

# ***“THE CHALK”***

***HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138***

***FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS***

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***DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7***

***M.:W.: GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA***

***127 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach***



**September  
2021**



**September 13th, 2021**  
**Stated Communication**  
**Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15**

**September 27th, 2021**  
**Fellow Craft Degree**  
**Called Communication**  
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## *From the East*

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, we are now in September 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.

Harmonia Lodge has a Fellow Craft Degree scheduled for September 27th of this month. The degree will begin at 7:15 pm with dinner at 6:15 pm. Please come out and support Junior Warden Justin Shiver, who will be presiding in the East, and his Fellow Craft Degree Team. We hope to have full sidelines for this evening!

Harmonia Lodge will go dark on the following dates for our Stated Meetings; September 27<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and December 27<sup>th</sup> in accordance with Directive 5 by order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master Jeffrey Foster, Grand Master of Florida. There will only be one stated meeting per month through the end of the year. We will meet on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Congratulations to Dallas Thomas and Robert Gawel who were balloted and elected by the Craft to receive the three Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry.

Attention to those who are interested in School of Instruction every Saturday from 10 am until noon addressing anything we need to work on with W.M.: Ray Rios and his team. Open Books will take place every third Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm with our District Instructor R. H. Sal Musumeci, so come out and support and promote our training mission for FY 2021/22.

Finally, Happy Birthday to all the Brothers and family members for the month of September.

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!

I hope this message finds you all safe and well. This COVID disease doesn't seem to go away. As the CDC have announced a new strain of this virus coming out and more and more cases of COVID is reported, I urge everyone to once again take the necessary precautions to keep us all safe from this virus. Let us take this seriously as this disease doesn't discriminate. It affects all.

Our new Lodge meetings have changed. Starting September, we will only have one stated meeting every month through the end of the year. It will be the second Monday of the month. Also, no one should attend any Masonic function if not feeling well. This Grand Lodge directive was written to ensure the safety of the Brothers.

On a different note, I would like to congratulate our two Master Mason Brothers who have successfully passed their proficiency. I also want to congratulate our two Entered Apprentice brothers who also have successfully passed their Entered Apprentice proficiency. With that said, we have scheduled a Fellow Craft degree on September 27th. The degree starts at 7:15 pm with dinner at 6:15 pm. Let us continue to support these Brothers on their journey.

If there are any Brothers who need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Lodge. Let's all be Safe!!!

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Fraternally,

Sotelo Cruz

Senior Warden

# *From the South*



Greetings Brethren!

Here we are in September! Time sure does fly. I hope all of you have had an amazing Summer and will continue this trajectory as we head into the Fall season. That being said, we are certainly not completely safe from the hurricane season just yet, so please stay aware of the weather and do not hesitate to reach out to your Lodge if you need any assistance.

As far as Lodge activities, we will be having our regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Two weeks from then, on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our Fellow Craft Degree. This is a Called meeting so it's a great chance to come to a degree on a night you have already scheduled for regular Lodge meetings. Meal starts at 6:15 and the degree starts at 7:30 pm. We hope to see you all there!

Lastly, I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has helped in the kitchen and dining hall. From washing dishes to helping with the trash, your help has been very much appreciated.

May the GAOTU guide and protect us all,

Fraternally,

Justin Shiver

Junior Warden



## *Secretary Sez*

### *Office Hours*

Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00am - 4:00pm

Fridays 10:00am - 12:30pm

Brethren,

I want to congratulate Bro. Rudy Romero and Bro. Antonio Cruz, Jr. who did an outstanding job completing their EA proficiency. A huge congrats as well to Bro. JC Rogers for doing such an outstanding job preparing and testing these Brothers.

Additionally, a huge congratulations to Bro. Chad Rawlinson and Bro. Roberto Mazzanti for completing their MM Proficiency. We are looking forward to their Bible and Apron Ceremony in the near future. 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!

Much progress has taken place on the NPD list. We are down to a small few who are in danger of being dropped from our membership for NPD. We will continue to work diligently to reach every Brother on this list to see if they need Lodge assistance.

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*

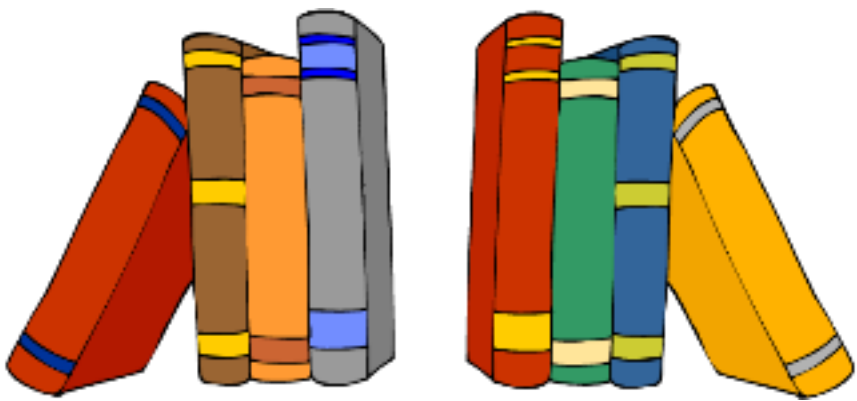
Most of us can understand that the newly initiated man would be called an Apprentice. But why an “Entered” Apprentice? Well, the word goes back to our operative days. The Freemasons of the middle ages were a select group, and were the highest class of artisans of their time. It required sound health, moral character, and high intelligence to be a good operative Freemason, permitted to work on the GREAT HOUSES of God, which were the Freemason’s work. They were proud of their abilities, their reputation, and strict in their rules. To become a Freemason a young lad was required to serve a seven year apprenticeship before he might ask to be permitted to make and submit to his superiors his “Master’s Piece”, and be admitted as a “Fellow of The Craft.” Before he could serve his time he had to prove himself; therefore he served a period of time as an Apprentice. If at the end of that period he had shown himself possessed of the necessary qualifications of industry, character, decency and probity, he was “entered” on the books of the Craft and became an “Entered Apprentice.”

Originally an Apprentice was not a member of the Masonic Craft; not until he had passed his apprenticeship and been accepted as a fellow was he a Craftsman. Ritual teaches us that the Apprentice is a symbol of youth, the Fellow Craft of manhood, and the Master of old age; probably this conception is derived from the fact that learners and beginners are young, experts are men, and the wise and learned the elder group.

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“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.” .....Plato

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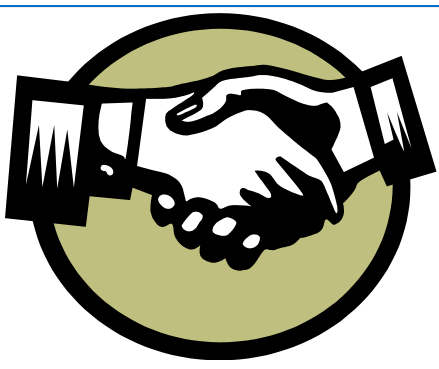
## **Off The Shelf of the Harmonia Library-**

*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

None



### Awaiting EA

Dallas Thomas, Robert Gawel

### 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!