

# ***“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***

**June 2023**

**June 12th, 2023**

**Stated Communication**

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

**June 26th, 2023**

**Called Communication**

**Fellowcraft Degree**

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

**\*Summer Months- Dress**

**Code is Business Casual:**

**Slacks & polo or collared shirt**

**(With exception of Degrees which is suit & tie)**

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## *From the East*

Greetings Brethren!

We are halfway through the year and time is certainly flying by! The weather has been unusually nice and I hope everyone has been enjoying the outdoors while it's still cool enough to enjoy!

Grand Lodge this year was a great time! Sabra and I hosted a hospitality suite as a "home base" that was enjoyed by all. We had a lively game of Cards Against Humanity that had players from multiple Lodges. We had multiple nights of food and fellowship that are sure to be remembered for years to come. The Communication itself was very nice and I definitely enjoyed the Past Masters Degree. If you have never attended Grand Lodge, I highly recommend you go at least once to see how it's done.

We will be having a Fellowcraft Degree on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> with Dinner at 6:30PM and Degree at 7:30PM. Our Junior Past Master Sotelo Cruz will be directing this Degree and he is excellent, so I am certain it is not to be missed!

Finally, please join us for our regular Stated Meeting on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. We have lots to go over and we value every Brothers' input. I look forward to seeing you there.

May the GAOTU guide and protect us,

Justin Shiver

Worshipful Master



## *From the West*

Brethren,

We have something here, the oldest and largest Fraternity in the world! I am sharing my observations, thoughts, and realizations after attending the 194<sup>TH</sup> Annual Grand Communication of Florida. Over 250 Florida Masonic Lodges, various Lodges from other States and Countries with over 1400 Brothers united for "Brotherly Love", new relationships were forged, previous ones strengthened, and we conducted our business as expected. The many conversations of saving the Craft from dwindling member count was forefront. This Fraternity has the most valuable tools for governing our lives and sharing with new brothers to help guide them with governing theirs as well. Brothers who have time in the Fraternity may need to put those tools back to use as well. Have you checked your decorum, mindset, and tool bag? Let's all get to work by exemplifying our best, so that we can attract the best to our Craft. I shall leave with some words from our lodge closing charge. Be diligent, prudent, temperate, and discreet. Remember that, at this Alter, you have promised to befriend and relieve every Brother who shall need your assistance. Remember also, that you have promised to remind him, in the most tender manner, of his failings, and aid his reformation; to vindicate his character when wrongfully traduced; and suggest in his behalf the most candid and favorable circumstances. Is he justly reprehended?

TK Krumenacker

Senior Warden



# *From the South*



My Brothers,

I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather we are having! May was a quiet, but busy month. Grand Lodge was very eventful! The WM and First Lady did an outstanding job creating a home base "hospitality suite" for Harmonia.

There was great fellowship, learning and fun. This being my first time experiencing the Grand Communication, was obviously the best time!

Your officers and visitors represented Harmonia with dignity and respect that we would expect. Thank you to everyone who wasn't required to attend, but took the time out to come up and enjoy the experience.

We still have a jam packed year ahead of us, and just a reminder if you are a member please don't forget to see me about the "Whatsapp" group we have (if you haven't joined the group). We have been able to communicate very well through this application.

Fraternally submitted,

Rudy Romero  
Junior Warden



## *Secretary Sez*

### *Office Hours*

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

Brethren,

Well, another Grand Communication is in the Archives. Harmonia Lodge was well represented by your Principal Officers. Congratulations to our new Junior Grand Warden, Haskell Vest, and all other Grand Line Officers who were elected by Acclamation. Congratulations to our new Grand Master Glen Bishop and we look forward to what he brings to the Fraternity. I had the opportunity to meet with the Administrators of AMITY who were able to set me up as Harmonia's Administrator. I have great expectations for the new service and hope you all find it easier to use than Circumscribe. With AMITY there will be NO PAPER DUES CARDS as every card is now available Digitally thru the AMITY App. You may purchase a Metallic Dues Card with your Masonic Record already uploaded to the Card for \$25.00 that all Lodge Secretaries can scan should your phone die or you lose your phone. I will have mine available for anyone to look at if you are interested. I have attached a picture of the card for you to see. All the 2023 Legislation passed as you the members had voted for and look forward to a full report from the Junior Warden at our next Stated Communication. If you have not paid your Dues, a Delinquency Notice will be arriving shortly per the Digest of Masonic Law. Please remit your Dues A.S.A.P. Thank you

I would like to wish all our Brethren a Happy Father's Day and a Happy Birthday to all who were born in June. Please remember that the Lodge will be in Casual Dress for the summer where we will be in Slacks and a Collared shirt with closed toed shoes in accordance with the Grand Master's Directives, except our Called Communication on June 26, for our Fellow Craft Degree where the Degree Team will be in Tuxedo's and Brethren and Visitors in Suit and Tie with appropriate shoes.

