



Gray Line

July 2016

Gray Lodge No. 329 AF&AM 2370 Barker Oaks, Houston, TX 77077 713-730-9329

Greetings from the East:

The 2016-17 Masonic year for Gray Lodge is off to a great start. The new officers were installed on June 25, and the first stated meeting was held on July 6. The officers' planning retreat will be held at South Shore Harbour on July 29-31. I hope you will increase your involvement in lodge activities this year. The stated meetings on the first Wednesday of the month are preceded by a meeting open to non-Masons, which will include some entertainment and food for thought. So bring your family and friends for dinner at 6:00 PM and the meeting at 7:00 PM. We meet every Thursday at the same times for instruction, proficiency exams, and degree conferral. We look forward to seeing you at lodge. You'll enjoy it.

Doug Hissong, WM 2016-17

2016-17 Theme:

The theme for this year is "Living Masonry with Others". In our open meetings we'll have some food for thought (food for thought that tastes good, like a healthful dessert) about how we interact with others as a reflection of our Masonic values.

Installation, June 25, 2016:

The installing officers were:

Darrin Pitts	Master of Ceremonies
Michael Nanny	Installing Officer
Roberto Sanchez	Installing Marshall
Ken Kirkpatrick	Installing Chaplain

Lodge Officers:

The Lodge officers for 2016-17 are:

Doug Hissong	Worshipful Master
Richard Fawcett	Senior Warden
Al Florido	Junior Warden
Mark Herzog	Treasurer
Darrin Pitts	Secretary
Ken Kirkpatrick	Chaplain
Billy Moreno	Senior Deacon
Chuck Mitchell	Junior Deacon
Zach Willner	Senior Steward
Erickson Ybarra	Junior Steward
Scott Bulkley	Master of Ceremonies
Travis Verdin	Marshall
Todd Smith	Musician
David Aguilar	Tiler

Appointed but uninstalled officers:

Scott Bulkley	Building Manager
Bill Bradford	IT Consultant
Ian Martin	Piper

We're fortunate to have such a capable and enthusiastic set of officers.



What Makes You a Mason?

What is the real foundation of Freemasonry?

Principles:

- The Fatherhood of God
- The brotherhood of man
- The immortality of the soul

Virtues:

- Cardinal virtues -
Temperance, fortitude,
prudence, and justice
- Theological virtues-
Faith, hope, and charity

Lodge Website:

Visit the lodge website, www.gray329.org. You can learn about recent and upcoming activities, contact the officers, purchase Masonic items, etc.

Highlights of 2015-16 Masonic Year

The 2014-15 Masonic Year was a very good year, thanks largely to WM Brian Dodson and his officers. A few highlights are summarized here.

Car Show:

Gray Lodge sponsored a car show at West Oaks Mall on May 14. There were many impressive cars and trucks of all types, a live band, food, and a bounce house for the kids. Everyone had a good time.

Thanks to all the brothers who worked to make this event a success, particularly our Chairmen, Mike Stallings and Zach Willner.



Charitable Activities:

We awarded scholarships to two deserving high school seniors.

We distributed bicycles to some needy children.

We continued our tradition of contributing to the Texas DeMolay Association.

During Teacher Appreciation Month (April), we gave playground equipment to an elementary school.

Golf Tournament:

The second annual Gray Lodge golf tournament was held on June 2 at the Cinco Ranch Golf Club. The golfers enjoyed lunch, contests, golf, dinner, and an auction and raffle. It was a lot of fun. We thank our primary corporate sponsor, Seamless Solutions, and all the other sponsors. Several other Masonic lodges participated.

Thanks to all the brothers who worked to make this event a success, particularly our Chairman, Al Florida, and the Coordinator, Eloy Saenz.



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