

“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



July 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 in July and the temperature is getting much hotter. Having said that 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 the body and contaminate you and your family and friends. 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 Harry Henry for being Mason of the Month for June 2020. Kudos go out to Brother Robert Gibbons, PM for working in and out of the office tirelessly toward improving our Lodge property. Much Kudos go out to the 15 Brothers that supported us during the renovation of the kitchen, Lodge, building and exterior property.

Hurricane season is here now so don't wait for the last minute to prepare for whatever is coming our way and be ready. 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 facility. Let's keep our social distancing and if at all possible please stay home and away from large crowds and stay safe. Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and family members for the month of July.

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,

As we close in on July and the celebration of the birth of our country, I encourage you to take an opportunity to enlighten yourselves on some American Masonic history. A significant number of Masons have had major impacts on the direction of our great nation. Although it seems that so much of our admired history is just that, history, certainly something good has happened in more contemporary times by Masons that is worth speaking about.

I challenge you to shine the light on our lesser known history. It is for a couple of reasons I bring this up. We as Masons should endeavor to enlighten ourselves with accurate knowledge at every opportunity. Enlightenment happens within; no one forces it upon us. If we wait on others to share we may miss out on that spark we need in our lives. By taking the time to learn and pass on our heritage to those around us we fortify our knowledge base and create a consistent message both publicly and within our organization. This leads me to the next point; in our efforts to attract quality members from the public at large we must present strong and interesting messages of who we are and why we are here. By embracing our rich history, we at this turbulent time are in a great position to offer what many men feel is missing in society: honor, tradition, direction, fellowship, charity and purpose. If we can show that there are clear paths through such times to those who seek answers, we may be able to motivate those we have yet to meet to stop in and see who we are.

Hang in there. Stay safe, continue to follow all protocols, and see you on the backside of this COVID 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. It is hard to believe we are in our fifth month of this dreadful pandemic and it seems that relief is out of sight yet. So I urge everyone to continue practicing social distancing and take every precaution not to get infected. Like I said in my previous messages, we can and will get through this.

Maybe some of the brothers are not aware but we are doing a lot of work at the Lodge from landscaping to painting to rearranging to renovating, etc. On that note, I would like to thank the brothers who showed up last week to help move the kitchen equipment so Brother TJ Comert can replace the floors. I can tell that the Brothers are anxious to get back to the Lodge which our WM Ray Rios is planning to do so in September.

In the meantime, we will continue to meet via “Ring Central Teleconference”, so I urge the brothers to set aside an hour so they can join and be informed as to what’s going on with the Lodge and the Grand Lodge. Don’t hesitate to call WM Ray Rios, WM David Reilly or me for any questions.

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,

The Grand Master of the State of Florida has given the OK to continue Lodge activities. These activities must be in the bounds of the Lodge’s discretion and the use of CDC precautions. For now, Harmonia as well as other Lodges in the District will remain closed. We know that Freemasonry is not a Social Distancing kind of organization. To place limits of masks and gloves as well as not allow members to sit next to each other, just does not seem to be right. We are setting September 28th as a tentative date to open Harmonia Lodge No. 138.

I have sent a Letter of Outstanding dues. A total of 35 to date have not paid. That is a total of \$5,335.00 of uncollected dues. Plus, another \$19.25 cost of postage. Brothers please remember your obligation and pay your dues on time. The Lodge is moving forward. We have had an Online Officers meeting, and by this writing an online get together with all members. We are busy making the Lodge CDC compliant, and we have cleaned and sanitized the lodge room and office. We are in the process of retiling the Kitchen floor. We have been delayed on the mail box as the metal fabricator has been shut down during the Pandemic. We are looking at the Kitchen as to what can be done for food service since buffet dining is out. We have painted the walkways around the building and added lighting. According to the News, Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant will not be opening. We have seen nothing going on to the East of us, where Olive Garden used to be. We continue to keep the grounds as clean as possible. We have had Officer Meetings online and are planning to try an online meeting to the craft. We will keep you informed as to the Lodge Opening. Watch the Trestle Board. Be sure to update your E-Mail so we can remain current. If you have moved recently please let the Lodge know your new address. Stay Safe and be well.

