

# The HILL CITY LIGHT

November 2022

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2022

Stated Meeting: First Tuesday at 7:30 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

Called Meetings: Other Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Dinner at 6:30 pm

## Work Schedule

### November 2022

November 1	Stated Meeting DDGM Visit
November 8	EA Practice
November 15	Veterans Day Flag Program
November 22	Dark
November 29	FC Turn-in

### December 2022

December 6	Stated Meeting
December 13	Past Master's Dinner
December 20	MM Practice
December 27	Dark

### January 2023

January 3	Stated Meeting
January 10	MM Practice
January 17	MM Degree
January 24	EA Practice

## From the East

Greetings Brethren,

I hope all are doing well this month. I don't know how it happened, but the holidays are here already. It seems like installation was just last month and yet we are already about to celebrate Thanksgiving. Since this year is moving so fast, I would like to thank all brethren who have been helping to make this year a great year for getting new candidates initiated as well as helping out other EA and FC brethren move forward with their work. It means a lot to me to see each and every one of you all work together to help the future of our lodge. I have noticed that we have more newer members at our called meetings than we have masonic veterans. It's great to watch out lodge grow exponentially. When I joined, I would hear stories about how back in the day so and so was Worshipful Master and one of the masonic veterans would chime in and say "I remember that". Every time something like that happens, I think to myself that these masonic veterans have been together for years and decades and know each other well. It wasn't until recently that I noticed I'm forming that same bond with some of these newer guys and in 20 or 30 years we will be the masonic veterans. Our fraternity is a living thing that will always grow and change, and it is our job to keep our lodge alive. I think we are all doing a great job of that.

## From the East (continued)

This past stated meeting we had our visit from Rite Worshipful David Tide Williams, our District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic district number 50 of the most worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas.

As usual, he gave us the Grand Masters message which is similar to what I have in mind for this masonic year. Community outreach. One part of his message has been in my head ever since and it was something similar to how back in the day, Masons were looked up to in the community and now these days most people don't really even know we exist. This is a very true statement, and it really makes me sad. It is why I have wanted to focus on community outreach for my year. Not only would I like to see more brethren join our fraternity, but I would also like to see our community understand who and what we are. I know we have all had someone who just happened to notice our ring say something along the lines of "are you illuminati?" or "you're in a cult?". Wouldn't it be nice if everyone in our community knew about the scholarships we provide, the awards we give or the community service we volunteer for? The most community outreach we do the most people learn about the good we do, not just for ourselves but for our community.

That being said, a good way to start the community outreach is by helping us out at HEB's Feast of Sharing. A good number of people from our lodge have signed up to volunteer their time at this amazing event. For those who don't know what the Feast of Sharing is, it is an event that HEB sponsors where thanksgiving meals are cook and served to the less fortunate. We volunteer our time by prepping, serving and cleaning up during the event. It's events like this that really show the community what we are all about. Feast of Sharing is on November 22nd, which is a Tuesday that is dark for us. I hope to see a good amount of you there! I hope you get to enjoy family this holiday season and please be safe commuting to where ever it is that you are going!

Fraternally,  
Elan Mendoza  
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

## From the West

Hello Brethren All,

I hope this article finds you doing well. I have not been to Lodge for over a month because of health problems.

The symbolic reference to the corner stone of a material edifice, when, at his initiation, the Mason commences the moral and intellectual task of erecting a spiritual temple, in his heart, is designed to impress the idea of acquiring all the qualities that are necessary to constitute a well formed, true and trusty corner stone. The squareness of its surface is emblematic of moral force. Its cubic form is emblematic of virtue and holiness; showing that the ceremony in the northeast corner in the Lodge, was undoubtedly intended to portray the necessity of integrity and stability of conduct; of truthfulness and uprightness of character, and of purity and holiness of life; which just at that time, and in that place, the candidate was most impressively charged to maintain.

