

"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

April 2022

April 11th, 2022

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

April 25th, 2022

Called Communication

Open Family Night

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 April celebrants. Spring has arrived!

At last month's meeting, we were graced by the presence of RW Bill Paxton for his first DDGM visitation, together with his committeemen. We balloted two brothers back to the Lodge, the brothers from Bykota Lodge took the travelling gavel with 10 of their brothers present, and honored Brother James Kirby by presenting him with an Honorary Past Master's apron. Oh what a night!!

During our second meeting, we performed the Order of the Rusty Nail degree where all the cast members did a fantastic job. My profound thanks to Brothers John Sieh, Paulo Tavarez and Roldo Sillne for participating in this program. Everyone loved it.

As you all know, Open Books is hosted by Harmonia Lodge every third Saturday of the month. Last month, our very own Junior Warden, Louis Schwartz started an initiative to serve breakfast. We received positive feedback, so we will be serving breakfast during Open Books from now on.

This month, we will be reading the Grand Master's 2022 Proposed Legislation, in preparation for the upcoming Annual Communication to be held at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando. To those Brothers who wish to attend the annual communication, you can reach out to our Secretary for more information.

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!

Sotelo Cruz

Worshipful Master



From the West

Brethren,

As we roll into the month of April, Spring is in full-swing and so is the Lodge. We recently had an amazing Rusty Nail Degree, and while I was personally unable to attend due to family obligations, I have heard that it was outstanding and a well-needed refresher for sure!

Congrats to the Degree team!!

In other news, the Grand Lodge annual communication is just around the corner and rooms are filling up quickly. Please, make arrangements asap to avoid any last minute stress. I hope to see you there!

Lastly, we have our regular meetings on the second and fourth Mondays and I am hoping to see all you Brothers at as many as your cable-tow permits. The meals continue to be superb and we always have fun.

Finally, if any Brother is having any issues or needs assistance, 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,

March came and went and I personally believe that Harmonia Lodge advanced an additional point in Masonry as we are consistently pioneering into the unknown and reaching objectives along the way.

This month we initiated 2 events in addition to our regularly stated meeting: our first ever breakfast at the Lodge for open books, which is on the 3rd Saturday of the month, and a Rusty Nail Degree, which is a great degree to refresh our memory for each degree; EA, FC, and MM.

Let me just say, the breakfast was a complete success with the 20 people in attendance going back for seconds. We served 2 different types of Frittatas, scrambled and sunny side up eggs, bacon, sausage, hash brown casserole, garlic fried rice, croissants, muffins, toast, fruit, coffee, and orange juice. We definitely had a good time pioneering into the unknown with this breakfast.

The Rusty Nail Degree was also a complete success. All Brothers involved really put in a lot of work and it showed. The reaction of the Brothers sitting in the degree showed appreciation for the hard work and diligence in the work exhibited. This exemplified what the Brothers of Harmonia Lodge are all about.

Great job by all. Let's continue to evolve as one, remain steadfast, and make the best out of April.

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.

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 been working closely with our Treasurer to make sure our Lodge meets all deadlines for Taxes and other reports required by Grand Lodge.

Looking forward to seeing you in Lodge!

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

Instructive Tongue

“.....well at one time Freemasons were looked upon as leaders in the community. They were perceived as good men with a mission. That mission was to help bring a better quality of life into our homes, our communities, our states, and our nation. Today’s great challenge for the Masonic Fraternity is how to return to a “sense of purpose.” How do Masons regain our rightful place as role models in the community? How do we reach out in community involvement? How do we demonstrate one of the greatest slogans of our country, that *In unity there is strength!*”

In my judgment there is nothing Freemasons could do that would be more important than undertaking the role of unity builder by being seen in our communities, by doing community outreach, and by showing by example what it means to be part of a family, not only our own family, but the family of our town, the family of our state, and the family of our nation. Without fully realizing it, Masons used to do these things. But like the rest of our country, our “sense of purpose” has eroded. We have to begin strengthening our lodges because that is where Masonic activity will always take place.”

~(*Excerpt from an address by Richard E. Fletcher, PGM of Vermont*)

FINDING THE TRUE SECRET OF MASONRY

The “True Secret of Freemasonry” is not the handshake, nor the word, nor some rub of the body or even a wink of the eye. It’s the friendship you develop by being a part of others’ lives. It’s sharing our thoughts and ideas on what would make the fraternity and the community we live in a better place for all. It’s the feeling of belonging to something bigger than yourself and hoping you can contribute to the whole. It’s knowing your friends will support you when things are tough and you will support them in the same way.

(by George A. Ingles, Jr. Grand Master
of Indiana, 2012, Grand Lodge of Indiana)



Harmonia Lodge Library

HPM Dave J. Reilly, Librarian

FYI. Did you know that there is a library at the Harmonia Lodge? This library is a free loan and you are welcome to check these books out as well as some DVD’s. This extensive Library is open to all members. Additionally, we are always growing our collection, so if you have books lying around of Masonic interest or biographies of Masons that you would like to donate, your donation would be welcomed. There is a check out system with a notebook in the Lodge office to record all information on materials checked out. Please utilize this amazing Masonic resource!



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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!