

# ***"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***

**July 2022**

**July 11th, 2022**

**Stated Communication**

**Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15**

**July 25th, 2022**

**Stated Communication**

**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 July celebrants.

Last month's Entered Apprentice degree was attended by 100 plus brothers from different lodges. It was themed as the Military and First responders degree team. Hats off to our Junior Warden, Louis Schwartz, who presided in the East and did a marvelous job with the degree and at the same time prepared a very sumptuous dinner. I heard nothing but praises from the brothers. Also, the cast of the degree team was flawless, as well as the lecture delivered by Brothers Haskell Vest Jr. and Robert Estell. This will be a degree to remember for a long time. Congratulations also to the newly initiated Brothers.

The Masonic Leadership Training schedule has been sent out, so to those brothers who need to take it, please reach out to the Secretary for more information. Remember, every Saturday is Lodge of Instruction and 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!!!

Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!!!!

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Sotelo Cruz  
Worshipful Master



## *From the West*

Brethren,

Happy Independence Day to our great country and to us all!! As we celebrate 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year, I hope everyone has a fun and safe time. Praying that this year the weather will allow many cookouts, fireworks and fellowship all around. Be careful!

We recently had one of the best Degrees I've ever seen! JW Lou Schwartz and his team did an outstanding job! Congratulations are in order to you all. There were a lot of Brothers in attendance and the Degree was exciting and well done. If you missed it, be sure to catch the Fellowcraft Degree tentatively scheduled sometime in August.

Please join us for our regularly scheduled Stated Meeting on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. There is always a good meal prepared and we are always happy to see each other. If any Brother needs assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Lodge. Enjoy your Summer!!

May the GAOTU guide and protect us all,

Fraternally,  
Justin Shiver  
Senior Warden

# *From the South*



Greetings Brethren,

I have only one thing to say; June was a fantastic month for Harmonia Lodge 138!

Our District Deputy Grand Master Visit on June 13<sup>th</sup> was a hit, as we served a southern style meal of roasted chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli, and cornbread. The District Deputy Grand Master applauded the food and even gave recognition of it during the meeting. I would like to thank Antonio Cruz my Senior Steward and Rudy Romero my Junior Steward for assisting in making this meal a great hit.

Our Entered Apprentice Degree, which was held on June 27<sup>th</sup> at Harmonia Lodge, was without a doubt an event that impressed upon my mind and many others mind's that were in attendance. The performance, from what I was told by many, was that it was the best degree they have ever seen. This came from a Brother with over 25 years as a mason. We had approximately 90 plus members in attendance and what a sight to see from the East. As mentioned in my previous post, you did not want to miss this degree.

The food, I am told, was spectacular, as we served the following items: Caprese Salad, Cheese and Spinach Ravioli, Sausage and Peppers, Meatballs, and Chicken Piccata.

The degree team, which consisted of all Military and First Responders, performed outstanding! We crushed it out of the ball park with a grand slam. To top it off, we had 20 first time visitors in attendance, to include a candidate for the Grand Lodge line. What an image we have portrayed here at Harmonia Lodge.

A special thanks to the degree team who without them, would not have made this night as special as it was. These Brothers put in a lot of time and practice for this event and their recognition is definitely worthy of notation. They include: ***George Winterling, Ray Rios, Tony Petrides, Richard Gregory, JC Rogers, Rob Gibbons, Sotelo Cruz, Carlos Ribeiro, Greg Johnson, Luis Gonzalez, Pierre Brutus, Cliff Kraft, Joshua Johnson, Edmundo Rodas, and Rudy Romero.***

A very special thanks to ***Jorge Sta Rosa***, who upon request whipped that Lodge into shape so that the event could be as perfect as it was and even organized the kitchen in my absence along with the ***Cruz brothers, Antonio and Sotelo.*** Their efforts really made this night as smooth as possible.

We were united as one and performed as such. Hope to see you at the next Fellow Craft Degree in case you missed the Entered Apprentice.

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 would like to start by congratulating our very own JW Lou Schwartz on a fantastic EA Degree conferred on June 27, 2022, for our newly initiated Brother Michael Koppy and Patrick Nacarato, a courtesy candidate, from Bykota Lodge. We had nearly 90 Brothers and Visitors present for dinner and fellowship before the Degree. Harmonia ended up with 2 potential petitioners who came as guests to enjoy fellowship and get to know Freemasonry and were introduced to our reception committee consisting of Bro Jim Kirby H.P.M. and Bro David Reilly H.P.M. for proper guidance and instruction on how to proceed. I would like to personally Thank RW Rob Estell for your continued support of Harmonia Lodge and bringing in new members. Those of you who were unable to attend, you really missed some terrific food and great fellowship that was had by all in attendance. I am pleased to report that Harmonia Lodge had 34 sitting and Past Masters and Dignitaries of Appendant bodies in attendance and for the first time I can say, we had 19 first time visitors to Harmonia Lodge! We had 13 different Lodges represented at this Degree. I commend our SD Rudy Romero and our SW Josh Johnson PM for accommodating these first-time visitors to receive their wages! I encourage all our Brethren to clear your calendar for the upcoming FC Degree. I can guarantee you will enjoy the entire evening. Especially if you are a fan of "Foghorn Leghorn".

The Delinquent Dues notices have been sent out per the requirements of the Digest of Masonic Law. If you are not in possession of a 2022 Dues Card and you have not received a Delinquency notice, this means that it was returned as "Undeliverable", which means you have changed addresses and have not contacted me to update your current address. If you are going through difficult times, please contact me to see if the Lodge can assist you in your time of need. Please try and attend our Stated Communication on July 11, 2022, as there will be very important matters concerning the Lodge to be addressed.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July, and that we all take a moment to reflect upon the Founding Fathers of this Great Country and give tribute to their vision and expectation not only for this Country but for this great Fraternity as well.

