

The HILL CITY LIGHT

December 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

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 Practice
January 24	EA Practice
January 31	MM Degree

February 2021

February 7	Stated Meeting
February 14	EA Practice
February 21	EA Practice
February 28	EA Trial Practice

From the East

Greetings Brethren,

I hope all are doing well this month. With Christmas right around the corner I want to thank each one of you for your help and support for the first half of the year. I have learned a lot about what it takes to keep a healthy lodge running and I really couldn't do it without depending on every brother in one way or another. This first half of the year has flown by and I'm excited to continue the work we have done for the remainder. There is still a lot I would like to do before we finish this masonic year so let's keep the drive and momentum going!

We are working really hard on degrees to get everyone who is waiting to either be initiated or move forward in their masonic journey. Not many masters of their lodges get to say that, so I am very grateful for that. I know many of you have brought friends who have shown interest and that it amazing. I love seeing those guests you have brought turn into brothers. For now we should be having a Masters degree sometime in either last January or early February. We should also be continuing to practice the EA degree since we have a couple candidates waiting to be initiated. After that, we will continue to work and perfect the EA so we can finally get it graded. I am really excited for this since I have never seen a graded degree nor has our lodge done one in a very long time. If you would like to be a part of any of our degrees, please reach out to either our Senior Deacon for myself.

From the East (continued)

Grand lodge is coming up quickly so if you have not booked your room or registered to attend, please do so asap. This year grand lodge is January 19th-22nd. If you would like any information on the proposals, please contact either our secretary or myself. I am hoping to see a good number of you participating in this years grand lodge!

Bob Wheelless asked me the other day if we could set some time aside on a called meeting to go over some of the parts of the monitor that are rarely used or taught. I think this is a great idea since we should be knowledgeable about everything in our craft. I know there are a ton of things in the monitor that I have never even heard of or that I could know more about. If you would like to participate in this review, please let me know and we can set up a time in February, after all of the degrees that we need to do are done.

I want to thank everyone who turned out to volunteer these past couple months. I not only really enjoyed my time working alongside you, but enjoyed my time giving back to the community. The more we are out in our community and making it a better place, the more we are seen as an organization which gives back. There is nothing better to me than that.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Junior Pastmaster, Richard Garrett for receiving the Vanguard award for the 2021-2022 year he was in the East. I am proud of him and also proud of the lodge for stepping up to qualify for it and I hope we can do the same for this year. Like always, if you have any suggestions on how we can make this lodge run more smoothly or better, please let me know.

Fraternally,
Elan Mendoza
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

From the West

Hello Brethren All,

The hospitals are full of Covid-19, the Flu and RSV. Please take care of yourselves and your family during the holidays. I have had Colitis, Diverticulitis and the flu, so I have only been to Lodge three times in the past two months. I will give you the best report that I can given my absence.

On November 8th we had a wonderful meal of pasta and cream sauce served by our Stewards. Our plan was to have a Master Masons Degree practice, however we did not have enough Master Masons to have an effective practice.

On November 15th was a family night as well as a celebration of Veterans Day. A wonderful meal was served by our Stewards and afterwards we met in the theater for a flag presentation by Bob Wheelless.

November 17th there was a Memorial Service for Brother Nick (Big Nick) Maulding. It was attended by five members of Hill City Lodge including Nick Maulding Junior. There was a very nice attendance by family and friends. I did not know Brother Nick, however from what I learned about him, I think we would have been good friends.

Hill City Lodge was dark on November 22 so that members could serve meals for The Feast of Sharing. This was one of Hill City Lodges charitable functions for this Masonic year.

The scheduled Master Masons Degree for November 29th was changed to a practice, however the was not enough Master Masons in attendance to have a practice.

The attendance of Hill City Lodge is falling off compared to years past. This is partly because of loss of members over the years and largely because of the shutdown caused by Covid-19. Whatever the cause, we must address attendance or we will start to fail as a working Lodge. Offer your help and suggestions to turn tjis around. I wish you a happy holidays and ask for your prayers for our Brothers, our Lodge and our Country.

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

December 2022 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Heathen
6. Boris Godunov, for one
10. Doctrines
14. Avoid
15. Its quarter says "Birthplace of Aviation Pioneers"
16. ___ Mix
17. Acquiesce
18. Air bag?
19. Game on horseback
20. Coin-op laundry
22. Mercury, for one
23. Arid
24. Deodorant type
26. Fastidious
30. 2004 nominee
31. Banquet
32. On the safe side, at sea
33. Again
35. Cooktop
39. Not really sing
41. Former celeb
43. Caffè ___
44. "... happily ___ after"
46. Detective's need
47. "A Nightmare on ___ Street"
49. "... ___ he drove out of sight"
50. Blows it
51. Almost
54. Back
56. ___ brat
57. Managing
63. Decline
64. Double
65. Glass-polishing compound
66. ___ Minor
67. Advanced
68. Shine
69. Den denizen
70. "Cogito ___ sum"
71. Flat

Down

1. Clap
2. Aquatic plant
3. Expert
4. Gulf of ____, off the coast of Yemen
5. Demands
6. Patience and fairness
7. They use resort for sleep
8. "___ it the truth!"
9. Ginger - - - , dancer
10. Intangible
11. 1988 Olympics site
12. Very, to Verdi
13. Faint
21. Aired again
25. "One of ___" (Willa Cather novel)
26. Farfetched
27. Hip bones
28. Cabinet div.
29. Old song in recent memory
34. When route diverted, it's to which place?
36. At no time, poetically
37. Reverse, e.g.
38. Aims
40. Cry
42. "He's ___ nowhere man" (Beatles lyric)
45. Trending
48. Eucalyptus family
51. Bwana turns into an Indian aristocrat
52. Clear, as a disk
53. Fetal membrane
55. Revs
58. The America's Cup trophy, e.g.
59. Sermon basis
60. Boat in "Jaws"
61. Cambodian currency
62. Its motto is "Lux et veritas"

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November 2022 Puzzle Solution

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Obituary

Archie W. Scott

June 30, 1924—December 9, 2022

Brother Archie W. Scott laid down his working tools on Friday, December 9, 2022

Born in San Antonio, Texas June 30, 1924, Archie grew up in the historic town of Schulenburg, Texas. He married his high school sweetheart, Edith, whom he remained married to for 76 years.

