# "THE CHALK" HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS CHARTERED 1894 DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7 M:.W:.GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA 129 Years of Masoury in West Palm Beach

# January 2023

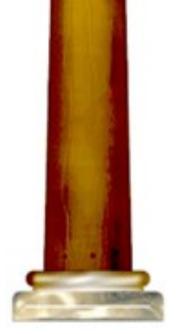
January 7th, 2023 (Sat.) <u>Installation of Officers</u> <u>Friends & Family Welcome</u> Meal 6:30 /Installation 7:30

**January 9th, 2023** 





January 23rd, 2023 <u>Stated Communication</u> Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15



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### From the East



Greetings Brethren!

As the end of 2022 is upon us, so is a New Year beginning! I hope everyone had an amazing Holiday and had some much needed time off.

We recently had a Master Mason Degree put on by myself and an extraordinary cast of Brothers. I cannot thank the degree team enough for their hard work and flexibility. The Brothers that went through had nothing but positive feedback and are eager to really begin their Masonic journey. Special thanks to JW Lou Schwartz for providing an excellent breakfast and lunch and for showing up at 6:00 am to help prepare for the day.

As your newly elected Worshipful Master, I am honored to be serving Harmonia Lodge in 2023. These are HUGE shoes to fill and I assure all of you, I take this position very seriously. As of writing this, the Officers and I are planning a year full of Fellowship, Education and Fun! Keep your eyes and ears open for many projects and outings. If you would like to contribute or have any ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the Officers.

Installation of the 2023 Officers is on Saturday, January 7th. Dinner is at 6:30 pm and Installation is at 7:30 pm. Installation is open to anyone and everyone so bring your family if you want!

May the GAOTU bless you and keep you safe,

Justin Shiver Worshipful Master



From the West



Brethren,

Hiram prayed daily for guidance from his God before drawing the designs on the Trestle Board that would set the craftsmen to work. So mote it be that we do also. This picture "Ancient of Days by William Blake, 1794" illustrates to me the need to reciprocate with our arms and hands reaching up to the universe, in doing so we are emulating our Masonic symbolism of the square and compasses.

I pray daily that I recognize the garbage items that may clutter before my step, and that I keep my side of the street clean, in order to have another Traveler walk beside me or me in front of them leading the way. As we begin this new Masonic Lodge year let's pray that our Travels together are blessed by the Great Architect of the Universe.

TK Krumenacker Senior Warden



### From the South



Greetings Brethren!

2023 is upon us and I would first like to thank the Brothers who helped make 2022 a great year. We have successfully navigated through a few rough years with the pandemic and are coming out on the other side. The leadership, determination, and perseverance has been inspirational!

I would also like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the craft; 2023 is going to be a "BIG" year for Harmonia! I would be remiss not to thank Bro. Lou Schwartz for setting a high bar and hope the new team can live up to his mark.

Congratulations to both WM Elect Shiver and SW Elect Krumenacker. I am proud and excited to work and learn from them.

We will also have two new stewards in the kitchen, Bro. Odreman and Bro. Lasseter, who have shown big heart and interest in putting forward positivity and experience. I have no doubt that they will serve the craft faithfully through 2023.

I am humbled to have the opportunity to learn from such a great Craft and can't wait to have the opportunity to continue to grow as a man and mason. I ask everyone to stay tuned since this year is going to be filled with events, fellowship, and brotherly love.

If anyone has an idea on how to make 2023 even more exciting, please feel free to reach out. Congratulations 2023 officers

