


# The HILL CITY LIGHT

July 2023

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<p align="center"><b>July 2023</b></p>	<p>Greetings Brethren,</p> <p>Well, well, well, here we are at the beginning of a new Masonic year. It may take me a month or so to get my feet under me, but rest assured that I am working hard to get things running smoothly.</p> <p>We had Installation on July 1st and all the officers to be installed were present. July 4th was dark per our bylaws. We are having our Stated Meeting on July 11th, however, the Blue Lodge is being remodeled and the theater is unavailable that night, so we will hold our Stated Meeting will be in the dining hall. July 18th and 25th are planned for practice.</p> <p>I will be assigning committee duties soon. If you are notified of a committee assignment please make contact with me. If you cannot or do not want to serve please let me know. We have been growing as a Lodge and if you haven't visited in a while you need to come meet our new members . We always have openings on Degree teams, so come on down and practice.</p> <p>The dress code for Stated Meetings will not change. Coat and tie for the three stations, and business casual for all others. It has been so hot lately, I considered Burmuda Shorts and T Shirts. LOL I will put a Trestle Board at the entrance of Hill City Lodge. I will post four weeks worth of business. If you have any</p>																										
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questions or concerns about the way business is being run, don't hesitate to call me. 361-290-3440; hiltoncrocker@hotmail.com. if I contact you regarding Lodge business please let me know that you have received my message.

The way that I improved myself in Masonry was by association with the older past Masters. Nothing has changed, the younger Masons will improve themselves by association with older, wiser men. If you can come to Lodge, you will improve the Lodge by associating with the younger members of Lodge. For the few members of Hill City Lodge that don't know me, I joined Hill City Lodge 21 years ago. I retired from the Austin Fire Department in 2005 and moved to Port Aransas. I joined Ingleside Lodge and moved up to Worshipful Master. Two years later I was District Deputy Grand Master of District 37. I move to Lago Vista two years ago and became active in Hill City Lodge again.

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

## From the West

Hello Brethren All,

Well, brothers another masonic year is upon us. And I would like to congratulate all of the new officers for Hill City #456. Let's keep our momentum going with our newly appointed Worshipful master Hilton Crocker!

As masons we end our prayers with "supreme architect of the universe." This alludes to Masonry's acceptance of all religious backgrounds, and does not single out a specific belief. Only a belief in deity is required, and the prayers leave room for everyone. However, I feel that it is often overlooked that while the supreme architect reigns above. We are the architects of our own lives below. We have the ability to construct a life that has reverence and dignity. We have the power to inspire those around us with our habits and actions. Whether they be good or bad. I would like to encourage whoever reads this to take control, and become the architect of your life. To not let life's trials, distort your perception of a good and beneficent world. Life is a gift, and it is a wonderful gift at that. We are given the choice to react to situations in a positive or negative way. And if you are a Freemason, you are charged to act in an exemplary manner in all of life's dealings. This means that we must treat every situation as a chance to teach or learn. No matter how small and insignificant a situation may appear. Your actions can have lasting repercussions. And when you have your ring on or a sticker on your car, folks take notice. So, as you are building your life, be sure to include charity as the centerpiece. Service to your fellow man is the best way to demonstrate to the great architect that YOU are building a stupendous edifice right here on Earth. Also, the empathy to understand what others are going through and that sometimes, our problems are insignificant in comparison. An understanding, that other folks could use a Masonic hand to lift them up when everything in their world has crumbled. Loss of homes, loved ones, jobs, life savings, and just a general sense of normalcy. Coupled with disease, infection and bodily injury. As well as, natural disasters such as floods, fires, tornados, hurricanes, and earthquakes. What greater way to thank the great architect of the universe for this amazing gift. Than to build our lives around hope, faith, and charity. In charity, we are directly interacting with our surrounding world and community. And we are showing others that we are conscious of the world around us. That we are keeping an eye on our fellow man, and displaying a love for deity through our actions. Ultimately building a society of stability and success, for future generations of Texas Masons.

