

“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

November 2022

November 10th, 2022

(Thursday Night)

Called Communication

Entered Apprentice Degree

Meal 6:15 / Degree 7:15

November 14th, 2022

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

NOTICE: Only one

Stated meeting for the

month. Lodge is Dark on 11/28/2022

for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

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From the East

Greetings Brethren!

Hope this message finds you all safe and well. Happy Birthday to all the November celebrants.

Time flies! I'm only a month away from fulfilling my duties as Worshipful Master and I must say, I enjoyed every minute of it. There's still lots to be done and I am confident that the future of the Lodge is in good hands. Next month we will elect our next Worshipful Master and I believe that Brother Justin Shiver will do a great job in the upcoming year. Just like me, we rose through the ranks by dedicating our time and hard work.

Also, this month we will have an Entered Apprentice degree on November 10th to be conferred by our Junior Steward, Rudy Romero. I am confident that Brother Romero, even though a young mason, will no doubt deliver this degree flawlessly based on the hard work he had demonstrated in the past. Let us come and support him on this day.

I would also like to thank our Junior Warden for spearheading our successful annual picnic held at Jupiter Beach Park last month and I would like to thank all the brothers and their families who attended.

Remember, every Saturday is Lodge of Instruction and the third Saturday of the month is Open Books at Harmonia Lodge.

If there are Brothers who need assistance, no matter what it is, please do not hesitate to call a Brother or 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,

November is a great month! I am thoroughly looking forward to all we have planned. There is an EA degree on Thursday, November 10th and it will be put on by our Junior Steward Rudy Romero and cast. They have been working hard and I know it will be amazing!

We also have Lodge on Monday, November 14th and will be winding down as this is our second-to-last Stated Meeting for the year. We are dark for our second Stated meeting and then will have a Master Mason Degree coming up on Saturday, December 10th at 9:00am. I will be sitting as Worshipful Master for this and it should be a great one as well!

Finally, I would like to wish a Happy Thanksgiving to all the Brothers and their families. I hope you all eat until you're sick!

May the GAOTU guide and protect us all,

Fraternally,

Justin Shiver

Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren:

We are closing in towards the end of the year and I have to say, it really has gone by super fast. October was kind of a active month for Harmonia Lodge. We had 2 meetings and our annual picnic, which was held in Jupiter Beach Park.

For all of you baby back rib lovers out there, you missed a pretty good meal at our last stated meeting. I was able to break in my new smoker and smoke up some baby back ribs that were on sale at Costco. At \$1.99/lb, I could not resist the temptation of throwing a couple of racks on the smoker. As you know, I am a humble man and I don't like to toot my own horn, but according to Brother Reilly, they were the best ribs he has ever had. They were meaty, succulent, moist, packed with flavor, and sauced to perfection. You had to be there to believe it. If you witnessed Brother Senor Warden's plate, there was a mountain of eaten rib bones. That man can eat.

Aside from this, the BBQ was a great success with one downside; there were not as many Brothers attending as we hoped there would be. I know flyers were mailed out with your dues statement, but the attendance of 40 people was a little disheartening if I say so myself.

Apart from this, the food was excellent as we made chicken thighs, burgers, and hotdogs, with mac and cheese, baked beans, Caesar salad, along with chips, fruit tray, pie, and cookies. If we had at least 100 Brothers in attendance, it would have been quite the show. Oh and don't forget that the District Deputy Grand Master, Alan Mason was there DJ'ing the event.

I must say that our Junior Steward, Brother Rudy Romero, was very instrumental in putting this BBQ together. Brother Romero was selected as a co-chair for this event and he identified the location, which was absolutely gorgeous, generated a flyer, created a budget, assisted with shopping, cooking, assembling a work party, and clean-up. He did not leave his Junior Warden behind in the kitchen and even supported the event by picking up serving utensils that were left behind at the last second. With that being said, he is also putting on an EA degree on November 10th and I highly recommend you come and see this degree. Brother Romero has definitely been preparing for this degree and I can't wait to see him sit in the east for it.