In Masonic symbolism the corner signifies a true Mason, and is the first character which the apprentice is made to represent after his initiation has been completed. As every Mason understands, the corner stone is the stone which lays at the corner of two walls, and forms of an edifice. As to its form, it should be perfectly square on its surface, and in its solid contents, it cube. Now, the square is the symbol of morality, and the cube ,of truth. In its situation, it lies between the north, the place of darkness, and the east, the place of light, and hence, this position symbolizes the Masonic progress from darkness to, and from ignorance to knowledge. The permanence and durability of the corner stone, which lasts long after decay, is intended to remind the Mason that when this earthly house of his tabernacle shall have passed away, he has within, a full foundation of eternal life, and a corner stone of immortality, of an emanation from their Devine spirit which pervades all nature, and which therefore must survive the two and rise, triumphant and eternal, above the decaying dust of the grave. The stone, when deposited in its appropriate place, is carefully examined with the necessary implements of operative Masonry, the square, the level, and the plum, all symbolic in meaning, and its, then declared to be well formed, true and trusty. Thus the Mason is taught that his virtues sre to be tested by temptation and trial, by suffering and adversity, before they can pronounced by the Master Builder of souls, to be materials worthy of the spiritual building of eternal life, as like a stone, "for that House not. made by Hands eternal in the Heavens. "

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

## November 2022 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. Coin opening
5. Sprays
10. "Check this out!"
14. Beep
15. Put to rest, as fears
16. Berry in
17. Creole vegetable
18. Despot's duration
19. Oil source
20. Live TV Marconi devised? He installed diode perhaps
23. Crowded
24. Downy duck
25. Breastbones
28. Dog-eared
30. Sundae topper, perhaps
31. Persian potates
33. J. Edgar Hoover's org.
36. In theory it should never stop
40. Blue hue
41. Mix quickly
42. Soon, to a bard
43. Pedal pushers
44. Units of appreciation?
46. Dislike, and then some
49. Glove material
51. Far worse problem for lookers
57. Bite
58. Allegation
59. "Don't bet \_\_\_!"
60. \_\_\_-European
61. Scarlett O'Hara, e.g.
62. Baby
63. Dermatologist's concern
64. Distributed, with 'out'
65. Halftime lead, e.g.

### Down

1. Advance, slangily
2. 100,000 rupees
3. Shrek, e.g.
4. Pendant gem shape
5. Breakfast bowlful
6. Bread spreads
7. Dior creation
8. O. Henry's "The Gift of the \_\_\_"
9. Harmony
10. Meat tenderizer ingredient found in papayas
11. Almost boil
12. Restorative
13. Kitchen counter?
21. Checkers, e.g.
22. Left-hand page
25. Absorbs, with "up"
26. Arduous journey
27. Mysterious: Var.
28. Go afoot
29. Electrical unit
31. Exec
32. Consumes
33. D.C. al \_\_\_ (musical direction)
34. Benefit
35. Getaway spots
37. Decorative jugs
38. Not just "a"
39. Pay attention
43. Blanket on
44. Swarmed
45. "That's \_\_\_ ..."
46. Bit of high jinks
47. College cap
48. Ranch staff
49. Commandment word
50. Handy
52. Part of a nuclear arsenal, for short
53. Delight
54. "Idylls of the King" character
55. Be a rat
56. Eye affliction

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## October 2022 Puzzle Solution

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## Obituary

### David S. Solverson May 17, 1928 – October 29, 2022

David S. Solverson, 94, passed away on Saturday, October 29, 2022, with his wife by his side at his home in Manchaca, Texas. David was born on May 17, 1928, in La Crosse Wisconsin to Nelia and Stanley Solverson. He joined the Air Force in 1947 and spent 20 plus years in many different locations. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked for AT&T for 23 years. David was a member of the Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220 and the Ben Hur Shrine Temple for close to 50 years.

He met his wife Barbara in 1955 in Rome, New York while he was stationed at Griffiss Air Force Base. They were married in September 1956 and then went to Okinawa in 1957 where they had three children.

David is survived by his wife Barbara and sister Liz Bingham of York, PA,, children Kathy Solverson, Karen Miller and husband Jimmy and Keith Solverson. He is also survived by four grandsons, Lonnie, Scott and Curtis Miller and Christopher Parker, five great granddaughters, two great grandsons and many nieces and nephews. They had a very happy marriage for 66 years and David will be missed very much by his family.

Brother David S. Solverson was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on December 13, 1965, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on January 17, 1966, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on February 28, 1966 at Galilei-George Washington Lodge No. 810A, Am. Can Grand Lodge in Germany. Brother Solverson became a plural member of Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F.& A.M. on August 02, 2011.

