


The HILL CITY LIGHT

November 2019

2019 - 2020 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>																								
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<p style="text-align: center;">November 2019</p>	<p>Greetings Brethren,</p> <p>My favorite holiday has always been Thanksgiving.</p> <p>There's no doubt it's a popular one. There used to be a contentious debate whether the first Thanksgiving was in Massachusetts or Virginia. On November 5th, 1963, President Kennedy settled the matter by proclamation that it was a tie. "Over three centuries ago, our forefathers in Virginia and in Massachusetts, far from home in a lonely wilderness, set aside a time of thanksgiving. On the appointed day, they gave reverent thanks for their safety, for the health of their children, for the fertility of their fields, for the love which bound them together, and for the faith which united them with their God."</p> <p>Thanksgiving would seem almost quintessentially American. Still, it turns out Canadians celebrate their own (though in typical Canadian fashion, theirs is held in October).</p> <p>Now that it's dark during the drive home every night, and the rain feels unwelcome by making things colder and damper, I'm reminded of what Thanksgiving means to me.</p> <p>Our ancestors came gathered in the dark coldness. They celebrated and shared the fruits of a year's labor, in warmth and fellowship, before hunkering down until the next season.</p> <p>This tradition commemorates an important fact: our sustenance and warmth originates from on high. Though we have to gather</p>																								
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it up on our own, it is a gift just the same. And as with gifts, some of us are blessed, and others are less fortunate.

Perhaps it must become dark and cold for a season, to recognize what we reap in the summer.

We should also recognize this by sharing it with the less fortunate. All people deserve some moment of happiness, even if they can't afford it. If you refuse to believe this, you'll be incapable of truly appreciating your relationship to the universe.

So I wish the brethren all the best for their friends and families during the Thanksgiving season. This month, we'll have the opportunity to come together and say thanks by volunteering for the less fortunate at the HEB Feast of Sharing on November 26th. The Lodge building itself will be dark that night.

The Tuesday before that on the 19th, we'll be passing a brother to the degree of Fellowcraft (so I hope we see you there).

And soon, we'll be joining each other for the next stated meeting, followed by the Past Masters' dinner on December 10th. Please note that the P.M. dinner date is moved to the second Tuesday of December per Hill City tradition.

I look forward to seeing you all at Hill City in the weeks ahead.

I have a message for Scottish Rite Masons at Hill City. The lodge is going to try putting together a performance of the 6th degree for the next reunion in May.

In order to go forward with this, we'll need volunteers. Besides speaking parts, we will need members to serve as "degree master" and "costume master" roles. If you're interested in this, come ask me in Lodge.

Fraternally,
Aaron Evans
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

From the West

Brethren,

Fall is finally here. The days are getting shorter, the weather is cooling off, but there is still a lot going on at Hill City!

The November stated meeting was a success. A petition was read for a potential new Brother and a Golden Trowel recipient was voted on. We also discussed our next volunteer event being held on November 26th. Several Hill City Brothers will be taking part in the HEB Feast of Sharing at the Parmer Event Center where an estimated 13,000 meals will be served to the less fortunate in our community. The stated meeting was preceded by a fantastic Chili feast prepared by PM Robert Eschenburg and our Stewards.

On October 29th we had a Brother successfully turn in his EA proficiency so Hill City will be conducting a FC degree on November 19th. I would like to invite everyone to come support our Brother as he ascends further into his journey in Freemasonry. As always, our Stewards will have a delicious meal prepared so come on out and enjoy some food and fellowship before the degree.

As we give thanks this year, I would like to reflect on a great quote by Brother Theodore Roosevelt: "Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us; and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips and shows itself in deeds. We can best prove our thankfulness to the Almighty by the way in which on this earth and at this time each of us does his duty to his fellow men."

I want to wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and I hope everyone is able to enjoy some time feasting with family and friends. Let's all take time to rejoice on those things we are thankful for in our lives and the many blessings He has given us. All of us at Hill City would like to offer you a happy and hearty Thanksgiving.

