

# ***“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***

**September  
2020**



**All Harmonia Masonic  
Meetings, Activities,  
Events and Functions  
continue to be  
cancelled BUT mark  
your calendars for our  
return when we have  
our first Stated meeting  
back on October 26th.**



**Stay Safe Brothers!**

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## *From the East*

Greetings Brethren,

Good News! We are finally scheduled to return to Lodge and have our first Stated Meeting back on October 26, 2020 for the Grand Opening of our new Kitchen and Lodge room. Come out and join us and let's fellowship. 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 has cancelled his visit and asks that all Brothers and their families should be the priority and to use common sense and be safe. Congratulations to our Brother Albert Smith for being Mason of the Month for September 2020. Kudos go out to Brother Robert Gibbons, PM for working in and out of the office tirelessly toward improving our Lodge property.

We were spared the wrath of Hurricane Laura, but 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. As Masons we must always look after our Brothers! Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and family members for the month of August.

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.

Make It Happen!  
Ray Rios, Worshipful Master



## *From the West*

Greetings Brethren,

Although Harmonia Lodge continues to remain closed for the time being, this hopefully won't be for much longer! WM Ray Rios has planned our first LIVE Lodge meeting since we closed for COVID to happen on October 26th! It will certainly be a welcome day when we Brothers can once again join in a room and have Brotherly Love and Fellowship once again. Mark your calendars and keep your fingers crossed!

In the meantime, 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 or hurricane preparedness, 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 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. Our virtual meeting last August 17 was presided over by Worshipful Ray Rios and was well attended. During this meeting, we were graced by the presence of our DDGM Rex Bradford of Boca Delray Lodge who offered nothing but kind words and encouragement. We also honored our Brother James H. Kirby for his 70 years of service in Masonry. Again, congratulations Brother Kirby! We also welcomed back our Secretary Lou Babbit! Welcome back Brother Secretary! Congratulations also to the Master Mason of the Month of August, Brother David Jones for his unconditional support to the Craft.

During this meeting, we also talked about the status of future petitions and candidates by the visitors committee team, and received updates on the lodge, kitchen, tenants and mailbox installation. We also talked about 2021 Dues and Trestleboard updates. This is all in preparation for our tentative opening of the lodge on October 26. Hopefully this date will hold and we will see each other again in one room after nine months of separation.

Let us all continue to practice the necessary precaution such as wearing face masks, safe distancing, constant washing of our hands and most importantly take those vitamins in order to combat this dreadful virus. Again, please continue to reach out to the brothers if you need help with anything and with regards to the business of the lodge, don't hesitate to call WM Ray Rios, Secretary Lou Babbit or myself for any questions.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Fraternally,

Sotelo Cruz, Junior Warden



## *Secretary Sez*

### *Office Hours*

Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Fridays 10:00am - 12:30pm

Brethren,

The dues notices for 2021 have been received and are in the process of being sent out to the Craft. Included will be a letter with directions to join the Circumscribe Grand Lodge member database. We highly encourage as many Brothers as possible to update your most current information into Circumscribe so we may better communicate and serve your needs. Thank you to those Brothers who have already remitted their dues payments. If you have not yet paid your dues, please remit your payment to the Lodge Secretary or pay them directly next time you are at Lodge! In accordance with Grand Lodge requirements, non-payment of dues letters were sent out for all brothers in arrears. If there are circumstances or challenges preventing you from paying your dues, please contact myself or the Worshipful Master. We are here to help my Brothers, you need only to reach out and ask.

Stay Safe and be well.

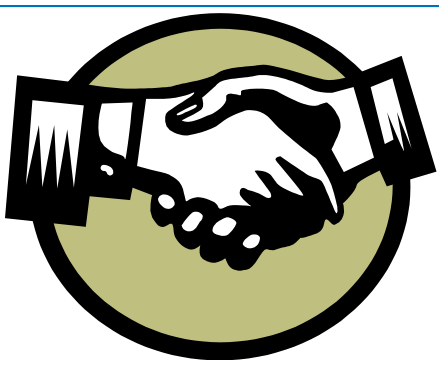
Lou Babbit, Secretary

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

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

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

**Thanks!**



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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 Degree Status*



### Awaiting EA

Joseph Puleo



### Awaiting FC

Mitchel Garcia Afon, James Rogers,  
Emilio Olan

### Awaiting MM

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## 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](mailto:Meat11ball@aol.com). Thanks in advance for your valued input!