


# The HILL CITY LIGHT

January 2020

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  2020</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;"><b>February 2020</b></p>	<p>One of the first items of business in this new decade is the Grand Lodge of Texas, which we will attend Thursday, Jan. 16th to Saturday the 18th this year. On behalf of the principal officers, thank you for entrusting us with your vote during the session. I'm sure we'll do a good job representing Hill City.</p>																								
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>March 2020</b></p>	<p>In January, Hill City will host a panel discussion on the drama and mystery of the third degree of Masonry. Because I believe that offering education is compelling to potential Masons, I'm excited about the benefits of events such as this.</p>																								
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## From the East (continued)

future generations of Masons and giving us a chance to have fun outside the lodge.

In May, we'll host an open house welcoming the public to join us and learn who we are and what our lodge does. Events such as this are essential because most people don't have many misconceptions about us; they don't know much about us at all.

We'll also be the granting scholarships, awarding charities, recognizing a community builder, and sharing our appreciation through a golden trowel award.

Several of us will also be performing a Hill City redemption of the sixth degree of the Scottish Rite in there too.

We have a lot of work for the next six months, so I request your assistance in building a bigger and better lodge. The lodge isn't you or me, but rather it's what all of us bring to it. Many members of the lodge are helping make the next six months possible, and I feel the most profound appreciation for them.

I hope to see all of you in lodge during January, and again at our February stated meeting.

Fraternally,  
Aaron Evans  
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

## Hill City Email List

Are you subscribed to the Hill City Lodge email list? Do you follow the lodge on Facebook?

Receiving digital communication from the lodge is the best way to stay up-to-date on what's happening in and outside the lodge every week.

To receive our weekly email, go to [hillcitylodge.org](http://hillcitylodge.org) on your computer, and click the link that says "subscribe to our mailing list."

On Facebook, search for "Hill City Masonic Lodge #456" and click the "like" button. Following the lodge on Facebook helps make us more visible to non-members who are searching for Masonry in Austin.

## From the West

Brethren,

I hope you and your family had a wonderful 2019 as well as a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year. My vision for this year is to continue our excellence in our degree work, as well as our charity work; making new Masons, and enjoying the fun that fellowship brings.

This Masonic year is nearly half over and there is still a lot going on. As a Hill City tradition, our Past Masters prepared an outstanding Holiday meal on December 10th for the Lodge. This was a family night complete with entertainment and a fabulous meal of baby back ribs and all the trimmings! We always look forward to this tradition and I would like to thank all of our Past Masters for a great night.

I am anticipating that Hill City will be conferring several degrees in the coming months. We have an EA degree scheduled for January 28th so come on out for a good time and support our new Brother!

As we look forward to a new year let me remind you of some things we were taught when we first began our Masonic journey, these should be constant resolutions for all of us as Masons. In 2020, let's resolve to ever keep in mind the three great duties we assumed when we became Masons; to God, our neighbor, and ourselves. 1. We will refer to God with reverence and ask for his aid in all undertakings. 2. Act upon the square and do unto others as we would have him do unto us. 3. Avoid all irregularity and intemperance which may impair our faculties or debase the dignity of our profession. By reminding ourselves of these things we hope to become better men, Masons, and leaders.

Here's to a prosperous and blessed New Year!

Fraternally,  
Luke Michels,  
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

