

“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

July 2023

July 10th, 2023

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

July 24th, 2023

Stated Communication

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!

Happy Independence Day to America and to all of you!!

I hope when this bulletin goes out, you re all preparing for barbecues, libations and my favorite part: fireworks! Please, be safe but have fun.

We just had a spectacular Fellowcraft Degree and I want to thank Worshipful Sotelo Cruz and the Degree team for an outstanding performance. Congratulations to the new Fellowcrafts and I hope you all study hard so we can put on an amazing Master Mason Degree as soon as possible! Also, I wanted to thank Worshipful Nelson for a spectacular lecture.

We have our regular Stated Meetings on Monday, July 10th and 24th. Friendly reminder we are dressing business casual for the summer months. Long pants and collared shirt and no open-toed shoes. Degree nights are suit and tie.

Degrees are in the works for August and September, and we are planning another bowling night and picnic in the Fall. If any Brother would like to participate in any Degree or any of the events, please contact an Officer and we will find a place for you. Feel free to come in on Thursdays and Saturday mornings for catechism work, Degree practice or even just to shoot a game of pool and catch up with the Brothers.

May the GAOTU guide and protect us all

Justin Shiver
Worshipful Master



From the West

Brethren,

“What would Albert Pike do.”

Recently I read the following from his writings in “Morals and Dogma.”

God as the infinite Parent of all, perfectly powerful, wise, just, loving and perfectly holy too. Beautiful around stretches off every way the Universe, the Great Bible of God. Material nature is its Old Testament, millions of years old, thick with eternal truths under our feet, glittering with everlasting glories over our heads; and Human nature is the New Testament from the infinite God.

As I am finishing up the Master Craftsman course of the Scottish Rite, I feel that the answer to WWAPD?

Is; keep conscious of “As above, so below” because by a due attention life’s answers are there with EsoteriKa as the tool.

For those that completed Albert Pikes Symbolic lodge course you know why he spelled EsoteriKa with a K.

TK Krumenacker
Senior Warden

From the South



My Brothers,

Summer has started! We had an outstanding Fellow Craft degree last month with W.: Cruz at the helm. Great job to everyone involved in the degree!

It's quiet in the south, BUT our Worshipful Master has instructed me to plan some events in the next few months. Please keep your September and late October dates open as we are cooking up a plan for a good time.

As some of you may be aware, Leesburg Lodge had a devastating fire a few weeks ago. Bro. Secretary has sent some emails about how we can help. Please keep these brothers in your prayers, and remember to stay vigilant.

If you have any recommendations, please let me know. I hope everyone is having a happy and healthy summer. I'll leave you with an excerpt from John 2:9-11. Anyone who loves their Brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble.

Stay safe my brothers,

Rudy Romero
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Brethren,

Welcome to a HOTTER STEAMIER JULY! I hope this month finds you and your families in good health and happiness.

The Delinquent Dues Notices have been sent with a few Returns to Sender Notice. Please check your Dues Card for a 2023 Date which means you are current. Any other Date means you need to contact me. Remember that Grand Lodge **NO LONGER subscribes to CIRCUMSCRIBE**, as they are transitioning to **AMITY**. We are in the process of being able to accept on-line payments in the very near future. Until this occurs you will need to send a check to the Lodge or come to a meeting to pay in cash or by check.

If you haven't been to Lodge lately, your Brothers would love to see you again. We have several Ballots for Membership at the First Stated Communication this Month, Two for Plural Membership and One Petition for the Three Degrees in Masonry. Please attend and support your Lodge.

I would like to Thank our Chaplain, Brother J.C. Rogers, for his assistance this past week after we received a complaint from one of our Tenants regarding the front walkways of the building. No building maintenance has been done for several months since most of the elected officers performed the duty last time. The WM even ended up with Blisters, I have the Pictures! Brethren, this is **YOUR** Lodge, it takes more than TWO Brothers to consistently keep up with the grounds and the Building.

Congratulations go out to our newly Passed Fellow Crafts, Bro. Angel Pabon and Bro. Guiller "JoJo" Esguerra. The Degree Team performed another fantastic Degree for these Brothers and two courtesies for Boca-Delray Lodge.

Please remember to stay HYDRATED and don't spend too much time in the direct sunlight if you can avoid it. Until next time, stay healthy and enjoy your Summer!