Rudy Romero Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

**Office Hours** 

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



#### Fridays 10:00am - 12:30pm

Brethren,

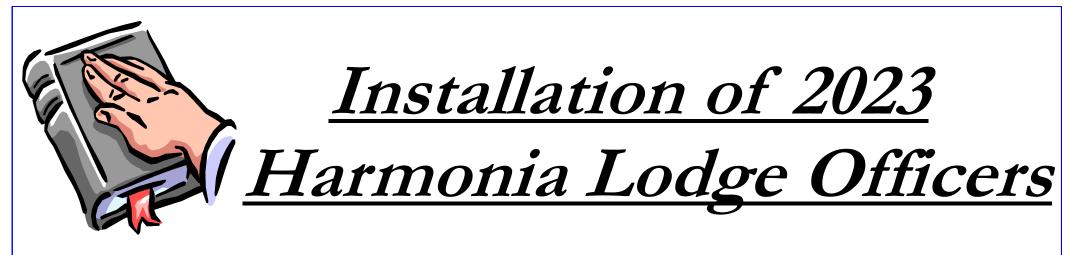
I would like to wish every Brother and your families a Happy and Prosperous New Year! I hope this message finds you all safe and in good health. I would like to start by congratulating our newest Junior Past Master Sotelo Cruz on a fantastic year at Harmonia under his direction and leadership. The key to being a successful Worshipful Master is to leave the Lodge in a better condition that when you took over which you surely did. Now your real journey starts by honoring your Past Master's Degree. This past year Harmonia Initiated, Passed and Raised many Brothers not only for our Lodge, but as courtesy Degrees for almost every Lodge in District 25 as well. Congratulations to all the Degree Teams as every Degree was performed exceptionally well. I would like to congratulate our newest Worshipful Master Justin Shiver on your election to lead this great Lodge for 2023. We are all looking forward to another great year with you at the controls. I also want to congratulate our new SW T.K. Krumenacker and JW Rudy Romero on your election to your stations. I look forward to working with all of you this year to keep Harmonia Lodge running smoothly. I would like to encourage all the Elected and Appointed officers along with those who have agreed to be on Committees, Please review the MLT Manual and review what specific duties and chores you have obligated yourselves to be performing on a regular basis during this year. If we all work together, we can accomplish anything! Do not walk by a chore because you figure someone else will do it!

I would like to Thank all the Brothers who have paid their 2023 Dues to date. Remember that you made an obligation to pay your Dues in a timely fashion at the beginning of the year when you Petitioned the Lodge. With that being said, I am sorry to report that the Lodge has suspended 3 Brothers for NPD effective December 28, 2022. Please check your DUES CARD! If the Date on your Dues Card is 2021 or Earlier, you will be SUSPENED for N.P.D. this year. We still have several Brothers who have not paid their 2022 Dues to date. I am working diligently to find and contact these Brothers to bring them up to date.

I would like to personally THANK the Brethren of Harmonia Lodge for embracing me from the first time I walked thru the door. I had never felt such an overwhelming feeling of Brotherly Love and Friendship as I do at Harmonia Lodge. I want to say Thank You, to all of you, for your continued confidence and support to fill the Secretary's position. I will continue to perform to the best of my abilities to keep Harmonia Lodge running smoothly.

May the **G** : **A** : **O** : **T**: **U** continue to watch over and Bless us all! 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.

# <u>129 Years of Harmonia Lodge</u> <u>History (Chartered 1894)</u>

In writing the History of Harmonia, it is important to understand what Florida and the United States was doing at the time of the founding of the Lodge. This gives a better picture of what life was like here in South Florida and how this area came to be. It is important to note, the city of West Palm Beach and Palm Beach County began and grew in parallel with Harmonia Lodge No. 138.

Harmonia Lodge was Warranted and Chartered on Jan. 17, 1894 to meet at Juno, which was at the time Dade County. (Palm Beach County didn't exist yet)

The Three Line Officers at chartering were:

Nelson E. Cowles - Worshipful Master

Charles C. Chillingworth - Senior Warden

Peyton Burnett - Junior Warden.

Five Flags flew over Florida: Confederate, English, American, French, Spanish MEETINGS IN JUNO: Lodge Meetings met monthly on Saturdays at noon. It took time to get to Lodge. Transportation was limited to walking or sailboat.