Archie went to Schulenburg High School and played football as a Shorthorn. He then received a football scholarship to attend Texas Lutheran College in Seguin. Post WWII, he studied to be an electrical engineer at the University of Texas.

After the invasion of Pearl Harbor, dad joined the Marines in 1942 completing boot camp in San Diego. He was then sent to Communications School at Camp Pendleton in December 1942. While overseas, he made three major landings - Camp Gloucester, Peleliu, and Okinawa. The Peleliu Battle was one of WW II's bloodiest. There were 16,000 men landing on the island and at its conclusion, 6,500 were either wounded or dead. His company was made up of 297 Marines and in less than one month, he was one of only 20 men remaining. Dad was released from active duty in February 1946. Then in 1950, his reserve unit was called to combat in Korea returning home in December 1952.

Besides his wife, the other love of his life was being a Freemason serving the small-town communities around Central Texas. He was a Master Mason (33rd) and an active member of over 30 lodges. Archie also served for over 10 years as the Grand Treasurer at the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas in Waco. Other bodies of the lodge he was involved with were the Ben Hur Shriners, York Rite, Scottish Rite, and The National Sojourners. As a founding member of Saint Marks Methodist Church in north Austin, Archie had several roles throughout the years and especially enjoyed cooking BBQ for the fundraising events.

Surviving Archie is his wife, Edith; 4 children, Karen, Trey, Eric, and Clifford; 7 grandchildren, Nathan, Vanessa, Derek, Skyler, Audra, Steevi, and

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Cole; 6 great grandchildren, Sequoia, Aleah, Addison, Viola, Leah, and Henry.

Archie W. Scott was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on November 11, 1952, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on November 10, 1953, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on December 22, 1953, at Hill City Lodge No. 456 A. F. & A. M. in Austin Texas. Brother Archie was Worshipful Master of eleven different Lodges throughout Texas. P.M. Scott received the Golden Trowel Award, his 65 Year Service Award from the Grand Lodge of Texas and faithfully served Masonry by being a true servant of the craft and a mentor to many men in his Masonic travels.

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

Masonic Education

Brethren,

We find ourselves again, at the close of another year. A few months back my mother passed away. And with this, came her funeral. Traveling back to my hometown of Garland, Texas was a surreal experience. As things have changed so much over the years. I found myself feeling utterly alone at her funeral service. A stranger in a strange land. Until I noticed, through my grieving eyes, a familiar lapel pin. At the last minute there was a change in who would give the eulogy. And the gentleman selected happened to be a Scottish rite mason wearing his 32nd degree pin. He noticed my ring, and we started talking. He and I traded blue lodge info and various lodge stories. He pulled me aside and gave me a sincere hug and whispered, "So sorry for your loss brother." Suddenly, I didn't feel so lost and alone. I knew that I had an everlasting spring of encouragement and support with my fellow brethren. And that no matter where I may be, my fellow brothers are there as well. Wearing your lapel pins in public has an effect. And the brotherly love shown reveals the type of character, which we strive to achieve as master masons. Small kindnesses everyday add up to a greater world to live in. This is the great work that we should be endeavoring to accomplish as men as Freemasons. And it is the key to understanding the nature of the great architect of the universe. So please, enjoy this holiday season, by spreading brotherly love and joy wherever you are. It's the cement which binds us together as a fraternity and society.

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

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;

One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.
Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;
One didn't like the "Master," then there were eight.
Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;
One joined to many clubs, then there were seven.
Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;
One grew discouraged, then there were six.
Six Master Masons, all very much alive;
One lost his interest, then there were five.
Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.
Four Master Masons, busy as could be;
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.
Three Master Masons, was one of them you?
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.
Two Master Masons with so much to be done;
One said "What's the use," then there was one.
One Master Mason, found a brother - true!
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.
Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore;
Each brought another, then there were four.
Four Master Masons saved their Lodges fate;
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.
Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright sheen;
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.
Sixteen Master to Masons, to their obligations true;
Were pleased when their number saw thirty-two.
Can't we put our troubles at the Lodges door?
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.
Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the East;
Keep your obligation by serving even the very least.

-Anonymous

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December Birthdays

Thomas Seth Bonnacarrere	Robert Warren Hensley	Terrance Michael Linn	Benton E. Ryon
Chad Damon Collier	Roy Lynn Henson	Carol L. McGee	Brian Thomas Schnautz
Thomas D. Dickson	Raymond H. Herrington	Billy F. Peel	Charles Marcus Stewart
William Sam Dickson	Don Boyd Jarrell	Dale William Reynolds	James Correll Tisdale
Gene L. Freudenberg	Christopher DeWitt Jordan	Joe Craig Robinson	Bob M. Wheelless
			Timothy Earl Willett

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.