

“THE CHALK”

HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

CHARTERED 1894

DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7

M.:W.: GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

128 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach

January 2022



January 8th, 2022 (Sat.)

Installation of Officers

Friends & Family Welcome

Meal 6:00 / Installation 7:00

January 10th, 2022

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

January 24th, 2022

Called Communication

Entered Apprentice Degree

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

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From the East

Greetings Brethren!

Happy New Year!! Hope this message finds you all safe and well. Another year has passed, and a brand-new year awaits all of us. Join me on my installation as the new Worshipful Master for this year. It is happening on January 8th starting with dinner at 6:00 pm and installation thereafter. Due to the recent increase in Omicron Covid cases, masks will be mandatory for the event. Additionally, if you are feeling ill on the day of Installation, please stay home to keep yourself and others safe. Also, my first meeting will take place two days later, on Jan. 10th, the second Monday of the month. Hoping to see you there! With that said, I would like to congratulate all the elected and appointed officers for the ensuing year.

We expect this year to be a busy year. We will have an Entered Apprentice degree on January 24 and your attendance and assistance is greatly needed and appreciated. I would also like to congratulate our Master Mason Brothers who did their proficiency last month, so we have scheduled a Bible and Apron presentation in your honor on February 28th. Again, Congratulations Brothers!

Rest assured that the Officers of this Lodge have only one promise, to make this Lodge better than when we took over. In closing, I want to extend my congratulation and profound thanks to W.: Ray Rios for his 2-year tenure. Congratulations Brother!

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!

Sotelo Cruz
Worshipful Master



From the West

Brethren,

Happy 2022!! What a year it has been. I hope everyone has had a fun and safe holiday season celebrating whatever it is that they celebrate. It seems to go by so fast! I wish all your families well and hope this year is filled with health and abundance!

I am honored to now serve the Lodge as your Senior Warden. I think we have a strong team in 2022 and the Lodge looks to benefit in many ways this coming year. Our new Worshipful Master has a nice calendar planned and I personally am looking forward to the fellowship and fun ahead. Don't forget, Installation of Officers is Saturday, January 8th at 6pm if you would like to attend.

If any Brother needs any assistance with anything at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Lodge or any Officer and we will find a way to assist you. Please, try to attend the stated meetings as often as your cable-tow allows. Your presence is needed!

May the GAOTU guide and assist us all,

Fraternally,
Justin Shiver
Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren!

First let me begin with saying, HAPPY NEW YEAR to the Brothers of Harmonia Lodge. I would like to thank you for entrusting me to serve as your Junior Warden for the year of 2022.

My goal as your Junior Warden is to hit the ground running as there are some large shoes to fill. I intend to build from the successes in the past, while understanding some of the short falls as we proceed in the future, and anchoring myself to that common phrase; “Harmony being the strength of all societies, especially ours.”

Harmonia Lodge is the only lodge I know, as I was born and raised by her and I will always be loyal to her. As a result, I promise and swear that I will support and defend this lodge, its officers, and members with 100% diligence, knowledge, and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to Worshipful Master Sotelo Cruz and Senior Warden Justin Shiver. I look forward to learning from and working with you both in the future. I anticipate a great year ahead.

I also look forward to working with my Stewards: Antonio Cruz Jr. and Rudy Romero. Together we will accommodate our brethren with gourmet, tasty, and unique meals that will resonate from our Lodge to other Lodges in the area.

Let's evolve in the future as ONE and be the change we wish to see in the world.

Yours in the faith,

Lou Schwartz
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Brethren,

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah this Holiday Season. I would also like to wish each and every Brother a happy, safe and prosperous New Year in 2022. I cannot believe that the year 2021 has passed by so quickly. As I reflect on the past year, I am so proud of the new Brothers we have Initiated, Passed, and Raised in our Lodge. I am also saddened from the Brothers we have lost who passed to the Celestial Lodge in 2021 as well.

