

# ***“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***

**September 2022**

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

**September 12th, 2022**

**Stated Communication**

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

**September 26th, 2022**

**Called Communication**

**Fellow Craft 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 September celebrants.

We have three Entered Apprentice brothers who have passed their proficiency last month, so we are busy preparing for a Fellow Craft degree, which is scheduled for September 26, 2022. Also, our yearly tradition of gathering the current, past and honorary masters for dinner was well attended. It was so nice to see a room full of past masters of our lodge.

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 and the third Saturday of the month is Open Books at Harmonia Lodge.

I wish to thank Worshipful Ray Rios for ensuring that our Lodge is always clean and prepared for our meetings. Thank you, Brother Ray for all you do.

If there are brothers who need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Lodge. Let's all be Safe!!!

Finally, school is back and officially opened. Let's drive carefully and keep our children and grandchildren safe!

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Sotelo Cruz  
Worshipful Master



## *From the West*

Brethren,

Hopefully, as Summer begins to wind down, so too will the hot weather! I, for one, cannot wait for a nice cool breeze to stay for a bit.

September is sure to be a great month at Harmonia Lodge! We have our regular scheduled Stated Meeting on Monday, September 12th and then on September 26th we have a Fellow Craft Degree. There is Degree work and catechism work every Thursday night. We have open books the third Saturday and Masonic Education on other Saturdays. For more information on any of these events, please contact the Lodge.

I hope everyone has a great month and I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge!

May the GAOTU guide and protect us all,

Fraternally,  
Justin Shiver  
Senior Warden

# *From the South*



Greetings Brethren,

August came and went without skipping a beat and honestly I am glad to see this month leave. HOT, is all I have to say about that month.

Speaking of hot, so are the meals at Harmonia Lodge. I will say, if you have not been coming to lodge, you really are missing some great meals at the stated meetings and open books, where we have added a breakfast on the 3rd Saturday of the month. It is a pleasure to see brothers having fellowship over breakfast and studying. The chef, of course, is yours truly. I am not one to brag, but I have been receiving some great reviews for breakfast and dinner. Just ask our Brother Senior Warden who became intoxicated from the chili cheese dog at the hot dog bar we had at the first meeting of the month. Unfortunately, so did the brothers sitting next to him in the meeting by the scent he was emitting. You would have to be there to really get the humor of this.

Earlier in the month, we had our past master's dinner at Okeechobee Steakhouse. It was an awesome time seeing the great leaders of our past. It was very well attended and full of brotherly love and affection. The food, of course, was sensational. With that, I hope to see more long lost brothers come into the lodge.

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 September! 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 by the end of September final notices and summons for NPD brothers. If you are experiencing troubles, please let the Lodge know so we can assist.

Our JW is hard at work with his Degree team for our upcoming Fellow Craft Degree taking place on Monday, 9/26/2022. 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 September 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*

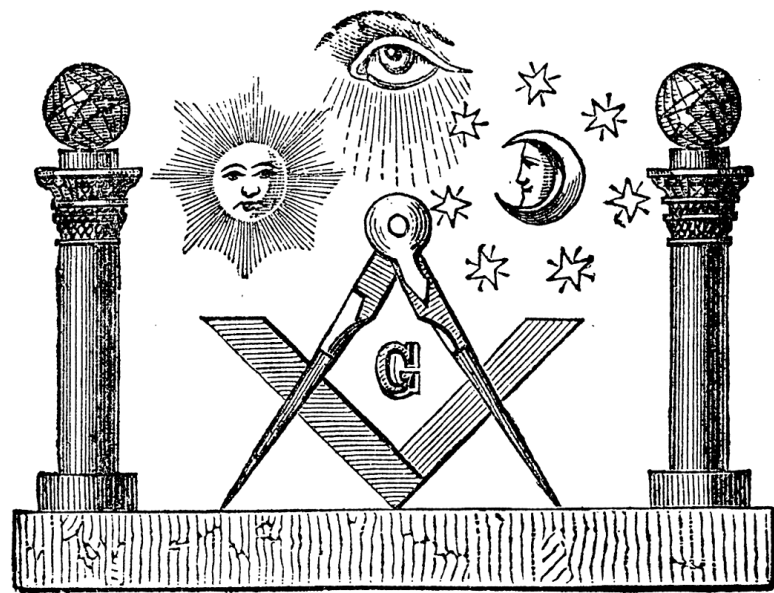
Most of us can understand that the newly initiated man would be called an Apprentice. But why an “Entered” Apprentice? Well, the word goes back to our operative days. The Freemasons of the middle ages were a select group, and were the highest class of artisans of their time. It required sound health, moral character, and high intelligence to be a good operative Freemason, permitted to work on the GREAT HOUSES of God, which were the Freemason’s work. They were proud of their abilities, their reputation, and strict in their rules. To become a Freemason a young lad was required to serve a seven year apprenticeship before he might ask to be permitted to make and submit to his superiors his “Master’s Piece”, and be admitted as a “Fellow of The Craft.” Before he could serve his time he had to prove himself; therefore he served a period of time as an Apprentice. If at the end of that period he had shown himself possessed of the necessary qualifications of industry, character, decency and probity, he was “entered” on the books of the Craft and became an “Entered Apprentice.”

