

“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

May 2022

May 9th, 2022

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

May 23rd, 2022

**Lodge is Dark Due to
Grand Lodge – No Mtg**

June 27th, 2022

Called Communication

EA Degree

Meal 6:15 / Degree 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 May celebrants.

Nothing much going on this month. We will have our first meeting on Monday, May 9 and I encourage the Brothers to visit the Lodge. It's always good to know what's going on not just with our Lodge but the other Lodges in the district as well.

May is the month when the Craft elects the new Grand Master to govern all the Lodges in the State. This is happening Memorial Day weekend in Orlando, specifically, the Rosen Plaza Hotel. So to those who wish to come and witness this, you may communicate with the Secretary for details.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Junior Warden, together with the Stewards, for providing us with exemplary meals every meeting. Thank you, Brothers!!

Remember, the third Saturday of the month is Open Books and breakfast is served, so if you have time, come see us. The Junior Warden is always serving a great breakfast meal.

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,

May has arrived! As the weather shifts, so too should our mindsets. Let us take this time for "Spring cleaning" to let go of that which we no longer need, to make room for the fresh and new.

Grand Lodge is this month and I am personally excited as this is a great time for fellowship along with learning the greater workings of our Fraternity. I hope to see many of you there and we will be sure to have a great time! Friendly reminder that the Lodge will be dark for the second Monday due to this event.

Mother's Day is this month as well and we must never forget this day. Let us honor and cherish our mothers, grandmothers, sisters and daughters with children.

Finally, we will have an Entered Apprentice Degree on June 27th, and a Fellowcraft Degree coming soon. Keep your eyes and ears open for exact dates as we finalize plans.

May the GAOTU guide and protect us all,

Fraternally,

Justin Shiver

Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren,

April came and went and did not leave much rain, but the members of Harmonia Lodge poured with brotherly love and affection. For instance, on the first meeting of the month we experienced more members that I have not seen in quite a while due to the pandemic. The conversations I had with these Brothers were truly heartfelt and fulfilling. We literally picked up right where we left off without skipping a beat. It's amazing to me that this type of relationship exists in our Lodge. The only thing I can say is, "I want more!"

I want more Brothers to come to the Lodge. I want to see you guys, hear your stories, laugh at the funny parts of life that have transpired and cry at the sad times. You guys are the backbone of our Lodge and it would mean the world to me if we could pick up right where we left off. When I became a mason in 2013, lodge meetings were vibrant and rampant with attendance. On any given meeting, we would see numbers of between 40-60 members in attendance. It was great!

With that said, **I would like to suggest a goal and a challenge with the members of Harmonia Lodge.**

Monday, May 9th at 6:15pm, is our next stated meeting and is the last meeting before Grand Lodge. At this meeting, I would love to see at least 50 members come to the Lodge for dinner and meeting. To accomplish this objective it would be necessary for our brethren to contact other brethren and inform them of this challenge. Let's reach out to them and let them know that we miss them and we want to hear and see them. I would love to hear that Brothers are actively calling other Brothers and informing them of this challenge. Let's come together, break bread with one another, and meet the newest members Lodge, while we share stories and experiences. In exchange, I promise to make a savory and delicious meal; my famous "Chicken Marsala" for dinner. **This is a meal you don't want to miss. *To up the ante and influence you to reach this objective, dinner will be on the officers of Harmonia Lodge.***

Brothers, let's make up for the lack of April showers, and make it rain in May with our long lost Brothers showing up in attendance to Harmonia Lodge. Please accept this challenge and join me in reaching the goal.

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 can't believe we are already in MAY! You all know what that means, we have our annual Grand Communication for Grand Lodge, May 29 - May 31, 2022. I hope everyone who intends on attending made your reservations. I would like to express my heartfelt Thank You to all the Brothers who have kept me in their thoughts and prayers, and all the phone calls offering their assistance and chauffeuring me to Lodge during my recovery. I would also like to Thank our Webmaster Brother Tammany for enabling me to access my office computer remotely from home so I could continue to handle the day-to-day Lodge business that is required by Grand Lodge and assist the Brothers with any issues that they may have had come up.

I am continuing to work on collecting Lodge Dues. So, Brothers if you have not paid your Dues, please remit your payment as we are nearing the 6th month of the year. Per the Masonic Digest, Notices of Delinquency will have to be mailed out very soon. If you are experiencing a Hardship, please notify me as the Lodge can assist you should you need it.

