

The HILL CITY LIGHT

December 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.	
Tiler Dennis Hill, P.M.	

Work Schedule	From the East
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December 2019	From the East
December 3 Stated Meeting	Greetings Brethren, Hill City Lodge has a short month in front of it, with only three meetings scheduled. Many of us will be traveling during the last two weeks of the year, and I hope everyone has safe journeys during that time. We should be aware of Masons and their widows who do not have families with whom to spend time during this season. If you know anyone who would appreciate companionship, you should remember to visit them. --- I'm happy that Hill City brethren will be participating as volunteers for the "Blue Santa's Workshop" this December. During the event, we'll be working in their warehouse, helping collect and coordinate Christmas presents for disadvantaged families. Sometimes all of us feel like we don't get enough from the world. It's important to remember that we truly are blessed, although others among us are much less so. I'm also excited to participate in more community service events because they seem to be resonating with both younger and older members of the lodge. During these events, we're having fun together outside of meetings while strengthening a vital pillar of our fraternity.
December 10 Past Masters' Dinner Family Night	
December 17 Degree Practice Food Committee	
December 24 Christmas Eve Lodge Dark	
December 31 New Year's Eve Lodge Dark	
January 2020	
January 7 Stated Meeting	
January 14 Degree Practice	
January 21 Hiram Scene Panel Food Committee	
January 28 EA Degree	
February 2020	
February 4 Stated Meeting	
February 11 Sweetheart's Dinner	

From the East (continued)

When someone asks what it is masons do, one answer is "good work within the community." But the very fact that people have to ask should tell you that we can do a better job promoting ourselves. By participating in these events, we can interact directly with other good people in the community. Through this, we can reach good men who should be candidates for our fraternity while not proselytizing to them.

I'm excited to inform the brethren that on Tuesday, January 21st of next year, Hill City will be hosting a panel discussion on the "Hiram Scene" from the third degree of Masonry. During that discussion, informed brethren from the area will share their interpretations about the meaning of the last degree of Masonry. There are a lot of respected Masons lined up for this event, and I'm sure you'll leave that night stimulated in your thinking and understanding of the craft.

If you know master masons from other lodges who seek education and enjoy philosophy through Masonry, please make sure to invite them to visit us that night. Note that only master masons will be allowed to participate.

Half of my year in the east is almost complete, and I wanted to say thank you to the officers and members of the lodge. So many of you work hard to make Hill City outstanding, and I'm proud to be part of the organization you work so hard on. I'm excited to see what else we can do during the second half of the year. I hope to see you then.

Fraternally,
Aaron Evans
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

From the West

Brethren,

With the holiday season in full swing, the Brothers of the lodge have been busy with numerous events. The engagement level at Hill City has been getting better every day and we are seeing excellent turnouts for our lodge activities. If you have not been to the lodge in a while, I encourage you to stop by and visit, even if it is for a short time, we would love to have you!

We had an eventful November with several items worth mentioning. On 11/19, Hill City put on another excellent FC degree for one of our newer Brothers. I am also anticipating some more degrees in the near future. Hill City has a strong degree team and takes pride in their work, we are always looking for new faces and more participation. Please contact myself or any officer of the lodge if you wish to participate in degree work. It is an excellent way to refresh your zeal for Masonry and get back to being active in the Lodge.

We had several Brothers participate in this year's HEB Feast of Sharing on November 26th. It was great to see so many Hill City Brothers there representing the Lodge and giving back to the community.

I would like to invite everyone out for the Past Master's Christmas Dinner coming up on December 10th. Bring your family to enjoy a special Holiday feast prepared by the Past Masters of Hill City, it will be a joyous evening of food, family, and Masonry.

The Christmas Season is truly a time to remember and to be grateful for the blessings we all share. May we always hold and maintain this spirit, in all our undertakings. Be mindful of our gift of family and friends, give thanks for our freedom and faith. To all our Brethren and their families, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fraternally,
Luke Michels,
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

December 2019 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. "Thanks ___!"
5. Insane part filled by a film star
10. Sign of bubonic plague
14. Change
15. Gin Mixer
17. Not extreme
19. Adopted battle formation
20. Grand ___ ("Evangeline" setting)
21. Bottom line
24. "Tarzan" extra
25. Downhill racer
27. Auditory
29. Swelling
33. Propel, in a way
34. Carpentry grooves
36. Falconer's leashes
38. Tall, powerful, and inside arrogant
43. High nest: Var.
44. Encourage speed
46. Flipper
48. Change-your-mind chip
51. Dash
52. Fellows
54. Congratulations, of a sort
56. Calypso offshoot
57. Certain digital watch face, for short
58. Many a young European traveler
63. Teaching specialists
68. Suitably
69. Farm young
70. Affectedly creative
71. Covered carriages
72. Abounding in city shade trees

