

"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

August 2022

**(Dress: Business Casual
for summer months)**

August 8th, 2022

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

August 22nd, 2022

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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 August celebrants. Time flies! It's hard to believe that this is my eighth month in office. It's been a lot of fun so far. Lots have been learned and lots still to learn. Because we are experiencing very hot weather, I have motioned to have business casual attire at the Lodge and everyone are very receptive to the idea.

I want to thank Brother Ray Rios for ensuring that our Lodge is always clean. He even had our Lodge sanitized to ensure that no Covid virus are present. Thank you Brother Ray for all you do. I also want to thank our Junior Warden and his Stewards for providing us a sumptuous dinner every time we meet.

Our Entered Apprentice brothers are gearing up and will likely demonstrate their proficiency at the next stated meeting, so a Fellow Craft degree is in the works. Rest assured it will be another fantastic Fellow Craft degree, so If you haven't been to lodge lately, I encourage you to attend once again.

To those brothers who wish to attend the Masonic Leadership Training, you can reach out to the Secretary for more information. Remember, every Saturday is Lodge of Instruction day and the third Saturday of the month is Open Books and breakfast is always served.

If there are Brothers who need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Lodge.

Let's all be safe!!!

Enjoy your Summer!!

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Sotelo Cruz

Worshipful Master



From the West

Brethren,

Happy August to everyone! I hope you are all staying cool and refreshed during this extremely hot Summer.

The Lodge is active! We have new candidates petitioning, new Entered Apprentices studying hard, Degree Teams working on EA and FC Degrees, repair work being done on the asphalt around the Lodge building, future plans being hashed out, Lodge of Instruction, Open Books, and many activities for Scottish Rite. Basically, it appears we are riding a great momentum and it only looks to get better!

I hope to see you all in Lodge as often as your cable-tow permits.

May the GAOTU guide and protect us all,

Fraternally,

Justin Shiver

Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren,

July was a quiet and easy month for Harmonia Lodge. In our last stated meeting Worshipful Master Cruz made a motion and was approved by the craft to wear casual attire for our uniform in the summertime. Personally, I love the way this new uniform looks and believe we should wear them during off season months as well, not just the summer. Other than that, not much going on.

We have been practicing for the Fellow Craft Degree and a date has still not been set. We are currently waiting until our EA's stand proficient. Happy birthday to all of the August birthday celebrants. Be safe and stay well everyone. We had a minor scare in the lodge with another brother testing positive for Covid. This thing is still lingering around, so take precautions and stay safe.

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? Here we are, already in August! I would like to start by thanking those Brothers who have reached out to pay their delinquent Dues. I would ask again that all Brothers confirm that they are current on their Dues by looking at their Dues Card to confirm that it has a 2022 date on it. Should you find that you have not paid for 2022, please call me either at the office 561-640-9115 or my personal cell phone @ 561-248-4429. Circumscribe is an UNSECURE WEBSITE at the time of this Trestle board Article. You will have to pay by Personal check or Money Order. If you would like to pay in cash, I will make arrangements to meet you. Per the Masonic Digest of Florida, I will be sending out in the next couple of months, notices of pending NPD Status. If you are experiencing troubles, please let the Lodge know so we can assist.

Harmonia Lodge had the opportunity to assist with a courtesy Masonic Funeral Service for Joseph Warren, from Gothic Lodge in New York City. Thank you to the Harmonia Brothers who were able to attend. The family was very appreciative of your attendance. I have received nearly all the R.S.V.P.'s for the Past Master's dinner on Aug. 6, 2022. It will be well represented by these Brothers who, through their combined leadership have made Harmonia Lodge one of the strongest Lodges in this District. Our JW is hard at work with his Degree team for our upcoming Fellow Craft Degree. The Lodge Committees are hard at work with the exciting business facing our Lodge. We have new Petitioners to the Lodge and our Membership is growing. The Grand Master has issued Directive No 3 in regard to accepting NPD Brothers back into Membership in Good Standing. Harmonia Lodge has adopted this resolution so if you know of a Brother who is NPD, reach out to them and ask them to contact the Lodge for details.

I would like to wish all the Brothers who have a Birthday in August, a very Happy Birthday from your Brethren.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe Bless each and every one of 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

Instructive Tongue

Freemasonry has been called a beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. *Allegory* is from two Greek words and means, “story within a story.” Allegory, parable, fable, myth, legend, and tradition, are correlative terms. The myth *may* be founded on fact; the legend and the tradition more probably are founded on fact, but the allegory, parable, and fable, are not. Yet they may be “true” if “true” is not taken to mean factual. All allegories may contain truth, without being fact.

The allegory of the Master’s Degree is not true in any factual sense, except the historical background from the Biblical account of the Temple. There is no evidence that Solomon and the two Hiram were Grand Masters; that the workmen on the building were Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons; that they met in various apartments of the Temple, with different numbers required for various quorums; that the tragedy occurred; or that the events delineated in the ceremony actually happened.

