


The HILL CITY LIGHT

October 2023

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<p align="center">October 2023</p>	<p>Greetings Brethren,</p> <p>I am writing this article with my hat in my hand. As i am sure you have noticed, there has not been a newsletter for August or September. This is entirely my fault. It has taken me this long to realize that I am in charge of getting the newsletter out.I was under the impression that I was merely a contributor. I now know that everything Lodge related is up to me.I will do better in the future.</p> <p>Two months ago Lodge 12 had their charter pulled by The Grand Lodge of Texas. At the time that this happened they had 24 candidates needing to turn in their work and then have Degree work done. These candidates will be distributed to Lodges in District 50. For all intents and purposes, our DDGM, Lee Kinser is Lodge 12 per the Grand Master T. Clay Smith. We performed an EA Degree on a candidate for Hill City Lodge on September 12th. On September 19th we had The Herndon Bailey corney dog dinner. On September 26th we did courtesy work for Lodge 12, with a Fellowcraft turn in, followed by a Master Masons Degree. I expect to be doing more courtesy work for Lodge 12 before they get their charter back. This my hope for them, but it will probably be January before they have a chance to be restored.</p> <p>University Lodge is meeting at The Scottish Rite Theater for now, due to conditions at The York Rite Lodge. It is unknown if this will be permanent or temporary.</p>																										
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The calendar for Hill City Lodge is subject to change without notice due to the work we are doing for other Lodges. We can use any help that our members can give for upcoming Degrees. I am scheduling Service Awards for our members on November 21st and our Past Masters Dinner on December 19th. The Service Awards are subject to the availability of our DDGM.

I need volunteers for The Scholarship Committee. Brother Jackson no longer wants to serve on this committee. I need three members for this committee. I need to update our membership list. I will need ten volunteers to call all members and update their contact information.

We are our Brothers keeper and if you or your family need prayers, let me know. Oscar Orum fell and broke his left hip. I heard that Tanner Dennis had a seizure. Kervin Warnken's wife needs our prayers. Bob Wheelless's wife needs our prayers. I know that I have not included everyone, so send me anybody you may know about. I truly believe in the power of prayer. Forest Cruse's wife needs our prayers. Lee Kinser's wife needs our prayers.

I am looking for ideas for out of Lodge activities that we can do as a group. Beach cleanup, shooting events, cigar smoking. Please reach out with any ideas.

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Fraternally,
Hilton Crocker, P.M.
Worshipful Master, Hill City 456

From the South

Greetings Brethren,

It is an exciting and busy time at Hill City Lodge as we move into fall and cooler weather. We continue a strong trend of regularly initiating new brothers into the fraternity. It appears we will have quite a few degrees to put on this coming year. We have a Fellow Craft Degree coming up at the end of the month on October 31. Currently, I'm involved in a book club at my church for the book "Faith and Science: A Journey into God's Mystical Love" by Robert J. Hesse, Ph. D. For me, this study has been a great elaboration on the Fellow Craft Degree and has helped me to dive further into the lessons of that degree. The thesis of the book is that "God reveals himself through nature without having to immediately discuss sacred texts or traditions" (p. 165), and the text then provides examples through various scientific disciplines of what we can learn about God through an intelligent analysis of nature. I would recommend this book to anyone who would like to explore the teachings of the Fellow Craft Degree. While the book is written by a Christian author and is therefore from a Christian perspective, the author is clear that he is only presenting his journey and that he hopes his journey can help others deepen their own faith, regardless of what religion that faith may belong to. Another book that covers the topic of the relationship of faith and science, which is worth checking out, is "The Universe in a Single Atom: The Convergence of Science and Spirituality" by the Dalai Lama.

In other news, Hill City Lodge will be hosting the MWSA on Tuesday, October 24. Last quarter's MWSA was hosted by Parsons Lodge and included an enlightening educational topic on Jephthah, judge of Israel, by our District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Lee Kinser. I want to encourage everyone who is able to attend this MWSA and participate in the program and fellowship with the brethren from around the district.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Ryan DiVincenzo,
Junior Warden, Hill City 456

October 2023 Crossword Puzzle

Across

1. Dalai ____
5. Apprehend
8. Clean
13. Persia, now
14. Nitrogenous waste from the body
16. Broadcasting
17. "Scream" star Campbell
18. "____ me!"
19. Creative type
20. Blameless
23. Craze
24. ____ grass
25. Special effects category
28. Accidental
33. Comedian Bill, informally
36. Balaam's mount
37. Scarlet sage
38. There's war pent up in the Belgian port
41. Epidemic illness
42. Qatari currencies
43. Bill and ____
44. "Arabian Nights" menace
45. No privacy here for swimmers?
49. "____ moment"
50. Oolong, for one
51. Like "The X-Files"
55. Female attendant to a royal
60. Fragrant resin
62. Hasenpfeffer, e.g.
63. Smeltery refuse
64. Type of broom
65. ____ mortals
66. Characteristic carrier
67. Small wooded areas
68. "Absolutely!"
69. ____ and terminer

Down

1. Flax genus
2. "Gladiator" setting
3. Expert: var.
4. Lack of vigor
5. Art subject
6. Length x width, for a rectangle
7. Guiding signals
8. Fail miserably
9. Fussy to a
10. Make a shelter
11. Get a move on
12. "To ____ is human ..."
15. Buddhist who has attained Nirvana
21. Crash site?
22. Avocado starter, strangely, is hot; duck is cold, from what we hear
26. Latin American percussion instrument
27. Bartender on TV's Pacific Princess
29. First team
30. Clairvoyance, e.g.
31. Chinese "way"
32. "____ say!"
33. Boatload
34. Part of "the works"
35. Without panache
39. Large amount of money
40. "Thank You (Falettinme Be Mice ____ Agin)" (#1 hit of 1970)
41. Corn holder
43. Sailor's song
46. Earthquake
47. Major Chinese river
48. "Get a move on!"
52. Life of ____
53. Absurd
54. Halloween trickster
56. Crazy
57. Darkens
58. "____ #1!"
59. Amazes
60. "Chicago" lyricist
61. "Seinfeld" uncle

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July 2023 Puzzle Solution

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October Birthdays

Michael James Adiano	Edward Charles Fritsch	Calvin Cleave Nolen	Frank B. Sykes
William C. Bennett	Gerald L. Grier	Kenneth Ray Pruitt	Wesley Keith Symank
George Jason Burnett	Nicholas Paul Grossman	Randall Ray Reynolds	Michael Anthony Von Ohlen
Jacob L. Cavazos	Blair Davis Hibbert	Jeremiah Petra Spence	Kervin W. Warnken
Jon Alan Cohorn	Charles Wayne Jackson	Ronald Starry	Foy W. Watson, III
Forest Mark Cruse, Sr.	Joe Alan Kindred	Nathan Wade Stilwell	Kelly D. Webb
James Robert Darrell	Charles Richard Maddox	Michael Wayne Stone	Patrick Lee Wheelless
			Sean Thurkelle Williams

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.