The WM and Wardens are very busy with scheduling upcoming events. Harmonia Lodge will be conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree on June 27, 2022. Harmonia Lodge will be DARK on May 24, 2022, so the Principal officers can prepare for their annual attendance to Grand Lodge. WM Sotelo Cruz has selected August 6, 2022, for our annual Past Masters dinner to be held at Okeechobee Steak house. He will be contacting the Past Masters so we can get a head count, so we do not go over budget. Please contact me if you should need my assistance.

Be well my Brothers. May the G.A.O.T.U. watch over you and your families.

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



In Honor of Memorial Day this month, some words to reflect and ponder...

May has somehow snuck up on us, and with it comes Mother's Day, the approaching end of the school year, but most importantly, Memorial Day. Unfortunately to many, Memorial Day has become a day that marks the approach of summer and just another three-day weekend with great sales at the mall. In many cases the true sanctity and meaning behind Memorial Day has been lost and forgotten over time and replaced with commercialism and family vacations. However, the true meaning of Memorial Day goes far beyond barbecues and sales, so before firing up the grill or packing for the weekend vacation, we should take a little time to remember what it is exactly we are celebrating. The Memorial Day holiday dates back to the American Civil War, and at that time was known as "Decoration Day", and included the practice of placing flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers for solemn remembrance. While it was originally founded to honor the soldiers who died in the Civil War, today, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance to honor all of the men and women who have served and died in military service for the US Armed Forces.

One needs only to watch the nightly news or keep up with world events to realize how fortunate we are to live in a country governed by a constitution that guarantees our rights and freedoms. These freedoms that America enjoy are the envy of the world, yet we so often take them for granted. They came at a heavy price and were paid for with flesh and blood by the brave sacrifices of American servicemen and women, and with the tears of those whose lives were changed forever by the loss of a loved one. Let us pledge to rededicate ourselves to not take a single day for granted, to give thanks for all that we are blessed with, and to honor those who gave their lives in service to our great nation to secure our freedoms and way of life. God Bless the United States of America.

Instructive Tongue

It cannot be too strongly asserted that Masonry is neither a religion nor a substitute for religion. Masonry seeks to inculcate in its members a standard of conduct and behavior which it believes to be acceptable to all creeds, but studiously refrains from intervening in the field of dogma or theology. Masonry, therefore, is not a competitor with religion though in the sphere of human conduct it may be hoped that its teaching will be complementary to that of religion. On the other hand, its basic requirement that every member of the Order shall believe in a Supreme Being and the stress laid upon his duty towards Him should be sufficient evident to all but the willfully prejudiced that Masonry is an upholder of religion since it both requires a man to have some form of religion belief before he can be admitted as a Mason, and expects him when admitted to go on practicing his religion.



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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

None



Awaiting EA

Dallas Thomas, Michael Kopyy

Awaiting FC

Troy Maddox, Edvens Rislin,
Gensly Pierre, Robert Gawel

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!