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.

## Masonic Education

### **The Spirit of Giving in Theory and Practice**

The Supreme Grand Architect is a giver, giving all, giving life. Though, we, do not give life in the same way, when we give, charitably, our time, love, or relief of destitution to worthy Brothers, we provide life, or a life-line of sorts, whilst also bringing Masonic and charitable works to life. Thus, impressing upon the mind of our Brothers, a good example, causing him, in good will, to pay it forward at the length of his cable tow.

We cultivate Masonry. In this, we are cultivating the will to bestow, in order to receive.

Yet, Masonry, is deeper, thus, still, cultivating the energetic ebb and flow, understanding that it is, in fact, better to give than to receive. Yet, in selflessness giving, we receive, ourselves, in more than equal measure.

Good men, each one, more than willing to selflessly commit countless hours to serving their brothers fraternally, some even before enjoying its benefits and privileges, willing to lend a hand in the name of God, and the Greater Good of all Mankind.

Many Brethren, laboring hard to serve one another, each experiencing a higher quality of life. Thus, perpetuating the Great Machine of Craft Masonry.

MC Tanner Dennis

**“The fall of the leaf”**

By: Robert Burns

The lazy mist hangs from the brow of the hill,  
Concealing the course of the dark-winding rill;  
How languid the scenes, late so sprightly, appear!  
As Autumn to Winter resigns the pale year.

The forests are leafless, the meadows are brown,  
And all the gay foppery of Summer is flown:  
Apart let me wander, apart let me muse,  
How quick time is flying, how keen fate pursues!

How long I have liv'd-but how much liv'd in vain,  
How little of life's scanty span may remain,  
What aspects old time in his progress has worn,  
What ties cruel fate, in my bosom has torn.

How Foolish, or worse, till our summit is gain'd!  
And downward, how weakened, how darkened, how pain'd!  
Life is not worth having with all it can give-  
For something beyond it, poor man must sure live.

Brethren,

Our Brother Robert burns really paints a picture. I simply could not have said it any better, or with such eloquence. So, the calendar year has indeed, flown by. And Hill City #456 is going strong. Our degree teams have been extremely busy, and there is no sign of slowing down! November is Hill City's time to shine in the community with the "Feast of sharing" sponsored by H-E-B. As well as, the "Coats for kids" event. Sign up today to help put a warm meal in a hungry stomach, or a warm coat on the back of a cold child this holiday season. Together, we can be the change that the community needs. The more that we engage and help our fellow man, the better society we can build together as Masons. Keeping in that same spirit of giving, don't forget "Santa's workshop and Toy dance" @ the Ben Hur Shrine Dec.10th from 6-10pm. Simply bring a new unwrapped toy (1 per person), and admission is free! Also, Saturday Dec. 17th from 10am-4pm, is Master Mason appreciation at the Ben Hur Shrine. A wide assortment of hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages will be there for Master Masons and their families to enjoy! I hope to see you there.

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

**Tommy Schnautz**

**August 24, 1957 – August 28, 2022**

Brother Tommy Schnautz was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on December 19, 1995 Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on February 27, 1996, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on April 23, 1996 at Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F.& A.M. in Austin, Texas.

Brother Schnautz was an active member of Hill City Lodge where he served many stations on his Masonic journey that was highlighted by serving as Worshipful Master of the Lodge during the 2006 – 2007 Masonic year. Past Master Schnautz was always an excellent mentor to new and old Mason's. His positive attitude and encouragement through the years provided great light to the craft.

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<b>November Birthdays</b>			
Herbert E. Adams	Evan Michael Holmes	Philip Peter Marshall	Vaughn Edward Smith
Kendall Elliott Bardin	Mark Anthony Huerta	Boaz Mell	J. Robert Stone
Vernon Earl Cole	William Paul Hunt	Luke Allen Michels	Byron Thomas Townsend
Ryan James Divincenzo	David John James	Marcus Jerome Moseley	Christian James Wagner
William Frank Farley	Matthew Chris Kirksey	Vance Edward Powell, III	Robert Steven Whatley
Roberto T. Flores	James Paul Leigh	John Charles Shirley	Ricky Sherrill Wilson

**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.**