Down

1. Branch
2. "Fantasy Island" prop star
3. "That's ___ ..."
4. Mary in the White House
5. Treeless plain
6. Put together, as money
7. Data
8. Part of N.Y.C.
9. Advil target
10. Keep out
11. Bliss
12. Check payee, maybe
13. Command
16. Joins
18. Grassland
21. Ground cover
22. Its motto is "Industry"
23. Calf-length skirt
26. Legit
28. Penetrating
30. Big
31. Ornamental flower, for short
32. "Gimme ___!" (start of an Iowa State cheer)
35. Diffident
37. ___ roll
39. "___ we having fun yet?"
40. Barely beat
41. After-dinner selection
42. Disgusting!
45. ___ green
46. Tributary
47. Install at home pipe
49. For all to see
50. Ringgit spenders
52. Part of a puffball
53. Bogus
55. ___ el Amarna, Egypt
59. "Miss ___ Regrets"
60. Hyperbolic Sine
61. Forum wear
62. Abounding
64. Coquettish
65. Costa del ___
66. Cap
67. Arch

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November 2019 Puzzle Solution

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District 50 Happenings

District 50 Happenings (continued)

Communications from District 50

General Information updates:

Austin Valley Scottish Rite Dyslexia Fundraiser:

The Valley of Austin and the Austin Scottish Rite Dyslexia Foundation would certainly appreciate your support during this holiday season in donating any amount you are able to muster towards the efforts of the Foundation, please see the attached links to submit your charitable contribution. In behalf of the Valley and the Foundation we thank you in advance for your generosity!!!

<https://www.srdyslexia.org/>

Masonic Deep Sea Fishing Trip. 2020 Father's Day Deep Sea Fishing Trip!

We are now taking reservations for the 2020 Deep Sea Fishing Trip. A seat on this trip would be the Perfect Christmas gift to give anyone... including yourself! Forward this email to your wife or girlfriend as a subtle hint of what you want for Christmas this year!

The date of the 2020 trip will be, Saturday, June 20th, 2020. This may seem like a long way off. But do not worry! If your schedule changes, you can cancel for a full refund for any reason up to 2 weeks prior to the date of the fishing trip.

Also, on Friday, June 19th (the night before the fishing trip), we will again have a fantastic "Father's Day" Banquet at the Galveston Scottish Rite. Our 2020 Grand Master, Paul Underwood, 2020 Deputy Grand Master and 2020 Grand Senior Warden among many others, are all scheduled to be in attendance! Also as part of the banquet, we will again have a children's talent show. Details on the banquet will come as we move closer to the date.

We have again chartered 2 boats to be able handle the increase of participants. This trip continues to sell out every year. We'd like everyone to be able to enjoy the fellowship on this incredible adventure! However, you must book early to ensure your spot.

This will be THE best Deep Sea Fishing Trip in Texas in 2020!

Dell Children's Hospital Fundraiser

To give a gift in through the Texas Mason's fund:

Click this link: Texas Mason's in support of Dell Children's Medical Center

Under the "Available Endowments" section on the top left, there is a drop down menu that you will pull down to select from. You will choose "Texas Mason's for Dell Children's" (see below):

On this website: 1.Select Choose a Program From the List Select: Texas Masons for Dell Children's2. Enter the amount in the Amount Field Then enter your information3. Enter Payment information4.then hit process. Thank you for Donating!

The Traveling Gavel is at Colorado Lodge.

Upcoming Schedule:

December 16. Monday. Austin Lodge 12 Stated Meeting.

December 16. Monday. Colorado Lodge 96. Stated Meeting.

December 16. Onion Creek 220. FC Degree

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

December 22, Sunday. Charlie Stewart Birthday Party. From Charlie.....How often do you get to celebrate everything you love? well on my (Charlie) Birthday it happens. Masonry & music helping kids with the help of my friends. Bobby Bridger ,John Inmon ,Leeann Atherton in concert to raise money for Dell Children's Hospital Texas Mason Endowment. Great food , Great music! suggested donation 12 Dollars. all proceeds go to the endowment. contact Charlie Stewart 512 731 3543 to RSVP.

4101 Guadalupe St, Austin, Texas 78751. New World Deli. All proceeds will be donated to Dell Children Hospital Texas Mason Endowment. come out and celebrate Charlies' 39th!

2-5pm. 4101 Guadalupe St, Austin, TX 78751. New World Deli.

