ever existed. Most scholars agree that it did exist and when, roughly, it was built. There has been no real excavation of the Temple Mount since the late 1800's. This is due to the religious conflicts that exist in the region.

For Freemasonry Solomon's Temple has become a metaphor for the building up of the individual into a better person and member of society. The stones that would have been used in the building of the Temple become metaphors for the good deeds and knowledge that one gains in life and through positive life experiences.

HILL CITY LODGE No. 456, A.F. & A.M.
P.O. BOX 1456
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78767-1456

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID

AUSTIN, TEXAS
Permit No. 1675



Food Committee for June 4th Stated Meeting			
---	--	--	--

Bobbie Neal Atkinson	Donald Ray Francis	Christopher Chad Montey	George Frances Vanderhule, Jr.
Gerard M. Brohman	Elbert I Franks	Edwin Veniece Morrison	David Lynn Von Ohlen
Bernard R Burk	Watt P. Gee	Robert Vernon Myers, Jr.	Robert A. Weissman
Roberto M. Cantu, Jr.	Harold D Jobs	Earl Douglas Robertson	Jason Dean White
Clarence Lynn Cossey	Leslie Eugene Law	James Wallace Roby	
Billy Don Edmondson	Larry Gene Miller	Archie William Scott	

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, May 28th 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.