

"THE CHALK"

HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138

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DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7

M.:W.: GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

128 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach



February 2022



February 14th, 2022

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

February 28th, 2022

Called Communication

Bible & Apron Ceremony

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

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From the East

Greetings Brethren!

Hope this message finds you all safe and well. Happy Birthday to all the February celebrants. The 2022 Installation of Officers held last month was well attended. It was a very memorable time, especially for me, as this is a culmination of many years of my Masonic journey. My congratulations to all the officers elected and appointed. With all your help and dedication, we will have a great year!

My profound thanks and appreciation to W Anthony Petrides and all the members of the degree team for conferring the Entered Apprentice degree last month. Everyone was surprised including me at how the lecture was delivered headed by RW Rob Estell, along with five other distinguished Brothers. It was a night to remember, especially for the newly initiated Brothers. Congratulations Brothers.

The first meeting in February is Valentine's Day, so bring your better half for dinner so you can present them with flowers. Also, the second meeting will highlight a Bible and Apron presentation for seven Brothers, so try to attend and support these Brothers.

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,

February is here and love is in the air! I hope everyone has been enjoying the cooler weather.

We recently had a superb EA Degree and a mind-blowing lecture. It was well-attended and the meal was incredible. It definitely set the pace for the rest of the year. I highly encourage everyone to attend our degrees as they just seem to get better as we integrate more Brothers.

Reminder that Valentine's Day is on a Monday and the same day as our stated meeting. Choose wisely!

Please, keep our sick Brothers and families in your thoughts and prayers.

May the GAOTU guide and protect us all,

Fraternally,
Justin Shiver
Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren,

We are one month down and already I can feel the unity of Harmonia Lodge erupting. Why I say this is because of how well the installation went and how awesome our EA degree went as well.

Let me begin with installation day. While in the kitchen, all stewards and myself arrived early to the lodge, initiated a plan of action for the night, and then executed the plan. In the interest of full disclosure, we did have some hiccups, but the inspirational thing about it was that we were all working together to solve the problem in the most efficient and effective manner possible. Ego was absent in this mix, as the anchor was tied to the goal of success with a positive outcome (Who best can work and best agree). Not only did my stewards step up to the plate, but another member of the lodge and also a friend did too. Absent of the aforementioned, you would have never known there was an issue as the final display and taste of the appetizers that we made were absolutely on point with taste and substance. Great job Rudy and Jun! Also, great job to our Worshipful Master Sotelo Cruz for making 2 dishes, Lumpia, a Filipino Spring Roll, and Pancit, a Filipino Style Noodle. They were outstanding!

Moving on to the EA degree team. I have to say that I really enjoyed the new blood in our lodge, (You know who you are) taking the personal initiative to perfect their lines and their floorwork. This constant striving of perfection is what will take this Lodge to the next level. Keep up the good work! Additionally, let me make a shout out to Worshipful Petrides. His leadership during these degrees are exceptional! We are truly lucky and blessed to have his guidance in our Lodge. Although my attendance to this EA degree stopped in its tracks due to my daughter and I contracting Covid, there was no skipping a beat, as Worshipful Ray Rios immediately took my place in the degree and my Stewards stepped up to the plate to plan and prepare dinner. Jun and Rudy did a great job in my absence and also the entire EA degree team is credited with an exceptional degree. Although I was saddened that I could not be there, I am very happy to hear that the degree was a great success that triggered new initiatives within our lodge.

With that my Brothers, let's keep up the unity and the teamwork that make Harmonia Lodge the best lodge in this district.

Yours in the Faith,

Lou Schwartz
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Brethren,

Where does the time go! It seems like just yesterday we were ringing in the New Year. We had such a great month of January at Harmonia Lodge which included an excellent Entered Apprentice Degree for 2 newly Initiated Brothers, followed by the BEST Lecture I have personally experienced! I want to express my congratulations and thanks to the Lecture Team (yes, Lecture team) which was presented by RW Rob Estell, RW Joe Fleites, RW Ryan Lombardi, W Billy Duenas, W Brett Gordon, and W Brian Work. Thank you again for that memorable experience.

