

# Gray Line



NEWSLETTER OF GRAY MASONIC LODGE No. 329, A.F. & A.M.

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## Greetings from the East



Brethren,

Even if you cannot attend our meetings, there will always be a seat for you in Gray Lodge.

In October, we honored two Brethren who are now absent from the Lodge (but one of whom, we hope, will return soon). We had planned to honor our Past Master Ken Kirkpatrick, who served Gray Lodge so faithfully for so many years, at our September stated meeting with the title of Chaplain Emeritus. We did not know at the time that Brother Ken had relocated out of state. Although disappointed that we could not present him with the honor in person, we nonetheless unveiled his plaque and the Lodge's gift at our October stated meeting (see Page 2).

October 10 saw a more somber ceremony, as we called a meeting to honor the memory of Bro. Bill Bradford, who was called to the Celestial Lodge on August 15. As a Masonic graveside service for Brother Bill was not possible, Gray Lodge conducted our own memorial ceremony. Bro. Lee Smith of Jacques DeMolay #1390 presided over the service, which was well attended and conducted with full Masonic honors.

As we think of both of these Brethren, as well as hundreds of other Gray Lodge brethren who have either laid down their working tools or otherwise been kept away from the lodge, it is important to remember that every one of us will always have a home. No matter what may keep us away from our "sacred retreat of friendship and virtue", our lodge room is always fully occupied. Every seat is reserved for a Worthy Brother, who if they cannot be physically present at our meetings, are nonetheless always present in spirit.

If you cannot join us for an upcoming

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meeting, we're certainly aware that (as John Lennon sang) "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans." If you can join us in person, though, we would love to see you again. With our 150th anniversary approaching next June, this is a very exciting time to be a part of Gray Lodge, and we hope you will participate in any way you can.

Just remember, whether you are within our lodge room or without the door - or even if you have been called to your eternal rest - there will ALWAYS be a seat for you in Gray Lodge.

- Billy Moreno, Worshipful Master

## New Web & Mail Servers

With the passing of Bro. Bill Bradford (who had been hosting our website and email distribution from his personal server), our Marshall (and webmaster) Scott Bulkley has moved everything over to a new hosting account.

In the near future, we plan to accept dues payments, contributions, and the like via the [www.gray329.org](http://www.gray329.org) website. For now, we are migrating everyone from the previous email lists to two new ones: our new free Mailchimp account (through which you're receiving this newsletter), and the new "listserv" mail list. We expect this to dramatically improve communication among the brethren of Gray Lodge. Please let us know if we need to update or remove you from either of these lists.

## PM Ken Kirkpatrick Honored as Chaplain Emeritus



At October's stated meeting, the Lodge bestowed upon Past Master Ken Kirkpatrick the honorary title of Chaplain Emeritus of Gray Lodge #329. Bro. Kirkpatrick could not be present, so he was honored *in absentia*.

Brother Kirkpatrick was initiated into Gray Lodge on August 21, 1981;

passed on Nov. 11, 1981; , and raised on Dec. 30, 1981. He served Gray Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1987-88, as Secretary in 2007-2008, and as Chaplain from 2014-2018.

Bro. Ken served the York Rite bodies as Commander (Ruthven #2, 1999), Thrice Illustrious Master (Houston #1, 2004) and High Priest (Washington #2, 2004). In 2006, he was elected to Knighthood of the York Cross of Honour for his Masonic service.

WM Billy Moreno unveiled a plaque to commemorate the occasion (which has been sent to Bro. Kirkpatrick), and the brethren of Gray Lodge #329 purchased and dedicated a seat in the lodge room in his honor.



## November Stated Meeting

If you can, please be sure to attend our Stated Meeting on Wednesday, November 6.

Please join us at our usual times: dinner at 6:00 pm, with an Entered Apprentice Mason's Lodge to open at 7:00 pm. We hope all Brethren can join us.

