


# The HILL CITY LIGHT

September 2019

2019 - 2020 Lodge Officers	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Hill City No. 456 A.F. &amp; A.M.</b> Chartered June 10, 1876</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Austin Scottish Rite Theatre &amp; Museum 18th St. at Lavaca St., Austin, Texas Mail: P.O. Box 1456, Austin, Texas 78767-1456 Phone: (512) 655-9858 Email: <a href="mailto:secretary@hillcitylodge.org">secretary@hillcitylodge.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.hillcitylodge.org">www.hillcitylodge.org</a></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>								
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<b>September 2019</b>	<p>Greetings Brethren,</p> <p>There has been a lot of activity at Hill City in the last year, and I'm excited by the impact we see it have on the lodge. I want to commend both our Stewards, not because of the great job they're doing but because of the enjoyment I see everyone having in the kitchen. It makes me look forward to finishing my year in the east so I can go help out in the kitchen again, having a good time with everyone else. What I find most exciting is the strength it promotes in our officers: once you trust someone to cook dinner for a bunch of Masons, you can trust them with anything else in the lodge. When it's your month in the food committee, come help out serving the meal -- I promise you'll have fun.</p> <p>On Tuesday, October 22nd, the lodge is hosting a class on CPR and the auto-defibrillators around the lodge. I hope to see masons from throughout the district attend. Because of the average age of our fraternity, education about CPR is that much more important.</p> <p>Later in November, the lodge will be performing community service either by participating in the HEB Feast of Sharing or Operation Turkey. Both events are held to cook Thanksgiving meals for the less fortunate. I'm passionate about Thanksgiving volunteering because it's my favorite holiday (its only purpose being to eat great food and enjoy friends/family). But as Masons the first lesson we are taught is charity, and it's especially important to keep this one in mind during such extravagant</p>								
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## From the East (continued)

feasts. Perhaps by helping those who have less to be thankful for, we'll all better understand the holiday.

Later in the year, the lodge has decided to host a Masonic open house on Saturday, May 9th. We will hold it from 10am to 3pm, and provide content, presentation, and other activities throughout the event. We're still looking into activities such as live music and BBQ, but what we will do is invite other organizations and groups in order to show them what Masonry and Hill City is about.

The open house event is still many months in the future, so I'd like to call on the brethren to start working now to make this a success. If there is anything you'd like to share with visitors to our lodge (be it your humor, wisdom, or entertainment) then please participate in making this event a success.

Events in District 50 during September:

Thursday, Sept. 5th: Onion Creek Lodge no. 220 is having "Years of Service Awards Night". Dinner at 6:30.

Onion Creek Lodge no. 220 is hosting Committee on Work Exam Practice on Sept. 12th, 19th, and 26th. Light dinner at 6:30, with practice at 7:30 running until 9.

Saturday, Sept. 28th Onion Creek Lodge no. 220 is holding the "Lady Luck Bingo Brunch" from 11am to 3pm. Brunch and Bingo for the ladies of Masons, with friends and family also welcome.

Fraternally,  
Aaron Evans  
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

## From the West

Brethren,

August was another great month for Hill City Masonry. We had some degree practice nights which is giving many of our brothers the opportunity to participate in degree work. It is a fun and educating experience to get to be part of a degree and work with our fellow Hill City Masons. It is also a very important step in the development of a new Brother. In the words of Carl H. Claudy, "There is one thing and only one thing a Masonic Lodge can give its members which they can get nowhere else in the world. That one thing is Masonry." We have all heard that Masonry takes good men and makes them better. When a candidate receives a degree he takes his first steps towards the great purpose in Masonry which is to instill a system of moral development that will widen his path of improvement. Our new and incoming Brothers deserve a first class degree and that is why we take pride in our work at Hill City.

On August 23, 24, & 25th our Junior Warden, Richard Garrett, and myself attended this years' Officer Leadership Training conducted by the Grand Lodge in Waco, TX. It was an eventful weekend specifically designed to educate up and coming officers on Lodge administration and leadership responsibilities. We are looking forward to bringing what we learned back to Hill City as we continue to develop in our leadership roles.

