

“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

June 2021

June 14th, 2021

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

June 17th, 2021

EA Degree

Called Communication

Meal 6:00 / Degree 6:30

June 28th, 2021

DDGM Official Visit

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, we are now in June 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. Roberto Alfonso Duncan for receiving his 25-year Certificate and Pin in Masonry. The Grand Lodge of Florida is now in session for the 192nd Annual Grand Communication and I hope to see many Brothers supporting this great event in Orlando at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. On June 17th Harmonia Lodge will be conducting an Entered Apprentice Degree, so everyone come out and support our Lodge in good harmony as we initiate seven new Brothers. On June 28th Harmonia Lodge will welcome the new Masonic District 25 (DDGM) District Deputy Grand Master and his Party. Finally, Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and family members for the month of June.

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. I'm delighted to inform you that Harmonia is initiating seven petitioners on June 17. The Entered Apprentice degree team are busy preparing for this event. I cannot remember initiating this many petitioners so I anticipate that this will be a memorable one. With that said, I urge the brothers to come out and assist us in this degree.

Also, while you are reading this, the Grand Lodge Annual communication in Orlando is happening or will have just concluded. During this communication, we will elect and install our new Grand Master for the ensuing year, we will keep you posted.

In closing, let us continue to practice social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands and other precautionary measures to combat this disease. CDC and the state of Florida have lifted a lot of restrictions, so normalcy doesn't seem to be too far away 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!

As the scalding hot sun reminds us that Summer has arrived, so too does the month of June remind us of the transitions in life with Memorial Day, Father's Day and Summer Break for the kids in school. Hopefully, everyone has been having a better time with vaccines allowing us to begin to enjoy each other face-to-face once again. Speaking of which, we have a packed EA degree on Thursday, June 17th. There will be seven candidates being initiated so it is almost guaranteed to be a good time. Please, make arrangements to attend if you can. We all know how important this moment is for a new Brother.

I wish everyone the happiest of times and the best of health for you and your families. We are all here for you if you need anything at all.

May the GAOTU guide and protect us always.

Fraternally,
Justin Shiver
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Brethren,

Great News! We have officially leased our upstairs space to a new tenant who will take occupancy on June 1st! Our Masonic Building is once again fully leased! Additionally, much progress has been made on our NPD list and collection of outstanding dues. We are back to our regular monthly meetings, we have an EA Degree scheduled for Thursday, 6/17 and Lodge of instruction is happening every Thursday. Great things are happening at Harmonia!

As you read this, your elected officers are at the Grand Lodge Communication representing Harmonia Lodge. In addition to electing the new Grand Master, we will be voting on new legislation which we will report back and inform the Craft at an upcoming meeting.

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

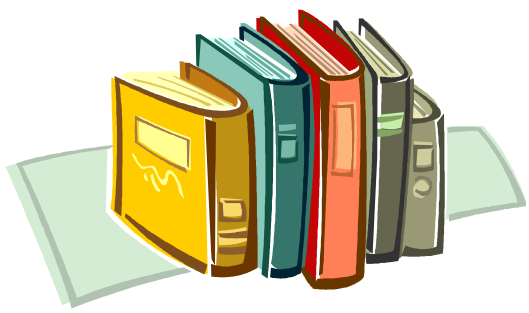
Instructive Tongue

There are two brazen pillars placed before the entrance to King Solomon's Temple which are symbolically represented within every Lodge on the Second Degree of Masonry. No one can determine the origin of this practice. It existed in ancient times and the great Temple at Jerusalem was one of the many examples. It has been said that the Pillars of Hercules inspired the columns antedating their place in history. These natural rock formations at Gibraltar and Cueta stand guard over the Strait of Gibraltar and mark the end of the western world as the ancients knew it.

In Freemasonry these pillars bear the names Boaz and Jachin and are symbols of strength and establishment, and by implication, of power and control. In passing between them, the Fellow Craft is not told to observe or examine one at the expense of the other. Both power and control are placed before him so that he might realize power without control is anarchy or that control without power is futility. These two pillars of strength and establishment, of power and control, suggest that man must have both if in his life he is to be successful.



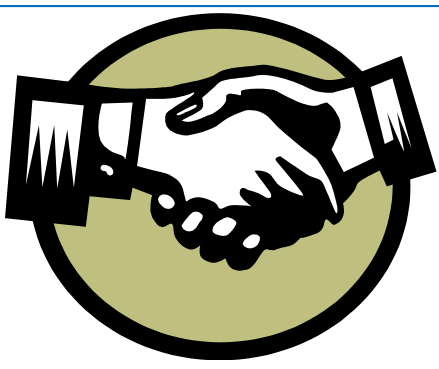
Spread the word to all your Brothers who may not have been to Lodge in a while. Harmonia Lodge No. 138 is open and back to full functioning. PM Ricky is preparing delicious meals. Worshipful Master Rios is in the East, and Kirby's Corner is open for Questions and Answers every meeting night. Degree work is happening, and our Lodge of Instruction is occurring every Thursday. There is an E.A. Degree Scheduled for 7 new Candidates on June 17th. Bring a Brother to Lodge this month and let's enjoy Masonic fellowship!



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



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

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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!