## 2019 Briscoe Fall Workshop

Due to heavy rains on the night originally scheduled, the Randall E. Briscoe workshop for District 30-B will take place Thursday, November 7, with a light dinner at 6 pm and the program to follow. Gray Lodge #329 is again hosting this workshop, and we hope you will be able to attend.



Clockwise from top left: Dr. Guillermo de los Reyes presents the Richardson Lecture; WM Billy Moreno presents Dr. de los Reyes with the Gray Honor; the Brethren in attendance.

## 2019 A. S. Richardson Dinner & Lecture

On September 14, Gray Lodge hosted our annual A. S. Richardson Dinner and Lecture at the nearby Embassy Suites Hotel. Dr. Guillermo de los Reyes, Associate Professor of Latin American Literature and Culture at the University of Houston, presented his lecture "Freemasonry and Inquisition in Mexico."

Dr. de los Reyes, an accomplished Masonic scholar and researcher of the craft, discussed the constant persecutions that Mexican Freemasons suffered during the 18th and 19th centuries, as well as the Inquisitorial records that provide information about the origins of Freemasonry in Mexico, as well as its persecution.

Brethren from all over the Houston area shared this evening of fellowship and education. Per Gray Lodge custom, following the lecture, WM Billy Moreno presented Dr. de los Reyes with the Gray Honor in appreciation for his presentation.

Dr. de los Reyes has written the Spanish-language book *Herencias Secretas: Masonería, política y sociedad en México* (Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla 2009), which will soon be published in English under the title *Freemasonry in México: The Secret Heritage* by Westphalia Press. He has also edited many Masonic titles and published articles in various Masonic and Masonic-study journals, such as *Heredom: The Transactions of The Scottish Rite Research Society*; *Philalethes: The Journal of Masonic Research & Letters*; *The Phylaxis*; *Ritual, Secrecy, and Civil Society*; and *REHMLAC* [Revista de Estudios Históricos de la Masonería Latinoamericana y Caribeña].





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Gray Lodge #329 Dining Hall  
2370 Barker Oaks Drive  
Houston, TX 77077

Pickup Date: Wednesday, November 27, 2019

Time: TBA

Chartered on June 24, 1870, Gray Lodge is Houston's second oldest Masonic Lodge. Gray Lodge No. 329 was constituted in the hall of Houston's first Masonic Lodge, Holland Lodge No. 1.

Our Lodge was named for William Fairfax Gray, who was in Texas as a land agent and attended the convention at "Washington-on-the-Brazos" in 1836 when Texas declared independence from Mexico. Gray moved his family from Virginia to Houston in 1837. He was by profession an attorney, and served as clerk of the Republic of Texas House of Representatives and the Senate in 1837 and 1838.

Over the years, our Lodge has been involved in a variety of community activities, from supporting education with scholarships to responding to relieving hurricane victims along the Gulf Coast. Gray Lodge No. 329 continues to serve the community and promote a spirit of brotherhood and good will.

## UPCOMING LOCAL MASONIC EVENTS (Gray Lodge activities are [hyperlinked](#))

### NOVEMBER 2019

1	Sat.	Grand Lodge Forum & Exam	<a href="#">Holland Lodge #1</a>	10:00 am
6	Wed.	<a href="#">Gray Lodge Stated Meeting</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
7	Thurs.	<a href="#">Randall E. Briscoe Fall Workshop</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
7	Thurs.	Grand Lodge Forum Only	<a href="#">Park Place Lodge #1172</a>	6:00 pm
12	Tues.	Bluebell Chapter OES Meeting	Gray Lodge #329	7:30 pm
14	Thurs.	<a href="#">Called Meeting: EA Degree</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Degree 7:00 pm
16	Sat.	Grand Lodge Forum & Exam	<a href="#">Spring Lodge #1174</a>	10:00 am
18	Mon.	Arabia Shrine Stated Meeting	<a href="#">Arabia Shrine Temple</a>	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
21	Thurs.	Scottish Rite Stated Meeting	<a href="#">Scottish Rite Temple</a>	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
26	Tues.	Bluebell Chapter OES Meeting	Gray Lodge #329	7:30 pm
27	Wed.	District 30 MWSA Meeting	<a href="#">Reagan Lodge #1057</a>	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm

