

“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

August 2023

August 14th, 2023

Called Communication

Entered Apprentice Degree

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

August 28th, 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 August to all! Hopefully your summer has been fun and you have avoided the brutal heat thus far.

We have some great events coming up for the Lodge, beginning with our annual Past Master's Dinner on Saturday, August 5th at Okeechobee Steakhouse.

Then, we have a Called Communication on Monday, August 14th at 7:30PM for an Entered Apprentice Degree being put on by our Senior Deacon Erasmo Gonzales. He and his team have been working diligently and it is sure to be a great night!

Then, we have our Stated Meeting on Monday, August 28th. We always enjoy a great meal prepared by our Junior Warden and enjoy fellowship before and after the meeting.

Lastly, please join us on Saturday, October 21st for another fun-filled picnic at Okeeheelee park! We are spreading the word now so everyone can make time to attend.

Have a blessed month and may the GAOTU protect us all,

Justin Shiver

Worshipful Master



From the West

Brethren,

I found this great E-book that may truly help the Ladies in our lives feel more comfortable about our Fraternity. Maybe we could attract and retain more Candidates and Brothers if they understood how to and what to communicate with their Ladies about Freemasonry. This might be a great class on a Saturday for the Lodge of Instruction.

Masonic Wife & Lady friend Questions about Freemasonry

Do you have a lot of unanswered questions about Freemasonry, such as:

- Why won't my husband share Masonic secrets with me?
- Does Freemasonry make good men, better? Better at what?
- What really goes on in the closed lodge room?
- Why does he wear a white, leathern apron?
- Will he really have to ride a goat?
- Why did he buy his Masonic ring?
- Is ritual, evil?

Or...are you a Freemason whose spouse, or girlfriend has been asking you questions that you don't feel comfortable answering because you don't know if the information is secret?

The First E-Book to Answer Women's Questions About Freemasonry.

www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/masonic-wife.html

- Women - If the man in your life is a Freemason or he has voiced an interest in joining the fraternity, you deserve a much better answer to your questions than "It's a secret! I promised not to tell."

TK Krumenacker

Senior Warden



From the South



My Brothers,

As another summer slips away, and September comes quickly upon us, I am reminded of a quote by Hal Borland: it goes like this... "Summer ends, and Autumn comes, and he who would have it otherwise would have high tide always and a full moon every night."

I hope everyone has had and is having an outstanding summer! We have a lot of great events planned to keep us busy. Currently on the books for October is a costume party at Okeeheelee park. A costume is not required to attend, but is recommended. A flyer has been attached to the Trestleboard. There will be fun, food, and fellowship for all.

We will also be having a bowling event in September, date and specifics to come in the next few weeks.

I want to also congratulate Bro. Junior Steward Kenny for the pro-temp promotion to Senior Steward. His help in the kitchen helping prepare our wonderful meals has been greatly appreciated.

We also have a work party coming up on 8/5 starting at 8:30 a.m. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated! We have all types of open opportunities for all abilities. Please contact me directly.

I'll leave my Brothers with this introspective thought from another great Brother, who's love for the Craft is unwavering.

"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason." ~Benjamin Franklin.

Stay safe my Brothers,

Rudy Romero
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Fridays 10:00am - 12:30pm

Brethren,

As we move through the summer months, I hope everyone is taking the proper precautions on staying hydrated and limiting their time in direct sunlight. I wish all the Brother's a Happy Birthday that are celebrating this month and hope you all are healthy and happy and enjoy your celebrations. We have several brother's who are still delinquent on their Dues. Please check your Dues Card and make sure you have a current 2023 Card. Harmonia Lodge has been very busy for the summer with several new Petitions that have been submitted and we will be Conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree on August 14, 2023. We will be holding several Ballots for membership at our Stated Communication on August 28, 2023. Our JW Rudy Romero is asking for assistance in a Lodge maintenance day on Aug. 5, 2023. If you are available, please contact him and volunteer as many hands make for light work and GREAT FELLOWSHIP as well. We will also be having our Past Master's dinner for the PM of Harmonia Lodge and we have had a great response for attendance. We have several Committee meetings scheduled for August as well. If you are on a Committee, please reach out to your Chairman for updates and information. If you have not heard the G.M.O.V. is sold out for District 25. Please do not hesitate when future visits come so you do not miss the opportunity to meet your Grand Line Officers. Your Principal Lodge Officers are working diligently behind the scenes making sure your Lodge is running smoothly. Our new neighbors, Mint Eco Car Wash, is nearing completion and we have received an invitation to join them for their Grand Opening. I will put out the details via email as they are confirmed. I hope everyone enjoys the remaining days of summer as our children return to school this month as well. Let's all keep our educators in our prayers as their responsibilities become harder and harder every year. Stay healthy and safe.

May the G.A.O.T.U continue to watch over us and keep us safe.

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



From Whence Come You?

By David J. Reilly

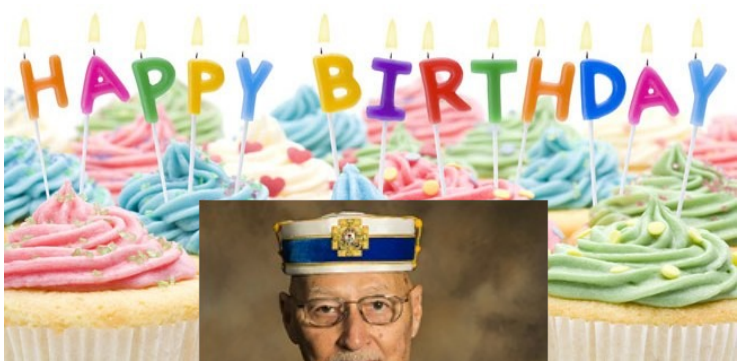
Brother is a title given to a fellow member in Freemasonry. It is to remind all that Freemasonry provides brotherly love, truth and charity. If you became a Freemason for the opportunity to meet others and network your business and sell your product to better yourself, you are a member for the wrong reason. If you became a Mason to spread hate and disconnect, you are a member for the wrong reason. If you are in Freemasonry for the accolades, and the gathering of medals, jewels, aprons and to stand on others to better yourself, you became a Freemason for the wrong reason. You missed or have forgotten the teachings of Freemasonry. For some it is too late, for some there is hope. Being a Freemason is to embark upon a journey of self, self-improvement, self-enlightenment and to know yourself.