Remember You Obligation Brothers!

David J. Reilly, Secretary

“Believe... and you’re halfway there”

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



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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

Need Cash? Help Your Lodge & Receive \$500

We have office space for lease. Any Brother who refers a potential tenant that signs an executed lease with Harmonia Lodge will receive a \$500 incentive reward for the referral! The unit available is the upstairs space facing Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. For more info, please contact Secretary Dave Reilly in the Lodge office!

Instructive Tongue

Masonry is many things to all of us, and there is more to learn about this great fraternity than any one of us could hope to attain in several lifetimes of study. The more that I learn about Masonry, the more I realize that Masonry is really only about one thing: **Brotherhood**. The privilege of travel to other places just as the operative Masons did so long ago has a different meaning relative to today. Long ago Masons traveled in search of work and along the way they gained knowledge and insight into different cultures as they performed their work. Once we became raised we were awarded the privilege of travel to other lodges and upon successful examination and permission, allowed to enter. This is a precious wage, in that it presents at least two very valuable benefits; the opportunity to meet others and share knowledge, knowledge that can be brought back to the home lodge in the form of innovation for the potential improvement of lodge operations.

Knowledge that can be shared upon the return home of the grand history of other lodges, cultures, peoples, places and the work that they do. But additionally the worthy Master Mason has the rare privilege of being able to seek refuge or apply for assistance in lodges around the globe should you find yourself in distress. There are but few places or societies that would upon proper examination treat a stranger as an equal and with little challenge render such help.

No matter where we are in the world, we are NEVER alone, because we share the bond of brotherhood in Masonry. How many times have we all been in the midst of strangers when we see the Masonic ring of a Brother, or they ours, and experience firsthand that moment when his eyes light up and you interact as if you always knew each other. That moment in time when you would do anything necessary to help out another Brother, and he you, even though you may have just met. That my Brothers IS Masonry. All of the teachings, all of the secrets and symbols, are completely meaningless unless we practice Brotherhood and inculcate the true meaning of our Masonic lessons and ever remember what it is to be a Mason and remember ever to walk and act as such.

Instructive Tongue

Character is the decisive factor in the life of an individual and nations alike.

~Theodore Roosevelt

God grant that men of principle are our principle men.

~Thomas Jefferson

A good moral character is the first essential of a man. It is therefore highly important that you should endeavor not only to be learned but virtuous.

~George Washington

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

~Winston Churchill

Be excellent to each other!

~Bill S. Preston, Esquire and Ted Theodore Logan

“.....but Masonry’s motto is not “we help men do good things,” it is “we take good men and make them better.” It is the ritual which does that, the ritual which literally provides the initiation, “the beginning” of a new life with a strengthened set of values and purposes. Ritual is the oldest teaching method known to man. Over time mankind has developed better ways to teach information and data, but no one has ever developed a better method of teaching attitudes, morals and values. ~M.: W.: Charles Dick, Past Grand Master of Oklahoma

Harmonia Lodge Degree Status



Awaiting EA

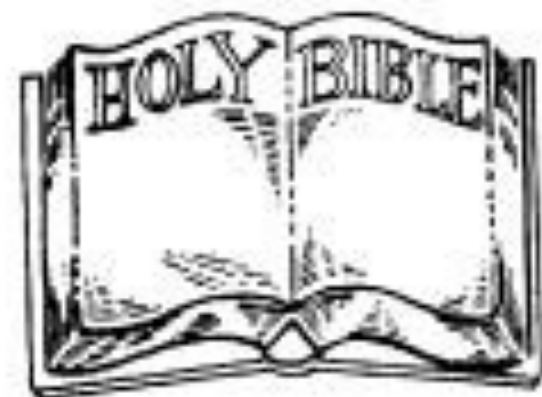
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Mitchel Garcia Afon, James Rogers,
Emilio Olan

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

Grassy Waters Elementary

<https://gwes.palmbeachschools.org>

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!