


The HILL CITY LIGHT

July 2022

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<p align="center">July 2022</p>	<p>Greetings Brethren,</p> <p>I hope all are doing well this month and new Masonic year. I want to thank all those who attended and joined us for this year's Installation of officers. For those of you who were not able to attend, we kicked off the night off with some great BBQ cooked by Brother Robert Eschenburg and some amazing cobbler made by Brother Robert Darrel. The installation was started with the flag presentation by the Colorado Commandry followed up by the Ceremony of Light which was presented by Master Councilor Jared Quidlat, from Teddy Roosevelt DeMolay Chapter. I had personally never seen any of these ceremonies before, so it was a treat to be able to watch these be performed this year. In addition, I would like to congratulate all who were installed this year. Since I have been a part of this lodge, I have seen several younger guys join. It's actually really nice to see the number of new members grow. It's also pretty hard to believe that probably half of the consistently attending members became Masons after I was raised. I am happy to have y'all as Brothers and I can't wait to be at each and every one of your installations.</p> <p>I talked a little about what my ideas were for this masonic year at this months stated meeting. I know not all Hill City Brothers can attend so I figured I would write a little about what I had in mind. I would like to focus on community out reach for the</p>																										
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following year. This could be either our lodge getting together to do community service, or it could be our lodge getting together to promote what we do here at Hill City as Texas Masons. I believe they both go hand in hand. I would like us to do as many things outside of the lodge room as we can. I brought this up to the lodge this past week and I was glad to see many suggestions on what we can do to promote ourselves. Feast of Sharing is one of my favorite events we had done in the past several years. I remember showing up for our designated time block and enjoying it so much that I stayed longer than I needed to. The beach cleanup was another great event that we can do again this year. I loved seeing all of us Masons out there wearing our Hill City shirts and cleaning up trash! Not only was it a good experience for the lodge and community, but it was a great bonding experience for all those who attended. There are so many ideas we have that they will not be able to fit in this new letter, but the last thing I want to mention is the open house we have every single year. I don't think I have ever seen more than four people attend an open house. I would like this year's open house to be filled with people asking questions and getting to know us. We have plenty of time to start working on ideas to make all these ideas a reality. Lastly, I would like to initiate a Hill City social every so often. Brother Nate Stilwell put together our first social night a few months back at a pool hall. Several Masons showed up, not just from Hill City, and it had great reviews. Please be on the lookout for the next event which should be coming soon. We will post about it in the monthly newsletters and I hope we can keep growing the attendance. Together we can undo the damage that Covid has done to our lodge and all lodges in Texas. Please be safe and I hope to see you at next month's stated meeting.

Fraternally,

Elan Mendoza
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

From the West

Hello Brethren,

My Brothers of Hill City Lodge, I would like to thank you for entrusting me with guarding the West Gate for the ensuing Masonic year.

What makes you a Mason? If you don't know the answer to this question, then you need to take a more active role in Lodge or simply reach out to your fellow brothers. I and many other members of Lodge would be happy to help you. Being a Mason is more than just being a member. The words that you swore before the Holy Alter of Free Masonry are an oath to live by. How can you live by words that you no longer remember? My phone number is 361-290-3440. Call me anytime and I will help you regain the knowledge that you once knew. Remember the pride that you felt when you first took these oaths. You can have that feeling again.

We are our Brothers keeper. Much more than a simple group of men that meet and eat dinner. We are a group of friends and Brothers that mentor each other, help each other lead a life of moral rectitude. I am that true and trusty friend that you can rely on and Hill City Lodge is full of good men are always there for you. Don't make that journey through your life by yourself, because you don't have to.

This is my wish for you: comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes, rainbows to follow the clouds, laughter to kiss your lips, sunsets to warm your heart, hugs when spirits sag, beauty for your eyes to see, friendships to brighten your being, faith so that you can believe, confidence for when you doubt, courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth, love to complete your life.

Respectfully and with Brotherly love your friend,

Fraternally,

Hilton Crocker, P.M.
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

July 2022 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Arctic ____
6. Marienbad, for one
9. Lays out
14. ____ State (Arkansas nickname)
15. "____ Town Too" (1981 hit)
16. Purgative, emetic
17. Runs a computer
20. Always, in verse
21. Sinew
22. Soave, e.g.
23. Cut down
24. "Tarzan" extra
26. A religious victim
29. Related to land
34. vera
35. VIP from Kabul, say
36. Born, in Le
37. It is neither heated nor chilled
41. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
42. Contents of Pandora's box
43. Bone-dry
44. Reserved
46. Applesauce or humus
48. "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
49. Copper
50. Aroma
53. Staying power?
56. Hawaiian dish
59. Important facts
62. Cleans up, in a way
63. Fantasy movie FX
64. Ear part
65. Beat (out)
66. Consumes
67. Corpulent

