"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

December 2022

December 10th, 2022 (Saturday Morning) Master Mason Degree **Degree Start 9:00 am**



From the East



Greetings Brethren!

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

Well, this is it. It's hard to believe how one year just flew by. Don't miss my last and final meeting which will be December 12th where we will also celebrate the upcoming Holidays!

I want to congratulate the newly initiated brothers, and a million thanks to Brother Clay Gordon for the flawless lecture, the brothers who came out and showed support, and best of all the degree team headed by our Junior Steward, Rudy Romero. Thanks for the wonderful degree!!

I also want to congratulate the new set of officers who will be voted through acclamation at our December stated meeting; Justin Shiver as Worshipful Master, T.K. Krumenacker as Senior Warden, Rudy Romero as Junior Warden, Josh Johnson as Treasurer and Robert Gibbons, Sr. as Secretary. Good luck in the ensuing year!

This month, we will have a Master Mason degree to be conferred by our incoming Worshipful Master Justin Shiver. This one will be for the books as we are raising eight brothers; two from our Lodge, four from Palmwood Lodge and two from Bykota Lodge. Because of the number to be raised, we are doing this on Saturday morning, December 10th. The degree will begin at 9:00 am. If you can find a way to fit this in your busy schedule, please come out and support these brothers.

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!!!

Have a Wonderful Safe Holiday to all!!!

I will see you next year!!!

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Sotelo Cruz Worshipful Master



From the West

Brethren,

What a year it's been! As we wind down in December, I am hoping everyone is doing well. The Lodge has been busy and we have a few things in store for the rest of the year.

Saturday, December 10th, we will be having a Master Mason Degree! We will have breakfast at 8:00 am sharp and the Degree starts at 9:00 am sharp. Please, be on time. This Degree will be a long one so plan accordingly.

We have our last Stated Meeting the following Monday, December 12th. Our Worshipful Master has a special evening planned that you do not want to miss!! Your attendance is highly sought after.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Worshipful Sotelo Cruz on an outstanding year and for being a great example of how to exemplify the East. You did a great job!

May we all have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

May the GAOTU guide and protect us all!

Fraternally,

Justin Shiver

Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren:

November came and went with not much going on except full bellies from the Thanksgiving holiday. Speaking of which, I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving.

In case you missed it, Brother Rudy Romero put on his first Entered Apprentice degree and I have to say he did a fantastic job.

With that being said, it is with bittersweet feelings that I announced my withdrawal from the line at Harmonia Lodge and provided an email to the Brother secretary of my wishes. I served this year with honor, courage, integrity, and passion. I enjoyed my time serving you all.

Thank you for entrusting me to represent you this year as your Junior Warden. May the blessings of heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons. May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us.

I am always a phone call away if any of you need assistance.

Yours in the Faith, Lou Schwartz Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00am - 4:00pm



Fridays 10:00am - 12:30pm

Brethren,

Here we are in December already. I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I would like to start by congratulating Worshipful Master Sotelo Cruz on a great year. I would also like to congratulate the Harmonia Lodge 2023 Elected Officers; WM Justin Shiver, SW Thomas C. Krumenacker, JW Rudy Romero, Treasurer Joshua Johnson and Secretary Robert Gibbons who will all be elected by ACCLIMATION at our Stated Communication on Dec. 12th. Brother Louis Schwartz officially rescinded his Nomination for Senior Warden at our Stated Communication on November 14, 2022. Please, Please, Please CHECK YOUR DUES CARD! If you do not have 2022 on your DUES CARD, YOU ARE DELINQUENT ON YOUR DUES. We have several Brother's who are 2 YEARS in ARREARS. These Brother's **WILL** be voted on at our next Stated Communication to be suspended and placed in **NPD**! I would like to Thank all the Brother's who have caught up on their 2022 Dues. If you are in need of assistance, please contact me. I have also been very busy processing Dues payments for 2023 from many of the Brothers and would like to Thank you for your prompt payments. Harmonia Lodge will be conferring a Master Mason Degree on December 10, 2022. We will be raising Brother FC Robert Gawel and FC Brother Michael Koppy from Harmonia Lodge and 4 FC Brother's from Palmwood Lodge and 2 FC Brother's from Bykota Lodge. The Degree will start at 9:00 am Saturday morning, Dec. 10th.

WM Sotelo Cruz would like to invite you to attend his final meeting of the year as he plans on providing a delicious meal for the Craft before his final meeting for 2022! I hope that all Brother's and their families have a very Merry Christmas/Hanukkah and a very bright and prosperous New Year. May the G.A.O.T.U. watch over and bless us all!

