

“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

November 2021

Nov. 8th (Monday)

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

Nov. 18th (Thursday)

Called Communication

Master Mason Degree

Meal 6:15 / Degree 7:00

NOTICE: There is only

one Stated meeting

for the month. Lodge

will be Dark for 2nd

monthly meeting.

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From the East

Greetings Brethren,

Brethren, we are now in November and friends and families are getting ready for Thanksgiving and family reunions. I hope that everyone has gotten their vaccine by now, or plan to soon. Please continue to take precautions by wearing a mask, washing your hands and use hand sanitizer more so than ever before.

It is with a heavy heart that we inform you of the loss of Bro. Lou Babbit HPM who passed away on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Please keep his beloved wife Ronnie and family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Bro. Erasmo for an outstanding job standing proficient in the Master Mason Catechism. Congratulations to our Fellow Craft Brothers Rudy Romero, Antonio Cruz, and David Odreman for an outstanding job standing proficient in the Fellow Craft Catechism. These Brothers now will be raised in the upcoming Master Mason Degree taking place on Thursday, November 18, 2021. A big Thank you to the Brothers who supported Harmonia Lodge by attending the Grand Master Official Visit on October 23, 2021 at the Palm Beach Airport Hilton, honoring our M.:W.: Jeffrey S. Foster, Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida.

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 November.

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. The weather is getting cooler and cooler, and daylight savings time will soon end.

Last month, Brother Lou Babbit hung up his working tools and was called upon by our GAOTU. He will be remembered by all as he has touched so many Brother's lives at some point. I personally will remember Brother Lou as a great mentor and friend. His compassion for the Lodge is immeasurable. We will miss you Brother Lou.

During the first meeting in November, the newly passed brothers will do their proficiency and if found proficient, we will have a called communication on the 18th to raise them to the sublime degree of Master Mason. I urge all to attend this degree so we can show our support to these newly raised Brothers.

Also, next month will be the election of new officers who will lead our Lodge for the upcoming year. Your attendance is greatly appreciated.

If there are 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!

November is here! I love the Fall! We wait all year for this and the weather seems to bring better spirits all around. As the temperature starts to drop, we can dust off our sweaters and start to do some outdoor activities.

Speaking of activities, the Lodge will be busy with much to do. We have our meeting on November 8th, and we have our last Master Mason Degree of the year on Thursday, November 18th. Please try to come to this Degree if you can as these Brothers have worked hard and deserve a well-received raising. It is sure to be a fun time!

Lastly, I would like to say that our beloved Lou Babbit will be sorely missed. He was a pillar in our Lodge and his memory will live on!

If any Brother should need assistance for any reason, please reach out to the Lodge. May the GAOTU keep you all safe and well,

Fraternally,
Justin Shiver
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Brethren,

I would like to start by informing the Craft that Bro. Lou Babbit, HPM of Harmonia Lodge, passed to the Celestial Lodge on October 23, 2021. Bro. Babbit was a Pillar of this Lodge, and a Mentor to me and so many Brothers. He will be sorely missed. Alas my Brother! Bro. Lou served many years as Secretary for Harmonia and was responsible for the smooth workings of our Lodge. I appreciate all the support from the Brothers of Harmonia since I was appointed as Secretary Pro-Tem. I have tried to continue to deliver that same level of efficiency for Harmonia Lodge and will continue to do so during my tenure.

Dues notices for 2022 have been mailed out in October. Thanks to the Brethren who have so graciously responded so early in paying your dues. I have been very busy processing payments and mailing out dues cards. I hope you keep the payments coming.

We still have some 2021 delinquencies; 12 to be exact, down from 44. The main cause I have determined is that people have moved and not given a forwarding address. If we do not hear from these 12 brothers soon, they will be suspended and placed on NPD. If you are having difficulties in paying your dues, please contact the Lodge for assistance.

I have completed the last renewal for our current tenants which guarantees we will have full Occupancy for at least the next three years. I would like to Thank Bro J.C. Rogers for his continued assistance in maintaining our building and grounds. He recognized that our dumpster was falling apart and brought it to my attention, and we will have a new dumpster hopefully by the time you read this article.

Thank you again to all the Brothers for your support. 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

14th ANNUAL 25th MASONIC DISTRICT CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Santa's Helpers:

Gulf Stream Lodge Garden Lodge Lake Worth Scottish Rite
Harmonia Lodge Boca-Delray Lodge Amara Shrine Brothers
Jupiter-Light Lodge Bykota Lodge High Twelve
Master Mason Assoc. 25th Dist. Boynton Lodge
Palmwood Lodge Lantana Lodge Grotto
Lake Worth Chapter 111, OES Individual Brothers who love kids

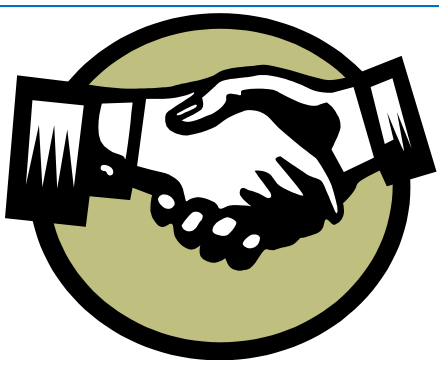
With our above helpers we have collected over 6500 toys that have put the biggest smiles on children of all ages. Please continue to help. Santa and Mrs. Claus will pick up the toys to be wrapped and delivered. They will also pick up toys from you. Santa and Mrs. Claus will do the shopping on cash donations and every penny will buy toys. Donations can be mailed to Gulf Stream Masonic Lodge @ 1111 Crestwood Blvd., Suite A, Lake Worth, FL 33460. Make checks payable to Gulf Stream Lodge No. 245, or call 561-588-1802 for pickups (ask for Santa Roy or Mrs. Claus.) Lets make the 14th year a record breaker! **Please new unwrapped toys only, DEAD-LINE 12/3/21**



A LOT OF CHILDREN HAVE LITTLE OR NOTHING IN THE FORM OF GIFTS ON CHRISTMAS DUE TO THE ECONOMY, THE CORONIAVIRUS, PARENTS NOT WORKING, ETC. WE AS MASONS SHOULD EXTEND ARE ARMS AND MAKES THE HOLIDAY SEASON GREAT FOR ALL.

**MERRY CHERISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS, AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES, SINCE NO DONATIONS ARE BEING REQUESTED OUTSIDE THE FRATERNITY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA.



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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

Brian Vedrani



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!