I would like to take a moment and thank all the Brothers who showed up to our elections and voted for your 2022 Officers. I personally want to say Thank You for the trust you all have placed in me to continue in the position of Secretary. I am truly humbled by your support and will continue to perform the duties to the best of my ability.

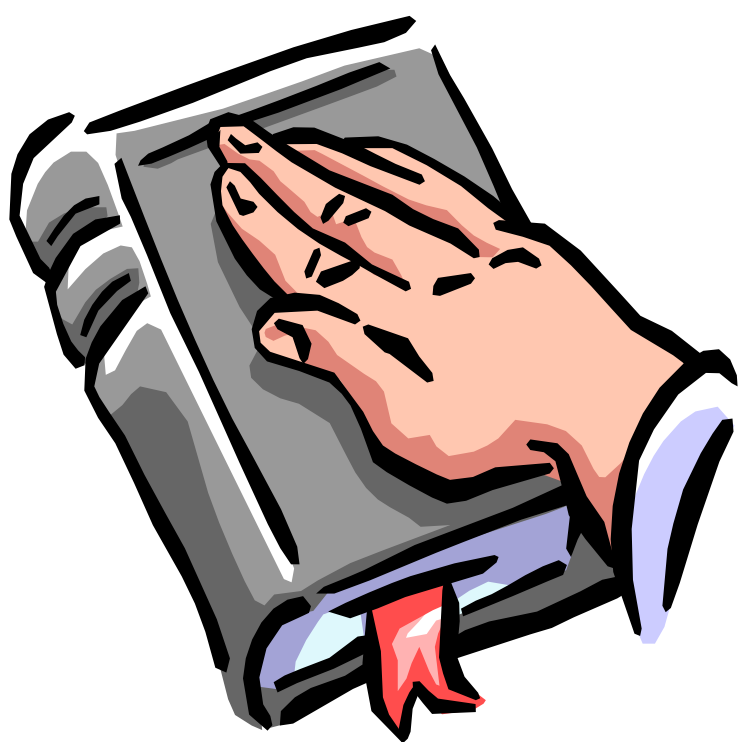
As 2021 comes to an end, and we start 2022, it is my duty to report that we will only lose 3 Brothers to NPD status. Harmonia Lodge has been carrying these brothers for 2 years with no Dues being paid during this time. Harmonia Lodge started 2021 with 44 delinquent members. After persistent efforts in locating a majority of these brothers, I am happy to report that 36 of the 2021 delinquent dues have been paid.

I would also like to truly thank the Brothers who have already either sent in their 2022 dues or have gotten with me to pay their dues early. It truly does make this part of the job much easier. Thank You

W.: Robert C. Gibbons, Secretary

“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



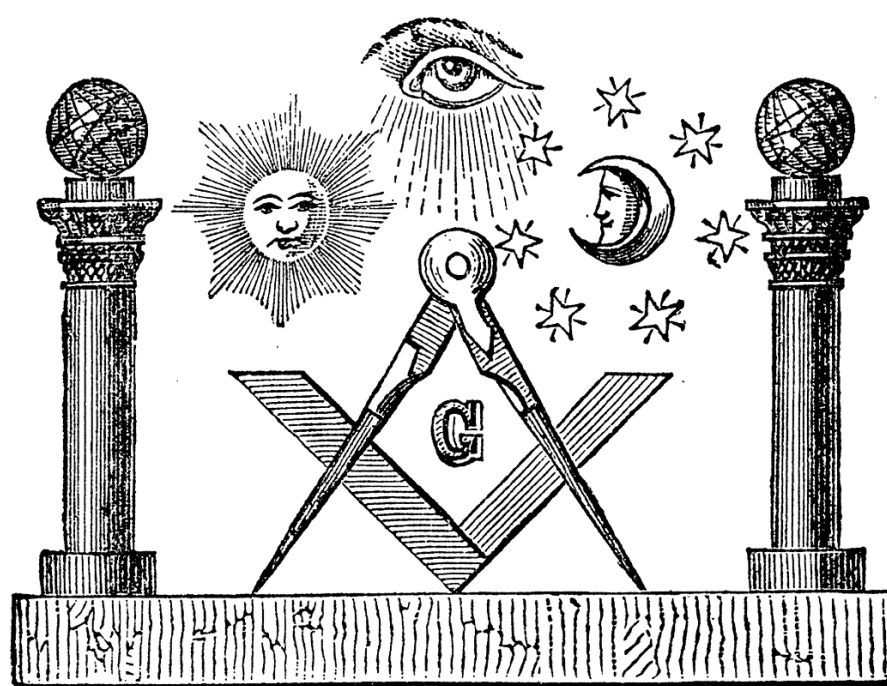
Installation of 2022 Harmonia Lodge Officers