As we head into February, our Lodge has many projects in the works and others that we will be facing as far as building repairs and maintenance are concerned. They consist of A/C replacement, electrical repairs, outdoor fixture replacements, indoor light replacements and general electrical repairs that need to be addressed. The Finance Committee will be meeting the first week in February to discuss the short and long-term projects and a report will be brought before the Craft at our first Stated meeting in February. We will also be presenting a Bible and Apron Ceremony on February 28 which has been changed from a Stated to a Called Communication. We have 8 Brothers who will be taking part in this Ceremony so please make every effort to attend and support your Brothers.

It is that time of year for our insurance renewal. I have completed the required in depth 9-page questionnaire asking for information ranging from building material to square footage and history of the building including plumbing and electrical history.

Please continue to send in your 2022 Dues early so we can have all Brothers in Good Standing. Thanks Brothers!

Fraternally,
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



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

The solemn promise made by a Freemason on his admission to any degree is technically called an *obligation*. In a legal sense, *obligation* is synonymous with *duty*. It is derived from the Latin word *obligate*, which literally signifies a *tying or binding*. The obligation is that which binds a man to do some act, the doing of which thus becomes his duty.

WAGES OF A MASON

Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw wages of gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are earned and paid for in their dealings with one another: sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason. ~Benjamin Franklin

Oh What a Night...



Harmonia E.A. Degree

By David. J. Reilly, HPM

On Monday, January 24th, Harmonia Lodge presented an Entered Apprentice Degree. Even through the weeks and months of Covid, opening and closing down of Lodge, as well as sanitizing after each use, the Degree Cast made it happen. It was an amazing degree with lots of surprises, and for those of you who missed it, you missed a good one. The Degree team consisted of first-time chairs, as well as Masons who were just Raised in the last Master Mason Degree and were elected Officers in December.

The evening was begun with a fantastic meal consisting of soup, Roasted Chicken, Rice, and broccoli and cauliflower. Desert was baked cookies along with coffee, tea, and lemonade. We initiated Robert Gawel and Brian Vedrani who are now officially Brothers of our Lodge. The Degree Team consisted of: Tony Petrides as WM, Justin Shiver as SW, Ray Rios as JW, Sotelo Cruz as SD, Chad Rawlinson as JD, Antonio Cruz as SS, Rudy Romero as JS, David Odreman as Tyler, Rob Gibbons as Secretary, and David Reilly as Chaplain.

After the Degree congratulations were shared. A Total of 31 were counted in attendance. The Lecture was presented by a team of esteemed Brothers referred to as the Harmonia 6. RW Rob Estell had been called to do the Lecture, however the way this was done was both innovative and impressive. The Lecture was given in its entirety including the options by the team. RW Rob Estell began, he stopped, and a sideliner entered the floor and picked up where he left off, and after his part of the presentation, another entered the floor and recited his part of the Lecture. This went on until a total of six Brothers had taken part in the Lecture. The Lecture Team consisted of the following esteemed Brothers: RW Rob Estell, RW Joe Fleites, RW Ryan Lombardi, W Billy Duenas, W Brett Gordon, and W Brian Work. It was unexpected, unannounced and a surprise to all present. This was such a refreshing way to present the Lecture. It also allows more

members to be engaged in the Degrees. Thank you for a memorable experience.

We invite our Harmonia Brothers to take active parts in our degrees. Check with the Degree Directors or Secretary Rob Gibbons for more information. No experience is necessary, and there is always room for more Brothers to participate!





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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	Bykota Lodge: 421 Jennings Ave., Greenacres 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

Awaiting FC

Troy Maddox, Edvens Rislin, Gensly Pierre,
Robert Gawel, Brian Vedrani

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)

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!