Fraternally,
Luke Michels,
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

November 2019 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Big bore
5. Run out, as a subscription
10. Automatic
14. Brook
15. Drops
16. Brio
17. Amelia Earhart, and others
19. Encircle
20. Hot-seat involved with rain and wet?
22. Dusk, to Donne
23. Starchy tuber
24. Very, in music
27. "___ boom bah!"
30. Opposite of homo
34. Nice cute lass ran out of physics and biology, for example
37. Egg cells
38. Having threads
39. Biochemistry abbr.
40. One method to drum up sales
45. Foe
46. Dash lengths
47. Indian coin
48. "Don't ___!"
50. Ring bearer, maybe
51. Proximity
59. Insect stage
60. The _____ Code is a legal system in France
61. "Not on ___!" ("No way!")
62. Cover up
63. ___ song
64. 1973 Supreme Court decision name
65. More rational
66. Cut out

Down

1. Attraction
2. Bank of Paris
3. Hip bones
4. Reach a point of diminishing returns
5. "Two Women" Oscar winner
6. Gulf V.I.P.
7. Cropped photos?
8. "Let it stand"
9. English exam finale, often
10. Prescribed diet
11. Assortment
12. Mountain pool
13. Armageddon
18. Churchill's "___ Finest Hour"
21. A fisherman may spin one
24. ___ dark space (region in a vacuum tube)
25. Red Cedar
26. Gawk
27. Gunk
28. Muhammad's religion
29. Zorro's left-overs
31. Money substitute
32. Another name for sesame
33. ___ orange
35. Astern
36. Aggravate
41. Come (from)
42. Dermatologist's concern
43. Clear, as a disk
44. Exit ramp
49. Cards in a deck
50. Noted blind mathematician
51. Havana's home
52. Kind of column
53. Apple variety
54. "Once ___ a time..."
55. Exude
56. Carbon compound
57. "Your majesty"
58. Bunch
59. Handle clumsily

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October 2019 Puzzle Solution

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District 50 Happenings**District 50 Happenings (continued)****Communications from District 50****General Information updates:**

Past Grand Master Mike Gower is coming to town! Parsons Lodge. Wednesday Night. PGM Mike Gower, who will be presenting a 50 year service award to Jim Dougherty. Everyone is invited, but you must RSVP with David.R.Hill@gmail.com so he can ensure we have enough food for dinner . Dinner 6:33, Meeting 7:30 pm. York Rite 7th & Lavaca.

Join the Central Texas High 12 Club. Membership Drive in progress. To join the “new” Masonic Social Club, come to the next meeting for Lunch after calling or texting the president, Charles Maddox PM. Open to all Master Masons! Next Lunch meeting will be Wednesday, November 12, at 11:30. Bring a potential member. Location El Mercado on Lavaca. President, Charles Maddox, 512 567 6744. Come by and check it out. It’s a fun time.

The Traveling Gavel is at Colorado Lodge.

Upcoming Schedule:

November 11. Monday. FC degree. Austin Lodge 12. 6:30pm dinner. SRCT Blue Room.

November 11. Monday. FC Degree. Onion Creek Lodge

CANCELLED EVENT.: November 11. Monday. RSVP by calling the Ben Hur Shrine office 512-480 -0812.

Ben Hur Shrine Veterans Appreciation Program. 6:30pm. All Masons who are veterans are welcomed to attend this appreciation program. It will be at the Ben Hur Shrine Temple on Rockwood Lane in Austin Texas

November 12. Tuesday. Hill City Lodge will have a Degree practice night. A wonderful dinner will serve at 6:30 pm ; followed by the practice session.

November 12. Tuesday. T Neal Porter Lodge no.1354 Stated Meeting. dinner 630. Meeting 7:30 pm. York Rite 7th & Lavaca

November 13. Wednesday.. Parsons Lodge no. 222 Stated Meeting & 50 yr Service Award ceremony. Hosting PGM Mike Gower, who will be presenting a 50 year service award to Jim

Dougherty. Everyone is invited, but you must RSVP with David.R.Hill@gmail.com so he can ensure we have enough food for dinner . Dinner 6:33, Meeting 7:30 pm. York Rite 7th & Lavaca.

November 14. Thursday. MM Degree. Onion Creek Lodge.

November 18. Monday. Austin Lodge no. 12 Stated Meeting. dinner 630. Meeting 7:30 pm. SR Blue Room.

November 18. Monday. Colorado Lodge no. 96. Stated Meeting. dinner 630. Meeting 7:30 pm.

Webberville Tx. Colorado 96 has the Traveling Gavel.

November 18. Monday. Cigar & Pipe Night at Onion Creek! Weather permitting, the event will be at LiL Darlings. Puff Away on the Patio. 6:30 - 9pm

November 19. Tuesday. Past Masters Quarterly Meeting & FC Degree. Hill City 456. 6:30 pm dinner. Degree @ 7:35 in the SRCT Blue Room.