Fraternally,

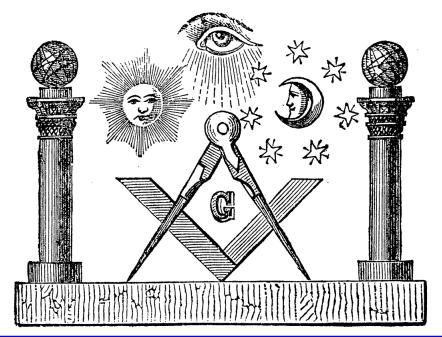
W:: Robert C. Gibbons, Secretary

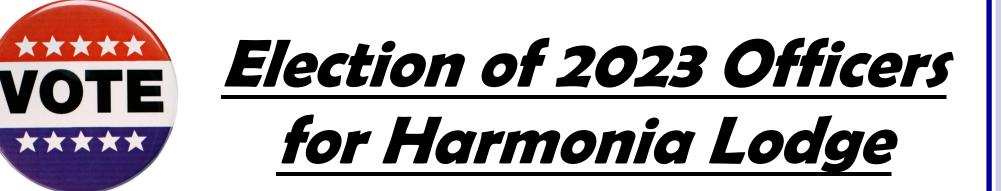
"In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing to do. The worst thing you can do is nothing!" ~Bro. Theodore Roosevelt



On Saturday, January 7th, 2023, Harmonia Lodge will conduct the ceremony for the installation of the 2023 officers. Please come out and share in this memorable event and show your support for the new line. We look forward to a wonderful event!

*<u>Dinner will begin at 6:30 pm with the</u> Installation to follow promptly at 7:30 pm.





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 *

<u> There will be ONLY one meeting in</u> 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



The Worshipful Master Request the Pleasure of your Company to our Harmonia Lodge Home for the Holidays



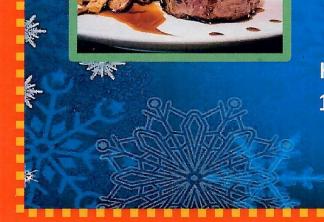




Starter: Widow Soup with side of famous Son Egg Rolls

Main Course: Hiram Steak and Tubal Shrimp Accompanied with Abiff Vegetables

Dessert: Solomon Ice Cream with Ruffian Toppings



Welcome

Family and Friends

Harmonia Lodge No. 138 F. & A. M. 1896 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. # 200 WPB, Florida 33409 Phone: (561) 640-9115





I want to personally invite all Brothers, family and friends to a special Holiday dinner to show my appreciation for all your support this year. I hope to see you there! ~WM Sotelo Cruz

Good of the Order by HPM David J. Reilly

Poinsettia (Pronounced- poyn zet tia)

The plant we know today as the Poinsettia has a long and interesting history. Native to Central America, the plant flourished in an area of Southern Mexico known as Taxco del Alarcon, and was known as the flower of the night. The Aztecs used the plant for decorative purposes but also put the plant to practical use. They extracted a purplish dye for use in textiles and cosmetics from the plant's bracts. The milky white sap, today called latex, was made into a preparation to treat fevers.

The Poinsettia may have remained a regional plant for many years to come had it not been for the efforts of Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851). The son of a French physician, Brother Joel Poinsett was appointed as the first United States Ambassador to Mexico (1825-1829) by President Madison. Poinsett had attended medical school himself, but his real love in the scientific field was botany. (Mr. Poinsett later founded the institution which we know today as the Smithsonian Institution).

Poinsett maintained his own hothouses on his Greenville, South Carolina plantations, and while visiting the Taxco area in 1828, he became enchanted by the brilliant red blooms he saw there. He immediately sent some of the plants back to South Carolina, where he began propagating the plants and sending them to friends and botanical gardens. It is unclear when Poinsett joined the Masonic fraternity. It is documented that he served as Worshipful Master of Recovery Lodge No. 31 in Greenville, South Carolina, and Solomon's Lodge No. 1 in Charleston, South Carolina. He was also a Royal Arch Mason and was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, serving until 1841.

Joel Poinset (Freemason) Died December 10, 1851



Why Do We Salute The Master?

Masons entering or leaving a Lodge salute the Master at the Altar, and as with all symbols, there are several meanings or interpretations:

This practice assures the Master that the brother knows upon which degree the Lodge is open. A brother making the wrong sign can be instructed immediately. It informs the Master that the brother is a Mason of the degree on which the Lodge is open. If he makes an inferior sign, and cannot, on request, give the correct sign, the Master can use other means to ascertain that no Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft is present in a Master Mason's lodge.

Brethren salute on retiring to get permission to leave, as no one enters or leaves without the permission of the Master. If the Master does not wish the brother who salutes to retire, he tells him so, instead of responding to the salute.

