

“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



June 2020



All Harmonia Masonic Meetings, Activities, Events and Functions continue to be cancelled until further notice due to the COVID-19 Crisis. We will keep you updated.

Stay Safe Brothers!

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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, we are now headed for June and the temperature is getting warmer. First and foremost, I hope and pray that you are all staying well and taking care of your family and loved ones during this COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic life threatening and unprecedented challenging times. Wash your hands a lot and do not touch your face, eyes, mouth, and nose which is the easiest way that the Coronavirus will enter your body and contaminate you. Keep you and your family safe. The Grand Master asks that all Brothers and their families should be the priority and to use common sense and be safe.

Congratulations to our Brother Robert Gibbons PM for being Mason of the Month of May 2020. Kudos go out to PM Robert Gibbons for working in and out of the office tirelessly toward improving our Lodge property.

My Brethren continue to keep yourself and family safe and if you think you have COVID-19 (Coronavirus) symptoms seek medical help immediately at your nearest medical facilities. Let's keep our social distancing and if at all possible please stay home with your family and play some board games like monopoly, playing cards, and family games, but be safe always. Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and family members for the month of June.

In closing, remember Masonry is not just a Fraternity of good men; it's a way of life. 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,

We continue to live in unprecedented times. Presently we are facing a litany of issues including health, financial, and social. No doubt we are being challenged on many levels. Harmonia has long been synonymous with integrity and high standards. Our fine Lodge has stood proud for well over a century, and countless pillars of society and brothers of utmost character and distinction have sowed the seeds for our future. The history, reputation, and legacy they leave challenge us to continue to strive to follow the examples of our predecessors. It is always easy to excel when things are good, but the ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands during times of challenge and controversy. In reflecting upon the recent challenges faced by Harmonia specifically, I am strengthened and encouraged at how the Craft has solidified its resolve to move in a positive direction and overcome adversity regardless of the circumstances we face. I look around and see a group of men I feel proud and privileged to call my Brothers. Let us continue to bind ourselves together and lift each other up in brotherhood as we move forward and continue to carry the torch and pave the way for future generations of Harmonia brothers. I for one consider myself proud and fortunate to call myself your brother and a member of Harmonia Lodge.

Finally, please don't forget the importance of communication and connection. If you have the ability, please check on your Brothers and stay in touch. A phone call, email or text will go a long way in these stressful times. Let us all commit to caring for one another and showing our Brotherly Love. If any Brothers are in need of ANYTHING as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, please reach out to the officers or the Secretary in the Lodge Office and we will make sure you get what you need.

Hang in there. Stay safe, continue to follow all protocols, and see you on the backside of this outbreak.

Miss you all Brothers and miss our fellowship in Lodge!

Fraternally,
Brian Price, Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren!

Hope this message finds you and your family safe and in good health and spirits. The past couple of months have put our faith, patience and resilience to the test. This unprecedented health and economic crisis is something we can't joke about or ignore. As stressful as I know this experience has been for all of us, I am equally thankful that we are all safe and we're still doing everything we can to put some normalcy in this whole thing.

Our first virtual meeting via "Ring Central Teleconference" was a success. It was good to see some of the Brothers well and in good spirit. Update on the lodge was discussed and so was balloting for the new set of officers of the Grand Lodge. This virtual meeting will be done every two weeks up until the Worshipful Master decides with the Grand Lodge permission to open the lodge again.

Even though the Governor has opened some of the activities here in Florida, I urge each and every one to please continue to practice social distancing and proper hygiene because together we can overcome this pandemic and we will all get through it.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Fraternally,

Sotelo Cruz, Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

Monday 1st & 3rd, 9 AM – 12 Noon

Monday 2nd & 4th, 1 PM- 9:00 PM (Meetings)

Wednesdays 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Thursdays 1:00–8:30 PM (Lodge of Instruction)

Brethren,

By now you know Grand Lodge was cancelled, the first time since 1942. For your information the Lodge continues it's Lodge business. Receipts and Expenses have no mercy in the wake of the Pandemic. Our expenses are not held up by any of the business closings.

We are keeping up with "Chores" around the Lodge. We are looking at replacing the Kitchen floor, and Cleaning the Lodge Carpet, Seating and Curtains (Including sanitizing). Prior to opening the Lodge, we will have the Lodge thoroughly cleaned. This we hope will allow us to be safe when we open Lodge.

Reminder: Look at your Dues Card. Do you have a 2020 Dues Card? Is it signed? Do you owe dues. The next time you talk to a brother ask him if he has a 2020 Dues Card. As it stands right now we have a lot of NPD's.

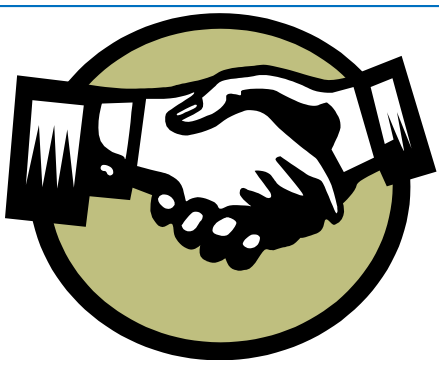
With friends and relatives all over the world, now is the time to pull together, reach out, pray, and be safe. Until we are together again, God Speed.