Fraternally,  
Nate Stilwell  
Senior Warden, Hill City 456

## July 2023 Crossword Puzzle

### Across

1. \_\_\_ Bowl
5. Emcee
9. Middle eastern sweet meat
14. Kuwaiti, e.g.
15. "Giovanna d'\_\_\_" (Verdi opera)
16. Little cases for needles
17. Cotton fabric
18. Calendar span
19. Base line
20. Proccupied with excrement
23. New Mexico art community
24. Leering at
28. Terrible deal
31. Chanel of fashion
33. 2004 nominee
34. Warrior
36. "\_\_\_ Gang"
37. Maple genus
38. "\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
39. "What's gotten \_\_\_ you?"
40. Chicken \_\_\_
41. Science of flight
45. Australian runner
46. Bee \_\_\_
47. A day nursery
48. Spring (from)
50. Blacken
51. Cow's grazing area
57. Accommodate
60. Airy
61. Hawaiian tuber
62. Charity, often
63. Blockhead
64. Arabic for "commander"
65. Archaeological find
66. Aces, sometimes
67. Aug. follower

### Down

1. Chance occurrences
2. Kind of acid that may cause gout
3. Dalai \_\_\_
4. Slaughter-house
5. Barn item
6. Nabisco cookies
7. Heroin, slangily
8. Spelling of "Beverly Hills 90210"
9. it has six sides
10. Ever
11. Neighbor of Ger.
12. Seven on a clock
13. Balaam's mount
21. Blockheads
22. \_\_\_-Cola
25. Like some humor
26. Indian dance fan grabs a companion
27. Bent to
28. Grimm character
29. Revenue earned
30. Solar \_\_\_\_\_
31. Kind of drive
32. Black cat, maybe
35. Benjamin Disraeli, e.g.
39. Does over again
41. Removed by eroding
42. Beanery sign
43. Takes in
44. \_\_\_-Altaic languages
49. Certain berth
50. Brunch serving
52. \_\_\_ list
53. "Once \_\_\_ a time..."
54. Finger, in a way
55. Big bore
56. Breed
57. Infomercials, e.g.
58. "Stupid me!"
59. "\_\_\_ Ng" (They Might Be Giants song)

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## April 2023 Puzzle Solution

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## Obituary

### Charles Wayne Jackson

Brother Charles graduated from McCallum High School in 1955 and attended Southwest Texas State University receiving his Bachelor of Science in Education and a Masters degree in Education. After obtaining his Masters degree Charles continued to work in education until he retired in 2004, as an Associate Administrator with the Austin Independent School District.

At the age of 17, he enlisted in the Texas National Guard. In 1961 he was called to active duty. Upon completing his active duty he returned to proudly serve his country in the Army National Guard for a total of 35 years.

Charles loved sailing Lake Travis for 30 years with the Catalina Sailing Fleet 69. After retirement there was time for traveling and travel he did - with Pat at his side crossing the pond to Europe over twelve times with his last trip just weeks prior to his passing. He was also very fortunate in locating a lease in Llano giving him the opportunity to be outdoors as Charles was always very busy and loved the outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his son, Martin Dean Jackson and his parents, Wilma Pauline McMahan and Talbert Alivin Jackson.

Survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Patricia Franklin Jackson; sons, Michael David Jackson, Mark Dwayne Jackson, Patrick Floyd Fallwell (Terri), and granddaughter Christy Michelle Myers. Later in life, he was blessed in acquiring two daughters, Shree Partridge, Anne Guerra, and their children, along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Brother Charles Wayne Jackson was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on October 10, 1972, Passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft on July 14, 2009, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on August 11, 2009, at Hill City Lodge No. 456 A.F.& A.M. in Austin, Texas. Brother Charles was also an Endowed member of Hill City and a past Worthy Patron of Austin Chapter 304, Order of the Eastern Star.

## Masonic Education

### Are All Masons Created Equal ?

I am the current Master of Hill City Lodge and a Past Master of Ingleside Lodge. The differences between the two jobs have been a bit of a surprise to me. When I was Master of Ingleside Lodge the job concerned mainly do fund raising to pay the bills of the. We barely had enough Brothers to open Lodge most meetings. When I took the top spot at Ingleside Lodge the Brothers were taking turns paying the utilities . Fast forward to today. Being Master of Hill City Lodge is a much different job. I am in charge of protecting the permanent fund, the news letter completion each month and scheduling meetings, Degrees and family nights while maintaining the traditions of Hill City Lodge. The Past Masters are a great help with my duties and Hunt Armistead has published the newsletter for 12 years. I have reached out to the Past Masters group to help with articles for the newsletter regarding traditions of Hill City Lodge. I am also asking members of our Lodge to help with committees to get the job done. The Lodge requires all members to step up and help with the business required to keep your Lodge going.

