

# Gray Line



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

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## Greetings from the East



Brethren,

It's a tremendous honor to serve Gray Lodge #329 as Master during our Sesquicentennial year. Your Officers have been working very hard to not only plan the anniversary celebrations, but to improve our Lodge as a whole. Thanks to their assistance and the wisdom of our Past Masters, we are on track to ensure continued growth and a solid future for Gray Lodge.

This being our 150th anniversary, we have more things than usual coming up in the next few months, and we hope you can take part. I thank each of you for your support and commitment to our Lodge; and please, Brethren, do keep up the good work.

Our Senior Deacon has laid out the Lodge schedule through our 150th Installation of Officers on June 27, 2020, which you will find on Pages 3 and 5. We have several Entered Apprentices who will soon be passing to the degree of Fellowcraft, plus an upcoming Master's degree; so as always, we invite you to join one or more of our Degree Teams.

We have a Spring Picnic Day planned for all Brethren (and visitors) and their families on Saturday, March 28. We also hope you will plan to join us for our Sesquicentennial Stated Meeting in June (with an official visit to Gray Lodge by Grand Master M.:W.: Paul D. Underwood), our celebratory banquet, and our 150th Installation ceremony.

Despite our festive mood, please remember to reach out to some of your Brothers in need, especially if you haven't heard from them in a while. We all have very busy lives and may not always be aware of the situations others may be going through, but by checking up on your Brothers, you can not only assist them if they are in distress, but the bonds you reinforce will

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strengthen our fraternity.

Finally, I'll end (as I frequently do) by encouraging our Endowed, Life and 50-Year Members to donate to the future of Gray Lodge, even though you no longer have to pay dues. If you become a member of the Master's "149 Club" (and time is running out for that), by paying this year's dues despite your permanent status, you'll help ensure the future of Gray Lodge for the next 150 years, as well as receive my appreciation and my gratitude.

- Billy Moreno, Worshipful Master

## Swag. We're Gonna Have Swag.

As part of Gray Lodge's 150th Anniversary celebration, we are finalizing designs for Sesquicentennial coins/ingots and for branded merchandise (see our 150th logo on the next page). All proceeds will go toward our Scholarship and Building Funds.

As soon as the designs have been finalized, we will send an email notifying all Members, complete with pictures and ordering information.

We are already working to have embroidered logo baseball caps made. If there is specific merchandise you'd like to see bearing our special commemorative logo, please let JW Erickson Ybarra ([jwarden@gray329.org](mailto:jwarden@gray329.org)) or SD Gary Wiener ([sdeacon@gray329.org](mailto:sdeacon@gray329.org)) know as soon as possible!

## Gray Lodge Scholarship Raffle — Check Out THESE Guns!

To support our Scholarship Fund, Gray Lodge announces our big raffle for a customized AR-15 style Ruger sporting rifle AND a customized Glock 19 pistol. You haven't seen firearms that look like this before! In addition to these two one-of-a-kind prizes, the winning ticket holder will also receive:

- Customized matching carrying case
- Five boxes of 9mm ammo
- Free laser engraving of your choice on both weapons, plus the plate on the carrying case
- Two branded shot glasses
- A Full Armor T-shirt

You can purchase raffle tickets from any Gray Lodge Officer. The tickets are priced as follows:

\$10 for one  
\$50 for six  
\$100 for 12

The drawing will be held at Gray Lodge on Thursday, May 14. You don't have to be present to win (but we'd sure like to see the joy on your face in person when you do!).

Please contact WM Billy Moreno ([master@gray329.org](mailto:master@gray329.org)) for more information.





*Celebrating 150 Years of Masonic Service*

## 150 Years and Counting!

Plans are quickly coming together for our big celebrations! Mark your calendar for the dates below so you won't miss out — you have worked hard to make your Lodge great, so please share in the celebration of 150 years of Masonic service and Masonic Light!

The full Lodge calendar is on Page 5. (Don't forget that the most up-to-date calendar is always online at [www.Gray329.org/calendar](http://www.Gray329.org/calendar).)

### **Saturday, March 28 — Gray Lodge Spring Picnic**

Gray Lodge Spring Picnic for all Members (and candidates) and their families, plus an Open House for interested members of the public. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Gray Lodge (outdoors, weather permitting).

### **Thursday, May 14 — Floor School: Reception of Grand Lodge Officers**

Esoteric Floor School by and for the Officers of Gray Lodge, to prepare and rehearse for the official visit of M.:W.: Paul Underwood, Grand Master. 7-9 p.m., Gray Lodge (Lodge Room). Light dinner at 6 p.m.