December 23, Monday through Wednesday Jan1, All Lodges of the District 50 are Dark. Merry Christmas! and Happy New Year 2020!

Obituary

Leroy Eugene Steadman, Jr.

Leroy Eugene Steadman, Jr. passed away peacefully on October 3, 2019 at 88 years of age. Leroy (nick named "Roy Gene" by his mom) was born in Taylor, Texas on September 4, 1931. He is survived by his devoted wife of 68 years, Patricia Rae Barnes and their children: Mark Leroy Steadman & daughter-in-law Suzanne Holman Steadman; Kim Steadman Teich & son-in law Gary Teich. Leroy was blessed with 6 grandchildren: Clinton Bushn, Jennifer Gould (husband Austin Gould), San Marie Dyer (husband Justin Dyer), Kristen Cox (husband Lance Cox), Brandon Steadman, and Melissa Steadman Hart, plus 9 great grandchildren. As the patriarch of our family, he created an amazing legacy, exemplifying sacrificial, unconditional love, and will be dearly missed.

A lifelong Austinite, Leroy graduated from Austin High School, briefly attended Blinn Junior College and The University of Texas before becoming a lineman for Southwestern Bell Telephone. Shortly after marrying Patricia on August 30, 1951, he began his career in the Austin Fire Department and progressed quickly from hose man to become the youngest Captain in the history of the department. In 1980, he earned two associate degrees, one from Blinn and one from Austin Community College. He ultimately became Division Chief (in charge of all on-duty AFD firemen city-wide on his shift), retiring in 1988 with 36 years of service.

Leroy was an excellent athlete and loved playing sports of all kinds including volleyball, tennis, golf, racquetball, water & snow skiing, and bowling. He especially loved spending time at the lake with friends & family and always owned a ski boat. When Mark & Kim were in high school, he was a well-known and beloved figure at football and dance team practices, always with a huge jug of sweet lemon iced tea in his hand. Grandpa's tea was also a favorite of his grandkids, so he had to refill his jug quite often!

After retiring from the fire department, Leroy went to work part-time for UT Recreational Sports until finally retiring for good in 1995. Leroy was a life-long supporter of The University of Texas at Austin and a season ticket holder for football, basketball, volleyball, and baseball games.

Brother Steadman was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on March 17, 1953, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on March 8, 1960, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 26, 1960 at Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A. M. in Austin, Texas. He received his 50 year service award on August 26, 2009 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

Hello my brothers. The distinctive badge of a Freemason is a white lambskin apron. We were given our apron when we were a candidate and instructed to wear it with honor. It is the badge of a mason.

History and mythology have recorded other badges of honor.

The Order of the Golden Fleece was founded in 1429 by Philip the Duke of Burgundy. It was based on an ancient Greek mythological story of Jason and the Argonauts. The golden fleece was the skin of a holy winged ram. The story involves kings, dragons, gold and adventure. Two branches of the order still exist in Spain and Austria. About five years ago I saw the medal in Vienna. I believe the medal for this order was last awarded in 2016.

The Roman Eagle was a prominent symbol used in ancient Rome. Each Roman legion carried a standard with the Roman Eagle on it. Three Legions lost their standards at the Battle of Teutoburg Forest. They spent decades trying to recover the standards.

The Order of the Star was an order of chivalry founded in 1351 by John II of France. It was awarded to knights who proved successful on the battlefield and not to those knights who were successful in tournaments. Recipients received a monthly stipend and were provided housing in retirement. They were sworn not to retreat more than 6 acres breath in battle. This cost the life of 90 knights in 1352.

The Order of the Garter was founded in 1349. It consisted of King Edward III and 25 knights. It promoted reverence and service to God and the pursuit of knowledge, self-reliance, and devotion to hard work.

Each time we put on our aprons, let us think of the oaths we have taken

Fraternally,
Richard Garrett,
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

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Food Committee for January 7th Stated Meeting

Frank Daniel Allard	William Howard Bryant	Ronald Glenn Gamble	Sidney Patrick McDavid
Cecil Lee Anderson	Ty William Carl	Dennis James Hill	William Forrest McFarlin, Jr.
Jeffrey H Armstrong	John Sammis Cole	Robert Gene Housman	John Anthony Padilla
Thomas Bunnell Ayers	Charles David Collier	Sampson Kenneth Jordan	Willard Lee Pannell
Edward Earl Bartel, Jr.	Dale Patrick Ellison	Michael Dean Larkin	Michael Owen Stafford
Kevin Brown	Robert Louis Eschenburg, Jr.	Michael Stephen Lummus	Jason Earl Thomas
			Todd Alan Wesson

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, December 17th 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.