

“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

March 2021

**There will ONLY be one
Stated meeting in the
Month of March due to
Covid concerns. The
first meeting of March is
cancelled.**

March 22nd, 2021

Stated Communication

NO MEAL THIS MEETING

Meeting ONLY 7:30 start

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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, we are now in March and the temperature is getting warmer 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 encourage you to get the vaccine as soon as you are eligible to protect you and your family against this life-threatening pandemic. Continue to wash your hands and use hand sanitizer.

Big Kudos go out to all the Brothers who worked throughout the last two weeks in cleaning and organizing all areas in our Lodge. Outstanding job goes out to W: Robert Gibbons PM for panting the Harmonia Lodge office. Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and family members for the month of March.

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!

Hope this message finds you all safe and well. Just when things are going great, the Craft suffered another delay. We had to close the Lodge temporarily due to some of the Brothers testing positive for COVID. Thanks to the effort of our WM Ray Rios, the lodge is being sanitized and hopefully will be ready for the next meeting in March.

Because of this delay, we may have to postpone our Master Mason degree originally scheduled for March 25. We have quite a few petitioners so we expect a busy year as long as this pandemic does not affect us further. I am not sure what is going to happen in the next few months as we combat this dreadful disease, but we will keep everyone informed and updated.

In closing, let us not keep our guards down in order to successfully beat this pandemic. I urge the brothers if eligible, that you take the vaccine in order to give yourselves another layer of protection. Please continue to wear a mask, practice social distancing, washing your hands and other precautionary measures to ensure that we do not 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!

As March is upon us, so is the beginnings of Spring. March 14th is Daylight Savings Time so don't forget to set your clocks forward!

The Lodge has been busy with repairs and enhancements. Special thanks to Worshipful Rob Gibbons for painting the office and for all the continued hard work. Also, big thank you to all the Brothers that have pitched in to help with the pantry and closets. Our Stewards, Brothers David Jones and Erasmo Gonzales have been working hard to maintain an orderly kitchen and it shows. I don't have to say keep up the good work because I know you would regardless.

Our first Master Mason Degree of 2021 that was scheduled for Thursday, March 25th is unfortunately being rescheduled due to Covid concerns and the Lodge being temporarily shut down. We will keep you informed. When we are able to have the degree, we would love to see the seats filled for our newly raised Brothers. Remember to follow COVID-19 protocols for the safety and well-being of everyone who attends.

May the Great Architect of the Universe keep you and your families within the abundance of His blessings!

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

POINT WITHIN A CIRCLE

The point within the circle was the operative Mason's great secret of how to try his square. He would take his compasses and draw a circle and then draw a straight line through the center and beyond the circumference. He would then place a dot somewhere on the circumference and draw straight lines from the dot to where the line through the center intersected the circumference. In that way he produced a triangle with a perfect right angle of 90 degrees. In a sense, **you**, the Mason, are the point within the circle. You should be ever mindful of keeping your daily conduct and desires within due bounds. Your earthly life as a Mason should move and have its being within a circle of divine life, law, and love that sustains it.

~(Grand Lodge Pennsylvania, 1985)

FINDING THE TRUE SECRET OF MASONRY

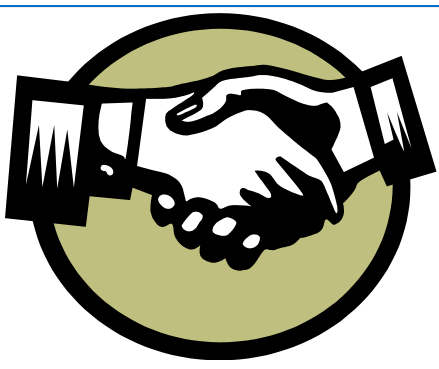
The "True Secret of Freemasonry" is not the handshake, nor the word, nor some rub of the body or even a wink of the eye. It's the friendship you develop by being a part of others' lives. It's sharing our thoughts and ideas on what would make the fraternity and the community we live in a better place for all. It's the feeling of belonging to something bigger than yourself and hoping you can contribute to the whole. It's knowing your friends will support you when things are tough and you will support them in the same way. Freemasonry is a way of life!!!

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

none

Awaiting MM

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!