List of Past and Honorary Masters from Harmonia Lodge



* indicates deceased

- Wor. Nelson E. Cowles – 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896 *
- Wor. John H Hill- 1898 *
- Wor. Louis P. Lane- 1900, 1901 *
- Wor. George W. Brown – 1905, 1906 *
- Wor. George R. Lyman- 1911*
- R.W. Max Sirkin- 1913, 1914, DDGM 1921*
- Wor. J.A. Bowrey- 1916*
- R.W. R.J. Kishpaugh- 1918, DDGM 1920 *
- Wor. Fred M. Brannan- 1921, 1922*
- Wor. Albert Johnstad- 1924*
- Wor. Marion E. Gruber- 1926*
- Wor. Thomas A. Whitaker- 1928*
- R.W. Joseph Borman- 1930, DDGM 1936*
- R.W. Leroy J. Shellburg- 1932, DDGM 1953*
- Wor. George H. Rines Jr.- 1934*
- Wor. J. Fred Wood- 1936*
- Wor. John B Cook- 1938*
- Wor. Wilfred E. Froehlich- 1940*
- Wor. George M. Warren- 1942*
- R.W. R. Keith McEwen- 1944, DDGM 1962*
- Wor. Dennis F. Bell- 1946*
- Wor. Walter Oldford- 1948*
- Wor. Roland J. Martin- 1950*
- Wor. Walter E. Sansbury- Elected for 1952, passed away before he could assume office.*
- R.W. Carrol E. Watkins- 1952, DDGM 1960*
- Wor. Curtis C. Knight- 1954*
- Wor. M.V. Thomason- 1956*
- Wor. Alfred R. Peebles- 1958*
- Wor. Herman A. Neal- 1960*
- Wor. Winston H. Taylor- 1962*
- Wor. James W. Short- 1964*
- Wor. A.D. McIntosh- 1966*
- Wor. Edmond A Tower- 1968*
- Wor. Robert L. Ford- 1970*
- R.W. Jack C. Miller- 1972, 1973, DDGM 1987
- Wor. Louis Baronovich- 1975*
- Wor. William N. McKinney- 1977*
- R.W. Jonathan C. Munro- 1979, DDGM 1997*
- Wor. Raymond E. Welsch- 1981
- Wor. Freeman M. Taylor- 1983
- Wor. Robert H. Packwood- 1985
- Wor. Clyde Dickens J.R.- 1987
- Wor. Colin M Cameron- 1989, 1994
- Wor. Dean T. McClure- 1991
- Wor. Stanley W. Meeds- 1993*
- Wor. Herbert R. Briggs- 1996
- Wor. Christopher J. Spring- 1998, 2000
- Wor. Stephen E. Henwood- 2001*
- R.W. Malcolm A. Rhinehart- 2004, DDGM 2006
- Wor. Frank A. Rocanello- 2006
- Wor. Joseph G. Walsh- 2008
- Wor. William O’Sullivan- 2010
- Wor. Val De Vuyst- 2013
- Wor. Anthony “Tony” Petrides- 2015
- Wor. Ricky Espiritu- 2017
- Wor. Edmund Rodas- 2019
- Wor. Sotelo Cruz- 2022
- Wor. J.F. Lamond- 1897 *
- Wor. Reynold Cothran- 1899 *
- Wor. Andrew Nilson- 1902, 1903, 1904, 1909, 1910 *
- R.W. Thomas Watson- 1907, 1908, DDGM 1911*
- Wor. Henry W. Lewis- 1912 *
- R.W. L. Trevette Lockwood-1915,DDGM 1933,1935*
- R.W. Elwin W. Bunker- 1917, DDGM 1918*
- Wor. Robert S. Clark- 1919*
- Wor. A.S. Andersen- 1923*
- Wor. George S. Whitting- 1925*
- Wor. Charles M. Gruber- 1927*
- Wor. Robert W. Greer- 1929*
- Wor. Herbert B. Wentzell- 1931*
- Wor. Henry F. Lilienthal- 1933*
- Wor. Hal G. Young- 1935*
- R.W. J. D. Lenderman- 1937, DDGM 1939*
- Wor. Paul C. Brown- 1939*
- Wor. Wm. E. Tanner- 1941*
- R.W. Claude L. Fendley- 1943, DDGM 1954*
- Wor. Raymond G Jewell- 1945*
- Wor. John R. Wells- 1947*
- Wor. Richard H. Mathews- 1949*
- Wor. J. Louie Carter- 1951*
- Wor. Theodore F. Kohl- 1953*
- Wor. Kent Taylor- 1955*
- Wor. Aubrey A. Burse- 1957*
- Wor. James L Waugh- 1959*
- Wor. R. Frank Rogers- 1961*
- R.W. Robert E. Cox- 1963, DDGM 1965*
- Wor. William C. Spencer- 1965*
- Wor. Ernest R. Bass J.R.- 1967
- Wor. F. Paul Taylor- 1969*
- R.W. Lowery L. Jackson- 1971, DDGM 1973*
- Wor. James L. Snelgrove- 1974
- Wor. Ralph O. Cabaniss- 1976*
- R.W. Franklin R. Coursey- 1978, DDGM 1984
- Wor. Roy R Laws- 1980
- Wor. Lyle E. Mason- 1982*
- Wor. Richard J.L. Packwood- 1984
- Wor. James F Irvin- 1986
- Wor. Thomas W. Kyle- 1988*
- Wor. Michael F McCarthy J.R.- 1990
- Wor. Clarence P. Graham- 1992*
- Wor. Van W. High- 1995*
- Wor. Arthur M. Bennett- 1997
- R.W. John G. Allen- 1999, 2011, DDGM 2003*
- Wor. Scott J. Wheeler- 2002
- Wor. Mark D. Eitel- 2005
- Wor. John B. DaGrosa S.R.- 2007
- Wor. Paul L. Moss- 2009
- Wor. Joshua G. Johnson- 2012
- Wor. Lawrence Doiron- 2014
- Wor. James “Charley” Hogwood- 2016
- Wor. Marco Sevilleja- 2018
- Wor. Ray Rios- 2020-2021

HONORARY Past Masters

- Edward L. Hosford- 1960*
- Philip P. Rosenshein- 1994*
- Edgar D. Mitchell- 2007 (6th Man on the moon.)
- David Reilly- 2015
- Lou Babbit- 2016*
- Daniel B. Laub- 1965*
- James H. Kirby JR.- 1999
- Michael Hart- 2014
- Edward Griffin- 2015
- Robert C. Gibbons- 2021