Harmonia Lodge is the only lodge to have been assigned No. 138. Harmonia Lodge moved to Palm Beach in 1896. The name of the County changed from Dade to Palm Beach, and was established as the 47th County, April 30, 1909. There had been considerable discussion over the proper selection of the name for the new Lodge. It was suggested that above all we must have harmony in the lodge and all feeling of ill will between political factions must be avoided. It was suggested that the Lodge be named "Harmonia" after the Greek goddess who was the personification of universal harmony. Harmonia Lodge is the mother Lodge for all other Lodges in Palm Beach County, and still remains vibrant, active and a leader in District 25 to this day.

### Contemplations for 2023 By David. J. Reilly, HPM

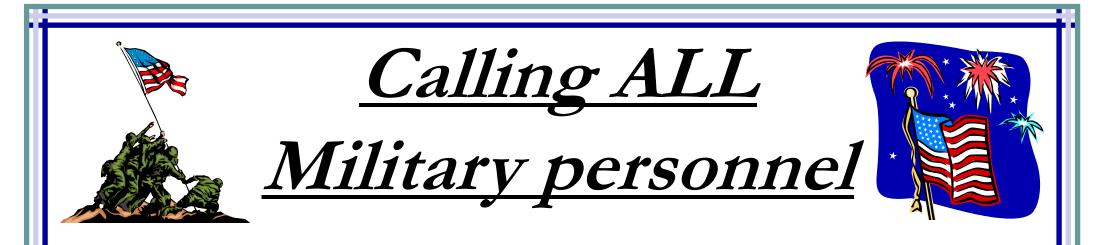
Great Architect of the Universe, You have said that, "when three or more are gathered in your midst that You will be present." We welcome You and ask that You extend the Compass points to circumscribe the golden tenets of Freemasonry, to set and remind us of the boundaries of our lessons, and to enrich our lives. Allow truth, relief, and brotherly love to grow within and about us. Stop the festering pandemic of hate, prejudice, dissension, and discontent, and consume it in fire, bringing new growth through harmony; allowing our Lodge and ourselves to grow.

Tyle our Lodge and ourselves with the Jewel of caution, turning the discontented and those who would transgress our Masonic beliefs from our Lodge. Allow none to enter the West Gate and guard us against the Cowans and profane ideals that destroy our lessons, turn us from our teachings, those which we teach and learn within Freemasonry.

Let our East be warmed by the sun and allow the leadership to be Member driven. Guide our Masters, past, present, and future with the principles of Freemasonry: Build our Lodge with collaboration between officers and members using truth, wisdom and positive effort. Ensure our work strives for perfection and learning. Remind our Officers that they were once in the preparation room as an Entered Apprentice. Remind us of the jubilation as a Master Mason, that we are to answer the knocks and to calm and ensure these feelings in every man who enters our fraternity. Make them and the elders of this lodge a counsel to assist with that which will come before our Lodge.

Bring our membership together, as we pray that the diversity of our Lodge is pleasing in thy sight. Remind us that the diversity of our members gives our Lodge the ability to learn, grow and share about mankind. Tell us again about how "Good and how pleasant it is when brethren dwell together in Unity." Remind us that we are mere mortals; that thy guidance is wanted, needed, and treasured. Allow us to be better men, better husbands, and better fathers. We are not ungrateful children with thy teachings. Guide our hands to the book of your word for study, comfort, learning and guidance. Allow us to keep the double-edged tongue in its sheath, keep our tongues instructive, and ears attentive. As brothers, let us share and receive instruction without vanity or self-importance, but for the betterment and growth of ourselves and our Lodge. Let not the business of our Lodge go from house to house, or Lodge to Lodge. Allow our Lodge the ability to council from within, as "A contrary man spreads conflict, and a gossip separates close friends." May Your teachings bring us closer to the light we seek through this veil of tears and Masonic journey. Remind us of the lessons taught and learned. Take each of us back and remind us that the unseen trials and trouble we have overcome through you. Remind us to turn to you in times of trouble, and disillusionment, for Your light brightens the light of Masonry, and is a beacon for all of us.

Be with us as we turn the page on another year at Harmonia Lodge. Let us expand on what we have done well. Let us learn, correct, and strengthen those that were not. May Our Souls be content from what we plant, and reaped through what is given, to us by blessings and by faith. Amen.