### **Wednesday, June 3 — Sesquicentennial Stated Meeting**

Stated Meeting and OFFICIAL observance of Gray Lodge's 150th Anniversary. M.:W.: Paul D. Underwood, Grand Master, is expected to make an official visit, along with many other dignitaries. Gray Lodge (Lodge Room). We will also conduct our Election of Officers for the 2020-2021 Masonic year. Dinner at 6 p.m.; a MM Lodge will open at 7 p.m., followed by an open portion for families and the public.

### **Saturday, June 13 OR June 20 — Sesquicentennial Celebration & Banquet**

Sesquicentennial Celebration & Banquet. Our own R.:W.: Michael Nanny, PGM, will emcee the festivities and we'll have an exciting program to celebrate our 150th anniversary! 6-10 p.m., Scottish Rite Temple, 2401 West Bellfort (main auditorium). Tickets are on sale from Lodge Officers.

### **Saturday, June 27 — Installation of Officers**

150th Installation of Officers of Gray Lodge No. 329. Gray Lodge (Lodge Room), time TBA.

### **Wednesday, July 1 — First Stated Meeting of Gray Lodge's 151st Year**

## Upcoming Stated Meetings

If you can, please be sure to attend our Stated Meetings in the first half of 2020:

Wed., March 4 (MM Lodge)

Official visit of R.:W.: Billy Nichols, D.D.G.M.

Wed., April 1 (EA Lodge)

Wed., May 6 (EA Lodge)

Wed., June 3 (MM Lodge)

Official visit of M.:W.: Paul Underwood, Grand Master

Please join us at our usual times: dinner at 6:00 pm, with the Lodge opening at 7:00 pm.

We hope all Brethren will join us.



## "Psst, hey buddy ... wanna buy an ad?"






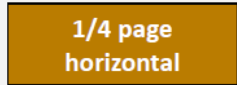

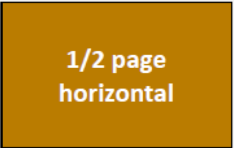




As part of Gray Lodge's 150th Anniversary celebration, your Officers are assembling a commemorative magazine highlighting our Lodge's history. To finance the printing and distribution of this free publication, we are selling a limited amount of advertising space in this commemorative, full-color booklet, the cover of which is pictured to the right.

Our Masonic family gets first opportunity to participate in the creation of this publication by purchasing space as shown below. You can advertise your business, or you and your affiliate Lodges can simply publish a message of congratulations.

We are volunteers, so we can't create graphic ads (though we will lay out black and white text ads with you). If you want a full-color ad of at least a half-page, we'll need your camera-ready artwork, at least 300 dpi, CMYK preferred.

Please contact our Editor (and Senior Deacon) Gary Wiener at [sdeacon@gray329.org](mailto:sdeacon@gray329.org) for more information.



 	 	 	 
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## 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).

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](#))

#### MARCH 2020

4	Wed.	<a href="#">Gray Lodge Stated Meeting</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
5	Thurs.	<a href="#">Called Meeting—EA Degree</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="#">Floor School - FC Degree</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
19	Thurs.	<a href="#">Called Meeting—FC Degree</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
25	Wed.	District 30 MWSA Meeting	<a href="#">Reagan Lodge #1057</a>	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
26	Thurs.	Scottish Rite Stated Meeting	<a href="#">Scottish Rite Temple</a>	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
28	Sat.	<a href="#">Gray Lodge Spring Picnic</a>	Gray Lodge #329	10:00 am—3:00 p.m.

#### APRIL 2020

1	Wed.	<a href="#">Gray Lodge Stated Meeting</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
2	Thurs.	<a href="#">Called Meeting—MM Degree</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
9	Thurs.	<a href="#">Floor School - MM Degree</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
14	Tues.	Bluebell Chapter OES Meeting	Gray Lodge #329	7:30 pm
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

#### MAY 2020

6	Wed.	<a href="#">Gray Lodge Stated Meeting</a>	Gray Lodge #329	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
12	Tues.	Bluebell Chapter OES Meeting	Gray Lodge #329	7:30 pm
14	Thurs.	<a href="#">Floor School - Grand Officers</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
27	Wed.	District 30 MWSA Meeting	<a href="#">Reagan Lodge #1057</a>	Dinner 6:00 pm / Meeting 7:00 pm
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## MASTER MASON ANNIVERSARIES