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. We have several degrees coming up in September including a Master's degree. 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

## September 2019 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Pack (down)
5. Slog
9. What the charm school taught her
14. Cambodian currency
15. Fill
16. Automaton
17. "I had no \_\_\_!"
18. "Beowulf," e.g.
19. Object of many prayers
20. Psychological problem making Greek hard to handle
23. Art subject
24. "Absolutely!"
25. \_\_\_-tzu
28. Rolls
31. "The Sweetheart of Sigma \_\_\_"
34. Disguised, cut
36. Ring bearer, maybe
37. Phobos, to Mars
38. Old man in mine, he is unable to regularly take hard work
42. Mosque V.I.P.
43. "\_\_\_ moment"
44. Belittle
45. "Dear old" guy
46. Address
49. Affranchise
50. Juliet, to Romeo
51. Scrimmage in rugby
53. Small change for old bikes
60. Poison plant
61. One month in Tel Aviv
62. Black shade
63. Furred wood
64. Catch, in a way
65. Visored cap
66. Historic Rosa
67. Exclusive of deductions
68. Big bang stuff

### Down

1. Beethoven's "Archduke \_\_\_"
2. Many a Capitol worker
3. Unmistakable
4. Everyday
5. False start?
6. Failures
7. Auditory
8. Art \_\_\_
9. Wine fruits
10. Begins a turn
11. \_\_\_-bodied
12. Cajole
13. Addis Ababa's land: Abbr.
21. Quiet desire to eliminate
22. Biblical gift
25. Fat
26. Soul
27. Group of eight
29. Article of faith
30. "Dig in!"
31. Aromatic tree resin
32. Put up
33. Atlas enlargement
35. Electrical unit
37. Kind of rule
39. Laughably predictable
40. "\_\_\_ Ng" (They Might Be Giants song)
41. Russian alternative
46. Snow leopards
47. Suddenly burst into appreciative noise when taken from being during sex
48. Juice source
50. Nosh
52. Thrilling
53. Fast feline
54. Arabic for "commander"
55. "Charlotte's Web" girl
56. Purgative - yielding plant
57. "O Sanctissima," e.g.
58. Be slack-jawed
59. Big loser's nickname?
60. Chucklehead

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## August 2019 Puzzle Solution

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## District 50 Happenings

### Communications from District 50

\*\*\*\***Adjust your schedules.** The Committee on Work Forum and Exam at Onion Creek is now scheduled for October 26. Committee on Work Exam Practices scheduled at OC220: 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24. Practice sessions begin at 7:30; with a light meal at 6:30. Thank you, Onion Creek!

**WM's & Secretaries.** Encourage your "New" members to sign up for District 50 communications at [www.masonicdistrict50.org](http://www.masonicdistrict50.org). Click on the email icon on webpage to register to receive weekly updates.. The weekly updates keeps everyone in the know for scheduling and upcoming priority events, including degrees that new members may attend in the appropriate degree.

### 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](mailto: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, September 11, 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.

The Traveling Gavel is in safe keeping at Colorado Lodge no. 96 but is looking for a new home.

## District 50 Happenings (continued)

### Upcoming Schedule:

September 9. Monday. Austin Lodge 12. Masonry 101 at 5:00. Contemplative Meditation from 5:30 to 6:15. Dinner at 6:30. Education Night on Alchemy in Freemasonry by Brother Peter Reardon at 7:30

September 9. Monday. Texana 123. Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30pm.

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

September 10. Tuesday. T Neal Porter no. 1354 Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30pm.

September 10. Tuesday. MM degree Practice night at Hill City no. 456. dinner at 6:30pm.

September 11. Wednesday. Parsons Lodge no. 222 Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30pm.

September 12. Thursday. Committee on Work Exam Practice at OC220. light dinner at 6:30. Practice begins at 7:30pm and runs until 9ish.

September 16. Monday. Austin Lodge no. 12 Stated Meeting. Dinner 6:30pm.

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

September 19. Thursday. Committee on Work Exam Practice at OC220. light dinner at 6:30. Practice begins at 7:30pm and runs until 9ish.

September 19. Thursday. Ben Hur Shrine Stated Meeting. 6:30 pm dinner. 7:30 meeting.

New item \*\*\*\*\*September 21. Saturday. HUGE Ben Hur Shrine Family Day Fish Fry.

Everyone invited. The Directors Staff of the Shrine will cook " All u can Eat" Catfish, Hush Puppies, & Fries. Pinto beans & cole slaw sides & Dessert. Refreshments. Great Family Day! Great introduction to Masonry.

3pm till the Last Laughs & Giggles!

