


The HILL CITY LIGHT

March 2020

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M.C.	Doug Freyburger, P.M.	<u>Stated Meeting:</u> First Tuesday at 7:30 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm		
Tiler	Dennis Hill, P.M.	<u>Called Meetings:</u> Other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm		

Work Schedule	From the East
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March 2020		<p>Greetings Brethren,</p> <p>It was a pleasure to see everyone at the March stated meeting. Later this month, I hope you can join us for a family night on March 17th as we present Grand Lodge Service Awards.</p> <p>Not everyone who is receiving an award will be able to attend that night, so I'd like to recognize them all here. Brs. Robert Germadnik, Gerard Brohman, Pierce Darnell, James Hurt, and Leslie Law have reached 50 years in their Masonic career. Having achieved 60 years of service to Masonry, we have Brs. Huie Lamb, Leroy Steadman, Robert Stone, Robert Schmidt, Carl Templeton, and Fred Crooks.</p> <p>I know some of them aren't able to travel to Hill City to see us that night, but we'll be thinking of them and have them with us in spirit.</p> <p>Following the 50/60 years awards, Hill City will be busy with degrees and degree practice for the rest of March and April. We are fortunate the lodge has been able to perform so many degrees recently. I appreciate all the brothers who have helped serve in those degrees and were able to spend time practicing for them. It is thanks to your hard work we're able to maintain a vibrant lodge and keep each other improving in Masonry.</p>
March 3	Stated Meeting	
March 10	MM Degree	
March 17	Grand Lodge Awards Family Night	
March 24	FC Degree Practice	
March 31	FC Degree	
April 2020		
April 7	Stated Meeting	
April 14	FC Degree	
April 21	MM Degree Practice Food Committee	
April 28	MM Degree Practice	
May 2020		
May 5	Stated Meeting	

From the East (continued)

As a reminder, the kitchen is closed for renovation starting March 18th. Stewards won't even have access to it for making tea, so please be patient and keep your expectations within due bounds.

Be sure to thank the stewards and everyone else in the kitchen for the hard work, next time you're passing by.

The next family night after March will be in May when the lodge is granting scholarships to students of Austin, and we'll be awarding a Lamar medal. I hope everyone will plan on being there.

I assume everyone reading this aware of the ongoing concerns around COVID-19 (also known as "Coronavirus"). Having looked into the recommendations for how organizations such as ours should be taking precautions, it still makes sense for now to continue our currently scheduled agenda.

However, I would like the lodge to be especially mindful of the situation. Because of the age of our membership and the roles both fellowship and dinner play, our organization has particular vulnerabilities. Those who feel sick should stay home, and the rest of us should diligently wash our hands.

I have attempted to procure hand sanitizer to make available on Tuesdays, but it has been impossible to obtain so far. Given this situation, everyone should respect their individual needs: those with weak immune systems or similar factors shouldn't feel obligated to attend lodge. And those who don't feel healthy shaking hands with everyone should feel comfortable if they only want to bump elbows or avoid contact.

By taking sensible precautions, hopefully, we can continue to enjoy each other's fraternity without unfortunate issues arising from it.

Fraternally,
Aaron Evans
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

From the West

Brethren,

February was a month of celebration and continued progress at Hill City Lodge. On February 11th we hosted a Sweetheart Dinner to celebrate those special people in our lives with food and fellowship. The Stewards prepared an exceptional meal of baked fish with all the sides and desserts to follow.

On Tuesday, February 25th we had an EA turn-in followed by a MM degree practice. The lodge will be conducting a MM degree on March 10th, I would like to invite any Hill City members to come join us as we raise our newest Master Mason. The lodge also welcomed two visitors who were interested in Masonry. It's always great to see new faces and we look forward to seeing them again.

Our March stated meeting was a special one. We welcomed the new District 50 DDGM and Hill City PM, Bob Wheelless, for his first official visit. The meeting was preceded by a fabulous BBQ feast with brisket and all the trimmings.

As we move into early spring, I am reminded that the business of the lodge is steadily picking up with degrees and would be candidates submitting, or thinking of submitting, their petitions. As we have already heard, this is a good problem to have. As we continue to grow our fraternity I encourage our newly accepted brothers to jump in and learn different aspects of freemasonry. This is done by volunteering whenever possible when the need arises. So with that said let's have a great year of fellowship and brotherly love for one another.

