

“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

October 2023

October 9th, 2023

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

October 23rd, 2023

Stated Communication

DDGM Official Visit

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

October 28th, 2023 (Sat.)

Called Communication

Master Mason Degree

Saturday, 12:00pm noon

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From the East

Greetings Brethren!

October is set to be a great month! As the temperatures drop, I hope to see more Brothers out and about so we can enjoy each other's company.

Reminder that we are now back to our regular dress code. Suit and tie for Brothers and Black Tuxedo for Officers. I hope everyone enjoyed the casual dress for the Summer!

This month, we have our regular Stated meetings on Monday, October 9th and Monday, October 23rd. On October 23rd, we will have our District Deputy Grand Master Official Visit. We are looking forward to receiving him and his Committees and providing a great meal for the reception. Please, try to plan to attend if you can.

We have a Master Mason Degree on Saturday, October 28th at 12:00PM noon. Two Brothers will be raised that day and our Senior Warden, TK Krumenacker will be the Worshipful Master. The Brothers have been working diligently on this Degree and it is sure to be one for the books!

Finally, we have our last family picnic of the year on Saturday, October 21st starting at 10:00am. We are asking everyone to dress in costume if you'd like to make it more festive. This will be at Okeeheelee Park and at a DIFFERENT Pavilion than last time. It will be held at the Tuskegee Pavilion from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. Please, contact JW Rudy Romero for details and to RSVP. It will be a blast!

May the GAOTU guide and protect us,

Justin Shiver
Worshipful Master



From the West

Brethren,

Question: *For the purposes of a Masonic degree, is it more important to be factual or symbolic?*

A. Factual; we learn more from history.

B. Symbolic; we find deeper truth in symbols.

C. It doesn't matter, because the value of a degree consists in the lessons inculcated, and duties prescribed.

What do you think? Which answer did you choose? I believe the answer is letter "C"!

Schedule your Calendars for Two important events at Harmonia Lodge 138:

*** January 6, 2024 at 4PM- Officer Installation.

*** January 27, 2024 at 12PM - Rededication ceremony with Grand Lodge of Florida. Rededication/130th Anniversary coins will be available for sale at \$10.00 each.

TK Krumenacker
Senior Warden

From the South



My Brothers,

As we gather together in the hallowed halls of our Lodge, we find ourselves on the threshold of another season. The vibrant days of summer are gently yielding to the cool embrace of autumn, and in this transition, we discover profound lessons that resonate with our Masonic journey.

The Cycle of Life:

Just as the seasons change, so too does the course of our lives. In the scorching heat of summer, we toiled in the quarries of our daily endeavors, much like the Entered Apprentices. We labored, we learned, and we grew. But now, as the days shorten and the leaves begin to fall, we are reminded that all things have their appointed time.

Harvesting the Lessons:

Summer's end calls upon us to reflect on our personal harvests. Have we reaped the fruits of our labor, both in our Masonic work and in our daily lives? Let us consider the seeds of knowledge, virtue, and fellowship we have sown and strive to nurture them into abundant and bountiful yields.

Preparing for the Cold:

As we prepare for the coming winter, let us draw parallels with the Fellowcraft's pursuit of further light in Masonry. Even though we may only have mild winters in our sunshine state, the cold and darkness encroaches, we too seek the warmth and illumination of knowledge, wisdom, and enlightenment. Our studies and introspection during this season shall guide us through the long nights ahead.

Embracing Change:

In the Grand Architect's divine plan, every season serves a purpose, and so do the phases of our Masonic journey. Just as summer turns to fall, our lives and Masonic paths will evolve. Let us embrace these changes with the same grace that the natural world embraces the changing seasons. To fight against this natural change is to fight nature's embrace, let us show the world how masons can adapt and overcome obstacles. Proving society still needs us a sacred band of brothers, Georg Christoph Lichtenberg said, "I cannot say whether things will get better if we change; what I can say is that they must change if they are to get better."

A Time for Brotherhood:

As the outdoor activities of summer wane, let us find solace in the Lodge's embrace. The bonds of brotherhood we share provide warmth in any season, and together we can weather any storm that may come our way. "Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts, temperate by doing temperate acts, brave by doing brave acts." Aristotle.

Congratulations to Bro Nastase for standing proficient this past meeting, we look forward to seeing you continue your journey. I hope to see everyone at our Halloween themed picnic coming up on the 21st of October. We also have a few degrees taking place before the end of the year, please come out to support your new brothers on their journeys.

In Closing:

As we bid farewell to the lazy days of summer, let us remember that our Masonic journey is a perennial one. Just as the seasons continue their eternal dance, so do we continue our quest for light, knowledge, and self-improvement.

May the Grand Architect guide our steps, and may the lessons of this changing season inspire us to be better Masons and better men.

May the GAOTU guide and protect us,

Rudy Romero, Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Fridays 10:00am - 12:30pm

Brethren,

Are we truly entering the Fall Season? The thermometer does not agree with Nature! I hope everyone had a fun filled safe Summer with the families. I also wish all the Brothers and their spouses who are celebrating a Birthday this month a very Happy Birthday. Harmonia is hard a work with our Master Mason Degree team practicing for an upcoming MM Degree this Month. Harmonia Lodge is very busy with our new neighbors, Mint Eco Car Wash, who have finally opened their doors and have asked to resume talks on things they would like to do to help us improve our property. Details will follow as soon as an agreement can be reached.

