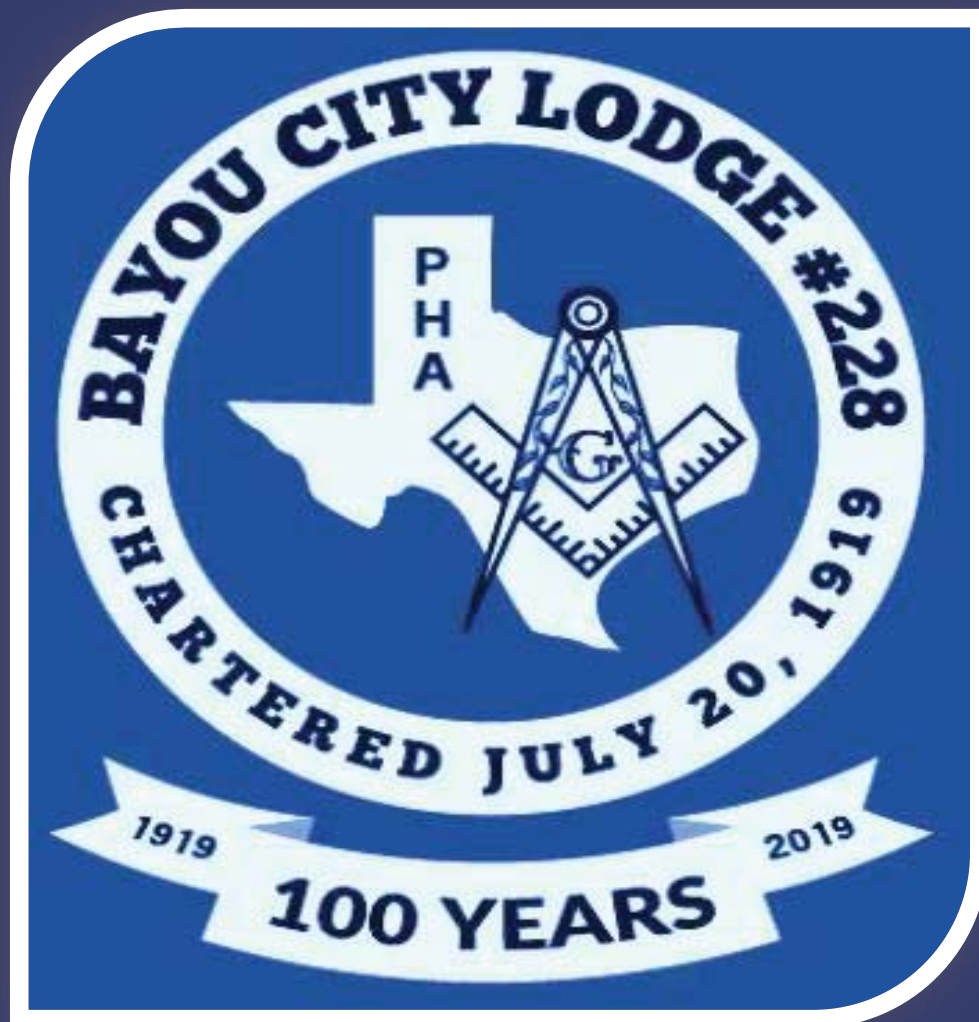


BAYOU CITY LODGE # 228, PHA



2018-2019 Masonic Year in Review

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Bayou City Leadership Changes for the 2018-2019 Masonic Year



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With the start of a new masonic year the election night at Bayou City saw several changes in the lodge leadership. WM Houston was reelected for another year while the positions of Senior Warden (SW) & Junior Warden (JW) both changed out. Former SW Bro. Kwame Cyrus stepped down making way for a change in leadership. WM Houston thanked Bro. Cyrus valuable asset and knowledgeable brother who is always ready to serve. The new Senior Warden for the new masonic year is Bro. Craig McLaurin the former Junior Warden, while the new JW is Bro. Darrick Brown the former Senior Deacon (SD).



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Bayou City Serves as Lodge of the Day For St. John Day 2018



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June 10, 2018 marked the celebration of St. John's Day for district 15A & the Prince Hall Masonic Family. Freemasons historically celebrate two feasts of saints who are both named John. The feast of John the Baptist falls on 24 June, and that of John the Evangelist on 27 December, roughly marking mid-summer and mid-winter. This years services were held at Hiram Clarke Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, TX and was very well attended by the brothers and sisters of the district with only stand room being left available.