On Saturday, January 8th 2022, Harmonia Lodge will conduct the ceremony for the installation of the 2022 officers. Please come out and share in this memorable event and show your support for the new line. We look forward to a wonderful event!

**Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm with the Installation to follow promptly at 7:00 pm.*

**Due to the recent increase in Omicron Covid cases, masks will be mandatory for the event.*

**Additionally, if you are feeling ill on the day of Installation, please stay home to keep yourself and others safe.*





Lake Worth Scottish Rite Reunion & Convocation

Saturday & Sunday, March 5th & 6th, 2022
200th Class held at BYKOTA Lodge
In Honor of James H. Kirby 33^o Grand Cross



Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date!

All Master Masons who would like to join the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite are encouraged to petition and become a Scottish Rite Mason during this memorial reunion class that is dedicated to our Beloved Brother Jim Kirby. If interested or have questions, please see Brother Dave Reilly or Brother Tony Petrides for more information. Petitions are available for all interested Master Masons. We hope to see ALL current Scottish Rite Masons at this memorable Reunion weekend as well!



Bible and Apron Ceremony

Monday, February 28th

(2nd Meeting of month)

6:15 meal / 7:15 Ceremony

This event is Open to ALL family and friends. Come out and support the

Brothers who have worked so hard to receive this honor and ceremony. It is an amazing event you won't want to miss!



Instructive Tongue

A member of a Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening and the Worshipful Master found his Brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for the visit, the Brother welcomed him, led him to a chair near the fire and waited. The Worshipful Master said nothing, but contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the W. M. took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. The host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flicked and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and the fire was no more.

Soon, it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken. The W. M. stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire, where it immediately began to glow once more. The W. M. walked to the door followed by his host who stood and said "Thank you for the fiery summons, my Brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting." Harmonia hopes to see YOU in Lodge SOON!

Mediation for 2022

By David. J. Reilly, HPM



Great Architect of the Universe, You have said that, “when three or more are gathered in your midst that You will be present.” We welcome You and ask that You extend the Compass points to circumscribe the golden tenets of Freemasonry, to set and remind us of the boundaries of our lessons, and to enrich our lives. Allow truth, relief, and brotherly love to grow within and about us. Stop the festering pandemic of hate, prejudice, dissension, and discontent, and consume it in fire, bringing new growth through harmony; allowing our Lodge and ourselves to grow.

Tyle our Lodge and ourselves with the Jewel of caution, turning the discontented and those who would transgress our Masonic beliefs from our Lodge. Allow none to enter the West Gate and guard us against the Cowans and profane ideals that destroy our lessons, turn us from our teachings, those which we teach and learn within Freemasonry.

Let our East be warmed by the sun and allow the leadership to be Member driven. Guide our Masters, past, present, and future with the principles of Freemasonry: Build our Lodge with collaboration between officers and members using truth, wisdom and positive effort. Ensure our work strives for perfection and learning. Remind our Officers that they were once in the preparation room as an Entered Apprentice. Remind us of the jubilation as a Master Mason, that we are to answer the knocks and to calm and ensure these feelings in every man who enters our fraternity. Make them and the elders of this lodge a counsel to assist with that which will come before our Lodge.

