


# The HILL CITY LIGHT

August 2019

2019 - 2020 Lodge Officers		Hill City No. 456 A.F. & A.M. Chartered June 10, 1876		
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M.C.	Doug Freyburger, P.M.	1876		2019
Tiler	Dennis Hill, P.M.	<u>Stated Meeting:</u>	First Tuesday at 7:30 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm	
		<u>Called Meetings:</u>	Other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm	
Work Schedule		From the East		
August 2019		Greetings Brethren,  Let me say thank you to everyone who has reached out with their encouragement so far during the new Masonic year. I must admit there are some aspects of running the lodge that are challenging for me.  Those of you who were present may have noticed that half the July agenda was different than originally announced. A brother was ready to pass to his next degree earlier than I anticipated, and I'm not going to argue that anyone should have to wait an extra month before taking a degree.  Unfortunately, it was a degree our lodge hadn't practiced or performed in a year (making it necessary to change course and spend our time rehearsing).  To create an environment that's compelling to potential brethren, we need to provide an agenda that engages new and old Masons alike; we need to offer them something worth braving the traffic.  Hill City has a rich tradition of family nights, which bring out many of along with wives, girlfriends, and children -- but how should we spend the other two or three Tuesdays each month? The agile but loose nature of how we treat the rest of each month makes it easy to slot in degrees or degree practice when the work is needed, but degree practice can also suppress attendance (let's face it: few of us show up for degree practice we aren't involved in).		
August 6	Stated Meeting DDGM Visit			
August 13	EA Degrees			
August 20	Community Service Committee			
August 27	Degree Practice			
September 2019				
September 3	Stated Meeting			
September 10	Lodge Development			
September 17	Committees for Degree Work and Open House			
September 24	Masonic Education Food Committee			
October 2019				
October 1	Stated Meeting			
October 8	Masonic Education			

## From the East (continued)

And when there is no degree work to tackle, it's hard to effectively schedule and communicate other material to offer the membership when those plans can easily change on a dime.

I don't see this dynamic changing soon (when degrees come up, we absolutely must get to it soon). In the meantime, we can look for ways to make it worth coming out even when part of the lodge is practicing.

In July, with the help of my officers, we improvised and found a useful way to occupy ourselves outside the degree practice (by finding esoterica to discuss and practicing memory work with newer members). I hope that one day we are performing enough degrees that we don't need to practice during lodge hours (but for now I'll try to make sure there are things to do after dinner if you show up only to find we are practicing degrees).

And in the meantime, anyone who wants to perform in degrees has zero excuses not to be present every Tuesday.

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Looking further down the road, I'm excited about several opportunities planning volunteer events for the lodge, arranging educational content, and working on hosting an open house event.

For Hill City to participate in any volunteer opportunities during the Thanksgiving timeframe, we will start planning now. I have a few potential options to explore, and if you want to hear about any of them, please attend Lodge on August 20th to learn more.

There are several possible educational items in the works for brethren. I hope to hold a class on CPR and auto-defibrillators in October (because it may save a Hill City brother's life).

Finally, we weren't able to reserve accommodations for a lodge open house in the fall, but we're planning to host one in the spring (which gives us all the more time to make the event a success).

Keep an eye on your inbox for Hill City email, and watch our Facebook page to keep track of what's coming up every week. We hope to see you on Tuesdays.

Fraternally,  
Aaron Evans  
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

## From the West

Brethren,

I hope your summer is going well, it's getting hotter outside but that hasn't slowed us down a Hill City. We have been busy with several notable events taking place over the last few weeks. On July 16th and 23rd we held degree practice and Masonic education in preparation for upcoming degree work. On July 30th, the lodge put on an excellent FC degree and we are looking forward to a Master Mason degree in the near future.

Our August stated meeting was held on August 6th and it was a big one. We were honored to receive Right Worshipful Mark Dermit, District 50 DDGM, for his second official visit to Hill City Lodge. The kitchen prepared an outstanding dinner with roast beef and all the trimmings. During the meeting the Lodge voted in favor of two new EA candidates. Both EA degrees will take place on August 13th, we will start dinner at 6:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm in order to begin the degrees a little early. Come on down and support your future Brothers as they begin their journey into Masonry.

I am excited about how this Masonic year is kicking off. We have seen a lot of involvement from the Brothers and some new faces in the lodge. Help us keep the momentum going by reaching out to any Brothers that may not have attended lodge in a while, let them know they are always welcome and we would love to see them. This is a great time to get involved and reconnect with your Hill City Brothers. This Masonic year is off to a great start and there is much more to come!