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

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



The Barefoot Mailman

From It happened in Florida by Lynne Wright

Compiled By David J. Reilly

It is important that we as Freemasons in West Palm Beach and from Harmonia Lodge No.138 remember the stories and the routes of the Barefoot Mailman as the routes were walked just 9 years prior to our Lodge and continued to just 2 years before the chartering of our Lodge. The Star Route was carried by the barefoot mailman from West Palm Beach to Miami. The round trip took 6 days and covered 138 miles. On the 7th day the carrier rested, and then the next day he started all over again. Prior to the Barefoot Mailman, it took a letter 3 months to reach West Palm Beach, as it would be taken to Key West by boat, then to Havana, then New York, and then back to Titusville where it would be brought to the Palm Beaches by boat. There were no roads. There was a total of 11 Carriers during this time period. They needed to be in good physical shape, able to swim, and know a little about the outdoors, camping, and fishing. Carriers would need to weather hot sun, torrential rains and storms, mosquitoes, no see Ems, poisonous snakes, alligators, panthers and bears. The salary was \$600.00 annually and sometimes they would take someone traveling north or south and get an extra \$10.00 for guide service.

A typical trip began on Monday from Palm Beach in a small boat down Lake Worth to the Boynton Inlet. The carrier would walk 5 miles and spend the first night at the Orange Grove Refuge House in Delray which had been built for shipwrecked sailors. Tuesday the carrier would walk 7 miles to the Hillsboro Inlet, cross in a small boat that was there for that purpose and was kept hidden, continue walking for 18 miles to Ft. Lauderdale and spend another night at the New River House of refuge. Eleven houses of Refuge had been built on the coast for shipwrecked sailors. On Wednesday he would row 4 miles down the New River to the inlet, walk 4 miles to the top of Key Biscayne, and if conditions were right, he would sail, if not he would row and reach Miami Wednesday Night. Thursday he would start the trip north and return to Palm Beach Saturday night. In total he would travel 80 miles on foot, and 56 miles by boat. To prevent fatigue, the carriers developed a peculiar walk on the hard packed sand near the water's edge. Heading South, the right foot moved more quickly than the left, Heading North the left foot moved more quickly. They would tie their shoes together and carry them over their shoulder along with a lightweight canvas mailbag used just by the Barefoot Mailmen. They also carried a small haversack which held hard biscuits, salt pork, a small frying pan, coffee, a tin cup and some matches. They would supplement their diets with fish, small animals, wild oranges, bananas, and occasionally turtle eggs. Grape leaves made fine dishes along the way. In 1887, October 9th, on a Sunday, 35-year-old James H. Hamilton, Star Route Carrier from Trigs County Kentucky was not feeling well and someone mentioned he should delay his trip. He took a bottle of Perry-Davis Pain Killer with him and started his route on time. He never reached the first stop, the Orange Grove House of Refuge. It was reported a week later he had never reached it. His clothes and Mail Bag were found hanging from a tree near where the boat was hidden, the boat was gone, and his underclothes were found on the ground near the waters. There were rumors of hunters in the area. Some believe that he found the boat missing and swam across and was never heard of. His friends found a jawbone with a gold filling and concluded James had been eaten by Alligators.

The Barefoot Mailman route continued until a crude road was built below Palm Beach to Miami in 1893. This allowed mail to be carried overland by road. The Flagler Railroad would be in service in just a few years. Now in modern days, we see in the news that the UPS trucks are getting Air conditioning in 2023.



Thoughts to Ponder

By Bro. Tony Petrides

Masonry is many things to all of us, and there is more to learn about this great fraternity than any one of us could hope to attain in several lifetimes of study. The more that I learn about our Fraternity and its teachings, the more I realize that one of the most valuable parts of Masonry comes down to one thing:

Brotherhood. The privilege of travel to other places just as the Operative Masons did so long ago has a different meaning relative to today. Long ago Masons traveled in search of work and along the way they gained knowledge and insight into different cultures as they performed their work. Once we became Raised we were awarded the privilege of travel to other Lodges and upon successful examination and permission, allowed to enter. This is a precious wage, in that it presents at least two very valuable benefits; the opportunity to meet others and share knowledge, knowledge that can be brought back to the home Lodge in the form of innovation for the potential improvement of Lodge operations. Knowledge that can be shared upon the return home of the grand history of other Lodges, cultures, peoples, places and the work that they do. But additionally, the worthy Master Mason has the rare privilege of being able to seek refuge or apply for assistance in Lodges around the globe should you find yourself in distress. There are but few places or societies that would upon proper examination treat a stranger as an equal and with little challenge render such help.