Bro. Rev. Reginald Thompson (147) assistant pastor at Brentwood Baptist Church spoke to the congregation about "Brotherly Love & Re-dedication to Service". Bayou City served as the lodge of the day and was responsible for organizing & coordinating the service and provided hot refreshment and drinks to all attendees as they departed.



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Bayou City 'Once Again' Prevails District 15A Lodge of the Year



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Bayou City traveled to Dallas, TX for the 143rd Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Texas. And for the second year in a row the lodge took away top honors winning the Lodge of the Year for district 15A for the masonic year 2017-2018.

WM Houston thanked the lodge for all the support and hard work put in over the past masonic year and challenged the brothers to continue to strive for excellence in the ensuing masonic year.



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Bayou City 'Once Again' Delivers Summer Relief From The Texas Heat



The summer months are once again in full swing for the Third Ward Community of Houston, Texas with temperatures surpassing 100 degrees Fahrenheit. To aid and assist the community Bayou City Lodge No. 228 under the leadership of Worshipful Master Christopher Houston, collected and donated 30 box fans to Trinity United Methodist Church on July 21st. The fans will be distributed to those in the community seeking some level of comfort from the brutal summer heat.

“Houston, Texas summers can be ferocious”, says WM Houston, and it is important that as Prince Hall Masons we do our part to provide relief and comfort to those in need via our annual fan drive program.

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Bayou City Participates In The District Christmas In July Toy Drive



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As part of District 15-A's commitment to helping children in need, Bayou City Lodge under the leadership of WM Christopher Houston, collected toy and games in an effort to brightening a child's day during the summer month of July.

On July 21st Bayou City along with other lodges within the district donated all collected items to the Salvation Army Shelter located in Midtown Community of Houston, Texas. The toys will be distributed to the families & children currently living within the shelter.

Afterwards the lodge took a tour of the facility and identified areas of support that the lodge could assist with in order to further bring relief and charity to those in need.



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Bayou City Support District Wide Free Physicals



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On August 4th, District 15-A hosted a free sports physical exam opened to the public on the campus of Westbury High School in Houston, Tx.

Bayou City's own Dr. Razak Balogun & the wife of Bro. Damon Mattox (Sharon - RN/NP) provided of their time and services examining nearly one hundred (~100) students that showed up in preparation for the start of the 2018-2019 school year. The exams help to determine whether it's safe for a student to participate in sport related activities via a review of their medical history and an actual physical exam.

Additionally, the brothers of Bayou City supported the event via on-site registration as well as logistical support.



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BAYOU CITY CONTINUES SUPPORT OF KASHMERE GARDENS ELEMENTARY



WM Houston, Principal Marques Collins, Bro. Michael Roberts

On August 24th, Bayou City returned to Kashmere Gardens Elementary to support the school and the community as it prepares for a new school year. Under the guidance of WM Christopher Houston, the lodge was able to supply nearly (~50) backpacks along with school supplies to help kick start the new school year.

Principal Marques Collins and Asst. Principal Cynovia Hall whom both are in their first year of administrative leadership at Kashmere thanked the lodge for continuing to support the school and invited the lodge to return at any time to read or perform science experiments with the students.



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Bro. Michael Roberts, Asst. Principal Cynovia Hall, WM Houston

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Bayou City Participates in District 15A Picnic



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Nothing says summer like a Texas BBQ & Picnic.....

District 15A put on a all inclusive district 15A down south BBQ in which lodges including our sister organizations were invited out to eat, play games and fellowship with each other. The event was held at Alexander Deussen Park in Houston, TX on September 8th from 12pm-6pm and was set up tail gate style.

Brotherly love prevailed as each lodge hosted food for its members ensuring that anyone who wanted to eat received a plate. The district Junior Warden Bro. Damon Mattox (228) planned and coordinated the event and WM Houston personally thanked him for his efforts and for a job well done. And although there wasn't a contest for the best BBQ, WM Houston believe his East texas smoked chicken would have took home first prize.



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Bayou City Welcomes 3 New Brothers during Mid-Winter 2018



During the 2018 Mid Winter session Bayou City welcomed in 3 new brothers who were raised to the degree of master mason. New brothers Joshua Kearney, Darold Lewis & DuShaun Williams were welcomed in with open arms and were congratulated for their dedication and time take to study and learn the required material.

WM Houston stated to the new brothers "That he can't wait to see how each of the brothers continues to grow as they take the next steps in their masonic journey growing as men".