Fraternally,  
Luke Michels,  
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

## August 2019 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Alphabetizes, e.g.
6. Hacienda hand, maybe
10. \_\_\_ room
14. Anticipate
15. A chip, maybe
16. Santa \_\_\_, Calif.
17. Copy
18. Ado
19. "My bad!"
20. Could be in a window
22. Put an edge on
23. Jersey, e.g.
24. Crackers
26. Advil target
30. "Is that \_\_\_?"
31. Gloomy
32. Study, say
33. Sped
35. Bait
39. Pastoral poem
41. Bothered
43. Kipling's wolf pack leader
44. Street wear?
46. Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
47. Ceiling
49. "\_\_\_ alive!"
50. Accommodate
51. Barrio resident
54. Call for
56. Chill
57. Suffering from oppressive heat
63. "Fudge!"
64. Son of Ramses I
65. Chocolate source
66. Give off, as light
67. Ashtabula's lake
68. Saved on supper, perhaps
69. Breads found in Mumbai: Var.
70. Jiffs
71. Big dipper

### Down

1. Sri Lankan ladies dress
2. "A Prayer for \_\_\_ Meany"
3. Absorbed
4. Radial, e.g.
5. Baby bird?
6. Medicated sweets
7. Authorize
8. Auditory
9. Moon of Neptune
10. Place for lookouts
11. Ado
12. Colorado resort
13. Spoonful, say
21. Big mess
25. "Darn it!"
26. Length x width, for a rectangle
27. Tilt
28. Burrow
29. Creams
34. Fibs (5,4)
36. Great for sunburns
37. "Buona \_\_\_" (Italian greeting)
38. Cut, maybe
40. Acquire
42. Money in the bank, say
45. Like mobiles
48. Bunks
51. Burdened
52. Insect-eating lizard
53. City on the Po
55. Stick-on
58. "\_\_\_ #1!"
59. Pro \_\_\_
60. Decorated, as a cake
61. Catch
62. Departed

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## July 2019 Puzzle Solution

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**District 50 Happenings****Communications from District 50**

**Secretaries & Worshipful Masters;** It is very important for the Elected Officers of your respective Lodges to be present at the July 22nd MWSA meeting at Colorado Lodge in Webberville. I will have important information to share including Fall Official Visitation schedules, Upcoming Briscoe workshops, and other important Grand Lodge updates. District 50 Lodge secretaries should reach out to me at kevit64@yahoo.com with any questions or “officer unavailable on July 22” issues.

Special thanks to Brother Arthur Vanderbilt of Austin Lodge 12 for initiating a “District 50 Masonic Burial Service” team. This is an important step to fulfilling Grand Master Stogner’s recommendation that our statewide MWSA’s should have a Masonic Burial Services team in place.

**General Information updates:**

“NEW” Masonic Grief Support Group. A support group has formed to assist Brethren & family members. The group sessions will be on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month. Location: Scottish Rite Fellowship Hall at 7pm. For more information , contact Brother John Wallace of Austin Lodge no.12 or David Hill of Parsons Lodge no. 222

Masonic Burial Service Team for the District 50. All Lodges of the District 50 are encouraged to provide available brethren to join a team of brethren who have interest in Masonic Burial Services. Brother Arthur Vanderbilt, of Austin Lodge 12, is chairing a committee to establish the team. If you ,or membership within your Lodge, would be interested in assisting; please contact Arthur. His contact info: 512 657 9655 , theophan@tuta.io

The Central Texas High 12 Club Lunch party. Now accepting Membership. The “new” Masonic Social Club!. Meeting for Lunch once a month. Open to all Master Masons! Please report a headcount from your Lodge for Lunch planning. Masonic Social Fraternity of Central Texas! next Lunch meeting will be Wednesday, August 14, at 11:30. Location El Mercado on Lavaca. contact President, Charles Maddox, for lunch headcount.. 512 567 6744 text . Come by and check it out. It’s a fun time.

**District 50 Happenings (continued)**

The Traveling Gavel is in safe keeping at Colorado Lodge no. 96

**Upcoming Schedule:**

August 19. Monday. Austin Lodge no. 12 Stated Meeting & DDGM Official visit. Dinner will serve at 6:30pm.

August 19. Monday. Colorado Lodge no. 96. Webberville Texas. Stated meeting. Dinner will serve at 6:30pm.

August 19. Monday. Cigar and Pipe Night at Onion Creek Lodge.

7:30 PM - Join brethren for an evening of Masonic conversations while enjoying a fine cigar or pipe on the back porch!

August 22. Thursday. Forum & Exam Practice (s). Onion Creek no. 220. Beginning August 22nd , on almost every Thursday at Onion Creek no. 220 will be a practice session leading up to the Forum & Exam scheduled for October 26. Join in on the practice sessions to attain, A , B, & C certificates. Dates for practice will be 8/22, 8/29, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24.

August 22. Thursday. Masonic Grief Support Session. 7:30pm at the Scottish Rite Fellowship Hall.