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4	Wed.	<a href="#">Gray Lodge Stated Meeting</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
10	Tues.	Bluebell Chapter OES Meeting	Gray Lodge #329	7:30 pm
12	Thurs.	<a href="#">Education Round Table</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
16	Mon.	Arabia Shrine Stated Meeting	<a href="#">Arabia Shrine Temple</a>	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
18	Wed.	District 30 MWSA Meeting	<a href="#">Reagan Lodge #1057</a>	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
19	Thurs.	Scottish Rite Stated Meeting	<a href="#">Scottish Rite Temple</a>	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
24	Tues.	Bluebell Chapter OES Meeting	Gray Lodge #329	7:30 pm

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8	Wed.	<a href="#">Gray Lodge Stated Meeting</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
9	Thurs.	<a href="#">Education Round Table</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
14	Tues.	Bluebell Chapter OES Meeting	Gray Lodge #329	7:30 pm
16-18	Thu-Sat	GLOt Annual Communication	<a href="#">Grand Lodge of Texas</a>	
20	Mon.	Arabia Shrine Stated Meeting	<a href="#">Arabia Shrine Temple</a>	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
22	Wed.	District 30 MWSA Meeting	<a href="#">Reagan Lodge #1057</a>	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
23	Thurs.	Scottish Rite Stated Meeting	<a href="#">Scottish Rite Temple</a>	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
28	Tues.	Bluebell Chapter OES Meeting	Gray Lodge #329	7:30 pm

The most up-to-date calendar info is always available at <http://www.GRAY329.org/calendar>.

*"The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no man can know it alone."*

~ William Howard Taft

## Keep Us Posted

If you have moved, or updated your email address or phone number, please update your record at <http://grandlodgeoftexas.org> (in the Member Portal), call us at 713-730-9329, or email Bro. Darrin Pitts at [secretary@gray329.org](mailto:secretary@gray329.org) with your new information so we can stay in touch.

Also, please let the Secretary know if you have any personal announcements you would like us to pass along to the Brethren.

If you have suggestions for how we can continue to improve the Gray Line newsletter, please email them to Bro. Gary Wiener at [sdeacon@gray329.org](mailto:sdeacon@gray329.org).

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

### NOVEMBER 2019

2	Dwight Hollon	17	William Kent	24	Merle Zimmerman
2	Sonny Johnson	19	Michael Hill	25	Donald Beckner
4	Richard Hollinger Jr	20	Sean Martin	25	James Lyon
8	Alan Johnston	20	Alan Pugh	28	Lee Hooker
10	Hamlin Elrod Jr	21	Charles Moore	28	William Martin
11	Donald Keller Jr	21	Robert Reeder	29	Max Bowen
11	Roy Shaw Jr	21	Thomas Smith	29	Harry Fikaris
12	Alan Harnack	22	Danny Fuller Sr	29	William Page Jr
16	David Pupo	23	Chuck Mitchell		

### DECEMBER 2019

1	Jack Green	10	T. Earl Long	21	David Black
4	Joseph Saber	10	Chris Stutsman	21	Pirtle DeGeurin Jr
5	Charles Janke	12	Brian Blowers	22	Bennett Irish
5	Gregory McCoy	12	Warren Ayres	22	Mark Vonderau
6	Ian Martin	16	Luiz Soriano	22	Mark Phelps
7	Fred Laughlin Jr	17	Roberto Sanchez	24	Ignacio Fantaguzzi
8	Willard Cox Jr	19	M. Polychronopoulos	25	Laurence Ames
8	Richard Fawcett	19	David Vukovic	29	Samuel Sikes
8	Andres Garza	19	Cory Lawrence	29	Norman Dow

