

“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

October 2020

October 26th, 2020
Stated Communication
and Harmonia Lodge
Grand Re-opening

November 12th, 2020
Called Communication
Fellow Craft Degree

Stay Safe Brothers!

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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

We are now headed for October and the temperature will soon start getting cooler. Having said that I hope everyone is planning to get their FLU shot soon as we approach the FLU season. With both the FLU season and COVID19 happening simultaneously, it is most important to continue to take care of yourselves, family, and loved ones during this life threatening pandemic. Continue to wash your hands and use hand sanitizer.

Congratulations to our Brother Roberto Mazzanti for being Mason of the Month of October 2020. Kudos go out to the Brothers who came out on a Saturday morning to help clean and prepare our building both inside and out for the upcoming grand opening and back to Lodge stated meeting on October 26th, 2020 so we can welcome our Brethren back to Lodge. Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and family members for the month of October. Hurricane season is still here now so stay prepared and be ready to evacuate you and your family if ordered to do so.

The Grand Master's Official Visit (GMOV) will be taking place at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens on October 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Registration begins at 5:00 pm and Dinner at 6:00 pm. Dress Code is Business Attire. Support your Masonic Lodge and District 25.

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,

Good News! WM Ray Rios has planned our first LIVE Lodge meeting since we closed for COVID-19 and it will take place 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!

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. A glimpse of hope seems near as we prepare to open the Lodge on October 26. We are planning a sumptuous dinner for this grand re-opening. Worshipful Ricky Espiritu will be back in the kitchen to prepare our dinner. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 regulations of social distancing, we will be limiting the attendance. An email blast will be sent out so that brothers can RSVP. I encourage the Brothers to read their email periodically to make sure you don't miss this important communication.

Let us all continue to practice necessary precautions 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 sent out to the Craft. Included was 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!

Instructive Tongue

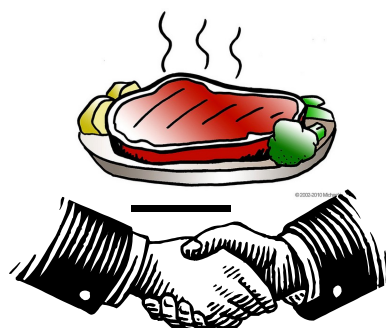
For years the origin of Freemasonry has been a burning question among members and researchers alike. The current and accepted history dates back to the stoneworkers of Europe and the Halliwell Manuscript of 1390. But through the years many have labored with the burning question of “Who wrote our rituals?” Was it a committee appointed by some high authority? Or was it the inner thoughts of one man, which was later accepted through the years? The following commentary may set the question to rest.

Thomas Smith Webb, considered to be the Father of American Masonic Ritual, was born October 13, 1771, and died July 6, 1819. Thomas S. Webb was an active Royal Arch Mason and member of the Commandery. In 1795, three years after he had been made a Master Mason and also a Royal Arch Mason, he had already served as Master of his lodge and High Priest of the Holy Royal Arch. Webb realized that this was not Masonry as it was originally intended. After a few years of research using Dr. Anderson and William Preston as his guide, Webb published his first Freemason Monitor in 1797, in which he established the standardization of the line officers and a ritual for each of the four degrees, Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason and Royal Arch, with lectures explaining each degree. By 1804 Webb’s ritual was partially accepted by all jurisdictions in the United States, and ever since, the ritual has been learned word for word and lecture by lecture with very little change in the standardization set forth by Webb. Thomas Smith Webb was a member of the Masonic fraternity for only 27 years.

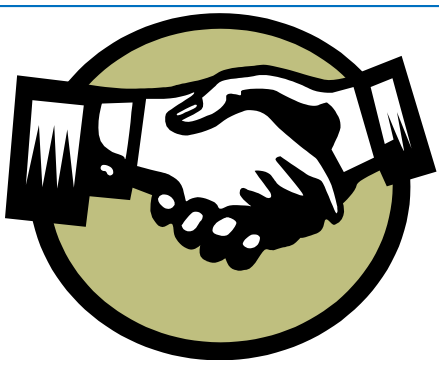
(source: Facts, Fables and Fantasies of Freemasonry,
by Rt. Ex. William Adrian Brown)



Grand Master Official Visit to District #25



Mark your calendar for M.:W.: Grand Master Thomas L. Turlington Jr.’s official District #25 visit taking place at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens on October 24th at 6:00pm. Registration begins at 5:00 pm with Dinner at 6:00 pm. Your meal is already paid for and is free for you Brothers! Join us for an evening of Fellowship & Fraternal Fun!



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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

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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!