August 24. Saturday. Waco Texas. Officer Leadership Training

August 30 thru September 1. Ben Hur Shrine Circus. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Cedar Park Center, Cedar Park Texas.

September 4. Wednesday. Scottish Rite Austin Valley. Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30pm.

September 5. Thursday. Onion Creek Lodge no. 220 Stated Meeting & DDGM Official visit. 50 & more Years of Service Awards Night. Dinner at 6:30pm provided by September Food Committee.

September 9. Monday. Colorado Commandery no. 4. Stated meeting. York Rite. 6:30pm.

September 16. Monday. Colorado Lodge no. 96 Stated Meeting & DDGM Official visit. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm.

## Obituary

### John A. Murphy

Brother John A. Murphy of Austin Texas passed peacefully on June 9th, 2019 at 7PM, 2 months shy of his 91st birthday. John was born in Minneapolis Minnesota and served proudly in the US Marines. Jack moved to Texas in 1956 first settling in Dallas and then moving to Austin in 1982. Jack was a successful business man and created several businesses including Jack Murphy & Company and American Physicians Group; he was a member of The Young Presidents Organization as well as The World Presidents Organization. Jack was a lifelong Mason and a member of the Hella Shrine. He marched in many parades playing his beloved trumpet for the Hella band; he was an accomplished pilot flying himself, his family and friends around the country. Jack loved golf and played regularly well into his 80's. Jack is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Judie Woods Murphy, his children, Mari Jo Marriott, John Murphy, Susan Sussee and Michael Murphy, 7 Grandchildren, and 5 Great Grandchildren. Jack is preceded in death by his mother, Helen Brown McClure, Father Arthur Murphy and Sister Patricia Horne. The family is holding a private vigilance celebrating the life of Jack.

Brother Carr was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on March 13, 1953, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on April 10, 1953, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on May 22, 1953 at Ludwig Lodge No. 311 A.F. & A. M. in St. Paul, Minnesota.

In August of 1989, Brother Murphy affiliated with Hill City Lodge No. 456 in Austin, Texas. He received his 50 year service award on October 25, 2007 and his 60 year service award on October 10, 2012, both at Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A. M.

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.

## From the South

### DID YOU KNOW THE NAZIS USED THE FORGET ME NOT FLOWER PIN

We all have heard the story of Masons in Germany wearing the Forget Me Not flower pin in their lapel to identify themselves as Mason's during the Nazi regime. Hitler came to power in 1933. And in 1934 the German Ministry of the Interior ordered the disbandment all Masonic lodges and their property confiscated. Somewhere between 50,000 to over 200,000 German Masons were put in internment camps and some killed.

In 1926, before the takeover by the Nazis, the German Masonic Grand Lodge of the Sun had an annual meeting and gave each masonic member a small Forget Me Not flower pin. This pin was produced in a small factory in the town of Selb. This was probably the first time Masons had worn the Forget Me Not.

But did you know that the Nazi party used the same Forget-Me-Not pin.

After Hitler came to power he established a program called Winterhilfswerk or Winter Help Work. Donations to this program were supposedly voluntarily given. But a great amount of pressure was applied to citizens to donate to this program. You could even be stopped on the streets if you didn't have a pin in your lapel showing that you had made a contribution. This pin was occasionally changed to a different pin to enforce further contributions. The collected funds were used to help the distressed population, but was also used for arms production for Germany.

The Nazis needed a new and different pin for the 1938 winter help program. They selected the same factory the Masons had used in the town of Selb. The factory made the same Forget Me Not pin for the Nazi party that the Masons had ordered in 1926.

After the war, in 1948, a masonic lodge was re-established in the town of Selb. The worshipful master ordered a number of forget-me-not pins and handed them out. He later became Grandmaster.

Some of us are old enough to remember Paul Harvey, the radio commentator. He would have said, "And now you know the rest of the story."

Fraternally,  
Richard Garrett,  
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

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## Food Committee for September 3rd Stated Meeting

James Ray Barber	Robert Carson Fisk	David Lee Kinser, Jr.	David Edward Schnautz
Arthur Lee Connor, III	Patrick K Graham	Rodney D Kothmann	Ernest Serrano
Hilton Vern Crocker	Philip Edward Hornsey	John Tate McFarland	Leroy Eugene Steadman
Fred Joseph Crooks	James David Hurt	Harold Ray Pack	Byron Wayne Weaver
Jerry Seburn Daniel	Michael Lee Johnson	Michael Anthony Payne	Robert Charles Williams
Lance Barrett Dean	Enoch S. Johnson, Jr.	Kip Lee Portis	Rudolph Edgar Willie, Jr.
	Sammy Ronald Jones	Jack Lavern Ryle	

### Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, August 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.