Freemasonry is a system of moral instruction to assist a member to take him at his own and allow him to make positive changes in Loyalty, Honesty, Courage, Fortitude and Integrity. The path will allow you to look at yourself and to look at others with kindness, relief and truth. It is to allow you to make yourself a better man, mason, husband, and father. Adjustments to yourself will be done on your journey, they cannot be bought or sold. These behaviors rise from within your soul and your heart. Good character is good behavior, and a person of good character chooses to do the right thing and exhibits the accepted good behavior because it is the right thing to do and is what we promised to do during our initiation.

Elected and appointed officers serve at the Lodges pleasure. The offices and honors you receive will be earned and should not be expected. It is imperative that as Officers your service must meet all members, and it is crucial that the Officers must work as one. Your time spent serving the Lodge is for the betterment of the Lodge and it's members. When you were elected or appointed, the Members saw leadership characteristics and it is demanded. Negativity within a Lodge is not healthy for a Masons Journey. It causes doubt among the membership and is a non-example of what the Masonic Tenets are. When negativity is witnessed by the elected officers, and they are in turmoil, confusion and uncertainty grow among the members.

Brothers stop coming, for they feel the tension. Visitors talk and carry tales and gossip, and other Lodges prosper while the Mother Lodge takes a step backwards as a Lodge Leader in the District and the State.

Remember Your Obligation!



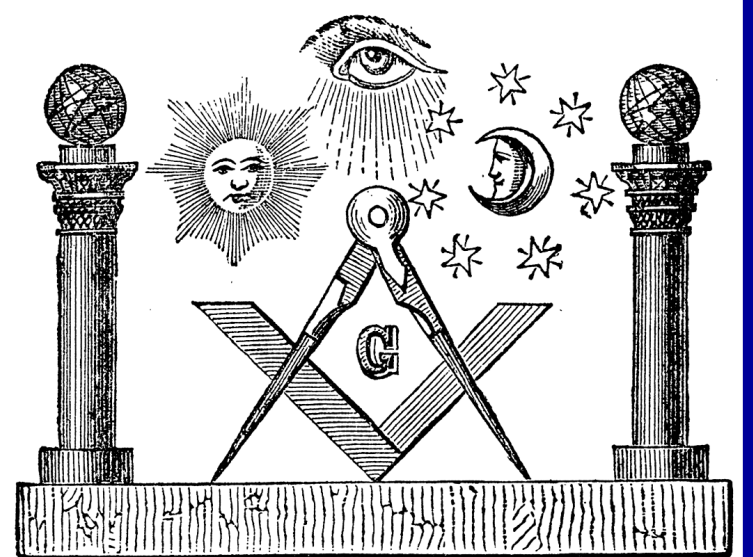
It's Birthday Time!!! *The Mason's Mason* *James H. Kirby, Jr.* *33°Grand Cross*

Guess what!!! It's Bro. Jim's birthday this month on Monday, August 7th! Illustrious Jim Kirby, Jr., HPM, is a 73 year Mason! Our dear Brother Jim, who is simultaneously one of the most humble men ever encountered, is also one of the most inspiring, powerful, and impacting human beings Harmonia and Masonry has known. There is not a Brother among us whose life has not been profoundly impacted in a positive way by this man among men. Like a pebble thrown into a still pond, his ripples spiral outward and emanate in all directions in an infinite and ever expanding circle of light, love, and knowledge. Jim is truly an amazing mentor and ambassador of Freemasonry. When you see him next, take a moment to say Happy Birthday, shake his hand, say "thank you" for all he has done, and let him know how impacting his "ripples" have been on your life.

~Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the single candle will not be shortened and will continue to remain burning ever the same. Light, knowledge, love and happiness never decrease by being shared.

Happy Birthday dear Brother, and Thank You Jim for sharing your flame and lighting the inspirational candles in so many of us!

Harmonia Degree Teams



Do You Love Masonic Ritual?

Do You Enjoy Working with a Team?

Have You Always Wanted to Participate in Degrees?

Harmonia is looking for Brothers to get involved in degree work! No experience needed, just a desire to learn! Our goal is to be proficient and exemplify excellent ritual work so Harmonia can put on any degree at a moments notice. If interested, contact W.: Sec. Rob Gibbons or come any Thursday night to Lodge of Instruction!



Halloween BBQ Picnic



Open to all friends, family, and Masonic Lodges. October 21st at Okeeheelee Park @Tuskegee pavilion from 10 am - 4:30 pm. Food, fun, costumes, family & fellowship!



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 are out. R.S.V.P with W:. Sec. Rob Gibbons!!



Lodge Officers for 2023

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Glen B. Bishop

M.:W.: GRAND SECRETARY

Richard E. Lynn, PGM

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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

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month

Chap. #24 Royal Arch, Zabud Council #17 Royal and
Select Masters, P.B. Commandry #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, Renier Colina

Plural Membership

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 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