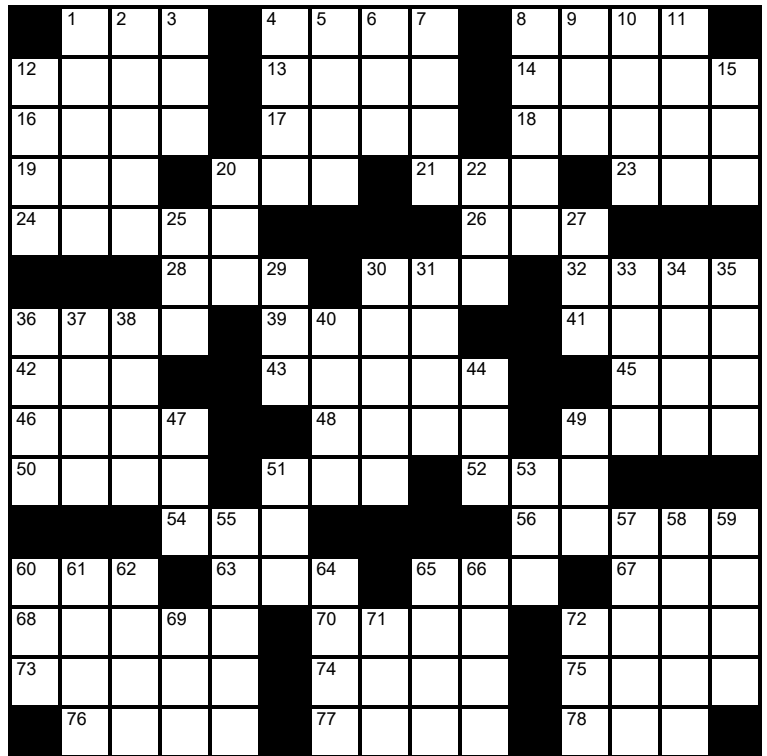
## January 2020 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. "\_\_\_ Maria"
4. Score in a test or exam
8. Falling flakes
12. Again
13. Ashtabula's lake
14. First president to marry while in office
16. Digestion aid
17. Back of the neck
18. In a frigid manner
19. Australian runner
20. Center
21. Old Kandahar coin
23. "\_\_\_ to Billie Joe"
24. Beat
26. Chester White's home
28. Ashes holder
30. Marienbad, for one
32. Mini Balinese buffalo
36. A little night music
39. Boat in "Jaws"
41. Got up from sleep
42. Anger
43. Beauty pageant wear
45. "Catch-22" pilot
46. "Bye now"
48. Garden bloom, informally
49. "Comme ci, comme ça"
50. "The Open Window" writer
51. Accident
52. Control
54. "Fantasy Island" prop
56. Cliffside dwelling
60. "Are we there \_\_\_?"
63. Egg cells
65. Chicken \_\_\_
67. "That's \_\_\_ ..."
68. Flu symptoms
70. Hot drink
72. \_\_\_ fruit
73. Uniform shade
74. 2:00 or 3:00
75. Cooking fat
76. "A Prayer for \_\_\_ Meany"
77. "God's Little \_\_\_"
78. Always, in verse

### Down

1. Cartoon art
2. Membrane left to be removed from parchment
3. "Concentration" pronoun
4. Children's \_\_\_
5. Kuwaiti, e.g.
6. Cheat, slangily
7. Castle part
8. Artificial leg?
9. Big Apple inits.
10. Assortment
11. Fuse
12. "Not on \_\_\_!" ("No way!")
15. "The Catcher in the \_\_\_"
20. "\_\_\_ any drop to drink": Coleridge
22. \_\_\_ Today
25. Pustule's product
27. Deviation
29. "\_\_\_ a chance"
30. Massage target
31. Legal prefix
33. Breakfast area
34. Creole vegetable
35. Ethereal
36. Nervous twitches
37. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
38. Busiest
40. Baltic capital
44. "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
47. Black gold
49. "\_\_\_ moment"
51. AIDS precursor, often
53. Grow, in a way
55. Fluorescent dye
57. Scalawag
58. Do-nothing
59. Cut, maybe
60. Talk, talk, talk
61. Bounce back, in a way
62. Become friendlier
64. Eastern pooh-bah
65. Come down hard
66. Shrek, e.g.
69. Barely get, with "out"
71. "Arabian Nights" men-ace
72. "It's no \_\_\_!"



