

# ***"THE CHALK"***

***HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138***

***FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS***

***CHARTERED 1894***

***DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7***

***M.:W.: GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA***

***126 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach***

## **January 2020**



**January 13, 2020**

**Stated Communication**

**\*Jim Kirby night and  
Harmonia Birthday\***

**Dinner 6:15 p.m.**

**Meeting 7:15 p.m.**

**January 27, 2020**

**Stated Communication**

**Dinner 6:15 p.m.**

**Meeting 7:15 p.m.**



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## *From the East*

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, thank for your humble vote of confidence and trust in electing me as your new Worshipful Master for the New Year and may the New Year bring us good Health and Wealth in 2020. May Harmony prevail and every moral, social, and virtue cement us; and that all who visit Harmonia Lodge No. 138 find the meaning of Faith, Hope, & Charity and an abundance of light blessings of success in this special place we call Home.

Brethren, I would like to thank the Craft for supporting our Worshipful Master Edmund Rodas, in 2019 and now our Junior PM. The Christmas Party at Harmonia Lodge was a success on December 14. There was lots of fun and Toys from Santa. The next Masonic Leadership Training MLT 2 will take place at Harmonia Lodge No. 138 on January 24, 2020 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Remember that an Educated Mason is a Dedicated Mason. May the Holiday Season fill your home with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter. My Family and I wishes you and your family an Abundance of Wealth and Health for the new year in 2020.

In closing, may the Grand Architect of the Universe grant all the Brothers, Families, and Friends all the blessings now and forever.

Ray Rios

Worshipful Master

Make It Happen!



## *From the West*

Greetings Brethren,

I want to start by wishing all a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year! I also want to thank the Craft for your confidence in me displayed by your voting me as your Senior Warden. I will strive everyday to work to the best of my abilities to make you proud of your decision. We have an amazing group of elected and appointed officers this year ready to work and continue the momentum of an outstanding year just completed by W.: Edmund Rodas. A hearty congratulations to Worshipful Master Ray Rios, and all elected and appointed officers! Let's roll up our sleeves and get to work!

Harmonia Lodge turns 126 years old this month! Come join us at our January 13th stated meeting when we will have a special evening dedicated to our beloved Jim Kirby, HPM, and we will celebrate the birthday of our fine Lodge! It will be a great evening filled with fellowship, food, and fun!

Additionally, don't forget that we have Lodge of instruction every Thursday night where we work on esoteric work, degree work, catechism and just plain fun! This is always a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship, build friendships, and get involved! It's going to be a great year! Come join the fun!

See you in Lodge!

Fraternally,

Brian Price, Senior Warden

# *From the South*



Greetings Brethren!

As we gather together for our first lodge meeting of the year, I would like to welcome back everyone and wish you all a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year! I hope everyone had a great time with families and friends during the Holiday season.

I want to congratulate all the elected and appointed officers headed by our Worshipful Master Ray Rios who I know will do a great job for the ensuing year. I also want to thank those who took their time to attend the Installation of Officers last December 28, 2019 and also to those who helped in the kitchen.

This year we anticipate that we will be raising a lot of brothers to the sublime degree of Freemasonry so try to come out and support the new brothers.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Fraternally,  
Sotelo Cruz  
Junior Warden

## *Secretary Sez*



Brethren,

If you are like me, you miss Lou!  
Dues are due from you know who!

It's that time of year again! Dues notices have been mailed out to all members. Please send in your dues or pay them next time you are at Lodge! Thank you in advance for your timely remittance!

Remember You Obligation Brothers!  
David J. Reilly, Secretary

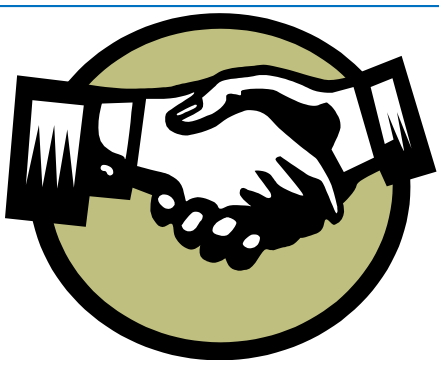
**“Believe... and you're halfway there”**

**~M.:W.: Harry S. Truman, PGM**

**REMINDER,  
Please get your  
Lodge Dues into  
the Secretary  
on Time!**

**Thank!**





# Lodge Officers for 2020

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***Palm Beach York Rite Bodies***

