

“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

November 2023

November 13th, 2023

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

November 16th, 2023

(Thursday Night)

Called Communication

Fellow Craft Degree

Meal 6:15 / Degree 7:15

NOTICE: Only one

Stated meeting for the

month. Lodge is Dark on 11/27/2023

for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

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From the East

Greetings Brethren!

Happy Thanksgiving!

I hope everyone is excited to meet up with family or friends and share a great meal and some stories. Hopefully the weather will remain as nice as it is currently. I have been enjoying being able to do more outdoor activities for sure.

Speaking of outdoor activities, we recently had another fantastic family picnic! Special thanks to JW Rudy Romero for working diligently on providing a spectacular meal and decorations. His costume was one for the books!

We are going to have a pretty busy rest of the year. In November, we have our regular stated meeting on Monday, November 13th. Next year's nominations will need to be in by then. We then have a Fellow Craft Degree in lieu of our second meeting on Thursday, November 16th @ 6:30PM. Our Junior Warden will be Worshipful Master for this Degree and it is sure to be a great one!

Next, In December, we have our last Stated Meeting of the year on Monday, December 11th. We will be voting and getting everything finished up for the year. There will be a fantastic meal provided so you don't want to miss it!

Later in December we have our last Degree of the year. It will be an Entered Apprentice Degree put on by our Senior Steward pro temp, Kenny Lasseter. Let's all try to attend so we can give a warm welcome to our new Brothers into the Fraternity!

We will then have our yearly Bible and Apron Ceremony on Saturday, December 16th @ 6:00PM. There will be a light dinner provided. This is a beautiful ceremony and if you have not seen one, here is your chance!

Lastly, Installation of the new Officers will be held on Saturday, January 6 @ 4:00PM. I hope to see everyone there!

May the GAOTU guide and protect us,

Justin Shiver
Worshipful Master



From the West

Brethren,

I am channeling to you my brothers a lesson from “Morals and Dogma” The 15th degree, Knight of the East or of the Sword. The leading lesson of this Degree is Fidelity to obligation, and Constancy and Perseverance under difficulties and discouragement. “The only true happiness is to learn, to advance, and to improve” which could not happen unless we had commenced in error, ignorance, and imperfection. We must pass through the darkness, to reach the light. “A teaching” in this degree is to Never give up, believe in you when others don't, and remember “The Little Engine that could-I think I can, I know I can.” My thought is, be thankful for the few people who encourage you, that believe in you as well, and their voices will join in-chorus in your head. Work on with the Sword in one hand and the Trowel in the other.

Be Blessed and Humbled.

TK Krumenacker
Senior Warden

From the South



My Brothers,

As the year draws to a close, we find ourselves in a season of reflection and anticipation. Our Masonic journey continues, and we have much to be grateful for, much to celebrate, and much to look forward to in the coming months.

First and foremost, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the brethren who joined us for the spooktacular Halloween picnic. It was a day filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a touch of mystique as we gathered with our families and friends to celebrate this festive occasion. The spirit of unity and brotherhood was truly palpable, and it was an honor to see our lodge members coming together in such a harmonious and joyful way. Our fraternal bonds were strengthened as we shared stories, delicious food, and memorable moments.

With the end of the year approaching, it's an opportune time to reflect on our collective journey as Masons. Throughout this year, we have continued to uphold the principles and values that define our fraternity. Together, we have pursued knowledge, practiced charity, and strived to improve ourselves and our communities. As we move forward, let us renew our commitment to these Masonic ideals and continue to work together to make a positive impact in the world.

Looking ahead, we have a series of exciting degrees scheduled for the upcoming months. These degrees are pivotal milestones in a Mason's journey, and they offer us the opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Craft and its teachings. We encourage all brethren to participate in these ceremonies, whether as candidates or as witnesses, as they provide a chance for us to come together, learn, and grow as Masons.

In closing, as we approach the end of another year, let us take a moment to appreciate the friendships we've forged, the lessons we've learned, and the shared experiences that make our Masonic journey so special. The festive season is upon us, and it is a time to celebrate our bonds of brotherhood and look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

We wish each and every one of you a joyous and fulfilling holiday season, and we eagerly anticipate the journey ahead as we continue to build a better world through Masonry.

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,

It is hard to believe we are already less than two months away from Christmas. I hope everyone had an enjoyable safe Halloween with family and friends. I would like to congratulate our newly raised Master Mason's, Brother Angel Pabon and Brother Guiller "JoJo" Esquerra. The Degree team presented a great Degree. Harmonia held a family Halloween BBQ with costumes in October and a great time was had by all in attendance. Harmonia Lodge is very busy with upcoming repairs and projects that our neighbor Mint Eco Car Wash would like to provide and contribute to our Lodge. If you have not paid your 2022 and 2023 Dues, you will be subject to suspension for NPD. Please remit your payments A.S.A.P. via check or money order so you can remain in good standing as the 2024 Dues notices are being sent out now. Please remember that the Grand Lodge of Florida no longer uses Circumscribe and that they now use AMITY which is an App that you can download to your smart phone. If you would like to pay in cash, contact me so we can coordinate a time at your convenience to meet in person.