November 21. Thursday. EA Degree. 5:30 pm light meal. Degree at 6pm. University 1190. @ the York Rite.

November 26. Hill City 456 Community Service Event. HEB Feast of Sharing. Sign up for volunteering spots to assist with the holiday meal provided by HEB for the less fortunate. Great way to give a little back to the community.

December 10. Tuesday. Past Master's Holiday Meal & Family Night Christmas Party. Hill City 456.

The Past Masters of the Lodge prepare the traditional Holiday Meal for all in attendance. It will be in the Theater with Live Entertainment and Holiday Cheer.

December 12. Thursday. Stated Meeting Onion Creek 220.

December 19. Thursday. EA Degree. University 1190. Meal 5:30pm. Degree 6pm. York Rite.

Obituary

Enoch S. Johnson, Jr.

Enoch S. Johnson, Jr. was born on September 23, 1926 in Liberty Hill, Texas to Enoch S. and Lula Ida (Munro) Johnson. He was the youngest of six children.

After graduating from high school and at the age of seventeen, he joined the United States Navy. He served during World War II in Okinawa, Japan. Upon returning home, he joined the United States Army Reserve. He was called to duty during the Korean War and served in Sendai, Japan. After his completion of service in the Army, he returned to Austin and joined the City of Austin Fire Department, where he proudly served for thirty-three years.

In 1952 he met the love of his life, Christine Shelton. They were married on February 27, 1953 and they were by each other's side through all of the ups and downs for 46 ½ years. They had two children, Lynda Johnson Liberty (Carl) and Patrick "Pat" Johnson (Mary). E S was a master at creating and repairing anything put in front of him.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Chris, his parents, and five siblings. He is survived by his children; three grandchildren, Kathy Helms, Steven Spangler, and Kacie Johnson; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Brother Johnson was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on September 11, 1966, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on January 17, 1967, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on February 28, 1967 at Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A. M. in Austin, Texas. He received his 50 year service award on August 16, 2016 by the Grand Lodge of Texas at Hill City Lodge No. 456.

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

Howdy Brothers. This month I would like to examine famous Texas Masons. Did you know that all four presidents of the Republic of Texas were Masons and 32 governors of the State of Texas have been Masons. The Alamo fell on March 6th 1836 and 5 Masons died on that day. They were David Crockett, James Bowie, William Barret Travis, James Bonham and Almaron Dickerson.

In the early part of Texas history we had Sam Houston, first president of Texas and he presided over the formation of the Grand Lodge of Texas. And Stephen F Austin who brought the early families to this area. And David Crockett who's Masonic apron is still in a lodge in Tennessee. And Anson Jones the last president of the Republic of Texas was a mason. At the Battle of San Jacinto he carried the charter for Holland Lodge in his saddlebags. Another early Mason was Lorenzo De Zavala. He had a lot of connections in Mexico was very important in the establishment of the York Rite in Mexico. And let's not forget Juan Seguin, a Texas patriot.

Later in Texas history came Lawrence Sullivan Ross who all Aggies know. Robert Emmett Bledsoe Baylor was responsible for the charter that established Baylor University.

Now my favorite is Audie Murphy the most decorated American combat soldier of World War II and holder of the Medal of Honor. Gene Autry, America's favorite cowboy, was a mason.

Others that you may recognize are Benjamin F Terry founder of Terry's Texas Rangers. Charles Goodnight the famous Texas Rancher as well as Oliver Loving (Goodnight-Loving Cattle Trail). Claire Chennault the founder of the Flying Tigers is another brother. Buzz Aldrin the second man on the moon was also a brother. And Dr. Red Duke created the first air ambulance service in Texas.

Now for the last one on the list, his name is Hiram Abiff Boaz. I kid you not. He was the second president at Southern Methodist University and became a bishop in the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Maybe your name will make the list someday.

Fraternally,
Richard Garrett,
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

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Food Committee for December 3rd Stated Meeting

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Thomas Don Dickson	Don Boyd Jarrell	Billy Floyd Peel	Brian Thomas Schnautz
William Sam Dickson	Christopher DeWitt Jordan	Robert Stephen Peel	Charles Marcus Stewart
Gene Leroy Freudenberg	Lee Edward Line	Dale William Reynolds	James Correll Tisdale
Robert Warren Hensley	Terrance Michael Linn	Joe Craig Robinson	Bob M. Wheelless
			Timothy Earl Willett

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, November 12th 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.