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HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
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DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7

M:.W:.GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA 129 Years of Masoury in West Palm Beach

September 2023

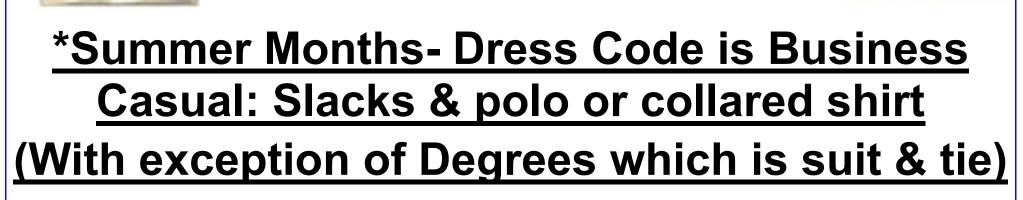
September 11th, 2023

Lodge Bowling & Family
Fellowship Night @
Greenacres Bowling Alley
on Lake Worth Rd.
All Masons, friends &
family are welcome!
6:30 - 8:30 pm

September 25th, 2023

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15



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From the East

Greetings Brethren!

The last quarter of the year is upon us! Please, reach out if any of you need help prepping for any storms that may arise. The rain and the heat have been relentless but we know the amazing weather is right after so hopefully we don't have too many stormy days.

We recently had an outstanding Entered Apprentice Degree put on by our Senior Deacon Erasmo Gonzalez and cast. Congratulations to all the Degree cast for putting on an amazing performance not to be forgotten! Keep up the good work.

September and October will be busy months for Harmonia! In September, we have a Called Communication for Monday, September 11th for our second Lodge Bowling Night!! The last one was a blast and I am sure this one will be too. Please, make sure to RSVP with JW Rudy Romero so we can have an accurate head count.

Then, we have our regular Stated meeting on Monday, September 25th and is the LAST meeting in casual Summer Dress. We will be back to our normal suit and tie or tuxedo for Officers starting in October.

We will be having Degree practice along with catechism practice every Thursday evening along with Saturday mornings. Feel free to stop by for fun, fellowship and education.

Stay tuned for October's events!

May the GAOTU guide and protect us,

Justin Shiver Worshipful Master



From the West

Brethren,

The Moral Advantages of Geometry; Geometry, the first and noblest of sciences, is the basis on which the superstructure of Freemasonry is erected. By Geometry we may curiously trace nature through her various windings, to her most concealed recesses. By it, we discover the power, wisdom, and goodness of the Grand Artificer of the Universe, and view with delight the proportions which connect this vast machine.

What is the golden ratio in sacred geometry?

Clearly, there's much to learn about sacred geometry and inherent order in the universe. Some theorize that the phi ratio (phi = 1.61803...) is evidence that nature is inherently perfect, and that when mankind strays away from the natural law, sickness and imbalance occur.

Brothers, Look around you and see this Golden Ratio/ Divine proportion

everywhere. The dimensions of your Face, Flowers, Paintings, Buildings, a Hurricane shape, and this Nautilus shell spiral.

Nature communicates with us through Geometry.

Tuned Konnection.

TK Krumenacker Senior Warden



From the South



My Brothers,

It has been an outstanding month! First, thank you to temp-steward Kenny Lasseter and Mike Koppy for holding down the kitchen while I am on vacation. I heard the meal was great (with an extra congratulations to both of them) for taking on some more challenges and helping out the JW in their temporary roles!

Also, thank you to the brothers who took the time to come out and participate in the work party. We were able to make some great efforts in keeping our lodge clean and de-cluttered. See photo below.

Congratulations to the newest EA's for starting their journey and for choosing Harmonia to help guide them during this time. I know with the hard work and dedication from our team they will become upright men and more especially, Masons.