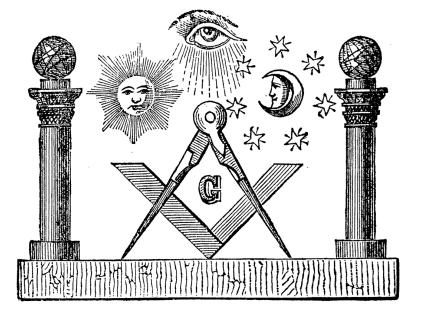


Harmonia Lodge wants to recognize and honor our Military Members. If you are a Brother who has served in any branch of the United States Military, whether active, retired, or reserves, we want to hear from you!

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 2023

W:. M:. Justin Shiver 561-346-6329 SW TK Krumenacker 561-844-8888 JW Rudy Romero 703-307-6261 SD Erasmo Gonzalez 954-488-0693 JD Antonio P. Cruz Jr. 561-671-0043 SS David Odreman 305-742-4043 JS Kenneth Lasseter 305-788-0448 Tyler David Jones 561-379-5197 Chaplain J.C. Rogers 561-324-9564 Marshall W:: Sotelo Cruz 561-601-1219 Musician Scott Kaapke 561-504-8535 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

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M::W: GRAND MASTER Robert Lambert

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER 25th MASONIC DISTRICT R:. W:. Allan Mason amason@pbsproducer.com 561-715-7173 DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR R:. H:. Salvatore Musumeci smusumeci9@yahoo.com 954-871-6018