No matter where we are in the world, we are NEVER alone, because we share the bond of Brotherhood in Masonry. How many times have we all been in the midst of strangers when we see the Masonic ring of a Brother, or they ours, and experience firsthand that moment when his eyes light up and you interact as if you always knew each other. That moment in time when you would do anything necessary to help out another Brother, and he you, even though you may have just met. That my Brothers IS Masonry. All of the teachings, all of the secrets and symbols, are completely meaningless unless we practice Brotherhood and inculcate the true meaning of our Masonic lessons and ever remember what it is to be a Mason and remember ever to walk and act as such before God and Man.



Lake Worth Scottish Rite Reunion & Convocation

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date!

October 14th & 15th, 2023 (Sat. & Sun.)

203rd Class held at BYKOTA Lodge

All Master Masons who would like to join the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite are encouraged to petition and become a Scottish Rite Mason. Being a Scottish Rite Mason vastly increases your education in Freemasonry through additional Esoteric Degree work that teaches history, philosophies, religions, and more!

See your Blue Lodge Ambassador or Worshipful Brother Secretary Rob Gibbons for a petition or more information. We look forward to seeing you advance in Masonry through the Scottish Rite.

“Membership is but for the asking”



Past Master's Dinner



Harmonia will host a Past Master's Dinner at the Okeechobee Steakhouse on August 5th at 4:00 pm. Invitations and further info coming soon from W. Sec. Gibbons!!



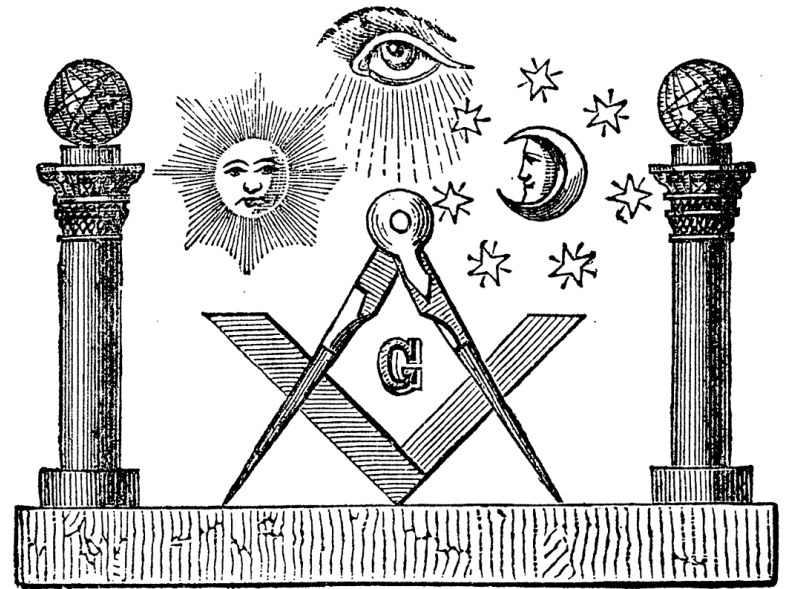
Instructive Tongue

Our actions and appearance are the only Masonic creed some will ever see. You represent Masonry everyday in your actions and character. People watch us as Masons and may put us to the test even without us realizing it! Always be diligent, whether it be at the theater, restaurant, grocery, service station or just driving in traffic. Remember, whether it be a lapel pin, a ring, or an emblem on the car, you carry the name of our great fraternity on your shoulders whenever you call yourself a Mason. You can never tell who might be watching.

Your ATTITUDE almost always determines your ALTITUDE in life.

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

DISTRICT DEPUTY
GRAND MASTER

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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

Lee Syline

Plural Membership

Isidro "Sid" Pentzke, Charles Bauer

Awaiting EA

Anthony Nastase, Juan D. Adarme

Awaiting FC

Roger Byrd

Awaiting MM

Angel Pabon, Guiller "JoJo" Esquerra, 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.: Valer "Val" DeVuyst,
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* (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