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1	Crawford Weir	13	Harold Pascoe	25	Richard McHenry Jr
2	Edward Bock III	17	Jeffrey Kapche	25	Todd Rovner
2	Carlos Huerta	20	Dragos Oprea	25	Jerry Spencer
8	Mike Adal	23	Vigil Roxas	26	Calvin Atkins
8	Samuel Winstead	23	Dean Forbes	28	Jim Hoffman Jr
11	Philip Derise	24	Dwight Phillips Jr	31	Edward Ettel III
13	Mark Levine	24	Myron Welsh		
13	Bruce Levy	25	Wayne Isham		



## MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

## NOVEMBER 2019

9	Daniel Krukewitt (2006)	20	Jimmy Albers (1985)	29	Ernest Bugh Jr (1990)
12	Erickson Ybarra (2015)	20	Chuck Mitchell (2014)	29	Billy Moreno (2012)
13	Thomas Kenyon (2002)	20	Charles Percy (1999)	29	Mario Reyna* (1990)
15	Joseph Saber (1984)	20	Randon Reaves* (1999)	30	Bogdan Grosu (2011)
19	Mike Adal (1997)	21	Clarence Givens (1970)	30	Mamdouh Isak (1989)
19	Iain Clark (2003)	24	Leslie Jeko (1951)	30	John Minniece III* (1998)
19	David Cousins (2005)*	25	Charles Sitton Jr (1963)	30	Norman Tucker (1998)
19	Timothy Crump (2005)	26	Richard Fawcett* (2012)		* Past Master of Gray Lodge
19	Joshua Perez (2015)	27	William Kent (1974)		
19	Roberto Sanchez* (2005)	28	Laurence Ames (1967)		

## DECEMBER 2019

5	Dwight Hollon (2000)	15	Joe Draughn (1986)	22	James Hoffman Jr (2016)
6	Mark Vonderau (1984)	15	Larry Gabriel (1976)	22	Chris Spry* (1993)
7	Bob Martin Jr (2006)	15	Norman Peterson (1952)	23	Roy Shaw Jr (1964)
9	Edward Boe (1981)	15	Paxton Williams (1976)	24	Chris Haist (2015)
9	Alexander Dicaro Jr (1970)	17	Miguel Grajeda Sr (1977)	29	Merle Zimmerman (1971)
10	Norman Dow (1980)	18	Roger Castillo (2002)	30	James Gilbert (1967)
10	John McGalin (2015)	19	Abdel Fustok (2001)	* Past Master of Gray Lodge	
11	Gregory McCoy (1991)				

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3 Thomas Hill (2013)	12 Anthony Copeland Jr (2017)	28 Chad Mitchell (2016)
5 Myron Welsh (1953)	12 Chester Presley III (1983)	28 Kenneth Smart (1976)
6 Bill Nicholson (2002)	12 Robert Reeder (1959)	29 Jerry Argovitz (1969)
10 Thomas Baker Jr (1951)	16 Mark Herzog (1991)	29 Charles McKinley (1982)
10 Brian Blowers (2013)	21 Thomas Bashforth (1967)	31 Ignacio Fantaguzzi (2013)
11 James Littlejohn (1978)		31 Jack Ivey (1996)

*"We Masons are among the fortunate ones who are taught to meet together with others opposing convictions or competitive ideas and yet respect each other as Brothers."*

*~ Albert Pike*

*"Freemasonry is founded on the immutable laws of Truth and Justice and its grand object is to promote the happiness of the human race."*

*~ George Washington*

*"Freemasonry teaches not merely temperance, fortitude, prudence, justice, brotherly love, relief, and truth, but liberty, equality, and fraternity, and it denounces ignorance, superstition, bigotry, lust tyranny and despotism."*

*~ Theodore Roosevelt*

