

“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

November 2020

November 9th, 2020

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

November 12th, 2020

Called Communication

Fellow Craft Degree

Meal 6:30 / Degree 7:30

November 23rd, 2020

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15



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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

We are now in the month of November 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 W:. Ricky Espiritu PM for being Mason of the Month for November 2020; for cooking up an outstanding meal for the Harmonia Lodge Grand Opening and Celebration for our Brother Jim Kirby 70th year as a Mason. Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and family members for the Month of November. Hurricane season is still here so stay ready and prepared. The Grand Master's Official Visit (GMOV) was awesome and the Brothers who attended from Harmonia Lodge had a lot of fun and a good time. Thanks to all who attended and represented our Lodge.

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,

It is with a heavy heart that I inform the Craft that I will not be seeking or running for an officer position in Harmonia Lodge for next year. I will of course continue to be your Senior Warden for the remainder of the current Masonic Year, and look forward to serving the Lodge in the West until my tenure is completed. I want to thank the Brothers for your confidence and support, and for the privilege and honor of allowing me to serve Harmonia as an officer. Worshipful Master Ray Rios and his officer line have my full support as he once again will serve as Master of the Lodge next year due to the COVID Pandemic forcing Lodge to shut down the majority of the year. I will continue to be a member of Harmonia Lodge and sit with my Brothers in Lodge, but starting next year it will be as a sideliner.

Thank you again Brothers for your love and support. Stay safe, continue to follow all protocols, and see you 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 feels so good to be back!! We opened the Lodge for the first time in almost 8 months and it was well attended even though we limited the number of attendees due to social distancing guidelines. A scrumptious dinner was prepared for us by our very own WM Ricky Espiritu (Welcome Back!). Master Mason of the month from March through September were honored as part of this meeting. We were also graced by the presence of RW DDGM Rex Bradford who delivered the opening and closing charge passionately. The highlight of the night was honoring the 70th year of Masonry by our very own Brother James Kirby. I would like to thank all the brothers and petitioner for helping out in the kitchen that night.

Lots of important events happening this month! We anticipate having our regular meeting on November 9, followed by our Fellow Craft degree conferral on November 12, so I urge the Brothers to come out and join us, and of course, don't forget to VOTE!

Let us all continue to practice the 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

The story of the St. John's Lodge Bible is well known because it is the Bible upon which George Washington took the oath of office when inaugurated President of the United States. This Bible has also been used for the inaugurations of Warren Harding, Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter and George H. W. Bush. It was intended to be used at the inauguration of George W. Bush, but inclement weather did not permit it. In addition to inaugurations, this Bible was present at the funeral processions of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Jackson, and Zachary Taylor. It has also been used in the cornerstone laying of the U. S. Capitol, the dedication of the Washington Monument, the centennials of the cornerstone laying of the White House, U. S. Capitol, and the Statue of Liberty. Other Presidents who have made use of the Bible include Andrew Johnson and Gerald Ford.

The Bible was printed in London, taking three years to produce. It contains 103 steel engravings of maps and Old Testament scenes by English artist John Stuart. It is a King James Version, complete with Apocrypha and elaborately supplemented with historical, astronomical and legal data of that period. The Bible was procured for St. John's Lodge by Jonathan Hampton who presented it to the Lodge when he was installed as Master in 1770. The only people allowed to take an oath on this Bible are the President of the United States; the Governor of New York; the Grand Master of Masons in New York; the Master-elect of St. John's Lodge; **and Third Degree Candidates of St. John's Lodge.** The Bible must be accompanied by 3 members of St. John's Lodge whenever it travels.



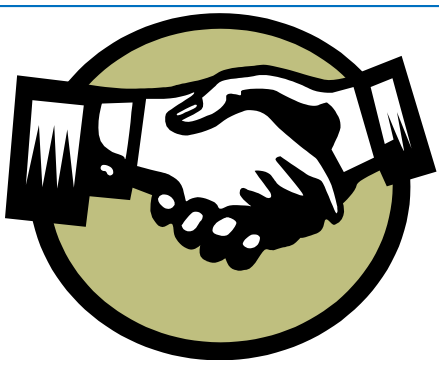
Election of 2021 Officers for Harmonia Lodge

Harmonia Lodge will be holding Elections for the 2021 Officers on Monday, 12/14/2020. Please come out and join us for the last meeting of 2020!



****REMINDER****

***There will be ONLY one meeting in
December due to Winter Holidays. (12/14/2020)***



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M.:W.: GRAND SECRETARY
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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

Hikmet Sir



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!