I am pleased to announce that while we were attending Grand Lodge, I was contacted by the Administer for Howie Zusel's Estate and with the assistance of Brother Greg Tammany, we were able to reclaim Harmonia's Facebook page and if all goes well by the time you read this article Harmonia will officially be in possession/control of ALL our Harmonia Internet Domains. Thank you, Brother Tammany for all you do as Chairman of the Communication Committee and our Websites.

If you have never had the pleasure of experiencing the Fellowship and Experience of a Grand Communication, I truly recommend you try and attend soon. Enjoy your Summer with your families, until next time .....

May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to watch over each and everyone of you and your families.

Fraternally,

W.: Robert C. Gibbons, Secretary





# Free Will and Accord

## By David J. Reilly

As a Freemason you were asked if the act of petitioning to become a Freemason, “if this was of your own Freewill and Accord?”

Freewill is what you choose to do or participate in, including your choice in gaining knowledge, charity, and the making of your integrity. Accord is doing something without being asked or persuaded to do, including promises made of outcome. Numerous persons believe that freewill is freedom of choice and is God given, but there are those who believe that Freewill is not God given but that it is conscience and behavior driven. I never really thought about freewill as not being God given and that it is up to us to choose, even to the point of not believing it is God Given would be something of a freewill choice. Those who do not believe in a God given freewill say that society and its laws would not exist and be the downfall of our society. Broken laws would be by destiny and the individual would not be responsible or accountable for the consequence, leaving chaos. There are those who also say life would not be as interesting or even fun without Freewill.

With the dawn of artificial intelligence, we must also look at the possibility of illusional freewill. As artificial intelligence begins and continues to learn from itself, I would think that artificial intelligence would recognize a specific or correct outcome to situations and outcomes and so the system would constantly be correcting itself.

Freemasonry asks for its initiation that this of your own freewill and accord. Is the answer always answered truthfully? There is the Masonic Family and the line of Masonry in a family that leads a family member to becoming a Mason. The term Lewis comes to mind. The initiate is a Lewis if he is a member of a line of masons, or a relative. From the beginning of time, Man and Freewill and freedom of choice has not had a positive outcome. Man does not always choose wisely. We as humans right now are dealing with freewill whether we have just chosen an action as simple as drinking water or iced tea, to investing our savings in a new idea or franchise. Have we made a viable choice, or will we be short on the outcome? I have noticed that the more thought that is given on a choice, the outcome has a better chance of being positive. Freewill and Accord is worth a second or third thought in our Masonic Journey.





## *Instructive Tongue (Fellowcraft Degree on Monday, 6/26/2023)*

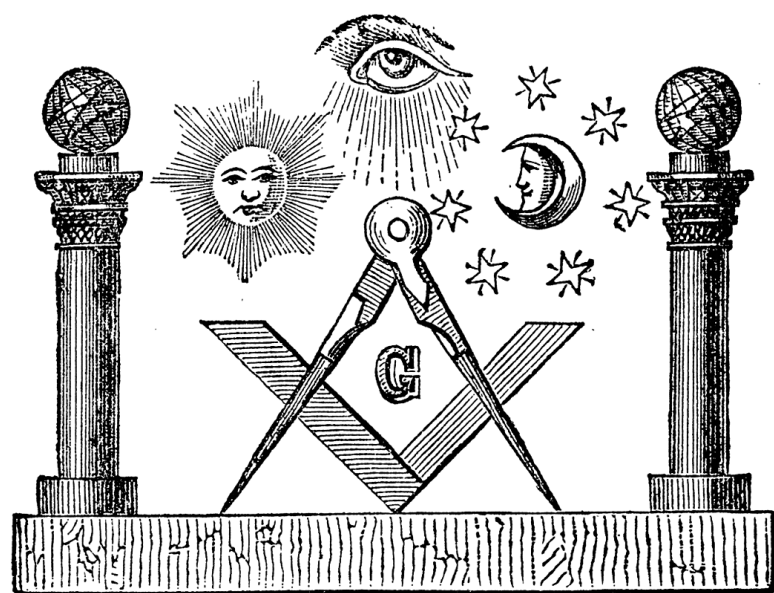
There are two brazen pillars placed before the entrance to King Solomon's Temple which are symbolically represented within every Lodge in the Second Degree of Masonry. No one can determine the origin of this practice. It existed in ancient times and the great Temple at Jerusalem was one of the many examples. It has been said that the Pillars of Hercules inspired the columns antedating their place in history. These natural rock formations at Gibraltar and Cueta stand guard over the Strait of Gibraltar and mark the end of the western world as ancients knew it.

In Freemasonry these pillars bear the names Boaz and Jachin and are symbols of strength and establishment, and by implication, of power and control. In passing between them, the Fellow Craft is not told to observe or examine one at the expense of the other. Both power and control are placed before him so that he might realize power without control is anarchy or that control without power is futility. These two pillars of strength and establishment, of power and control, suggest that man must have both if in his life he is to be successful.

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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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Glen B. Bishop

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

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

Juan D. Adarme

### Plural Membership

Isidro "Sid" Pentzke

### Awaiting EA

Anthony Nastase

### Awaiting FC

Angel Pabon, Guiller JoJo DeGuzman Esquerra, 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 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\* (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