

“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



March 2022



March 14th, 2022

Stated Communication

DDGM Official Visit

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

March 28th, 2022

Stated Communication

Rusty Nail Degree

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 March celebrants. Hard to believe we are in our third month of the year.

Last month's Valentine's day celebration was a success! The Ladies were each given roses to honor them. My profound thanks to Brothers Louis Schwartz, Rudy Romero and David Odreman who prepared a very sumptuous dinner for all. My sincere thanks also to W.: Rex Stone who delivered a very enlightening good of the order. Congratulations also to all the brothers who received their Bible and Aprons last month.

Our first meeting in March will be our first DDGM visitation, so all are requested to attend. I'm sure RW Bill Paxton has wisdom to impart during this visitation and on our second meeting, we will conduct the Order of the Rusty Nail to refresh our memory regarding our entrance into the Lodge, so you don't want to miss this.

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,

Spring Forward! March is here and so is the changing season. Don't forget to set your clocks.

The Lodge has been steadily improving and we are moving forward with a lot of necessary improvements to our building. Special thanks to W.: Rob Gibbons for arranging everything to be approved by the finance committee so we could get moving. Also, if you haven't been to Lodge recently, you have missed out on some sensational meals prepared by our Junior Warden and the Stewards! They have been tirelessly keeping our stomachs full and with thoughtful dishes. We all certainly appreciate their hard work!

Brothers, Grand Lodge is fast approaching and the rooms are selling out fast! Please, book your rooms ASAP to avoid having to find a random hotel. I look forward to seeing you all there and representing our Lodge.

Finally, if any Brother is having any issues, please reach out to the Lodge and together we can find a way to help. Wishing good health and unlimited abundance and joy to you all.

May the GAOTU guide and protect us all,

Fraternally,
Justin Shiver
Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren,

It is hard to believe that February has come and gone, and what a great month indeed! Great because I celebrated another year around the sun, but also that we had a very good Valentines Day Dinner for our regularly stated meeting at the Lodge. Accolades to Brother David Odreman, our Tyler, who volunteered to make a Paella.

What a gourmet meal that really triggered the taste buds. When I say that this meal was made with love and passion, trust me it was. The entire dish was made from scratch. I know, because I was there from 12pm assisting him make it. Take a look at this dish pictured below!

In closing, I would like to thank the Brothers that night who volunteered in the kitchen after the meeting to assist us in cleaning. Despite the drainage backup that occurred, we were able to get the Lodge cleaned properly before departing, which would have been a tremendous strain on Brother Romero and myself. Thank you to Brother Secretary for contacting the plumber as fast as he did. The plumber arrived at the Lodge the next day to clear the clog thoroughly, getting us back up and running.

Great teamwork indeed!

Yours in the Faith,

Lou Schwartz
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Brethren,

NOW is the time to begin making your arrangements in order to attend the GRAND LODGE SESSION in Orlando in May. If you have never attended, please consider joining us. Grand Lodge Sessions are not for Lodge officers alone. Any Master Mason may attend. If interested, there are Brothers who will share rooms and many of us carpool. There is always great fun and fellowship, good eating, and endless laughs with the Harmonia brothers. Grand Lodge will take place in Orlando at the Rosen Centre at the end of May over the Memorial Day weekend. If you need hotel reservation information, please contact me and I will provide you with hotel pricing and contact numbers.

Harmonia Lodge ended the Month of February on a very high note with a Bible and Apron Ceremony that was well attended by Brothers from our Lodge as well as Brothers from around the District. Congratulations to the Brothers who received their Bibles and Aprons! You all have done an outstanding job with your Masonic Education. Keep up the good work and continue to learn as much as you can.

We have been very busy with building maintenance and repairs. We had a plumbing backup in the kitchen floor drain, electrical repairs to the Lodge sign along P.B. Lakes Blvd., and the A/C unit was replaced for the Ante Room as well. We are in the process of obtaining estimates for patching and resealing the parking lot along with re-striping the parking spaces and replacing the parking stops to bring us up to code. We had an electrician replace all the emergency lighting inside the Lodge as well as replacing 6 of our outside hallway lights that were not working due to age and/or water damage. The roofer inspected our roof and fixed several cracks and leaks that caused some of the lights to fail and he made the repairs for us at no charge to the Lodge!

On March 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm, Harmonia Lodge will be performing a Masonic Funeral for Van High Jr., a Past Master of our Lodge. He passed away last year but due to the pandemic the family had a small service for him. They reached out to Harmonia Lodge and asked if we would perform a Masonic Service for them as a Celebration of Life. Let's have a strong showing of Brothers if you are available so we may honor our Brother and past Master.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the Brothers who have paid their 2022 Dues. I have been very busy with the administrative responsibilities of the Lodge and have working closely with our Treasurer to make sure our Lodge meets all deadlines for Taxes and other reports required by Grand Lodge.