May the Grand Architect of this Universe Bless you and your Families and keep watch over you and yours!

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

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date!

October 22nd & 23rd, 2022 (Sat. & Sun.)

201st Class held at BYKOTA Lodge

All Master Masons who would like to join the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite are encouraged to petition and become a Scottish Rite Mason. Being a Scottish Rite Mason vastly increases your education in Freemasonry through additional Esoteric Degree work that teaches history, philosophies, religions, and more!

See your Blue Lodge Ambassador or Worshipful Brother Secretary Rob Gibbons for a petition or more information. We look forward to seeing you advance in Masonry through the Scottish Rite.

*“Membership is but for the asking”*



## Harmonia Lodge Library

*HPM David J. Reilly, Librarian*

The Harmonia Lodge library is a free loan access to check out books on Masonic topics and education, as well as DVD's. This extensive Library is open to all members. We are always growing our collection, so if you have books lying around of Masonic interest or biographies of Masons, your donation would be welcomed!

## *Instructive Tongue*

Our actions and appearance are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. You represent Masonry everyday in your actions and character. People watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it be at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic. Remember, whether it be a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You can never tell who might be watching.

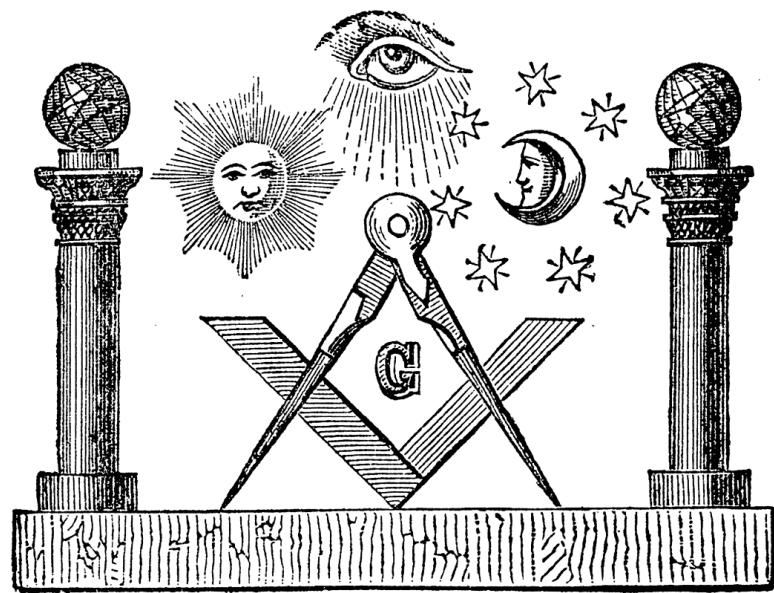
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Your ATTITUDE almost always determines your ALTITUDE in life.



## Harmonia Degree Teams

Do You Love Masonic Ritual?  
Do You Enjoy Working with a Team?  
Have You Always Wanted to Participate in Degrees?



Harmonia has EA, FC, and MM Degree Teams and we are looking for additional members! No experience is necessary! Simply a desire to learn is all that is required! Each degree team has a Director that leads the team. The intent is to have degree teams that are proficient in exemplifying excellent ritual work while simultaneously training newer Brothers to become proficient so that Harmonia can put on any degree at a moments notice. If interested, please contact Worshipful Secretary Rob Gibbons in the Lodge office. Come join the team!



## *Instructive Tongue*

Masonry is many things to all of us, and there is more to learn about this great fraternity than any one of us could hope to attain in several lifetimes of study. The more that I learn about Masonry, the more I realize that Masonry is really only about one thing: **Brotherhood**. The privilege of travel to other places just as the Operative Masons did so long ago has a different meaning relative to today. Long ago Masons traveled in search of work and along the way they gained knowledge and insight into different cultures as they performed their work. Once we became Raised we were awarded the privilege of travel to other Lodges and upon successful examination and permission, allowed to enter. This is a precious wage, in that it presents at least two very valuable benefits; the opportunity to meet others and share knowledge, knowledge that can be brought back to the home Lodge in the form of innovation for the potential improvement of Lodge operations. Knowledge that can be shared upon the return home of the grand history of other Lodges, cultures, peoples, places and the work that they do. But additionally, the worthy Master Mason has the rare privilege of being able to seek refuge or apply for assistance in Lodges around the globe should you find yourself in distress. There are but few places or societies that would upon proper examination treat a stranger as an equal and with little challenge render such help.

No matter where we are in the world, we are NEVER alone, because we share the bond of Brotherhood in Masonry. How many times have we all been in the midst of strangers when we see the Masonic ring of a Brother, or they ours, and experience firsthand that moment when his eyes light up and you interact as if you always knew each other. That moment in time when you would do anything necessary to help out another Brother, and he you, even though you may have just met. That my Brothers IS Masonry. All of the teachings, all of the secrets and symbols, are completely meaningless unless we practice Brotherhood and inculcate the true meaning of our Masonic lessons and ever remember what it is to be a Mason and remember ever to walk and act as such before God and Man.

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**Be excellent to each other!**

**~Bill S. Preston, Esquire and Ted Theodore Logan**



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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

None

### Awaiting FC

Troy Maddox, Edvens Rislin, Michael Koppy,  
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](mailto: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 (6<sup>th</sup> 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