## December 2019 Puzzle Solution



## Masonic Education !

### The Soul

As soon as I mention the soul, almost all Masons will tell me that it will “Never, ever, ever die.” But here’s a question. What are you doing with yours today ?

Many Masons, including myself, think of the soul as a tiny slice of God, the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Along those lines, the soul could be said to contain certain characteristics in unlimited capacity – imagination, strength of will, peace, wisdom, gratitude, trust and most certainly love, among others. It is only the human aspects in which the soul is intertwined that, to some degree, limit us and tarnish or distort those limitless parts of our souls. Many symbolic lessons in Masonry focus on the ways in which the heavenly elements connect with the earthly or human domain which should make us think about how we manage that interplay in our minds, within and around our own soul. Two stories come to mind that provide some guidance on this.

Many have heard the story of the Native American speaking to his young grandson about two wolves that live within our spirits. One is a strong leader and provider serving his pack. The other is a cruel conniver, attacking the weak and taking care only of himself. When the young boy asks “Which one survives ?” the old man says “The one you feed”.

Another theme sometimes discussed around the founders of start-up companies talks about the critical necessity of knowing and cultivating the soul of the company. In that lesson, the soul of a company is described as having two parts – heart and vision. Heart is the passion and purpose of the company and the values that guide the operation, while the vision is the identification of a goal and the definition of steps by which to reach it. Of course, that soul of a company is not the same as the human soul given by God, but there are parallels. Much of Masonic teaching sets forth the values we inculcate in our Masonic edifice and purposes for our actions. Perhaps the vision part of our soul is to be developed by each Mason for himself, derived from those values, and from the wages earned by the exercise or the craft and by the experiencing of the fraternity.

So we ask, do you spend time consciously developing the vision, values and practices of your soul as a Mason ? Do you have an inner sense of where that Masonic goal is for you and how to get there ?

Do you spend more time feeding the good wolf than the bad wolf ?

Many years ago I was told that prayer is how we tend and cultivate our soul in concert with God. Do you pray for things and conditions of the earthly world or for

## District 50 Happenings

**January 16, 17, 18.** Waco Texas. Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Pre Registration is open.

**January 20.** Monday. Austin Lodge 12 Stated Meeting.

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**January 21.** Tuesday. Scottish Rite Theater. 6:30pm dinner. Masonic Education Interactive Event. A Closer Look at the Hiram Story.

**January 23.** Thursday. MWSA Quarterly Meeting. Hosted by Onion Creek Lodge no. 220. (4th Thursday). A nice dinner will serve at 6:30pm. Elected Officers of each Lodge are summoned for attendance. Open to all Master Masons and Past Masters.

**January 25.** Saturday. Austin Lodge 12, 180th Anniversary celebration. More details to come.

**January 25.** Saturday. Onion Creek Lodge Breakfast Social. 8am- 11:00 am.

**February 25.** Tuesday. IHOP Pancake Day. Biggest Ben Hur Shrine fundraiser of the year for the hospitals! Volunteers needed...Please contact Chuck "Fester" Jones fatboyfab1955@gmail.com 512 797-0718

**February 29.** Saturday. Ben Hur Shrine Nobility Ball.

**April 4.** Saturday. University 1190. Forum & Exam. York Rite, 7th & Lavaca. schedule is in the planning stage and details will be forthcoming.

**April 22.** Wednesday. MWSA Quarterly Meeting hosted by Parsons Lodge no. 222. (4th Wednesday). Dinner will serve at 6:30pm.

**May 9.** Saturday. "Masonic Open House" hosted by Hill City 456. 10am - 3pm at the Scottish Rite. Live Music, BBQ, and Informative presentations. Open, Public event. The Lodges and Appendant bodies of the District 50 will be part of this event. More details forthcoming.

## Masonic Education ! (continued)

renewed blessings of the Godly elements already in your soul ? Do you pray to better shape how you are in the world, rather than how the world is for you ? Consider that question regarding one of the most popular and enduring prayers seen in many circles.