Yours in the Faith Brethren,
Lou Schwartz
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00am - 4:00pm
Fridays 10:00am - 12:30pm

Brethren,

I hope all of you had a safe and healthy Halloween with the Family. I would like to start by wishing all the Brothers a Happy Birthday for those who were born in November. Harmonia Lodge had a Family BBQ at Jupiter Inlet on Oct. 29th which was well attended. I would like to express my appreciation to the Brothers who have remitted their 2023 Dues in a timely fashion. I have been processing 2023 Dues Cards as fast as I receive them. I would like to remind the Craft that Nominations for Elected Office are open, and if you are considering submitting a Nomination Form to please reach out to me. At our last Stated Communication, the Craft voted to go DARK the 2nd Meeting of November and the 2nd Meeting of December as these nights will interfere with our National Holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Harmonia Lodge is preparing for a Called Communication for an Entered Apprentice Degree Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022, and a Called Communication for a Master Mason Degree for Saturday, December 10, 2022. If you are available, please come out and support your Lodge and the Brothers who are progressing with their Journey in Masonry. Harmonia Lodge will be doing 4 courtesy Degrees for Palmwood Lodge and 2 for Bykota Lodge for the Master Mason Degree. The Secretary's office has been very busy processing Plural Petitions for Membership as well as Petitions for the Three Degrees in Masonry, while trying to reduce the number of Delinquent Dues for 2022. We still have 14 Brothers who are in arrears for their 2022 Dues. I am currently working with a Tenant to renew a Lease for 5 more years. If any Member is in need, please reach out to see if the Lodge can assist you with your situation.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe look 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

Instructive Tongue

The story of the St. John's Lodge Bible is well known because it is the Bible upon which George Washington took the oath of office when inaugurated President of the United States. This Bible has also been used for the inaugurations of Warren Harding, Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter and George H. W. Bush. It was intended to be used at the inauguration of George W. Bush, but inclement weather did not permit it. In addition to inaugurations, this Bible was present at the funeral processions of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Jackson, and Zachary Taylor. It has also been used in the cornerstone laying of the U. S. Capitol, the dedication of the Washington Monument, the centennials of the cornerstone laying of the White House, U. S. Capitol, and the Statue of Liberty. Other Presidents who have made use of the Bible include Andrew Johnson and Gerald Ford.

The Bible was printed in London, taking three years to produce. It contains 103 steel engravings of maps and Old Testament scenes by English artist John Stuart. It is a King James Version, complete with Apocrypha and elaborately supplemented with historical, astronomical and legal data of that period. The Bible was procured for St. John's Lodge by Jonathan Hampton who presented it to the Lodge when he was installed as Master in 1770. The only people allowed to take an oath on this Bible are the President of the United States; the Governor of New York; the Grand Master of Masons in New York; the Master-elect of St. John's Lodge; **and Third Degree Candidates of St. John's Lodge.** The Bible must be accompanied by 3 members of St. John's Lodge whenever it travels.



Election of 2023 Officers for Harmonia Lodge

Harmonia Lodge will be holding Elections for the 2023 Officers on Monday, 12/12/2022. Please come out and join us for the last meeting of 2022!



****REMINDER ****

***There will be ONLY one meeting in
December due to Winter Holidays. (12/12/2022)***

15th ANNUAL, 25TH MASONIC DISTRICT CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

Masons and friends from all over Florida have helped to raise over 7000 toys in the past 14 Seasons that have put the biggest smiles on the faces of children of all ages. Please continue to help. Santa and Mrs. Claus will pick up the toys to be wrapped and delivered. Santa and Mrs. Claus will do the shopping from cash donations and every penny will buy toys. Donations can be mailed to Gulf Stream Masonic Lodge @ 1111 Crestwood Blvd., Suite A, Lake Worth, FL 33460. Make checks payable to Gulf Stream Lodge No. 245, or call 561-588-1802 for pickups (ask for Santa Roy or Mrs. Claus.) Let's make this 15th Season a record breaker! **Please, new unwrapped toys only.**