October is the time of year that I must send out Summonses for Non-Payment of Dues per the Digest. Please, please, check your Dues Card and make sure you have a current 2023 Card in your possession. Those who have not paid will be receiving this Summons to attend Lodge to explain why you have not paid your Dues. I have received the Dues Cards for 2024 and will be sending those notices out this month as well. Please remember that the Dues for 2024 are now \$172.30 as the Per Capita has increased \$5.00. Please remember that each of us vowed to pay our Dues as early as possible. If you are in need of assistance, please contact me so we can help you. Our JW has scheduled a Halloween Picnic (Costumes Encouraged) for Harmonia Lodge at Okecheelee Park Tuskegee Pavilion on October 21st from 10am—4pm. I hear chatter that there might be a WM look-alike contest as well. I hope everyone has a very safe and happy Halloween with the Family.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to watch over us and help guide us.

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



ENMI Lodge No. 1973, By David J. Reilly

Once upon a time in my mind I belonged to a Lodge. I had joined and attended, I didn't care about the cost or the distance I needed to travel to get to the Lodge. I entered on the level, parted on the square and was always treated on the Plumb and as an upright Mason. The fellowship is euphoric, the meetings are knowledgeable and entertaining, and the food really doesn't come into play except on special meetings. Members do not try to outdo one another, and ego, pettiness and daily cares are left outside. It was a joy to be with like minded men and men whose values were held high, and we all felt a joy to be there together. From the West Gate upon entering the Lodge I would see brothers conversing and raising questions on Masonic meanings, Ritual, and enjoying the unity of brotherhood. There was no gossip for there was no verbal communication, it was all done in mental telepathy and kept on the plumb. Upon arriving at ENMI Lodge, more than one brother would introduce and welcome members and visitors alike. It was not uncommon to meet a brother from another time or place. One evening I met Brother Benjamin Franklin (statesmen, Diplomat, inventor, scientist) We were entreated with tales of the Revolutionary War, and his time in France. One brother asked him about his inventions. He explained about his early years as a printer and his inventions of bifocals, lightening rod, Swim Fins, the Franklin Stove, streetlamps and then got off on his idea of a postal service. He explained that as a shop keeper his record keeping was meticulous, and the British Crown recognized it. He was granted the position of Postmaster for the Colonies and he took time establishing routes and service throughout the 13 colonies. A letter could be mailed in Philadelphia, received in New York and reply to Philadelphia in 24 hours. In 1750 he published a newspaper; it would be transported by postal rates and the same uniform postal rates. Franklins' newspaper became the social media of the times. My Lodge continues and we are blessed with Masonic principles and tenets, as well as the many enlightened visitors who share my Lodge and share such interesting facts. I am reminded at each meeting of my obligations and the charges we received during the Masonic Degrees. I am reminded of the duties each mason is charged with, to God, his neighbor and himself. I remind myself I am not to enter countering with the profane concerning Freemasonry. Nor am I to allow or encourage membership of those who will not conform to the Masonic teachings or rules. The lodge always continues to entertain guests of my lodge, not only famous, but men as ourselves, those who like me strive to be better, better men, better husbands, fathers and Masons.



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!

25th MASONIC DISTRICT



WHEN: SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023 FROM 8:00AM TO NOON
(LET'S GET THE SEASON STARTED EARLY BEFORE SANTA GETS BUSY)

MENU: PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, BACON, JUICE, MILK
AND COFFEE (for the older kids)

LOCATION: 1896 PALM BEACH LAKES BLVD., SUITE #200
WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33409
HARMONIA LODGE

COST: BRING A NEW UNWRAPPED CHRISTMAS TOY FOR OUR DISTRICT TOY DRIVE OR YOU CAN MAKE A DONATION. ALL DONATIONS ARE USED FOR PURCHASING TOYS FOR TOYS FOR TOTS. THE MASONIC BODIES OF THE 25TH MASONIC DISTRICT ARE PAYING FOR THE FOOD.

ALSO
FREE PICTURES WITH SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS
(THEY WILL BE DOWNLOADED TO A WEBSITE FOR YOU TO COPY AND GET PRINTED)

SANTA SAYS BRING YOUR FAMILIES AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS, LET'S LOAD UP THE SLEIGH WITH TOYS.



Your sponsors are: Gulf Stream Lodge, Harmonia Lodge, Bykota Lodge, Lantana Lodge, Garden Lodge, Boca-Delray Lodge, Palmwood Lodge, Jupiter Light Lodge, Boynton Lodge, Valley of Lake Worth Scottish Rite, Palm Beach York Rite, Amara Shrine, Semi-No-Grotto, Palm Beach Hi-Twelve, 25th Dist. Master Mason Association, Lake Worth Chapter 111 Order of Eastern Star, and all the Brothers in the District.



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



Lodge Officers for 2023

W.: M.: Justin Shiver 561-346-6329

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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

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