

# ***“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 Masonry in West Palm Beach***

**April 2023**

**April 10th, 2023**

**Stated Communication**

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

**April 24th, 2023**

**Lodge Bowling & Family**

**Fellowship Night @**

**Greenacres Bowling Alley**

**on Lake Worth Rd.**

**All Masons, friends &**

**family are welcome!**

**6:30 Food & 7:30 Bowling**

**\*\*\* May 22nd, 2023 \*\*\***

**Lodge Dark Due to Grand Lodge – No Mtg**

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## *From the East*

Greetings Brethren!

I hope Spring has been treating you well so far. I enjoy this time of year as the weather tends to be all over the place and Florida is a unique state in which we can have a cooler morning, burning hot afternoon and a rainy evening all in one day! What a place to call home.

This last month has been a blast! We have had Brothers stand proficient, new candidates for the Degrees dropping off applications, several visitors, Brothers that haven't been at Lodge in a while showing up, all three Degree practices, State competition practice, open books, catechism practice, and I could keep going...we are busy!

If you did not attend the BBQ on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, you definitely missed out on a spectacular day! We had around seventy people attend and this was all day long, not just for the food! Special thanks to JW Rudy Romero for all his hard work getting it all together successfully. Thank you to the Stewards and the Brothers that cooked and served. Thank you to the people that brought food and fun. I received so many calls, emails and texts so you should all be proud to have made such a great event for all of us!

Congratulations to R.:W.: Bill Sheff on receiving his seventy-year pin! It was an honor to be able to present this to such a great (and hilarious) Brother.

I hope to see everyone at the next stated meeting on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at Lodge and our called meeting on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Greenacres Bowling Alley on Lake Worth Rd. This will be at the normal meeting time (6:30 food, 7:30 bowling). We are also planning a Fellowcraft Degree ASAP and an EA Degree following that (between April and May) so please check your emails for these events as they are announced.

May the GAOTU guide and protect us,

Justin Shiver  
Worshipful Master



## *From the West*

Brethren,

“This is our Lodge where we have Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, where science and art join together to make us better Men-TK.” My previously contributed quote is exemplified further with these thoughts from Pythagoras. The most sublime but least known of all the Pythagorean speculations was that of sidereal harmonics. He claimed to have heard the music of the spheres, the heavenly bodies joining in a cosmic chant as they moved in a stately manner across the sky. Yes, celestial music! Pythagoras conceived the universe to be an immense monochord. Man fails to hear these divine melodies because his soul is enmeshed in the illusion of material existence. He further stated that “When man liberates himself from the bondage of the lower world with its sense limitations, the music of the spheres will again be audible as it was in the Golden Age.” I, SW TK, believe that Harmony, vibration, and this large universal monochord unite us to work together for the betterment of all as displayed this past March 25<sup>th</sup> with the Harmonia Lodge 138 Spring Party. Great job JW Romero and all the Brothers that helped.

TK Krumenacker  
Senior Warden

# *From the South*



Greetings Craft,

I hope everyone is having an outstanding start to spring! We have seen some exceptional work so far this year by our line officers and brothers, coming together to make some great memories! I hope that everyone enjoyed our St. Patrick's Day dinner, and left with a belly full of soda bread, corned beef, and cabbage!

We have some more great meals planned for the year, some with themes and some, just to enjoy. Our last meeting featured a spring training meal, complete with burgers, onion rings, fries, deep-fried hot dogs, chili, melted cheese, and a great dessert by our JS Kenny, and much more.

I was also very excited to see the turnout to our spring picnic. Thank you to all who were able to help and attend. We spent almost 7 hours eating great food, listening to great music, and almost talked our Worshipful Master into getting into a bounce house. Unfortunately, the park rangers asked us not to do that.

Please mark your calendars for 4/24/23, for BOWLING NIGHT! We have a lot of great fellowship and food planned for this year, and it is hoped that you will ALL have an opportunity to attend!

Thank you all,

Rudy Romero  
Junior Warden



## *Secretary Sez*

### *Office Hours*

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

Brethren,

APRIL FOOLS! I hope this article finds you all in good health and good times. I would like to start by wishing our Hometown Team from FAU well wishes as they pursue a National Championship! March was a fantastic month for Harmonia Lodge as we hosted a BBQ at Okeehelie Park that was well attended by at least 5 Lodges from Dist. 25 and other Districts. Great Fellowship was had, and we had Brothers that showed up at 10:00 am and did not leave until 4:30 pm when the party was relocated to W.: Edmund Rodas' home where we continued with fantastic Fellowship! Thank you to you and all the other Brothers who gave of themselves to provide fantastic food and entertainment and Masonic Harmony prevailed.

I would like to report that Harmonia Lodge has successfully renegotiated a Lease Buyout with a 5-year extension with an option to extend for one of our Tenants. This locks in income for our Lodge for at least 5 more years. At our last Stated Communication, Harmonia Lodge had the honor to present RW Bill Sheff his 70 Year Pin and Service Certificate to Masonry. I am still awaiting Dues payment from several Brothers for 2023. Please contact me or log in to Circumscribe to pay your Dues. If you are in need of assistance, please contact me so we can help resolve any problems. Harmonia Lodge needs some property maintenance. If you are available, please contact our Junior Warden so we can plan a day to pressure clean the walkways and building and spruce up the property. I have the pressure cleaner to do the work. All we need is the Brothers to show up and take part.

