

"THE CHALK"

HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138

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DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7

M.:W.: GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

127 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach

May 2021



May 10th, 2021

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

May 24th, 2021

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15



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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, we are now in May so please start turning your attention to preparing for the upcoming Hurricane season. If you need help, please don't hesitate to ask a Brother for assistance. I hope and pray that everyone can get their COVID19 vaccine. Please go and try to get your Vaccine as soon as you can to prevent this terrible virus. Also, continue to take precautions by wearing a mask, washing your hands and use hand sanitizer.

Congratulations to Bro. SW Sotelo Cruz for an outstanding job in the East as Worshipful Master for the recent Master Mason Degree and to the entire Degree Team as well. Congratulations to Bro. JC Rogers who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Kudos go out to R.:W.: George Winterling PDDGM, who was in attendance as Secretary and participated in both sections of the Master Mason Degree. Also, a huge thank you to R.:W.: Joseph Fleites, Jr PDDGM, and R.:W.: Rob Estell, PDDGM who performed an outstanding job conferring the Master Mason Lecture in this Degree. There were five Lodges combined that supported our Master Mason Degree! Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and family members for the month of May.

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. First and foremost, I would like to congratulate our newly raised Master Mason Bro. James Rogers to the Craft. I would also like to thank R.:W.: George Winterling PDDGM for acting as Secretary, and also both R.:W.: Robert Estell PDDGM and R.:W.: Joe Fleites PDDGM for delivering the lecture. Additionally, a big thank you to the entire Degree team, the Second Section cast, and to all Brothers who participated and attended. It was a night to remember for our newly raised Brother. With that said, the Lodge is now preparing for an upcoming Entered Apprentice Degree where we will initiate between six to eight candidates. We will inform you as soon as we have the date set. The Degree will be sometime in the month of June. Your attendance and support is needed my Brothers!

Did you know that Amara Shrine has secured the building next door for their new home (Sweet Tomatoes) and they will hold an outdoor Barbecue on May 1st. Please come and support their cause. Also, the Annual Grand Lodge Communication will be held at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando from May 29th through June 1st. If you need further information please contact our Brother Secretary.

In closing, let us continue to practice social distancing, wearing a mask, washing hands and other precautionary measures to combat this disease. Normalcy doesn't seem to be too far anymore but I still urge everyone to stay safe and if eligible, take the vaccine. 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 another beautiful month in sunny South Florida! May brings us much joy with the celebration of Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9th. The following Monday, we will have our annual dinner to honor the Mothers of our Lodge. Please, bring them so we can give them the tribute they deserve! Our own resident Chef, Worshipful Ricky will be serving his signature delectable menu for all to enjoy.

We recently had an amazing Master Mason Degree and I would like to congratulate Brother J.C. Rogers for being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason! He has certainly earned this privilege. Also, I would be remiss if I did not thoroughly congratulate the Master Mason Degree Team for their outstanding performances and to the Brothers from other Lodges that stood in. This was a showing of true Brotherhood!

Finally, I would like to remind Brothers that we will be at Grand Lodge from Saturday, May 29th to Tuesday, June 1st. I look forward to seeing you there and for the good times sure to be had.

May the GAOTU guide and protect us daily.

Fraternally,
Justin Shiver
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Brethren,

Much progress has been made at Lodge recently. We are in the final stages of leasing our upstairs space to a new tenant who will be signing a long term lease! This process should be completed in the next few weeks and the we will once again have a fully leased building! Additionally, repairs and building maintenance has been completed. The Tenant windows were resealed and dried in to stop and prevent any water intrusion. Windows and walkways have been pressure cleaned as well. Much progress has been made on our NPD list and collection of outstanding dues. We are back to our regular monthly meetings and Degrees are taking place as well as Lodge of instruction every Thursday. We are here to help my Brothers. If you are in need of assistance, you need only to reach out and ask. See you Lodge!

Stay Safe and be well.

W.: Rob Gibbons, Secretary Pro-Tem



In Honor of Memorial Day this month, some words to reflect and ponder...

May has somehow snuck up on us, and with it comes Mother's Day, the approaching end of the school year, but most importantly, Memorial Day. Unfortunately to many, Memorial Day has become a day that marks the approach of summer and just another three-day weekend with great sales at the mall. In many cases the true sanctity and meaning behind Memorial Day has been lost and forgotten over time and replaced with commercialism and family vacations. However, the true meaning of Memorial Day goes far beyond barbecues and sales, so before firing up the grill or packing for the weekend vacation, we should take a little time to remember what it is exactly we are celebrating. The Memorial Day holiday dates back to the American Civil War, and at that time was known as "Decoration Day", and included the practice of placing flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers for solemn remembrance. While it was originally founded to honor the soldiers who died in the Civil War, today, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance to honor all of the men and women who have served and died in military service for the US Armed Forces.

One needs only to watch the nightly news or keep up with world events to realize how fortunate we are to live in a country governed by a constitution that guarantees our rights and freedoms. These freedoms that America enjoy are the envy of the world, yet we so often take them for granted. They came at a heavy price and were paid for with flesh and blood by the brave sacrifices of American servicemen and women, and with the tears of those whose lives were changed forever by the loss of a loved one. Let us pledge to rededicate ourselves to not take a single day for granted, to give thanks for all that we are blessed with, and to honor those who gave their lives in service to our great nation to secure our freedoms and way of life. God Bless the United States of America.

Instructive Tongue

It cannot be too strongly asserted that Masonry is neither a religion nor a substitute for religion. Masonry seeks to inculcate in its members a standard of conduct and behavior which it believes to be acceptable to all creeds, but studiously refrains from intervening in the field of dogma or theology. Masonry, therefore, is not a competitor with religion though in the sphere of human conduct it may be hoped that its teaching will be complementary to that of religion. On the other hand, its basic requirement that every member of the Order shall believe in a Supreme Being and the stress laid upon his duty towards Him should be sufficient evident to all but the willfully prejudiced that Masonry is an upholder of religion since it both requires a man to have some form of religion belief before he can be admitted as a Mason, and expects him when admitted to go on practicing his religion.



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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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



Due Course

Gensly Pierre



Awaiting EA

Joseph Puleo, David Odreman, Troy Maddox,
Antonio Cruz Jr., Rodolfo Rudy Romero,
Julio Acosta, Edvens Rislin

Awaiting FC

None

Awaiting MM

None



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!