September 24. Tuesday. Hill City Lodge. MM degree. dinner 6:30. degree 7:15

## Obituary

### Steven Karl Buck

Past Master Steve Buck passed away on July 19, 2019. Although Brother Buck kept his terminal cancer as a private matter to most, we do know that Heaven received a fine man and a fine Mason. Brother Buck was well known as a Mason who would do anything for his Lodge and his brother Mason's.

A true perfectionist in his Masonic work as well as in the kitchen. His excellent esoteric work could only be matched by his pie making. One Buck rule that I hope the Mason's in heaven understand, everything better be made from scratch, no box or instant!!!

The following is from Trish Rollins Buck, Steve's wife:

“He had terminal cancer, and he wanted me to notify everyone, about his fundraiser we created on July 10th before going on his BUCKET list trip to Surfside Beach. It's: <https://www.paypal.me/BUCKETofLOVE> “

“We were about to come back on Friday morning the 19th from an annual gathering my Aunt & cousins have when he left his body for a permanent vacation at 7:58am. “

“It was his wishes that I set up a gathering of people to celebrate his life in a positive way. He suggested we gather together to share stories, thoughts, ideas, and love. His Birthday Is on Friday, November 22nd. It would be the ultimate honor if we could have his Life celebration/ Memorial & the Mason's honor him at the Scottish Rite Theater and then proceed to on to his wishes for a camp out weekend fun gathering from there.”

“I am collecting letters, memos, and notes from people who want to write down something about Steve that comes to mind, or a funny story, or an endearment about him. I want to put a book together with all the written Materials that I received. Whether they were stories or a picture. A Steve BUCK BOOK would be great to have, share, & read. Send all sentiments to [BUCK-ets@Hotmail.com](mailto:BUCK-ets@Hotmail.com)”

Brother Buck was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on August 13, 2002, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on September 10, 2002, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on October 8, 2002 at Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A. M.

Past Master Steve Buck served as Worshipful Master of Hill City Lodge No. 456 from June 24, 2009 to June 23, 2010. He became an endowed member on May 5, 2005.

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

### Hola Hermano !

Veamos la masonería en México. Let's look at the history of Freemasonry in Mexico. The history of Freemasonry in Mexico probably dates back to the latter part of the 18th century. Some French immigrants were Masons, but were condemned by the Inquisition. We do know that a lodge was established in 1806. This lodge practiced the York Rite system of masonry. But at this time Freemasonry was illegal in the Spanish Empire. Some members were jailed and bought before the Holy Inquisition.

And one was sentenced to death in 1808. Maybe they should not have picked the Alley of the Rats for their lodge location . The first Grand Lodge of Mexico was established in 1813. General Santa Anna was a Scottish Rite Mason. Mexican reformists tended to be in the York Rite and conservatives tended to be in the Scottish Rite. But a third system was created, the National Mexican Rite. This latter group's purpose was to establish good governance in Mexico. Mexico's war of independence from Spain was fought from 1810 to 1821. Many historians believe that Masons initiated Mexico's War of Independence. Freemasonry was very much involved in the politics of Mexico from 1821 until 1982. Many of its leaders were Freemasons.

My thought is that Freemason lodges in Mexico were so involved in politics that Freemasonry was split into many different organizations for political reasons. Mexico has even had mixed lodges and female lodges. At this time Freemasonry is not so obviously involved in the politics of Mexico. But the political parties that now exist had their antecedents in different Masonic organizations. At this time there are so many Masonic organizations in Mexico that one must be very careful in determining Masonic Regularity. Some states recognized some organizations and other states do not. Freemasonry obviously played a very important role in Mexico's politics. But left in its path a very confused and disorganized system of Masonry as compared to what we have. Maybe leaving politics at the front door has been an excellent idea for our lodges.

Fraternally,  
Richard Garrett,  
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

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## Food Committee for October 1st Stated Meeting

Michael James Adiano	Gerald Lee Grier	Kenneth Ray Pruitt	Michael Anthony Von Ohlen
William C. Bennett	Blair Davis Hibbert	Randall Ray Reynolds	Kervin W. Warnken
George Jason Burnett	Charles Wayne Jackson	Jeremiah Petra Spence	Foy Wallace Watson, III
Jon Alan Cohorn	Joe Alan Kindred	Ronald Starry	Kelly D. Webb
Forest Mark Cruse, Sr.	Charles R. Maddox	Nathan Wade Stilwell	Patrick L. Wheelless
Edward Charles Fritsch	Calvin Cleave Nolen	Michael Wayne Stone	

### Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, September 24th 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.