We have some really fun stuff coming up, like bowling on 9/11, as well as the Halloween costume BBQ on 10/21. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Stay safe my Brothers,

Rudy Romero Junior Warden





Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

ATTENTION: HARMONIA LODGE WILL BE DARK ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2023. THERE WILL NOT BE A COMMUNICATION ON THIS DATE. THE NEXT STATED COMMUNICATION WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, AT OUR REGULAR TIME.

I hope this message finds everyone safe and healthy! I hope everyone is taking the proper precautions and staying hydrated and limiting yourselves to the direct sunlight and heat. As I write this article, I am Thankful that our area was not directly impacted by Hurricane Idalia and my thoughts and prayers are with our Brethren who were directly impacted by the storm. Harmonia Lodge will be dark on Sept. 11, 2023, with the approval of the Grand Master. We will be hosting a Fellowship Night with family bowling at Greenacres Bowling @ 6:00 p.m. Harmonia conferred an Entered Apprentice Degree last month and the Degree Team put on an excellent Degree. We are now beginning to practice for a MM Degree for the end of October and are looking for interested Brethren that would like to participate. I would like to congratulate Brother Greg Tammany who was successful in fixing the IT issue that was preventing people who were interested in joining our Lodge from being able to do so. W Tony Petrides PM has done a fantastic job as Co-Chair of the Welcoming Committee handling the increased interest in Masonry that Harmonia Lodge is experiencing. As of this writing Harmonia Lodge has 5 Petitions that have been handed out to prospective members. Great job W Petrides P.M., W David Reilly H.P.M., and W Jim Kirby H.P.M.

I have been notified that Grand Lodge is in the process of developing a computer version of AMITY so we can make payments directly online. I previously informed you that according to Grand Lodge there would no longer be Paper Dues Cards after 2023, WELL..... in my monthly mail I received an Order Form for Dues Cards for 2024!! I have ordered them, and they will be delivered in October! Please continue to remit your 2024 Dues the "Old Fashion Way" via Check, Cash or Money Order until we go online thru AMITY. I will notify the Craft as soon as it is operational. Your Principal Officers attended the Grand Opening of our neighbor Mint Eco Car Wash and Harmonia Lodge was well received. Some discussions were had about future upgrades to our building, and we hope to be bringing this great news before the Craft soon.

Remember to contact your Lodge should you find yourself in need of assistance. Happy Birthday to all who celebrate this month and I hope everyone stays safe and healthy!

May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to watch over us 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



The Beehive: A Masonic Symbol By David J. Reilly

I am reminded of a Poem that a Mentor of mine used to say regarding Bees by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) How Doth the Little Busy Bee

How doth the little busy bee
Improve each shining hour,
And gather honey all the day
From every opening flower!

The beehive is a symbol associated with life, creativity, hard work, community service, prosperity, and plenty. Religion shares with us that bees represent the human soul while the hive represents the human body and the honey symbolizes the rich inner life we can enjoy within ourselves. The beehive itself symbolizes collaboration between busyness and productivity. The bees place all their energy into one common cause. The Beehive is a Masonic symbol and adapts its meaning to the ideals of creativity, hard work and the ideal of industrious performance. Freemasons are to be industrious, work, and protect the common good. A beehive is a factory. It is a business within itself as it is an organization composed of bees, resources and supplies who utilize their innate learning to provide honey. While doing this they provide a byproduct of propagating flowers. Bees are essential for the health of people and our world. Honey and other products have medicinal properties, and the role of bees as pollinators makes them vital for food supplies. They are crucial to humanity. There are 20,000 species of bees around the world and 2,000 in the United States. Yet man is only studying a small number of these species. There are three kinds of bees in a hive. The Queen, the worker, and the forager. A bee will protect it's own. There are studies that show when bees are stuck in the honey and unable to fly away, other bees will assist in eating the honey away, freeing the bee in question. A bee will defend the hive until death. A Bee has a stinger in it's lower abdomen with poison sacks attached. When a bee stings, the lower abdomen will break away and the stinger will pump the poison into it's victim for up to a minute. Bees are our friends for what they provide humanity and the animal world. Bees communicate not through buzzing of wings but through the "waggle dance," they do not make a verbal noise. Bees provide many additives to medicines including pollen, honey and propolis. "Food for thought!"...... Pun intended!!!!