Toys for Tots Foundation is a 501(c)(3)
DEADLINE 12/10/22



A LOT OF CHILDREN HAVE LITTLE OR NOTHING IN THE FORM OF GIFTS ON CHRISTMAS DUE TO THE ECONOMY, PARENTS NOT WORKING, ETC. WE, AS MASONS, SHOULD EXTEND OUR ARMS AND MAKE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON GREAT FOR ALL CHILDREN.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS, AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL**

FOR ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION INFO, PLEASE CONTACT GULF STREAM MASONIC LODGE NO. 245 @ 1111 CRESTWOOD BLVD., STE A, LAKE WORTH, FL 33460. PHONE NUMBER 561-588-1802. FLORIDA SOLICITATION NUMBER CH.66724. A COPY OF OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL FREE 800-435-7352 WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA OR VISIT WWW.800HELPFLA.COM. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE



Calling ALL Military personnel



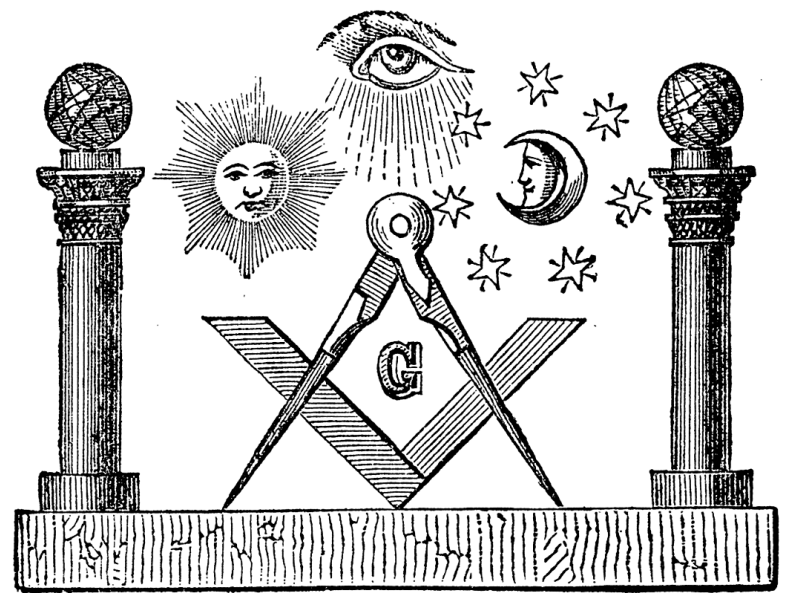
Harmonia Lodge wants to recognize and honor our Military Members. If you are a Brother who has served in any branch of the United States Military, whether active, retired, or reserves, we want to hear from you!

Harmonia Lodge is compiling a list of all members who served in the armed forces. *Please contact our Secretary in the Lodge office to let him know what Branch you served in and your dates of service for our Lodge database, and Thank You for your Service!*

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!



Lodge Officers for 2022

W.: M.: Sotelo Cruz 561-601-1219

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SS Antonio P. Cruz Jr. 561-671-0043

JS Rudy Romero 703-307-6261

Tyler David Odreman 305-742-4043

Chaplain J.C. Rogers 561-324-9564

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Secretary W.: Rob Gibbons 561-248-4429

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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



Usual Course

Daly Andre Joachim

Plural Membership

Mark Denzau, Adolf Alexandre



Awaiting EA

Angel Pabon, Guiller “JoJo” DeGuzman Esquerra

Awaiting FC

Roger Dean Byrd

Awaiting MM

Michael Koppy, Gensly Pierre, Robert Gawel



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, Secretary W.: Robert Gibbons Sr.,
SW Justin Shiver, David Reilly HPM



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 Baronnovich- 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*
William “Bill” Sheff- 2022

Daniel B. Laub- 1965*
James H. Kirby JR.- 1999
Michael Hart- 2014
Edward Griffin- 2015
Robert C. Gibbons- 2021