Originally an Apprentice was not a member of the Masonic Craft; not until he had passed his apprenticeship and been accepted as a fellow was he a Craftsman. Ritual teaches us that the Apprentice is a symbol of youth, the Fellow Craft of manhood, and the Master of old age; probably this conception is derived from the fact that learners and beginners are young, experts are men, and the wise and learned the elder group.

## 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!

## Checking Ourselves at the West Gate

When a profane traveler presents himself at the West Gate it is up to the members of the lodge to decide if the candidate for membership is worthy. In this case worthy refers to admirable qualities of the individual. Every Mason is a man, but every man is not a Mason. We are reminded in our Masonic Studies that it is important that the candidate “must be conformable to our rules; that the honor, glory and reputation of the institution may be firmly established” within the candidate. It is paramount that during visitations, petition committee, and petition readings, the lodge be diligent during the waiting time.

When a Master Mason presents himself at the west gate upon entering the Lodge, a mental inventory of like questions and thoughts should remind the member of his obligation. It is important for the Lodge to supply Masonic education and mentorship throughout his Masonic journey. Just as important is for the Master Mason, during his Masonic studies to be receptive and to strive in the System of Morality to apply himself to seek Masonic attributes that are learned through the allegory and presentation of symbols. To achieve these, it is needed for the man to decide his strengths and weaknesses and question his behaviors.

Freemasonry supplies a framework of positive instruction in its lessons, for the man who will take the time to learn. Guidance is given and provided by study materials and members of the Lodge who aid through counsel and example. Freemasonry supplies avenues of brotherhood, and Master Masons find contentment in the Craft Lodge and or Appendant bodies. Those who stay in the Craft Lodge will find involvement and contentment working on committees, ritual work, officer line, as well as an observer. Those who accept leadership roles find themselves once again being tried. Their personalities and attributes will be called on to expand and support the craft. This is a time when the Master Mason sees himself in the rough, and striving to make himself and the Lodge befitting. Masonic attributes are evaluated as well as ego and integrity. Time as a Mason will hone lodge ability. Continuing to develop a self-portrait will supply mentoring and being able to use an instructive tongue and an attentive ear. (Continued on next page)

# Checking Ourselves at the West Gate (Continued from previous page)

The tenets of Freemasonry are sacred and intended for participation. Members should never take part in hate, discontent, or gossip about lodge members or other lodges. Those that do have forgotten or never learned their Masonic Obligations. Leaders who act with “gotcha moments” and threaten with district officers and Masonic Charges when dealing with Lodge business, and disagreements, should have been halted at the West Gate and denied entrance.

Members come to the Lodge to avoid the day-to-day rigors of life. The Lodge is a sanctuary, a place of solitude where a member can come break bread and interact with likeminded men. A place where men meet on the same plane or level and avoid topics of discourse which lead to argument and dissent. It supplies a time of fellowship, and a period to draw information and dialog to renew one’s boundaries, a place to level, plumb and square in harmony. A true Mason finds Freemasonry to be demanding work and the learning process, reading, watching degrees listening to speakers and mentors never ends. The work is that of looking at oneself, assessing and reassessing, answering, and questioning. There are no correct answers, self-interrogations are those that the individuals weigh and accept. Freemasonry is an anvil, and the Masons intellect, spirit, and emotions are hammered as Damascus steel.

Remember to examine and reexamine yourself at the West Gate. The profane see you as a Mason with all the Masonic attributes, tenants, behaviors, we strive to sustain.

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“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.” .....Plato



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M.:W.: GRAND MASTER  
Robert Lambert

M.:W.: GRAND SECRETARY  
Richard E. Lynn, PGM

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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, Mark Denzau

### Awaiting EA

Angel Pabon, Guiller De Guzman Esquerra

### 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](mailto: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 (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