

“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

October 2021

October 11th, 2021

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

**NOTICE: There is only
one meeting for the
month of October. The
Lodge will be Dark for
2nd monthly meeting.**

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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, we are now in October and with Fall, the kids are getting ready for some Halloween fun. Please continue to monitor our Hurricane season, and 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 try to get your Vaccine and Booster Shots 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.

Congratulations go out to Bro. Junior Warden Justin Shiver and his degree team for a job well done putting on our recent Fellow Craft Degree. Congratulations to Bro Rudy Romero, Bro Antonio Cruz Jr., and Bro David Odreman of Harmonia Lodge, and Bro John DeSwart, Bro Frederick Jolowski, Bro Janne Maki, and Bro Lawrence Malanga of Garden Lodge No. 366 who all were Passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Also a huge thank you and congratulations to W.: Brian Work for an outstanding job on the Fellow Craft Lecture.

Harmonia Lodge will go dark on the following dates for our Stated Meetings: October 25th , November 22nd ,and December 27th 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.

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 October.

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. Fall has arrived and the weather should start to cool off soon. It's hard to believe that we're already in October.

We had a Fellow Craft degree last month, and the degree team led by our Junior Warden Justin Shiver did an excellent job. Congratulations to the newly Passed Brothers. It was well attended and I was glad to see some Brothers that I haven't seen in a while. I urge the Brothers to keep coming out to support the Lodge. During their speeches, the new Fellow Craft Brothers hinted that they would like to be raised before the year is over, so a Master Mason degree is in the works. Stay tuned and we will let you know.

The 2021 year is almost coming to an end and lots of things will be discussed and addressed, so I urge everyone to attend Lodge. We're always serving scrumptious dinners prepared by our very own PM Ricky Espiritu, so don't miss it. We're also doing Masonic Education, Proficiencies and Degrees, so please come out and support the Lodge.

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!

September seemed to be a fast-paced month and October looks to be cooling down a bit, thankfully. We recently had a well-attended Fellow Craft degree and I would like to personally thank Worshipful Edmund Rodas and all of the Degree team for their hard work. It definitely showed! Also, congratulations to the newly Passed Fellow Crafts. I can't wait to see you all in the next one!

That being said, we will now move into these Fall months and start meeting only the second Monday of the month through December. There is no meeting on the fourth Monday. That means, coming to the Stated meetings is twice as important. Please, try to come!

May the GAOTU keep you safe, healthy and with abundance,

Fraternally,
Justin Shiver
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Brethren,

October is here and that means the 2022 Dues notices will be going out this month. We have made tremendous progress on the Delinquent Dues front, but there are still some Brethren who have not responded to any of the Notices that were sent out. We have even had several notices returned as "Undeliverable." If you have moved, please contact me so I can update your current address. Please remit your Dues so as not to face Suspension on Dec. 27, 2021. The best way to remit your payment is in the form of a check made payable to Harmonia Lodge No. 138. Grand Lodge has asked that the Craft refrain from using Circumscribe, as they are trying to phase it out and possibly replace it with a different system soon. We know that this Pandemic has been hard on everyone these past couple of years. If any Brother is facing a "Financial Hardship", please contact the Lodge for possible assistance.

Now, onto a very important announcement. When your 2022 Dues notice arrives you will see that your overall Dues amount has INCREASED. The reason is not that the Lodge Dues have increased, but the Per Capita that Grand Lodge charges has increased from \$30.00 to \$35.00 per member. If you have any questions, please contact the Lodge office.

Please stay Healthy and Safe.

W.: Rob C. 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!"

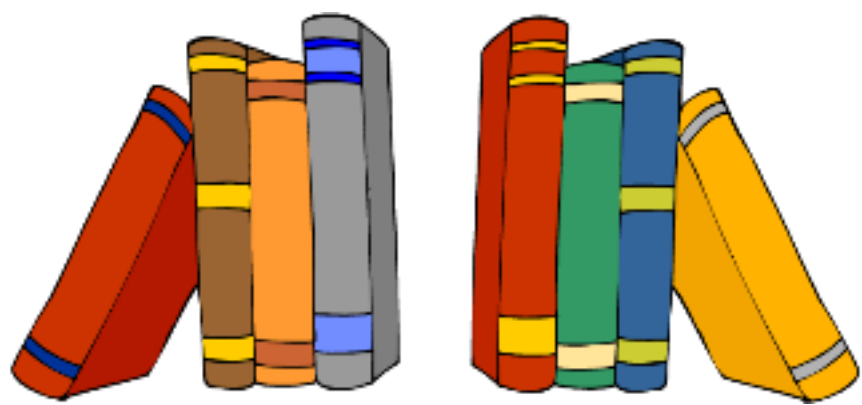
~Bro. Theodore Roosevelt

Instructive Tongue

For years the origin of Freemasonry has been a burning question among members and researchers alike. The current and accepted history dates back to the stoneworkers of Europe and the Halliwell Manuscript of 1390. But through the years many have labored with the burning question of “Who wrote our rituals?” Was it a committee appointed by some high authority? Or was it the inner thoughts of one man, which was later accepted through the years? The following commentary may set the question to rest.

Thomas Smith Webb, considered to be the Father of American Masonic Ritual, was born October 13, 1771, and died July 6, 1819. Thomas S. Webb was an active Royal Arch Mason and member of the Commandery. In 1795, three years after he had been made a Master Mason and also a Royal Arch Mason, he had already served as Master of his lodge and High Priest of the Holy Royal Arch. Webb realized that this was not Masonry as it was originally intended. After a few years of research using Dr. Anderson and William Preston as his guide, Webb published his first Freemason Monitor in 1797, in which he established the standardization of the line officers and a ritual for each of the four degrees: Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, Master Mason and Royal Arch, with lectures explaining each degree. By 1804, Webb’s ritual was partially accepted by all jurisdictions in the United States, and ever since, the ritual has been learned word for word and lecture by lecture with very little change in the standardization set forth by Webb. Thomas Smith Webb was a member of the Masonic fraternity for only 27 years.

(source: Facts, Fables and Fantasies of Freemasonry,
by Rt. Ex. William Adrian Brown)



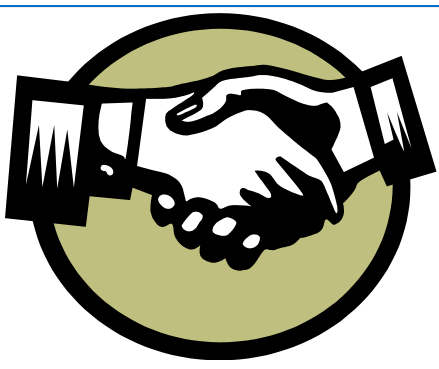
Off The Shelf of the Harmonia Library-

HPM David J. Reilly, Librarian

Harmonia Library Book of the Month Preview for October:

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

Troy Maddox, Edvens Rislin, Gensly Pierre

Awaiting MM

David Odreman, Antonio Cruz Jr.,
Rodolfo Rudy Romero



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!