On busy evenings, as during visitations or other Masonic functions or degrees, the Master may instruct the Tyler to inform entering brethren to salute the Senior Warden in order to not have the labors of the East interrupted.

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY AND MOST OF ALL: the salute is a reminder to the individual Brother AND a silent assurance to the Master and through him to the Brethren: "I remember my obligation. "

Happy Holidays and Blessings for a Prosperous and Joyous New Year from the Officers and Brothers of Harmonia Lodge No. 138 F. & A. M.



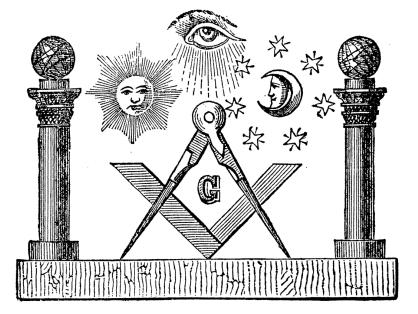


Harmonia Lodge wants to recognize and honor our Military Members. If you are a Brother who has served in any branch of the United States Military, whether active, retired, or reserves, we want to hear from you!

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

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 SW Justin Shiver 561-346-6329 JW Louis Schwartz 561-723-0230 SD Chad Rawlinson 561-510-3656 JD Erasmo Gonzalez 954-488-0693 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 Marshall W:. Ray Rios 561-578-3281 Musician Paul De Guzman 561-267-8625 Secretary W:. Rob Gibbons 561-248-4429 Treas. W:. Joshua Johnson 561-632-7278 Historian David Reilly HPM 561-615-7408 Trestleboard W:. Tony Petrides 561-762-7234 scruz380sl@yahoo.com justin@justinshiverhypnotherapy.com LJScoaching@gmail.com chadrawlinson3@gmail.com erasmooflox@gmail.com antoniopcruzjr@gmail.com romero12191@gmail.com daochus@gmail.com jaclro48@gmail.com rayrios@comcast.net Pidiong98@yahoo.com secretary@harmonia138.com joshelmintz1@gmail.com reillydj@att.net meat11ball@aol.com



M::W:: GRAND MASTER Robert Lambert

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

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Valley of Lake Worth Scottish Rite Meets at Harmonia Lodge No. 138 4th Wednesday of each month 6:30 E-Board & 7:30 Consistory meeting



Palm Beach York Rite Bodies

Meets at Harmonia Lodge No. 138 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

Boynton #236

Gulfstream #245

Palmwood #303

Bykota #333

Jupiter Light #340

Garden #366

Lantana #372

4093 NW 4th Avenue, Boca Raton 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 pm 2701 Quantum Blvd, Boynton Beach 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 pm Bykota Lodge: 421 Jennings Ave., Greenacres 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 pm 845 Bradley St., West Palm Beach 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 pm 421 Jennings Ave., Greenacres 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm 600 S. Loxahatchee Dr., Jupiter 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm 9463 Roan Lane, Palm Beach Gardens 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 pm Palmwood Lodge: 845 Bradley St., WPB 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Harmonia Lodge Degree Status



<u>Usual Course</u> Daly Andre Joachim



Plural Membership

Mark Denzau, Adolf Alexandre, Scott Kaapke

Awaiting EA



Awaiting FC

Angel Pabon, Guiller JoJo DeGuzman Esquerra, Roger Byrd

Awaiting MM

Michael Koppy, Gensly Pierre, Robert Gawel



Disabled American Vets/DAV Chap#42

The Box of Fraternal Relief is located in Lodgeroom. Please donate what you can.



2022 Lodge Committees

<u>Finance</u>

SW Justin Shiver (Chairman), Treas. W: Joshua Johnson, W: Tony Petrides, Secretary W: Robert Gibbons Sr., Ed Griffin HPM, Bro. Mark Garfinkel

<u>Vigilance</u>

JW Louis Schwartz (Chairman), W:. Ray Rios, Bro. Dave Porter <u>Petitions</u>

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 <u>Charity</u>

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 <u>Investigations</u> Secretary W: Robert Gibbons Sr. (Chairman), Brothers of the Lodge as Appointed (Master Masons ONLY) <u>Communications, Trestleboard and Website</u> Bro. Greg Tammany (Chair), Secretary W: Robert Gibbons Sr., W: Tony Petrides

<u>Visitors</u>

David Reilly HPM (Chair), James Kirby HPM, Bro. Greg Tammany, Bro. Thomas Taylor, Bro. Steven Sucher, W:. Tony Petrides, W:. Frank Rocanello

<u>Awards</u>

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- 2015 Edward Griffin- 2015 Robert C. Gibbons- 2021