



GRAY LODGE 329

NEWSLETTER



What's going on at your Lodge?

March 2008

From the East

First of all, thanks to all the Brethren who have been involved in trying to help Gray Lodge achieve the Vanguard Award. This prestigious title is recognition that **your** lodge is maintaining the standards expected by Grand Lodge, both within the Masonic, and the local community. We are close to qualifying this year and if you want to help out in some way, please contact myself or Bro Junior Deacon. Next let me thank the following Brethren for performing the Masonic Funeral ceremony for Bro Bill Fikaris. Jack Green, David Steen, Tony Hernandez, RW Wayne Huddleston, David Woodard and Tom Rogers. Bro Bill had a fine turn out at his graveside and the ceremony led by Jack was rewarded by the heart-felt appreciation of his family.

Sincerely and fraternally, Lex Leckie WM.

Send your comments or suggestions to: master@gray329.org

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March Stated Meeting: 3/5/08 @ 7.00pm

There will be an open portion to this month's stated meeting, so please bring along friends and family for dinner at 6pm with the open portion to follow at 7pm. Business meeting will be conducted after this on the EA degree.

Anything upon your desk Bro Secretary?

....Brethren, The most valuable thing a Mason can have in his possession is his dues card. If yours said "expires on Dec. 31st, 2008" you are current and up to date. If not, consider the following: 1) You can not attend Lodge with us at Gray. 2) You can not visit another Lodge in the 30th District of Texas. 3) You can not visit any other District in Texas or attend their Lodges. 4) You can not attend a Lodge anywhere in the United States. 5) You can attend a Lodge anywhere else in the world. 6) You can not be accepted as a brother any more and that would be a decided regret to those of us who are current.

Any Brother who has difficulty or financial worries, contact us for our assistance. The same assistance you would give to another Brother. Again, check your dues are current and be safe. (M W Moore, Secretary)



April

We will be having an open program, so please make plans to attend with your friends and family. The open program will start at 7pm with the business portion coming afterward.

From the Deacons Office

Brethren, We have had a very busy year thus far...we are only 2/3rds the way through the 2007 - 2008 Masonic year and we have conferred over 20 degrees. Our candidate board in the Deacons office is completely filled with the candidates' names, and they are coming along very well in their esoteric work. As always our school of instruction is being held every Thursday starting at 6 p.m. So if you are interested in teaching a candidate, would like to brush up on your esoteric work, or even considering obtaining a certificate come by your lodge on Thursday evenings. This year we are planning in participating in a graded degree, so if you would like to be part of the degree team please contact me. We are raising the bar at Gray Lodge, We were once known as the "Grand Lodge of Hillcroft" and we are on our way to regaining that kind of reputation. Your officers as well as committee members have been working diligently so we can become a Vanguard Lodge once more. We are really close to qualifying for the award for the award this year; if you are interested in volunteering and supporting our efforts, please contact me. We have also instituted and revived some new traditions, such as the symbolic "North East Corner", and the A. S. Richardson Lecture. This past October we had Cliff Cameron, the Grand Historian of the Grand Council, kick of our A.S. Richardson Lecture series. Next October, we will be honored of having one of the foremost renowned American Masonic scholars, Rex R. Hutchens. For those of you who are Scottish Rite Masons that name should be really familiar, he wrote " A Bridge to Light" the book they give you once you are coroneted a Scottish Rite Mason.
Roberto M. Sanchez, Junior Deacon
(rmsh13@yahoo.com),
if you wish to participate.

Degrees

We have several new candidates and therefore a lot of degree work coming up. If you would like to participate, please contact our Junior Deacon (rmsh13@yahoo.com) and he will let you know what the degree schedule is. If you need to brush up on your floor work, contact the JW, Bro Darrin Pitts (dpitts36@yahoo.com) and he will inform you of our rehearsals and degree team instruction.

Line Officers 2007

WM: Lex Leckie
SW: Greg Weisinger
JW: Darrin Pitts
SEC: Michael Moore
TR: Doug Hissong
SD: David Cousins
JD: Roberto Sanchez
MA: Randon Reaves
MC: Paul Anderson
SS: Butch Boggess
JS:
CH: Craig Johnston
TI: David Woodard

The Treasurer informs us...

Do you know that your lodge has four accounts with Wells Fargo Bank and two investment accounts with Merrill Lynch?. Do you know that we pay taxes on our personal property to Harris Country and the Katy Independent School District? We don't pay Federal taxes but do file a Federal tax return every year. As one who watches the flow of funds in and out of our accounts, I encourage you to participate as fully as possible in our current brisket sale fundraiser. We made \$1565 on it last year and are counting on making more this year. Make a habit of bringing your scrap paper to our recycling bin. Our new building is fabulous but is costing us more than the previous one. So we need to be vigilant in increasing our income and reducing our expenses. Gray Lodge is the Greatest!

Doug Hissong, Treasurer

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