Fraternally,
Luke Michels,
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

March 2020 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. "Not to mention ..."
5. Big cheese
9. After refurbishment, close platform
14. Advance
15. Compound found in urine, synthesized as a fertilizer
16. Book in a mosque
17. ___-bodied
18. Cost of living?
19. Origins of human life
20. Manufacture church service in favor of Mussolini
23. Make sense, with "up"
24. Be bombastic
25. Nasal drip
27. "Duck soup!"
30. Brickwork that fills the spaces between studs or framing members.
33. Berth place
36. "A rat!"
38. Consider again
39. Carbonium, e.g.
40. Gorge
42. Marienbad, for one
43. Need a refill
45. Bubkes
46. Check
47. Ready
49. Convene
51. Snake, e.g.
52. Cuban dance
56. Sylvester or Stimpy
58. Moral instruction
62. 180, so to speak
64. Bad habit, so to speak
65. Bakery buy
66. Automaton
67. "Aeneid" figure
68. Arabic for "commander"
69. Three-sided swords
70. Contact, e.g.
71. Houston university

Down

1. "Remember the ___!"
2. Of a lobe
3. Chip dip
4. Ballroom dance
5. Vice president under Jefferson
6. Sundae topper, perhaps
7. E-mail, e.g.
8. General Motors division
9. Window-washing aid
10. Away
11. Smoothest
12. Enrich, in a way
13. "Idylls of the King" character
21. ___ green
22. Amused chuckle
26. "Bleah!"
28. Iodine source
29. "Are we there ___?"
31. Back of the neck
32. Fat unit
33. "Dear" ones
34. Boor
35. Waterside ride
37. Connections
40. Nail polish removers, e.g.
41. Order between "ready" and "fire"
44. "Fantasy Island" prop
46. Job for a speech coach
48. Twaddle
50. Victorian, for one
53. Algonquian tribe member
54. Kind of acid
55. Cavern, in poetry
56. Fix
57. Above
59. Can
60. Clickable image
61. British tax
63. ___ v. Wade

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February 2020 Puzzle Solution

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District 50 Happenings

Upcoming Schedule

March 16. Monday. Austin Lodge no. 12 Stated Meeting. The Grand Master, Paul Underwood will be received by the Lodge on his official visit. Dinner is 6:30pm. The stated meeting will be in the Theater.

March 16. Monday. Colorado Lodge no. 96 Stated Meeting. Webberville Texas. stated meeting dinner at 6:30.

March 18. Wednesday. 3rd Wednesdays is either Lonestar Chapter Stated Convocation or Austin Council Stated Assembly, the calendar would be best to know which is which month. York Rite Temple, supper @ 6:30pm, Stated at 7:30pm

March 21 Saturday- Chapter & Council Degrees (Temple) Please contact Raul Scully at (512) 826-9490 if you are interested in carpooling to the event.

8:00am: Mark Master Degree starts!

Mar. 24. Tuesday. Chapter/Council Practice Night. 6:30pm: The Temple will be open for practice. After 6pm there is no meter charge to park downtown!

March 28. Saturday. Order of Eastern Star "Spaghetti & More" Luncheon Fundraiser.

Crestview Baptist Church 11-2pm. For more information , contact Elbert Franks at 512 247 2474 or drop him an email at efranks@austin.rr.com

April 1. Wednesday. Austin Valley Scottish Rite Stated Meeting. 6:30 pm at the Theater, 18th & Lavaca.

April 2. Thursday. Onion Creek Lodge no. 220 Stated Meeting. Past Masters Night. BBQ Brisket & trimmings serves at 6:30pm.

April 2. Thursday. University Lodge no. 1190 Stated Meeting. DDGM Official Visit. York Rite. Dinner serves at 6:30pm.

April 4. Saturday. York Rite, 7th & Lavaca. Committee on Work forum hosted by University lodge no 1190.

8:00 AM: A light breakfast will be available before the forum

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM: The Forum begins with Committee on Work member RW Keith Reynolds at the helm.

District 50 Happenings (continued)

April 4. Saturday. Grand Master's Conference. Austin Texas. Ben Hur Shrine. 7800 Rockwood Lane. 3pm to 5pm.

April 7. Tuesday. Hill City Lodge no. 456 Stated Meeting. SRCT. Dinner serves at 6:39 pm.

April 18. Saturday. Onion Creek Lodge no. 220 Breakfast Social. 8am-11am—All U can Eat Breakfast fundraiser. 7.00 a plate, kids 12 and under and 1st Responders & Law enforcement are Free.

April 20. Monday. Colorado Lodge no. 96 Stated Meeting. DDGM Official Visit. Traveling Gavel night. Dinner serves at 6:30 pm.

April 22, 2020. Wednesday. MWSA Quarterly Meeting hosted by Parsons Lodge no. 222. (4th Wednesday). Dinner serves at 6:30pm.

