

“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



February 2021

February 8th, 2021

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

February 22nd, 2021

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15



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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, we are now in February 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 2nd shot of Pfizer – Biontech COVID-19 Vaccine on January 14th to complete the cycle as recommended by the CDC. I encourage you to do the same as soon as you are eligible for the vaccine distribution to protect you and your family against this life-threatening pandemic. Continue to wash your hands and use hand sanitizer.

Congratulations to W.: Robert Gibbons Sr., and Brother Senior Deacon Jorge Sta Rosa, who were awarded Master Mason of the year for 2020. Congratulations to W.: Tony Petrides and W.: David Reilly HPM for being awarded the Outstanding Master Mason of the year 2020 for a job well done. Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and family members for the month of February.

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!

Congratulations to all the elected and appointed officers of this lodge for the current year. Congratulations to Worshipful Master Ray Rios on his second year. The installation that was held on January 16 was well attended. I have never seen that many Brothers and guests in a long time. Many thanks to the installing team headed by two Past DDGM, RW George Winterling and RW Michael Gambarotti. Also, the dinner that was served was absolutely outstanding, thanks to Worshipful Brother Ricky Espiritu.

The first official meeting for January was also well attended and all the officers really showed off that night. Congratulations to Brother James Rogers for completing his Fellowcraft proficiency and with that said, a Master Mason degree is tentatively scheduled in March. As I mentioned in my last message, 2021 is poised to be a busy year, as petitions for prospective Brothers are read, so I encourage all Brothers to attend. All future activities and event reminders will be emailed to the Brothers.

In closing, we seem to be making good progress battling this COVID as vaccines are being administered on a daily basis, however, let's continue to wear our mask, practice social distancing, washing our hands and other precautionary measures to ensure that we don't get or spread this disease. If there are Brothers who need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Lodge.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Fraternally,
Sotelo Cruz
Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren!

It is of no surprise to me that our beloved Lodge has shown incredible resiliency through these turbulent times! We have started off the 2021 year with a BANG! Our installation was well attended and everyone seemed in good spirits. Thank you to all the Brothers and family members that attended. Meetings are also back in full swing so if you are reading this and haven't been in a while, we miss you! Come home! Of course, put your safety and health first and continue to abstain if you feel sick and/or have a fever. Masks and social distancing are implemented and enforced. If you have any concerns, feel free to contact Harmonia Lodge and we will do our best to address them.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally and publicly thank the kitchen staff and helping hands. You guys are KILLING it and many Brothers have noticed. Things get done quickly, efficiently and as a team. I cannot think of a better example of unity. We will only progress from here.

I am genuinely looking forward to this year and the years to come. If we can get through 2020, we can get through anything.

Fraternally,
Justin Shiver
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Brethren,

By order of the Worshipful Master, UNLESS you are a sworn State of Florida Law Officer, no firearms are permitted in the Lodge or within the Harmonia Building for the 2021 calendar year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy, please reach out to myself or the Worshipful Master.

Additionally, if any Brothers are facing challenges or need assistance from the Lodge, 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

Instructive Tongue

The solemn promise made by a Freemason on his admission to any degree is technically called an obligation. In a legal sense, *obligation* is synonymous with *duty*. Its derivation shows its true meaning, for the Latin word obligate literally signifies a *tying or binding*. The obligation is that which binds a man to do some act, the doing of which thus becomes his duty.

Reflection: Binding, tying, duty. Does that really imply the making of a commitment to fulfill your obligation?

Consider it: Was your obligation also the beginning of a new journey that first requires daily growth through the acquisition of knowledge followed by the application of what was learned? Nothing is really learned unless it brings about a positive change in behavior. Frequently examine your conscience; is your Masonic journey on-going, and are you committed?

WAGES OF A MASON

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw wages of gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid for in their dealings with one another, sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness and these are the wages of a Mason.

~Benjamin Franklin



Harmonia Lodge Library

HPM Dave J. Reilly, Librarian

FYI. Did you know that there is a library at the Harmonia Lodge? This library is a free loan and you are welcome to check these books out as well as some DVD's. This extensive Library is open to all members. Additionally, we are always growing our collection, so if you have books lying around of Masonic interest or biographies of Masons that you would like to donate, your donation would be welcomed. There is a check out system with a notebook in the Lodge office to record all information on materials checked out. Please utilize this amazing Masonic resource!



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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!