God, grant me Serenity to accept the things I cannot change, Courage to change the things I can, and Wisdom to know the difference.

## Obituary

### George Warren Botbyl

The family pillar and loving father George Warren Botbyl, 88, has gone to be with his Lord and Savior in heaven. He journeyed upward in the arms of loving angels on Friday, December 20, 2019. George was born to Marjorie and George in Glen Ridge, NJ, and is survived by his four children and their families, Gregory and Karen Botbyl, Katherine and William St. Jean, Linda Branham and Tim Kihnel, and Douglas Botbyl. He was an excellent grandfather to his nine grandchildren: Jacqueline, Jeremiah, Andrew, Jeffrey, Joshua, Kimberly, John-Michael, Bridget, Trent, and four great grandchildren: Asha, Aiden, Tabitha, and Cooper. Also survived by his younger brother Allan and his wife Joan.

George graduated from the United States Naval Academy and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force to become a pilot and see the world. During pilot training he met and married his Texas sweetheart Billie Lee Moeser who helped raise the children and complemented his 30 years of service. Retiring from the Air Force they returned to their residence in Austin, Texas where George continued his professional career as a professor at The University of Texas Center of Space Research.

Upon final retirement they enjoyed traveling to visit their children and grandchildren across the country, while George stayed active in financial planning, walking with his many close friends, and socializing with his coffee group.

He will be missed by family and friends for his encouragement, guidance, and as a positive role model to all.

Brother Johnson was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on November 27, 1956, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on March 30, 1957 and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on June 4, 1957 in New Jersey. Brother Botbyl affiliated with Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F. & A. M. in Austin, Texas on June 3, 1986. He received his 50 year service award on November 14, 2006 and his 60 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

Hello Brothers.

Have you ever sat in a Hill City Lodge stated meeting, looked to the Southwest corner, and wondered who is that good looking man? No, I'm not talking about Brother Oscar Orum. I'm talking about the other distinguished-looking man in the stained glass picture. He looks so handsome and well-dressed and has a great mustache. That man is Samuel P. Cochran. He was born In 1855 in Lexington Kentucky and graduated as valedictorian of his high school class in 1873. (There is also a bronze statue of him on the lawn at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Dallas.) His first church affiliation was the Presbyterian Church and then later he was in the Christian Science Church in Dallas. He chose the business of insurance for his career but also earned a law degree and again was valedictorian of his class. Outside of his business interest he devoted much of his time to Freemasonry.

Brother Cochran became a Freemason in 1880. He was instrumental in organizing the Dallas Scottish Rite Cathedral, the Home for Aged Masons in Dallas and the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for crippled children. He was Grand Master of Texas Masons. He received honors in many different organizations such as Order of the Eastern Star, DeMolays, Shriners, York Rite, and the Royal Order of Scotland. He was responsible for establishing the Scottish Rite dormitory at the University of Texas. (Brother Ralph Wayne is now the supervisor of the Scottish Rite dormitory.)

Every time I look at his stained glass picture I wonder how one man accomplished so much. I will never be able to contribute to our Brotherhood as much as this man has done. Maybe each one of us can do one more project for the fraternity we cherish. It is maybe as small as a phone call to a Brother who needs to hear a caring voice. Or it might be something that will affect our brothers after we are gone.

Do just one more good deed.

Fraternally,  
Richard Garrett,  
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

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## Food Committee for February 4th Stated Meeting

Stanley Chester Anderson	Clarence Joe Haney	Paul Melvin McCarty, Jr.	Kenneth Christian Nicolas
Donald D. Beach	John Ross Hepburn	B. Rex Melton	Michael Blake Olson
Roberto Salinas Cantu	Huie H. Lamb, Jr.	Chad Wright Miller	William Oscar Orum
Kenneth Wayne Evans	Robert Leon Ligon, Jr.	Richard Scott Miller	Lavan Riley Parker, Jr.
	Charles Edward Maddox		

### Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, January 21st 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.