At our last Stated Communication, a motion was made to change our second Stated Communication on April 24, 2023, to a Called Communication for Fellowship at Greenacres Bowl located on Lake Worth Road which passed by the Craft. A second motion was made to go "DARK" on our Stated Communication on May 22, 2023, so the Lodge Officers can prepare to attend the Grand Lodge Communication in Orlando which was also approved by the Craft. If any Brother is planning on attending the Grand Communication, please contact me A.S.A.P. so I can register you in advance. Otherwise, you will have to register on your own upon arrival. I would like to wish all the Brothers a very Happy Birthday for those of you who were born this month.

May the G.A.O.T.U. continue to bless and watch over you 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**

Dr. John Gorrie: the Father of Refrigeration

Good of the Order

D. J. Reilly

Dr. John Gorrie was born on October 3, 1803, in South Carolina. He moved to Apalachicola Fl. in 1833. He was on the Founding Committee of the Masonic Lodge No.76 in 1835. He was a Doctor, Postmaster, Member of the City Council and Chairman. He was also the Treasurer and served as Mayor. He held interests in the Mansion House Hotel, two Banks, Apalachicola Land Co., and Founded the Trinity Church in Apalachicola.

In the late 1830's the area in and around Apalachicola had a population around 4,000 and by the end of 1841, the population drastically had dropped to about four hundred. Many died and numerous inhabitants fled the town. One of the many theories in the causation of yellow fever (malaria) was the South's climate with its wide temperature swings. Not to mention the carriers of the disease. (Mosquitos)

Dr. Gorrie a physician, was instrumental in draining swamps and hanging netting to stop Mosquito infestation. He was a pioneer in developing artificial cold. His goal as a physician was to cool the rooms of his home hospital to ease the suffering of his yellow fever and malaria patients. In 1845 he was successful in creating artificial ice by mechanical means. He used this invention to cool the rooms of his patients. His invention was patent no. 8,080, issued on May 6, 1851, for the Improved Process for The Artificial Production of Ice. The invention produced a machine that cooled and created ice. He never made a penny on the patent or the invention. Modern A.C. is based on the principles by Dr. Gorrie. It was rediscovered in 1902 by Willis Harold Carrier.



## Harmonia Lodge Library

*HPM Dave J. Reilly, Librarian*

FYI. Did you know that there is a library at the Harmonia Lodge? This library is a free loan and you are welcome to check these books out as well as some DVD's. This extensive Library is open to all members. Additionally, we are always growing our collection, so if you have books lying around of Masonic interest, or biographies of Masons that you would like to donate, your donation would be welcomed. There is a check out system with a notebook in the Lodge office to record all information on materials checked out.

Please utilize this amazing Masonic resource!



# Grand Lodge Session 2023

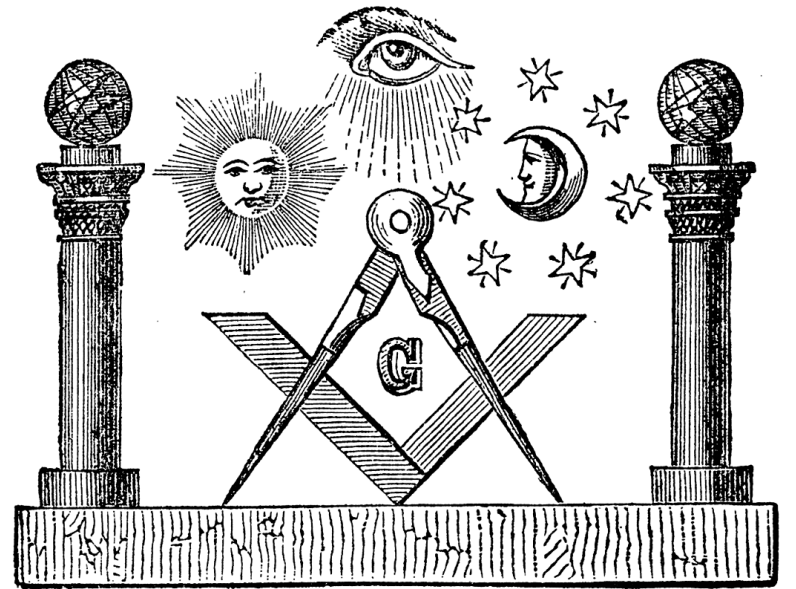


NOW is the time to begin making your arrangements in order to attend the GRAND LODGE SESSION in Orlando in May. If you have never attended, please consider joining us. Grand Lodge Sessions are not for Lodge officers alone. Any Master Mason may attend, so begin making your plans! If interested, there are brothers who will share rooms and many of us carpool. There is always great fun and fellowship, good eating, and endless laughs with the Harmonia brothers. Grand Lodge will take place in Orlando at the Rosen Centre from Sunday, May 28th through Wednesday, May 31st. If you need hotel reservation information, please contact Brother Secretary Rob Gibbons who will provide you with hotel information and contact numbers. Join us for this unforgettable occasion!

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## 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

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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  
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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

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

Palmwood Lodge: 845 Bradley St., WPB  
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,

Juan D. Adarme, Anthony Nastase



### Plural Membership

None

### Awaiting EA

None

### Awaiting FC

Angel Pabon, Guiller JoJo DeGuzman Esquerria, Roger Byrd

### Awaiting MM

Gensly Pierre



## Charity for the Month

### *Disabled American Vets/DAV Chap#42*

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



# 2023 Lodge Committees

## Finance

SW TK Krumenacker (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,  
W.: Tony Petrides, Secretary W.: Robert Gibbons Sr.,  
Ed Griffin HPM, JW Rudy Romero, Bro. Michael Koppy

## Vigilance

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

## Community, Civic Improvement & Social Activities

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, JW Rudy Romero, Bro. Luis Gonzalez

## 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 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  
 Wor. Justin Shiver- 2023

## **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\*  
 William “Bill” Sheff- 2022

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