Fraternally,

W.: Robert C. Gibbons, Secretary



Lake Worth Scottish Rite Reunion & Convocation

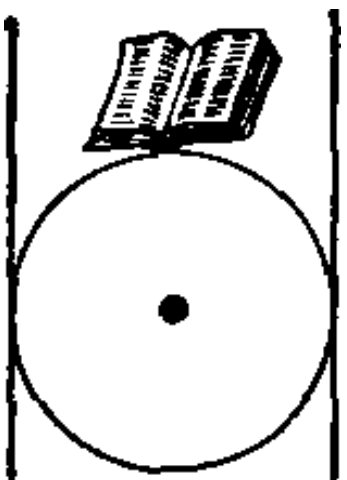
Saturday & Sunday, March 5th & 6th, 2022
200th Class held at BYKOTA Lodge



In Honor of James H. Kirby 33^o
Grand Cross

We hope to see ALL current
Scottish Rite Masons at this
memorable Reunion weekend!

Instructive Tongue



POINT WITHIN A CIRCLE

The point within the circle was the operative Mason's great secret of how to try his square.

He would take his compasses and draw a circle, and then draw a straight line thru the center and beyond the circumference. He would then place a dot somewhere on the circumference and draw straight lines from the dot to where the line thru the center intersected the circumference. In that way he produced a triangle with a perfect right angle of 90 degrees. In a sense, you, the Mason, are the point within the circle. You should be ever mindful of keeping your daily conduct and desires within due bounds. Your earthly life as a Mason should move and have its being within a circle of divine life, law, and love that sustains it.

~(Grand Lodge Pennsylvania, 1985)



District Deputy Grand Master
Official Visit

Please mark your calendars for
R.: W.: William P. Paxton's official
DDGM visit on Monday, 3/14/2022.

We would love to see our sidelines
filled so please make plans to attend!



Rusty Nail
Degree

Please join us for our “Rusty Nail”
degree being held on Monday,
March 28th. If you haven't been to
Lodge in a while and need a
refresher on Ritual and Procedures,
this is the perfect opportunity! It is
open to ALL Master Masons. Bring
a Brother with you who hasn't been
to Lodge in a while and let's fill the
sidelines! Hope to see you there!

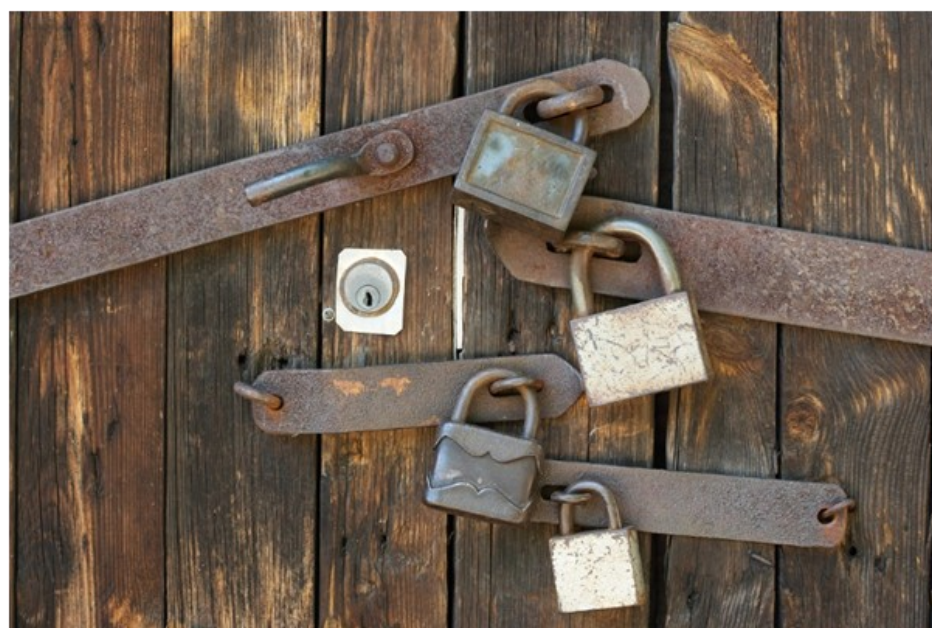
For your Reflection..



Thoughts to Ponder by David J. Reilly, Lodge Historian

How To Close Your Lodge

From a post on Facebook from the Freemasonry Network, Reposted by David J. Reilly, HPM



- . Don't Come.
- . When You do come, come late.
- . Never accept an Office or Committee, it is better to sit on the sidelines and criticize.
- . The Officers Asked for the Job, let them do all the work.
- . Never pay your dues in advance, wait until you get your moneys worth, then wait a while longer.
- . It is good to tell your Officers failings to your visitors, they may be a long time finding them out.
- . Be sure to take your Lodge business and problems and tell others in other Lodges.
- . If there are a few zealous workers in your Lodge, inform others that the Lodge is run by a clique.
- . Disagree with established rules and regulations, and let people know you have a mind of your own.
- . Keep talking to the Brother next to you while Lodge is going on, it makes for good fellowship.
- . If one Brother has done something you don't like, be mad at the whole Lodge.
- . Spread hate, discontent, and gossip in and about the Lodge.
- . Always take incidents that can be handled in the Lodge to other Lodges.



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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!