***Meets at Harmonia Lodge No. 138 F&AM***

***Chapter No. 24 Royal Arch Masons***

***Zabud Council No. 17 Royal and Select Masters***

***Palm Beach Commandry No. 18 Knights Templar***



## ***Area Lodges District #25***

Boca-Delray #171

4093 NW 4th Avenue, Boca Raton  
1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Boynton #236

2701 Quantum Blvd, Boynton Beach  
2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Gulfstream #245

Palmwood Lodge: 845 Bradley St., WPB  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

Palmwood #303

845 Bradley St., West Palm Beach  
1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Bykota #333

421 Jennings Ave., Greenacres  
2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm

Jupiter Light #340

600 S. Loxahatchee Dr., Jupiter  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Garden #366

9463 Roan Lane, Palm Beach Gardens  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Lantana #372

Palmwood Lodge: 845 Bradley St., WPB  
2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

## ***Harmonia Lodge Dress Code***

For regular stated communications, degree conferrals, and lodge visitations, all Brothers are required to wear a suit or a sport coat and tie.



For regular stated communications, all Officers will wear black trousers, black tie, with black tux coat.



## **Charity for the Month**

**Melaleuca Elementary School**

<http://www.melaleucaelementaryschool.com/>

***The Box of Fraternal Relief is located in the Lodgeroom. Please donate what you can to this worthy cause.***





# 2020 Lodge Committees

## Finance

SW Brian Price (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,  
W.: Tony Petrides, Lou Babbit HPM, Sec. David Reilly HPM,  
Bro. Peter Petrosky, Ed Griffin HPM

## Vigilance

JW Sotelo Cruz (Chairman), Bro. Dave Porter,  
JD Mark Higgs, W.: Marco Sevilleja

## Petitions

Sec. David Reilly HPM(Chairman), Lou Babbit HPM,  
Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson, Bro. Dave Porter, W.: Tony Petrides,  
SW Brian Price, JD Justin Shiver

## Masonic Education

Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson (Chairman), Sec. David Reilly HPM,  
Lou Babbit HPM, Mike Hart HPM, W.: Tony Petrides

## Board of Relief

W.:M.: Ray Rios (Chairman), SW Brian Price, JW Sotelo Cruz

## Charity

SW Brian Brice (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,  
Lou Babbit HPM, Sec. David Reilly HPM

## Lodge Property

JW Sotelo Cruz (Chairman), Bro. Scott McGary,  
Lou Babbit HPM, Sec. David Reilly HPM, Bro. Dave Porter

## Lodge Mentoring

W.: Edmund Rodas (Chair), SD Justin Shiver, W.: Marco Sevilleja

## Community, Civic Improvement & Social Activities

JW Sotelo Cruz (Chairman), SD Justin Shiver, JD Mark Higgs

## Investigations

Sec. David Reilly HPM (Chairman), Lou Babbit HPM,  
Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson, Bro. Dave Porter, W.: Tony Petrides,  
SW Brian Price, JD Justin Shiver

## Communications, Trestleboard and Website

Greg Tammany(Chair), Sec. David Reilly HPM, W.: Tony Petrides

## Visitors

Jim Kirby HPM (Chair), Bro. Greg Tammany, Mike Hart HPM,  
Chap. Tanju Comert, Bro. Don Gonzalez, W.: Tony Petrides



### Letters to the Editor (An open forum by Brothers, for Brothers)

We welcome any feedback to improve our Trestle Board! If you have any suggestions or input, a pressing issue, flustering problem, or you are just plain curious about any topic whatsoever, submit your comments in an e-mail to the editor at [Meat11ball@aol.com](mailto:Meat11ball@aol.com). Thanks in advance for your valued input!

## *Instructive Tongue*

*A story for those who have not attended Lodge in some time.....*

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening (note: must have been a Northern Lodge) and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a chair near the fire and waited. The Worshipful Master said nothing, but contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the W. M. took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone.

The host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flicked and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and the fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken. The W. M. stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire, where it immediately began to glow once more. The W. M. walked to the door followed by his host who stood and said "Thank you for the fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

## *Harmonia Lodge Degree Status*



### Usual Course

John Brooks

### Awaiting EA

Joseph Puleo

### Awaiting FC

Mitchel Garcia Afon, James Rogers,  
Emilio Olan

### Awaiting MM

Luis Gonzalez, Charles Beres III,  
Roberto Mazzanti, Erasmo Gonzalez,  
Chad Rawlinson, Hikmet Sir, David Jones