Down

1. "O" in old radio lingo
2. Endure
3. The America's Cup trophy, e.g.
4. Balloon filler
5. Not messily
6. Like a new coin
7. Await judgment
8. Cornstarch brand
9. E or G, e.g.
10. Echo
11. Abominable Snowman
12. Black cat, maybe
13. "____ here"
18. Binge
19. Huntsman
23. Check
25. Legal prefix
26. Some bays
27. "Home ____"
28. Fowl place
29. Copious
30. Orders to plow horses
31. Accustom
32. Cliffside dwelling
33. Demands
35. During
38. Makeup, e.g.
39. Bounces
40. Bakery buy
45. Freshen
46. "Frasier" actress Gilpin
47. World Heritage Site org.
49. The true skin
50. Beehive, e.g.
51. Lover of Aeneas
52. "Miss ____ Regrets"
54. Carve in stone
55. Half human and half cobra
56. Durable wood
57. Wood sorrels
58. "Cast Away" setting
60. "Acid"
61. Bar bill

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June 2022 Puzzle Solution

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What Do We Know ?

What do we know, except for what we've experienced? Yet, still, each perception is muddled with our own biases, crude assumptions, and prejudices that further separates us from whole truths. Understanding this concept, how could we come to believe that we know even something, the smallest thing, about anything??? Save, unless we have personally experienced it in some way.

Yes, we are speculative Masons, yet, we mustn't become instruments of vulgar speculation! Nor should one speculate solely upon the moral teachings we receive in our lodges or in the highest roles of community but, become operative in our practice of Masonic teachings in the behaviors of all areas of life, both public, and private. As we grasp this concept, combined with understanding the power of lived experience, we can obtain further light in Masonry. We may learn to push ourselves to be true and Bonafede roles of community but, become operative in our practice of Masonic teachings in the behaviors of all areas of life, both public, and private. As we grasp this concept, combined with understanding the power of lived experience, we can obtain further light in Masonry. We may learn to push ourselves to be true and Bonafide Master Masons, as many are not quite yet, though they bare the title.

We learn most of our lessons in life from the lived experience and nothing teaches more profundity. From blood, and tears, and failure, to successfully harvesting, tasting the fruits of our labor and the sweet sweat of the brow, may we continue to hone, sharpen, and refine our works, further exalting our skills on the rough road on the way to becoming master craftsmen.

We sometimes fail to remember that Father Time doesn't always wait until we are fully equipped with the skills necessary for our next station in life before bestowing the responsibilities. And while holding office of any kind, one may be relieved of official duties, we, as men and Masons, will never be relieved of our obligations.

Therefore, we must assume each role in life in the same way that we assume our jewels in the lodge room. We must put them on!

We must wear them and act them out upon the world stage in the same way that Masons know they should ever meet and act.

So Mote It Be.

By Tanner Dennis

From the South

Brethren,

Brethren! I'm honored to serve at Hill city lodge as the Junior Warden. Last year was certainly a full one as senior deacon. And It has been wonderful to see so many new master masons at Hill city! We have a strong group of men coming up through the line. And this will only help to strengthen our lodge and community. Speaking of community..., I encourage everyone to support our worshipful master in the various community building events he has planned. We must be the examples of what makes a society function cohesively. Not only in lodge but in our day to day lives. How you treat others, always reflects back on you. Treating people in any other way than with integrity and civility, shows weakness and fear. And we desperately need these values to be held in the highest regard if we expect to move forward together as a society. I hear about the perceived division within the country and how its tearing America apart. I hear about divisions within lodge, and how they are forcing masonry into stagnation and ruin. Brothers, we must overcome our negative unenlightened mentalities and lead others to do the same. If we are to restore our fraternity and our nation. We must be the light of reason within the darkness of ignorance and intolerance. And we must fight tyranny with vigilance as it is ever-present and threatens our institutions and laws. The country is filled with cowardly "Yes" men, who would rather someone else do the thinking for them. Who go along with others without knowing the facts or details. Perhaps because it is convenient or requires less involvement or thought. While it is pleasant to cheerfully conform, it is our duty to correct moral wrongs and set things right. Which may not always be the popular choice. But that is the charge of the freemason, and the obligation that sets him apart from the profane world. So, in short, may brotherly love prevail! And ignorance, intolerance, and tyranny die in darkness.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Nate Stilwell,
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

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July Birthdays			
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Richard Lynn Bardin	Clive Noil Hartsfield, III	Olan A. Kelley, Jr.	Douglas Gene Peschka
Patrick Ryan Carroll	Sammy Edward Henson	Scrappy King	James Stanley Schmidt
Robert Ammann Cullen, Jr.	Stanford Walter Henson	Kent Dawson Kinkade	Charles James Stewart
Aaron Spencer Evans	Bryan Patrick Jordan	Nicholas Sammons Maulding	Joseph E. Touchet
Edward I. Franks			Wilbur Robert Valentine

Important Announcement Regarding COVID-19

We have fully reinstated meals. Austin is now at level 2 Covid stage.

Masks and hand sanitizer will be provided for those who want them
 Stay healthy and have a blessed New Year.

Food Committee is suspended until we are able to reconvene.