Harmonia Degree Teams

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"



"We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light."

.....Plato

Good of the Order by HPM David J. Reilly

Checking Ourselves at the West Gate

When a profane traveler presents himself at the West Gate it is up to the members of the lodge to decide if the candidate for membership is worthy. In this case worthy refers to admirable qualities of the individual. Every Mason is a man, but every man is not a Mason. We are reminded in our Masonic Studies that it is important that the candidate "must be conformable to our rules; that the honor, glory and reputation of the institution may be firmly established" within the candidate. It is paramount that during visitations, petition committee, and petition readings, the lodge be diligent during the waiting time.

When a Master Mason presents himself at the west gate upon entering the Lodge, a mental inventory of like questions and thoughts should remind the member of his obligation. It is important for the Lodge to supply Masonic education and mentorship throughout his Masonic journey. Just as important is for the Master Mason, during his Masonic studies to be receptive and to strive in the System of Morality to apply himself to seek Masonic attributes that are learned through the allegory and presentation of symbols. To achieve these, it is needed for the man to decide his strengths and weaknesses and question his behaviors.

Freemasonry supplies a framework of positive instruction in its lessons, for the man who will take the time to learn. Guidance is given and provided by study materials and members of the Lodge who aid through counsel and example. Freemasonry supplies avenues of brotherhood, and Master Masons find contentment in the Craft Lodge and or Appendant bodies. Those who stay in the Craft Lodge will find involvement and contentment working on committees, ritual work, officer line, as well as an observer. Those who accept leadership roles find themselves once again being tried. Their personalities and attributes will be called on to expand and support the craft. This is a time when the Master Mason sees himself in the rough, and striving to make himself and the Lodge befitting.

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Checking Ourselves at the West Gate (Continued from previous page)

Masonic attributes are evaluated as well as ego and integrity. Time as a Mason will hone lodge ability. Continuing to develop a self-portrait will supply mentoring and being able to use an instructive tongue and an attentive ear.

The tenets of Freemasonry are sacred and intended for participation. Members should never take part in hate, discontent, or gossip about lodge members or other lodges. Those that do have forgotten or never learned their Masonic Obligations. Leaders who act with "gotcha moments" and threaten with district officers and Masonic Charges when dealing with Lodge business, and disagreements, should have been halted at the West Gate and denied entrance.

Members come to the Lodge to avoid the day-to-day rigors of life. The Lodge is a sanctuary, a place of solitude where a member can come break bread and interact with likeminded men. A place where men meet on the same plane or level and avoid topics of discourse which lead to argument and dissent. It supplies a time of fellowship, and a period to draw information and dialog to renew one's boundaries, a place to level, plumb and square in harmony. A true Mason finds Freemasonry to be demanding work and the learning process, reading, watching degrees listening to speakers and mentors never ends. The work is that of looking at oneself, assessing and reassessing, answering, and questioning. There are no correct answers, self-interrogations are those that the individuals weigh and accept. Freemasonry is an anvil, and the Masons intellect, spirit, and emotions are hammered as Damascus steel.

Remember to examine and reexamine yourself at the West Gate. The profane see you as a Mason with all the Masonic attributes, tenants, behaviors, we strive to sustain.



Lodge Officers for 2023

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Musician Scott Kaapke 561-504-8535

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Glen B. Bishop

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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

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Lantana #372 Palmwood Lodge: 845 Bradley St., WPB

Harmonia Lodge Degree Status

Usual Course

Renier Colina, Anthony Chambers

Plural Membership

none

Awaiting EA

Lee Syline

Awaiting FC

Roger Byrd, Anthony Nastase, Juan Adarme, Gensly Pierre

Awaiting MM

Angel Pabon, Guiller "JoJo" Esquerra



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