### 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

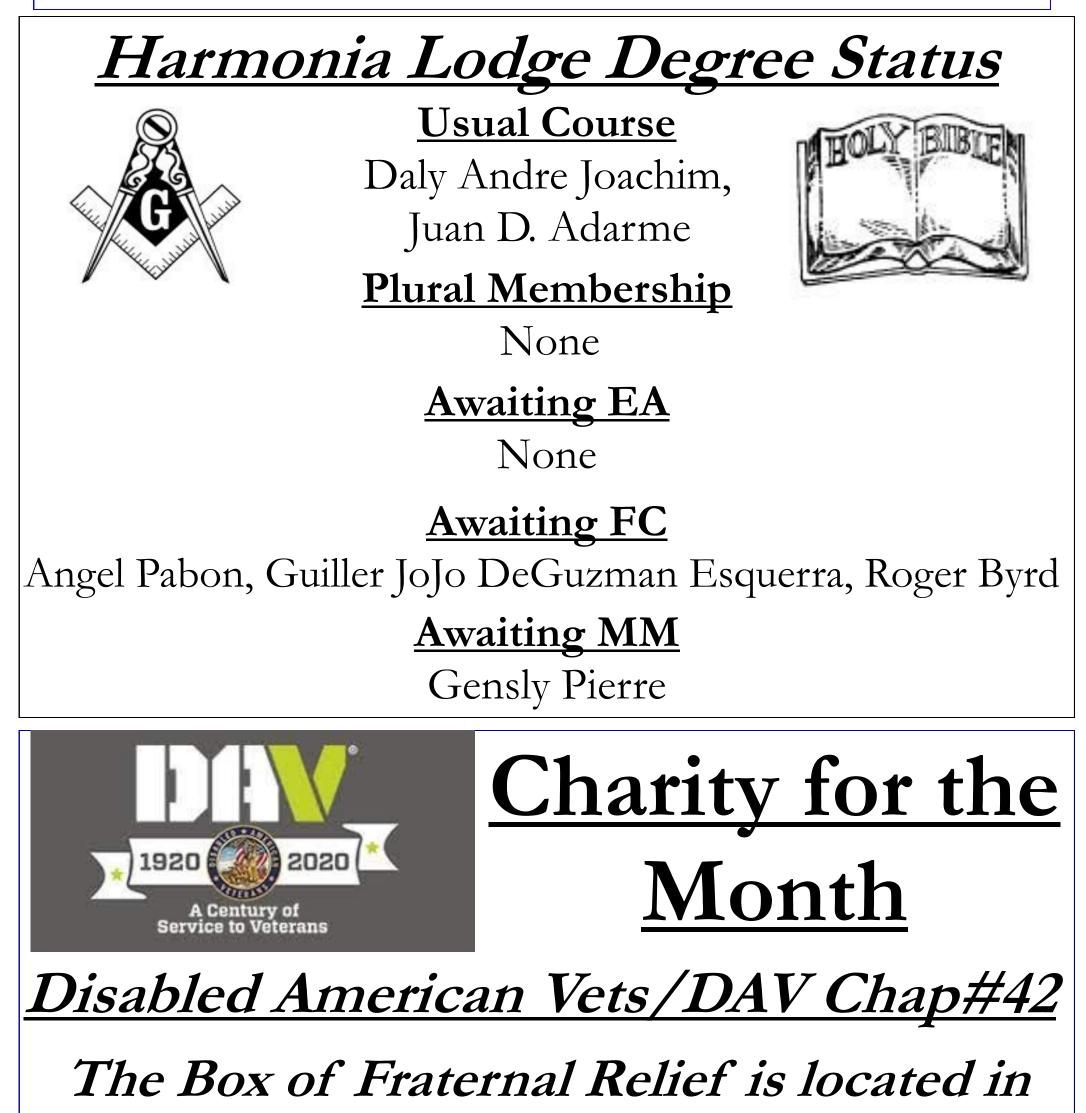
Bykota #333

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 Palmwood Lodge: 845 Bradley St., WPB 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



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# 2023 Lodge Committees

#### *Fina<u>nce</u>*

SW TK Krumenacker (Chairman), Treas. W:. Joshua Johnson, W:. Tony Petrides, Secretary W:. Robert Gibbons Sr., Ed Griffin HPM, Bro. Mark Garfinkel, Bro. Peter Petrosky

#### <u>Vigilance</u>

JW Rudy Romero (Chairman), W:. Ray Rios, Chap. J.C. Rogers, W:. Tony Petrides

#### **Petitions**

Secretary W:. Robert Gibbons Sr. (Chairman), SW TK Krumenacker, David Reilly HPM, W:. Tony Petrides, JW Rudy Romero, SD Erasmo Gonzalez

#### Masonic Education

W:. Ray Rios (Chairman), David Reilly HPM, Secretary W:. Robert Gibbons Sr., Chap. J.C. Rogers

#### **Board** of **Relief**

W:.M:. Justin Shiver (Chairman), SW TK Krumenacker, JW Rudy Romero

#### Charity

SW TK Krumenacker (Chairman), Treas. W:. Joshua Johnson, **David Reilly HPM** 

#### Lodge Property

JW Rudy Romero (Chairman), Sec. W:. Robert Gibbons Sr., Bro. Scott McGary, Bro. Bobby Mason

#### Lodge Mentoring

W:. Edmund Rodas (Chairman), Chap. J.C. Rogers, JW Rudy Romero, Bro. Michael Koppy, JS Kenneth Lasseter <u>Community, Civic Improvement&Social Activities</u>

JW Rudy Romero (Chairman), SD Erasmo Gonzalez, JD Antonio Cruz Jr., SS David Odreman, JS Kenneth Lasseter, Bro. Michael Koppy

#### 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 (Chairman), James Kirby HPM, Bro. Greg Tammany, Bro. Thomas Taylor, Bro. Steven Sucher, W:. Tony Petrides, W:. Frank Rocanello, RW Bill Sheff

#### Awards

W:. Tony Petrides (Chairman), SW TK Krumenacker, JW Rudy Romero, Sec. W:.Robert Gibbons Sr., David Reilly HPM Master Mason Association MMA W:. Justin Shiver, SW TK Krumenacker, JW Rudy Romero, SD Erasmo Gonzalez, JD Antonio Cruz Jr.

### 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 Wor. Justin Shiver- 2023

#### 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