April 26. Saturday. University Lodge no. 1190 Fundraiser Skeet Shoot. The tickets are 200 each, it is a full morning event with Lunch served. It is at the Austin gun club. To get tickets and more information, contact Fernando Albornoz (512 797 8842) .

May 9. Saturday. "Masonic Open House" hosted by Hill City 456, Austin Lodge 12, and the Scottish Rite Austin Valley.. 10am - 3pm at the Scottish Rite Theater.. 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.

May 9. Saturday. 11am-9pm—GM Paul D. Underwood Homecoming Banquet. Blanco Texas. \$75.00 RSVP tickets.

July 28, 2020. Tuesday. MWSA Quarterly Meeting hosted by Hill City Lodge no. 456. (4th Tuesday). Dinner will serve at 6:30 pm.

Scottish Rite Fellowship Hall

The temple in Jerusalem is one of several structures located at various times on the Temple Mount in the old city of Jerusalem. It functioned as a site of ancient Israelite and later Jewish worship. The first temple was built by King Solomon and was the only place of Israelite sacrifice. It replaced the Tabernacle in the Sinai desert as well as other local sanctuaries and alters in the hills. King David had a sacrificial altar on the Temple Mound before the temple was built. The temple was built in the 10th century B.C. Its most precious artifact was the Ark of the Covenant. This first temple was destroyed in 586 B. C. by the Babylonians who took the Jewish people into captivity.

Cyrus the Great defeated Babylonian Empire and gave permission for the Jewish people to return to their homeland and rebuild the temple. It took about twenty one years to complete the second temple in the year 515 B.C

In the year 332 B.C., the Jewish people refused to acknowledge that Alexander the Great was a god. He decided to destroy the temple, but was persuaded by flattery and diplomacy not to. Herod undertook a massive renovation of the second temple about the year 20 BC. Of course by this time the Roman Empire ruled the so-called known world. The Romans imposed harsh restrictions on the Jewish religion. There was even a statue of Zeus erected in the temple. The Jewish nation rose in revolt against the Roman Empire. The Romans destroyed the temple in 70 A. D.

After a siege of Jerusalem and Jews were banned from Jerusalem. As we all know the Jews returned after World War II and a new Jewish nation was created in 1948. In 1967 during the Six-Day War the Jews captured the entire old city of Jerusalem from Jordan and again had access to the Temple Mount.

So we had a first temple and a second temple. A large question remains concerning the construction of a third Temple. Orthodox Judaism believes and prays that a Third Temple will be constructed. Some Christian groups believe that a third Temple is to be built before the second coming of Jesus Christ. I do not have a thorough understanding of all these beliefs. But I do think that Freemasons are in a true sense rebuilding the Third Temple within our hearts.

Fraternally,
Richard Garrett,
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

The Larger Charge

At several times, in building his Masonic edifice, a Mason is given a *charge* in which the values and principles that define being a Mason are expressed in rather succinct instructions. The first, and possibly simplest, charge is given after the conferring Master of the Lodge has asked the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the blessings and “competency” that will enable the new Mason to live up to these subsequent charges, and he has successfully completed the “forms and ceremonies”. He is simply instructed “ever to walk and act as such” only to begin a lifetime of figuring out what that really means. After that, each degree ceremony is completed by a longer, more comprehensive charge, and the Mason experiences additional charges in being installed as a Lodge Officer and on other occasions. We said earlier that these charges are succinct instructions and it is true that they sound that way. But is that really all ?

We very often talk about symbols and symbolic learning in Masonry, in which an iconic symbol, word or phrase represents not just a small denotative meaning but a connection to a much larger body of thought or knowledge. That symbolic knowledge is synthesized from all we read and experience in Masonry, especially through discussion and sharing among our Brethren. It grows over years and decades and we understand that our enrichment through symbolic learning never really ends. Why should this idea not apply to each and every one of the charges placed upon us ?

If the charges were just those words and instructions, could a Mason “check the box” indicating that he had fulfilled one of these charges or even a part of one ? Or, just as we spend a lifetime building our Masonic edifice, do we continue to define, refine and expand that sense of what we must do, going forward, to best exemplify the Masonic ideal. Surely it is a personal matter, just as each Mason has his individual understanding of the vast subject of Masonry and his own blessings and cable tow. But this Mason does believe that we all should strive to move forward and grow, not satisfied with the degrees we have, the esoteric work we can recite, the history of Masons we understand, or any aspect of past Masonic service, projects and accomplishments. And, perhaps it is necessary that we extend our sense of Masonic charges, in their symbolic forms, to the greater world around us.

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Food Committee for April 7th Stated Meeting			
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David Edward Ferguson	George Curtis Holland, Jr.	Michael William Roy	Weldon L. Welch

Food Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, March 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.