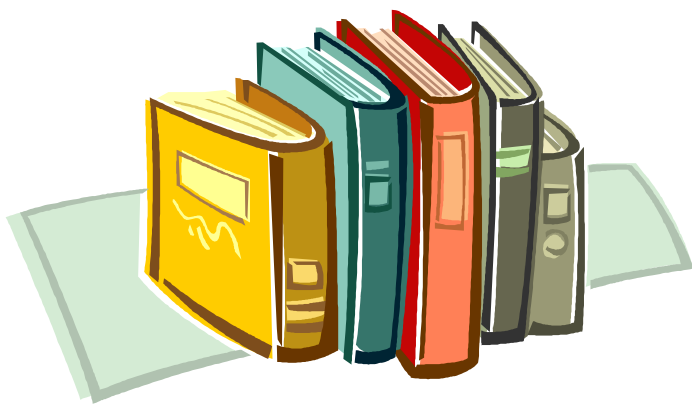
Yet the allegory is true in the best sense of the word. For the story of Hiram is the story of the dearest hope of mankind. It is a tale told by every religion. It is a Mason’s observation that truth, slain by error, will be born again. The Legend of the Third Degree is true in the deepest sense of truth.

(Masonic Service Association, Washington, D.C.)

Something to Ponder: The reason a dog is beloved and has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

Harmonia Lodge Library

HPM David J. Reilly, Librarian

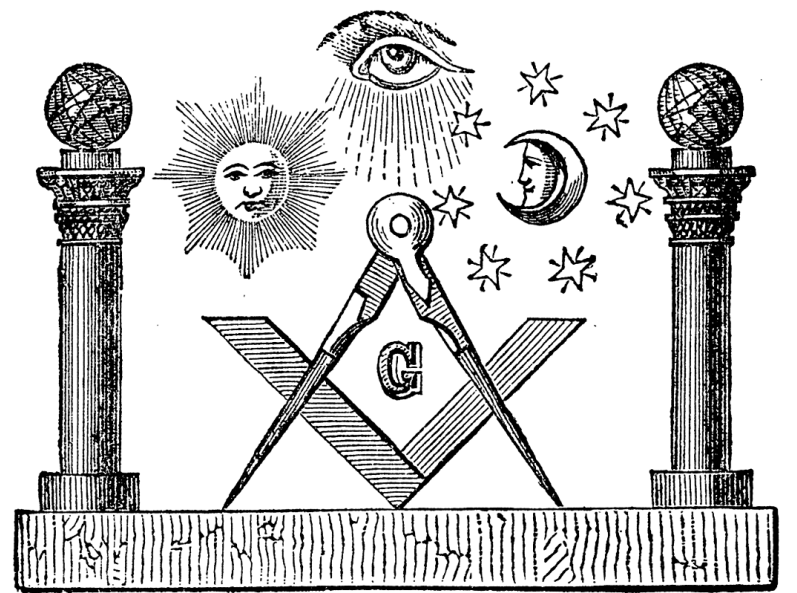


The Harmonia Lodge library is a free loan access to check out books on Masonic topics and education, as well as DVD's. This extensive Library is open to all members. We are always growing our collection, so if you have books lying around of Masonic interest or biographies of Masons, your donation would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



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!

Good of the Order by HPM David Reilly

Roy Acuff, Country Singer and Freemason

Roy Claxton Acuff (September 15, 1903–November 23, 1992) was born in Maynardville, Tennessee. Roy Acuff petitioned East Nashville Lodge No. 560 to receive the degrees of Freemasonry. Accepted for membership, he was initiated an Entered Apprentice on November 29, 1943. Subsequently Acuff passed to the degree of Fellowcraft on January 10, 1944 and was Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on February 21, 1944. Three months later he completed the Scottish Rite degrees and was created a Noble of Al Menah Shrine Temple on June 27, 1944. Eleven years after his Raising, on the last three days of November 1955., Brother Acuff took the York Rite degrees at Edward G. Corbitt Chapter No. 147, R.A.M.; Nashville Council No. 1, R. & S.M. and Nashville Commandery No. 1, K.T., all in the Tennessee capital city. Roy Acuff was invested as a KCCH on October 15, 1979 in the Scottish Rite and was made a 33rd Degree Mason on October 21, 1985.

Roy Acuff was an American country musician, vocalist, songwriter, and fiddler, who was known as the "King of the Hillbillies," the "Caruso of Mountain Music," and the "Backwoods Sinatra." His band was called the Crazy Tennesseans, and later in his career Acuff became a regular on the Grand Ole Opry in 1938. Brother Acuff was seen doing everything at the Grand Ole Opry (Ryman Theater) from cleaning, to in later years acting as co-director for the show. He was inducted into the Country Hall of Fame in 1962. He played and composed The Wreck on the Highway, Beneath That Lonely Mound of Clay, and The Precious Jewel. His theme song became the Great Speckled Bird, but he is also known for the Wabash Cannonball, which was inspired and written about a fictional Hobo traveled train. Many of the actual verses were made up by Hobos themselves who traveled by hopping train cars during the depression looking for work. Brother Acuff once told Box Car Willie to never let people forget the Wabash Cannonball.



Lodge Officers for 2022

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M.:W.: GRAND SECRETARY
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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



Plural Membership

Kenny Lasseter

Awaiting EA

None

Awaiting FC

Michael Koppo, 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!

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