

“THE CHALK”

HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

CHARTERED 1894

DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7

M.:W.: GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

127 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach

January 2021

January 16th, 2021

Installation of Officers

Friends & Family Welcome

Meal 6:15 / Installation 7:15

January 25th, 2021

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

No Meeting on Jan. 11th!

There is ONLY ONE

MEETING this month.

Lodge will be DARK for

1st meeting of month

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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, we are now in January and the temperature is getting colder and having said that I hope everyone got their FLU shot and are doing well. I hope and pray that everyone can get their COVID19 vaccine from Pfizer- Biontech that requires a booster shot 21 days later or the vaccine from Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine to prevent Coronoavirus Disease. Please go and try to get your Vaccine as soon as you can to prevent this terrible virus that can kill you and your love ones. I just got my Pfizer – Biontech COVID-19 Vaccine on Christmas Eve and I encourage you to do the same to protect you and your family against this life-threatening pandemic. Continue to wash your hands and use hand sanitizer.

Congratulations to the newly Elected and appointed Brothers of Harmonia Lodge No. 138 for the new year of 2021 and may this new year bring us much Joy, Fun, Health, and Happiness now and forever. Please come out to our Officer Installation on Saturday, January 16th. This is an open installation, and all family and friends are invited. There will be an amazing meal served by our very own PM Ricky Espiritu at 6:15, with the Installation ceremony to follow starting at 7:15 pm. Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and Family members for the Month of January.

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!

First and foremost, I want to wish everyone a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year! Now that the vaccine is out, I have a feeling that our lodge activity will be back to normal. I'm very optimistic that this year will be a lot better than last year.

Congratulations to all the elected and appointed officers for this ensuing year. Once again, the lodge will be headed by Worshipful Master Ray Rios who demonstrated his excellent leadership in his abbreviated term last year. With that being said, mark your calendar as the installation of officers will be on January 16, Saturday starting at 7:15 pm, and dinner will be served at 6:15 pm.

I'm sure this year will be a busy year since nothing much happened last year due to this dreadful pandemic, so your cooperation and assistance will be very much needed. We will update you on every lodge activity as we go along.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Fraternally,
Sotelo Cruz
Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren!

Here we are at the end of a very long year and the beginning of a new one! I am beyond humbled to be serving as your new Junior Warden and am looking forward to learning and growing with all of you. Congratulations to Brother Sotelo Cruz for moving up to Senior Warden and to Worshipful Ray Rios for holding down the Lodge for another year! Also, congratulations to all the elected and appointed Brothers on their new stations! I am sure this team will flourish and the Lodge along with it.

So, 2020 has been quite the volatile storm and may we all feel an internal lift knowing we are starting to see some progress. By helping each other not only with acts of kindness but with words of encouragement and optimism, we can and will overcome all adversity! We really are all in this together.

2021 will be a great time for sure. I sincerely hope to see as many of you in Lodge and for Degrees as your health and cable-tows allow. If anyone has questions or concerns, please reach out to myself or any of the officers.

Thank you all again and have a truly Blessed day!

Fraternally,
Justin Shiver
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Brethren,

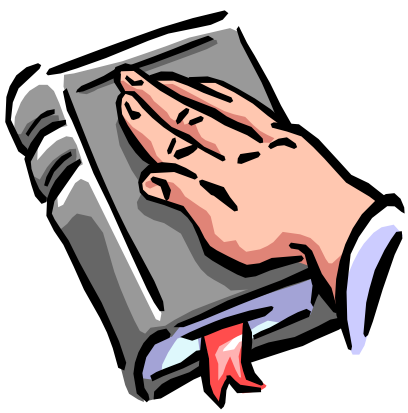
The dues notices for 2021 have been sent out to the Craft. Thank you to those Brothers who have already remitted their dues payments. If you have not yet paid your dues, please remit your payment to the Lodge Secretary ASAP. In accordance with Grand Lodge requirements, non-payment of dues letters were previously 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 ASAP. 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



Installation of 2021 Harmonia Officers

On Saturday, January 16th, Harmonia Lodge will conduct the ceremony for the installation of the 2021 officers. Please come out and show your support for the new officer line.

Masks, Social Distancing & Temperature Checks at entry are Mandatory for the event.

**Dinner will begin at 6:15 pm with the Installation to follow promptly at 7:15 pm.*

Instructive Tongue

A story for those who have not attended Lodge in some time

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening (note: must have been a Northern Lodge) and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a chair near the fire and waited. The Worshipful Master said nothing, but contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the W. M. took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone.

The host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flicked and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and the fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken. The W. M. stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire, where it immediately began to glow once more. The W. M. walked to the door followed by his host who stood and said "Thank you for the fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting." Harmonia hopes to see YOU in Lodge SOON!



Lodge Officers for 2021

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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,
Emilio Olan

Awaiting MM

Hikmet Sir, James Rogers



Charity for the Month

Disabled American Vets/DAV Chap#42

*The Box of Fraternal Relief is located in
Lodgeroom. Please donate what you can.*



2021 Lodge Committees

Finance

SW Sotelo Cruz (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,
W.: Tony Petrides, Sec. Lou Babbit HPM, Bro. Peter Petrosky,
Ed Griffin HPM

Vigilance

JW Justin Shiver (Chairman), W.: Rob Gibbons Sr.,
JD Fred Waymire, W.: Marco Sevilleja

Petitions

Sec. Lou Babbit HPM (Chairman), David Reilly HPM,
Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson, W.: Tony Petrides, JW Justin Shiver

Masonic Education

SW Sotelo Cruz (Chairman), David Reilly HPM,
W.: Rob Gibbons Sr., Mike Hart HPM, W.: Tony Petrides

Board of Relief

W.:M.: Ray Rios (Chairman), SW Sotelo Cruz, JW Justin Shiver

Charity

SW Sotelo Cruz (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,
Sec. Lou Babbit HPM

Lodge Property

JW Justin Shiver (Chairman), Bro. Scott McGary,
Sec. Lou Babbit HPM, W.: Rob Gibbons Sr.

Lodge Mentoring

W.: Rob Gibbons Sr. (Chairman), W.: Edmund Rodas,
W.: Marco Sevilleja

Community, Civic Improvement & Social Activities

JW Justin Shiver (Chairman), SD Jorge StaRosa,
JD Fred Waymire, Marshall W.: Edmund Rodas

Investigations

Sec. Lou Babbit HPM (Chairman), Brothers of the Lodge as
Appointed (Master Masons ONLY)

Communications, Trestleboard and Website

Greg Tammany (Chair), Sec. Lou Babbit HPM, W.: Tony Petrides

Visitors

Jim Kirby HPM (Chair), Bro. Greg Tammany, Bro. Tom Taylor,
Mike Hart HPM, David Reilly HPM, 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!