

“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

July 2021

July 12th, 2021

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

July 26th, 2021

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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, we are now in July so please start turning your attention to preparing for 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 go out to Bro. Senior Deacon Jorge Sta Rosa and his Entered Apprentice Degree Team for a Job well done. This past meeting, Harmonia Lodge had the pleasure of welcoming Right Worshipful Bill Paxton, District Deputy Grand Master of the 25th Masonic District, representing Most Worshipful Jeffrey Foster, Grand Master of Masons of Florida. R.:W.: Paxton and his Party were given Grand Honors and a big welcome from our Lodge. Congratulations to Bro. Steven Arthur Stinson for receiving his 50-year Certificate and Pin in Masonry on this evening as well.

Great News! Harmonia Lodge will be conducting School of Instruction every Saturday from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm on anything we need to work on with W.:M.: Ray Rios and his team. Open Books will be on every third Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm with our District Instructor, R.:H.: Sal Musumeci, so come out and support our training mission for FY 2021/22.

Finally, Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and family members for the month of July. 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. Summer is really here as we've been experiencing sweltering hot weather, so stay hydrated at all times.

Congratulations to our newly obligated Brothers and congratulations also to the Conferring Master, Jorge Sta Rosa for a job well done! I would also like to thank all the Brothers who came out that night as it was a well attended degree.

Our first DDGM visitation took place at our last stated communication for June. It was a wonderful turnout by Harmonia. With that said, I would like to welcome and congratulate RW Bill Paxton as our District Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

In closing, even though things are getting back to normal, I 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.

Have a great 4th of July and enjoy the summer with your family.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Fraternally,
Sotelo Cruz
Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren!

Summer has arrived!! July is here and so is the humidity. With the heat and the rain every day, it reminds me of how important it is to remain safe both over the holiday and in general. Please, remember to hydrate more often and wear proper sun protection. Also, use caution when driving and walking and remain vigilant of other drivers especially. We have all seen the highway collisions.

Happy Independence Day to our beloved Nation!! As we all celebrate in our own unique ways, let us remember the cause for the celebration. How amazing is it that we have Brothers in our Fraternity that helped to establish the United States of America? To me, that is awe-inspiring and makes me proud to be part of something that no doubt also helped these great men to be what they were. United We Stand, Indeed!

Congratulations to all the new Brothers that went through the EA Degree in June! We will have a Fellowcraft Degree sometime in late August or early September and yours truly will be Worshipful Master. I am looking for Brothers that would like to be a part of this Degree. Send me or the Degree Director, Worshipful Ed Rodas an email or a text if you are interested.

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. Lastly, Pease do not blow your hands off celebrating the 4th of July, because as Masons, we need those for certain Tokens.....

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 took occupancy in June! 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 and Lodge of Instruction is happening every Thursday and Saturday. Great things are happening at Harmonia!

There will be several Degrees in the upcoming months, so if you want to be involved, we welcome you! Any Brother who wants to learn degree work, please reach out to me or simply come to Lodge on Thursday nights for our Lodge of Instruction where we can always use your help!

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!

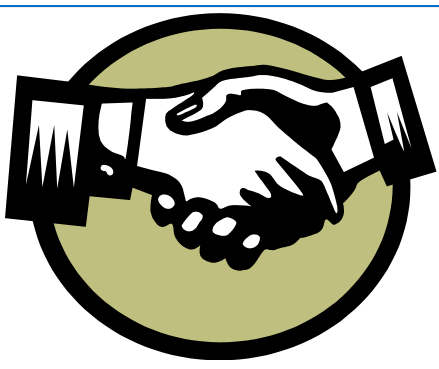
Stay Safe and be well.

W.: Rob Gibbons, Secretary Pro-Tem

Instructive Tongue

Masonry is many things to all of us, and there is more to learn about this great fraternity than any one of us could hope to attain in several lifetimes of study. The more that I learn about Masonry, the more I realize that Masonry is really only about one thing: **Brotherhood**. The privilege of travel to other places just as the Operative Masons did so long ago has a different meaning relative to today. Long ago Masons traveled in search of work and along the way they gained knowledge and insight into different cultures as they performed their work. Once we became Raised we were awarded the privilege of travel to other Lodges and upon successful examination and permission, allowed to enter. This is a precious wage, in that it presents at least two very valuable benefits; the opportunity to meet others and share knowledge, knowledge that can be brought back to the home Lodge in the form of innovation for the potential improvement of Lodge operations. Knowledge that can be shared upon the return home of the grand history of other Lodges, cultures, peoples, places and the work that they do. But additionally the worthy Master Mason has the rare privilege of being able to seek refuge or apply for assistance in Lodges around the globe should you find yourself in distress. There are but few places or societies that would upon proper examination treat a stranger as an equal and with little challenge render such help.

No matter where we are in the world, we are NEVER alone, because we share the bond of Brotherhood in Masonry. How many times have we all been in the midst of strangers when we see the Masonic ring of a Brother, or they ours, and experience firsthand that moment when his eyes light up and you interact as if you always knew each other. That moment in time when you would do anything necessary to help out another Brother, and he you, even though you may have just met. That my Brothers IS Masonry. All of the teachings, all of the secrets and symbols, are completely meaningless unless we practice Brotherhood and inculcate the true meaning of our Masonic lessons and ever remember what it is to be a Mason and remember ever to walk and act as such before God and Man.



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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

Dallas Thomas, Robert Gawel



Awaiting EA

None

Awaiting FC

David Odreman, Troy Maddox, Antonio Cruz Jr.,
Rodolfo Rudy Romero, Edvens Rislin, Gensly Pierre

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!