

# ***“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***

**August 2021**

**August 9th, 2021**

**Stated Communication**

**Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15**

**August 23rd, 2021**

**Stated Communication**

**Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15**



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## *From the East*

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, we are now in August so please continue to monitor our 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 more so than ever before. The CDC has recommended to mandate the wearing of masks in and out of the workplace and in public places. The Office of Occupational Safety and Health of the Federal Government is responsible for the directive that everyone must wear their mask at all times. Vaccination is a must for you and your family, so if you're not vaccinated, then you should get vaccinated as soon as possible. The Delta Variant is very dangerous and 6 times more infectious than the COVID-19. CDC guidelines are updated daily with recommendations for everyone concerned at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us).

Thanks to all the Brothers that attended the Master Mason Association (MMA) Meeting held at our Lodge on August 2<sup>nd</sup> with the topic of instruction "Balloting", presented by the Officers of Boynton Lodge No.236. It was a great evening of Masonic education and fellowship.

Finally, Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and family members for the month of August. 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. Wow, time sure does fly! We're already in August, the peak of Summer, so try to stay indoors as much as possible and stay hydrated at all times.

We will have a series of Proficiency examination these coming months for both Entered Apprentice and Master Mason. A Fellow Craft degree is also in the works, so please stay connected by attending our bi-monthly stated meetings complimented by our Past Master chef Ricky Espiritu's cooking!

Don't forget the first Monday of August, we will host the monthly meeting of the Master Mason Association where they will talk about a lot of exciting things, so attend if you can. Also, schools will be opening soon, so drive extra careful for the children.

In closing, due to the rising cases of the Delta variant, I'm encouraging all the Brothers to continue wearing masks and practice social distancing. Like they always say, it's better to be safe than sorry. Again, I'm urging 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 and safe summer everyone!

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Fraternally,

Sotelo Cruz

Senior Warden

# *From the South*



Greetings Brethren!

Another hot Summer month is upon us! August marks the middle of this season, so the brutal humidity is at least closer to halfway over. Hopefully, everyone is enjoying themselves and preparing for hurricanes just-in-case. If any Brothers need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to anyone here at Lodge.

We have EA's hard at work learning their catechism and we are planning a Fellow Craft degree accordingly. If you would like to participate in this upcoming degree, please reach out to myself or Worshipful Ed Rodas. We need YOU!

Lastly, thank you to all the Brothers helping in the kitchen and elsewhere about the Lodge. Every bit helps. We are praying for the speedy recovery of our Senior Steward, Brother Erasmo Gonzales. May your arm heal quickly!!

Under the guidance of the GAOTU, may He 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 things are happening at Harmonia! Building maintenance continues and the Lodge is looking great! Grounds continue to be maintained by Bro. JC Rogers and myself. Worshipful Ricky Espiritu, our esteemed chef, has been preparing incredible meals for our Stated meetings. 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. 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 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

**“In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing to do. The worst thing you can do is nothing!”**

**~Bro. Theodore Roosevelt**

## *Instructive Tongue*

Freemasonry has been called a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. *Allegory* is from two Greek words and means, “story within a story.” Allegory, parable, fable, myth, legend, and tradition, are correlative terms. The myth *may* be founded on fact; the legend and the tradition more probably are founded on fact, but the allegory, parable, and fable, are not. Yet they may be “true” if “true” is not taken to mean factual. All allegories may contain truth, without being fact.

The allegory of the Master’s Degree is not true in any factual sense, except the historical background from the Biblical account of the Temple. There is no evidence that Solomon and the two Hiram were Grand Masters; that the workmen on the building were Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons; that they met in various apartments of the Temple, with different numbers required for various quorums; that the tragedy occurred; or that the events delineated in the ceremony actually happened.

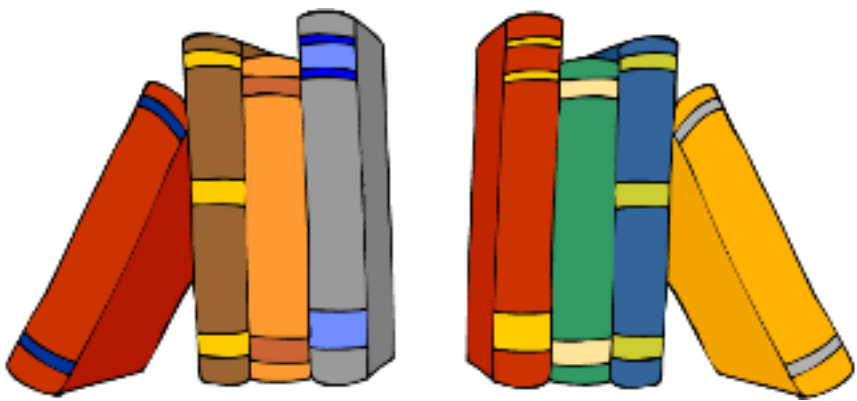
Yet the allegory is true in the best sense of the word. For the story of Hiram is the story of the dearest hope of mankind. It is a tale told by every religion. It is a Mason’s observation that truth, slain by error, will be born again. The Legend of the Third Degree is true in the deepest sense of truth.

(Masonic Service Association, Washington, D.C.)

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Something to Ponder: The reason a dog is beloved and has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

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## **Off The Shelf of the Harmonia Library-**

*HPM David J. Reilly, Librarian*

Harmonia Library Book of the Month Preview for August:

### **Pilgrims Path** by John Robinson

“John Robinson writes this book for the Mason and Non-Mason alike. In this book, Robinson relates the history of the attacks against the organization and the motives behind the attacks. In doing so, he discusses the origins of Freemasonry, it’s tenets, and it’s goals.” There are several copies of this book in our Lodge library and it is definitely a highly recommended read. Check it out!



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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](mailto:Meat11ball@aol.com). Thanks in advance for your valued input!