## MARCH 2020

10 William Britt (1982)	15 Hugh Berry Jr. (1979)	28 Curtis Buchan (1950)
10 Hamlin Elrod Jr. (1971)	18 Zach Willner (2014)	28 Noil Frisby (1951)
10 Frederick Schwartz (1982)	19 Roland Milligan (1986)	29 Lloyd Sherbert (1958)
10 Gregory Stephens (2005)	19 James Shafer (1986)	30 David Black (1983)
13 Ricardo Abuabara (1974)	20 Daniel Boyd (2012)	30 Lawrence Rathbun (1983)
13 Kevin Roberts (2008)*	20 Darrin Pitts (1991)*	31 David Jurgens (1982)
13 George Vaughan Jr. (1967)	21 Luiz Soriano (2019)	31 Cary Maurstad (1982)
14 Willard Cox Jr. (2001)	24 Iain Dobbie (1967)	<i>* Past Master of Gray Lodge</i>
14 Alex Trevino Jr. (1966)	27 Kenneth Wallis (1968)	

## APRIL 2020

7 Gasper Puccio (1979)	14 Michael Ruppel (1971)	23 William Wilkins (1976)
8 Michael Bryant (1992)	15 Alan Pugh (1981)	24 Jim Fritts Jr. (1968)
9 Jeffrey Bell (2011)	16 Alan Harnack (2008)	24 William Slater (1981)
9 Miguel Grajeda Jr (2011)	16 Earl Long (1960)*	25 James Cowan (1966)
9 Rodrigo Moura (2015)	17 Masatoshi Ichikawa (2014)	26 Philip Derise (1982)
11 Micho Moore (2001)	17 David Steen (2003)	26 Joel Zimmerman (1972)
11 John Taylor (1984)	18 Walter Qualls (1990)	27 Danny Fuller Jr. (2011)
12 Bruce Berger (2000)	19 Joe Lester (1978)	27 Sonny Johnson (1955)*
12 Pirtle DeGeurin (1989)	21 Butch Boggess (1999)*	27 George Pardue (1953)
12 Bruce Levy (1989)	21 Greg Weisinger (1999)*	27 Ronald Walker (1982)
13 Barry Amrich (1983)	22 Alex Buddenbaum (2017)	28 Raymond Kaufhold (1956)
13 George Lillard (1998)*	22 Lee Mcmillian (1993)	29 Thomas Young (1992)
14 Calvin Atkins (1958)	22 John Vittrup (1953)	30 Brian Dodson (1981)*
14 Allen Casals (1982)	23 Darrel Smallwood (1970)	<i>* Past Master of Gray Lodge</i>

## MAY 2020

1 Darrell Dodds (1981)	13 Gerald Zucker (1964)	27 Edward Bock III (1977)
1 Donald Smith (1981)	14 Michael Hill (1980)	27 Charles Janke (1970)
3 Darrell Craig (1960)	14 Kenneth Knobelock (1975)	28 Harry Green (1952)
6 Ricardo Ramirez (1986)	14 Brad Ledbetter (2015)	30 Mike Nanny (1979)*
8 Jerry Spencer (1959)	14 Paul Sala (1997)	30 William Pray (1984)
9 Warren Ayres (1995)	15 William Gillespie (2000)	31 Harry Borcharding (1948)
9 Jason Pollick (2013)	15 Carl Sontag (1969)	31 Nelson Fisher (1972)
11 Joseph Addison (1983)	16 Lee Hooker (2000)	31 Michael Green (2006)
11 Jeffrey Kapche (2011)	17 Steven Cobb (2018)	31 David Reece (1989)
11 Dragos Oprea (2017)	18 Sidney Victory (1968)*	31 Carl Rubly (2006)
11 Samuel Winstead (1983)	19 Charles Baxter (1977)	<i>* Past Master of Gray Lodge</i>
13 Bennie Irish (2009)	21 Thomas Smith (1962)	





*Celebrating 150 Years of Masonic Service*

*Invites you, family & friends for our...*

# ★ 2020 ★ SPRING PICNIC!!!

## A Fun Day for our Family & Friends!

### - BBQ

- Burgers / Dogs
- Chips & Dips
- Cultural Potluck  
(bring a typical food  
from your country)
- Soft Drinks



### RSVP & Questions

SS Luiz 832 270 0786

JD Steve 702 580 2458

JS Joey 832 978 0923

### Fun Activities

- Masonic Treasure Hunt
- Bean Bag Toss
- Guess How Many
- Water Balloon Dodgeball
- Giveaways
- And much more!!!!!!

### Open House

*Tour our Lodge and  
Learn our History!!!*



*March/28/2020*

*10 a.m. / 3 p.m.*

*Gray Lodge #329*

*2370 Barker Oaks Drive*