Remember You Obligation Brothers!

David J. Reilly, Secretary

"Believe... and you're halfway there"

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



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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

Instructive Tongue

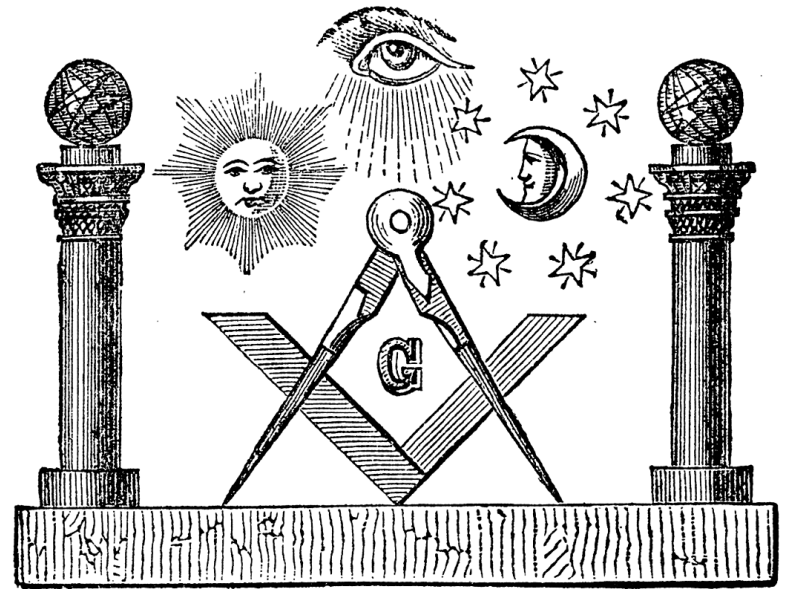
There are two brazen pillars placed before the entrance to King Solomon's Temple which are symbolically represented within every Lodge in the Second Degree of Masonry. No one can determine the origin of this practice. It existed in ancient times and the great Temple at Jerusalem was one of the many examples. It has been said that the Pillars of Hercules inspired the columns antedating their place in history. These natural rock formations at Gibraltar and Cueta stand guard over the Strait of Gibraltar and mark the end of the western world as the ancients knew it.

In Freemasonry these pillars bear the names Boaz and Jachin and are symbols of strength and establishment, and by implication, of power and control. In passing between them, the Fellow Craft is not told to observe or examine one at the expense of the other. Both power and control are placed before him so that he might realize power without control is anarchy or that control without power is futility. These two pillars of strength and establishment, of power and control, suggest that man must have both if in his life he is to be successful.



Harmonia Degree Teams

Do You Love Masonic Ritual?
Do You Enjoy Working with a
Team?
Have You Always Wanted to
Participate in Degrees?



Harmonia has EA, FC, and MM Degree Teams and we are looking for additional members! No experience is necessary! Simply a desire to learn is all that is required! Each degree team has a Director that leads the team. The intent is to have degree teams that are proficient in exemplifying excellent ritual work while simultaneously training newer Brothers to become proficient so that Harmonia can put on any degree at a moments notice. If interested, please contact Secretary David Reilly in the Lodge office. Come join the team!

Instructive Tongue

On a recent Memorial Day, Forest Lodge (Wisconsin) Brethren were preparing for their annual march in the parade when they were approached by Cory Tomczyk, owner of Industrial Recyclers of Wisconsin. The company provides shredding, recycling, and waste services in central Wisconsin. Cory advised the lodge members that his employees had found a MASONIC BIBLE within material sent to their facility for processing. A marriage certificate and other documents were held within the Bible. Not wanting to destroy the sacred text, the employees set the Bible aside.

Upon examining the Bible and marriage certificate (dated 1873) contained therein, Bro. Jesse Furrer decided to research the names listed on the internet to see if any hits could be found. It did not take long to find that the marriage certificate belonged to Greenbury C. Baker and Mary E. Carter of Tuolumne County, California. Greenbury was influential in developing early pioneer trails and eventually a highway maintenance station in Tuolumne County in the late nineteenth century that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Further research shows that East-Belt Tuolumne Lodge #8 is the surviving Masonic Lodge in Tuolumne County. The Grand Lodge of California was contacted and arrangements made to return the Masonic Bible to the Lodge for inclusion in its memorial library.

(from an article by Jesse Furrer in The Wisconsin Masonic Journal, Summer 2012, Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.)

Harmonia Lodge Degree Status



Awaiting EA

Joseph Puleo

Awaiting FC

Mitchel Garcia Afon, James Rogers,
Emilio Olan

Awaiting MM

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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. Thanks in advance for your valued input!