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

### Obituary (continued)

Charles was a loving husband, father, neighbor, and friend to many. He will be greatly missed and forever remembered with fondness, admiration, and love.

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

Greetings Brethren,

It is an honor to be serving Hill City Lodge as the Junior Warden this Masonic Year. Looking back at last year, we had several Entered Apprentice Degrees, including one graded degree. I am extremely grateful for Past Master Elan Mendoza for pushing us to accomplish this goal of putting on the graded degree, which is something I haven't seen in my short five years of attending Hill City Lodge. The enthusiasm and dedication of everyone involved, the degree team, mentors and instructors, and those who showed up to support, was truly inspiring. I'm eagerly looking forward to seeing where this year takes us, building upon this momentum in the months to come.

It is interesting changing vantage points within the Lodge Room (even more so considering the unusual location in which we held the first Stated Meeting of this Masonic year). Despite physically moving positions in the Lodge Room every year, it is comforting that each new chair is always facing inward toward the Altar. Much like in life, our circumstances and environment may change, yet the core principles and values that guide us remain as a constant. Just as we find solace in our reliance on the divine at the center of our being, we can also draw strength from our brethren's unwavering support, guidance, and encouragement.

The words said to the Junior Warden at Installation, "observe the just medium between intemperance and pleasure," have bounced around in my head this month. These words have inspired me to reread Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics to refresh myself on the concept of the "golden mean," finding the virtue situated between two extremes, and its role in virtue ethics. I would be very interested to hear what other brothers are reading and which books you have found to enhance or elaborate on the lessons you have received through Freemasonry. If anyone is looking for some light summer reading, I would recommend "Lightfoot's Commentaries" which can be found for purchase on the Grand Lodge of Texas's online store.

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

## District 50 Happenings

The next quarterly meeting of the Masonic District 50 MWSA will be held on Wednesday July 26 at 6:30 pm.

The MWSA is an association of the 8 lodges of the Masonic District 50. "MWSA" stands for Masters; Wardens; and Secretaries. But attendance is not limited to only Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries. Masons of all designations are encouraged to attend. The Past Masters of the Lodges of the District are encouraged to attend.

The upcoming meeting on July 26 will be at the Lone Star Chapter building (Yorkrite) at 7th & Lavaca. A nice dinner serves at 6:30pm. Our DDGM, R:W: Lee Kinser will present a program called: "The Story of Jephthah" after dinner. Brethren from all the Lodges will be present and Brother Kinser encourages EA's FC's, and all Master Masons to attend.

The MWSA of Masonic District 50 has quarterly meetings in July, October, January, and April, annually. The host Lodges rotate so it's a great way to visit with the brethren from the other Lodges in the District. If you would like to be updated with District 50 events, schedules, and announcements, send your request by email to:

**[communications@masonicdistrict50.org](mailto:communications@masonicdistrict50.org)**

## Tanner's Masonic Talk

### Why Harm Another ?

The Laws of Nature and the Laws that Govern all things, some are hidden in plain sight, others, strictly hidden, behind impenetrable walls, only accessible to a select few.

As the Sun heats up the day, and the winds and absence of Sun Light cool the night, so do the Waters be lifted up by Divine Force, evaporated and formed into the formlessness of clouds to be assimilated by the winds and mixed again by Nature's Divine Alchemy, thence, deposited into another area so essentially necessary as to where the energy is to be, by Divine Purpose.

So are the Laws of our actions against others.

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<b>July Birthdays</b>			
Henry Hunt Armistead	Edward I. Franks	Bryan Patrick Jordan	Elan Daniel Mendoza
Richard Lynn Bardin	Kenneth M. Gilliam	James Edward Jordan	James Stanley Schmidt
Patrick Ryan Carroll	Clive Noil Hartsfield, III	Scrappy King	Sandro Sessarego
Robert Ammann Cullen, Jr.	Sammy Edward Henson	Kent Dawson Kinkade	Charles James Stewart
Aaron Spencer Evans	Stanford Walter Henson	Nicholas Sammons Maulding	Joseph E. Touchet
			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.**