The Mid Winter session also allowed for the brothers of the lodge to witness the unveiling of the new armed forces monument with was dedicated to all whom have served this country with their service.

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SEASON OF GIVING FOR BAYOU CITY



As once again the Thanksgiving and the Christmas season approaches, food pantries across the area will be stressed trying to provide relief to those families in need the holiday season.

Under the continued leadership of WM Christopher Houston, Bayou City Lodge No. 228 participated in their annual food drive to benefit the East Fort Bend Human Needs Ministry in their mission of providing food and relief to the Fort Bend community.

The Lodge spent the month collecting canned goods and non-perishable items and presented several baskets of food to the Ministry's food pantry.

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Bayou City Continues To Bring Christmas To Kashmere Elementary



December 14—The members of Bayou City Lodge No. 228 closed out 2018 once again spending the month of November collecting donations in order to support its partnership with Kashmere Gardens Elementary located within the 5th Ward area of Houston, TX.

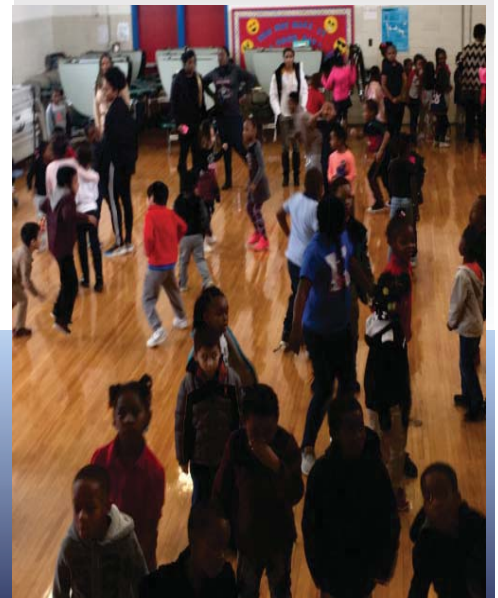
The school was presented with thirteen bicycles, two scooters and several gift cards to ensure those students that might go with out receive something from Christmas. Kashmere Principal Marques Collins thanked the Lodge and said, " he was thankful that the Prince Hall Masonic Family cared enough to donate to his students". WM Houston informed Principal Collins the brothers of the lodge are always willing to support and would most definitely be back on campus soon. The event was capped of by music while the brothers watched the students perform some of the latest dances.

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Bro. Kearney, WM Houston & Principal Collins



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Bayou City Supports Autism Advocacy



Autism is the fastest-growing developmental disability in the United States affecting 1 in 59 children and 1 in 45 school age children. Over 3,000 children diagnosed on the autism spectrum are enrolled in Fort Bend County public schools.

Hope For Three is the only advocacy group in the Greater Houston area to focus solely on autism.

On December 8th, WM Christopher Houston and the brothers of Bayou City Lodge No. 228-- via a charitable contribution from the Texas Prince Hall Charitable Foundation, presented the organization with a \$500 donation to assist with their Family Assistance program in which the organization provides financial aid to qualified families with children on the autism spectrum residing in Fort Bend County.

The donation will also go to support the Hope For Three's signature awareness campaign, introduced into the public school systems which helps to educate and students, teachers, nurses and counselors about young people with unique differences – autism. This interactive and engaging presentation provides insight on the characteristics of autism, providing students and others a first-hand look at the challenges their differently-able peers endure; as well as providing tips and strategies on how students can be a "good friend" an anti-bullying exercises.

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BAYOU CITY CONTINUES ANNUAL EASTER TRADITION

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Bayou City Lodge No. 228 and Attentive Ear No. 350 continued their partnership and hosted their "City Wide Egg" event on April 20th. The event was well attend with over 50 kids and chaperons in attendance. Open to the public, this annual event provided an opportunity for children to scour Buffalo Run Park in search of Easter eggs, toys, treats and those elusive money eggs!

Members of Bayou City Lodge spent the months of March & April purchasing Easter baskets to ensure no child would walk away empty-handed and under the direction of Worshipful Master Christopher Houston, the lodge purchased and donated funds to purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, nachos and drinks to feed nearly 100 people inclusive of (50 kids). The event was filled with entertainments games such as (tug-of-war, sack races, kite flying, frisbee toss, dance competition and many more. "Spring is the season of re-dedication and growth", says WM Houston. "As we celebrate the season spring and prepare for Easter Sunday, it is important as Prince Hall Freemasons that we continue to engage the community ensuring our presence is visible.