Bring our membership together, as we pray that the diversity of our Lodge is pleasing in thy sight. Remind us that the diversity of our members gives our Lodge the ability to learn, grow and share about mankind. Tell us again about how “Good and how pleasant it is when brethren dwell together in Unity.” Remind us that we are mere mortals; that thy guidance is wanted, needed, and treasured. Allow us to be better men, better husbands, and better fathers. We are not ungrateful children with thy teachings. Guide our hands to the book of your word for study, comfort, learning and guidance. Allow us to keep the double-edged tongue in its sheath, keep our tongues instructive, and ears attentive. As brothers, let us share and receive instruction without vanity or self-importance, but for the betterment and growth of ourselves and our Lodge. Let not the business of our Lodge go from house to house, or Lodge to Lodge. Allow our Lodge the ability to council from within, as “A contrary man spreads conflict, and a gossip separates close friends.” May Your teachings bring us closer to the light we seek through this veil of tears and Masonic journey.

Remind us of the lessons taught and learned. Take each of us back and remind us that the unseen trials and trouble we have overcome through you. Remind us to turn to you in times of trouble, and disillusionment, for Your light brightens the light of Masonry, and is a beacon for all of us.

Be with us as we turn the page on another year at Harmonia Lodge. Let us expand on what we have done well. Let us learn, correct, and strengthen those that were not. May Our Souls be content from what we plant, and reaped through what is given, to us by blessings and by faith. Amen.



Lodge Officers for 2022

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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

Michael Koppy



Awaiting EA

Dallas Thomas, Robert Gawel, Brian Vedrani

Awaiting FC

Troy Maddox, 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.*



2022 Lodge Committees

Finance

SW Justin Shiver (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,
W.: Tony Petrides, Secretary W.: Robert Gibbons Sr.,
Ed Griffin HPM, Bro. Mark Garfinkel

Vigilance

JW Louis Schwartz (Chairman), W.: Ray Rios, Bro. Dave Porter

Petitions

Secretary W.: Robert Gibbons Sr. (Chairman),
David Reilly HPM, W.: Tony Petrides, SW Justin Shiver,
JW Louis Schwartz, SD Chad Rawlinson

Masonic Education

W.: Edmund Rodas (Chairman), David Reilly HPM,
Secretary W.: Robert Gibbons Sr.

Board of Relief

W.:M.: Sotelo Cruz (Chair), SW Justin Shiver, JW Louis Schwartz

Charity

SW Justin Shiver (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,
David Reilly HPM

Lodge Property

JW Louis Schwartz (Chairman), Sec. W.: Robert Gibbons Sr.,
W.: Ray Rios, Bro. Scott McGary, Bro. Bobby Mason

Lodge Mentoring

W.: Edmund Rodas (Chair), Chap. J.C. Rogers, JS Rudy Romero

Community, Civic Improvement & Social Activities

JW Louis Schwartz (Chairman), SD Chad Rawlinson,
JD Erasmo Gonzalez, SS Antonio Cruz Jr., JS Rudy Romero

Investigations

Secretary W.: Robert Gibbons Sr. (Chairman), Brothers of the
Lodge as Appointed (Master Masons ONLY)

Communications, Trestleboard and Website

Bro. Greg Tammany (Chair), Secretary W.: Robert Gibbons Sr.,
W.: Tony Petrides

Visitors

David Reilly HPM (Chair), James Kirby HPM,
Bro. Greg Tammany, Bro. Thomas Taylor, Bro. Steven Sucher,
W.: Tony Petrides, W.: Frank Rocanello

Awards

W.: Tony Petrides (Chair), SW Justin Shiver, JW Louis Schwartz



Letters to the Editor (An open forum by Brothers, for Brothers)

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