I would like to wish a heartfelt Happy Birthday to those of you celebrating in November. I would also like to wish a Very Happy Thanksgiving to all the Brethren and hope you all enjoy the true meaning of this wonderful holiday. Harmonia Lodge will be conferring a Fellow Craft Degree on Thursday Nov. 16, 2023, with Fellowship beginning at 6:00 pm and the Degree to follow. Remember, Harmonia Lodge, is YOUR Lodge and it's success is a result of its members attending and having a voice in its governing so that Harmonia can stay as strong tomorrow as you have all made her today. May the G.A.O.T.U. bless our Fraternity and each and every one of you and your families, and may God bless our Military men and women and our First Responders.

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

Instructive Tongue

The story of the St. John's Lodge Bible is well known because it is the Bible upon which George Washington took the oath of office when inaugurated President of the United States. This Bible has also been used for the inaugurations of Warren Harding, Dwight Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter and George H. W. Bush. It was intended to be used at the inauguration of George W. Bush, but inclement weather did not permit it. In addition to inaugurations, this Bible was present at the funeral processions of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Jackson, and Zachary Taylor. It has also been used in the cornerstone laying of the U. S. Capitol, the dedication of the Washington Monument, the centennials of the cornerstone laying of the White House, U. S. Capitol, and the Statue of Liberty. Other Presidents who have made use of the Bible include Andrew Johnson and Gerald Ford.

The Bible was printed in London, taking three years to produce. It contains 103 steel engravings of maps and Old Testament scenes by English artist John Stuart. It is a King James Version, complete with Apocrypha and elaborately supplemented with historical, astronomical and legal data of that period. The Bible was procured for St. John's Lodge by Jonathan Hampton who presented it to the Lodge when he was installed as Master in 1770. The only people allowed to take an oath on this Bible are the President of the United States; the Governor of New York; the Grand Master of Masons in New York; the Master-elect of St. John's Lodge; **and Third Degree Candidates of St. John's Lodge.** The Bible must be accompanied by 3 members of St. John's Lodge whenever it travels.



Election of 2024 Officers for Harmonia Lodge

Harmonia Lodge will be holding Elections for the **2024 Officers** on Monday, 12/11/2023. Please come out and join us for the last meeting of 2023!

****REMINDER****



***There will be ONLY one meeting in
December due to Winter Holidays.***

(12/11/2023)

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.



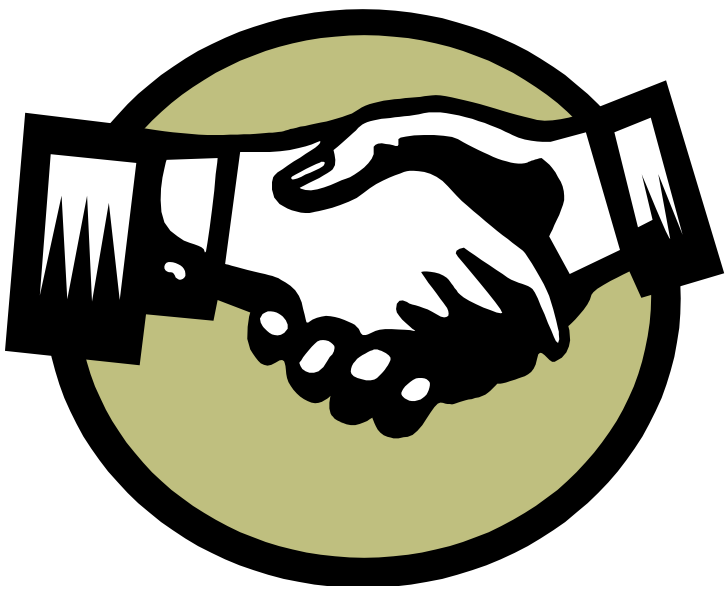
The Hidden Degree in Freemasonry

By David J. Reilly 33°

In Freemasonry, the hidden degree has been kept a secret for years. The hidden degree is one that is not sought. You cannot ask for it, you don't want it, and you are never prepared for it. Many men and women and even children have acted upon it. Masons have a tendency not to share, even with the connection as a brother, they do not share feelings, nor the problems encountered in life. It is a shame because so many brothers have been through the same problems or will have the same problems on their journey.

The hidden degree is called care giving. Many unknown persons and Masons have been Care Givers. It is not necessarily the responsibility of a spouse, the oldest sibling, or the adult that is educated. While usually a family member, it doesn't always fall to a family member. Care giving comes to the one that has a caregiver's heart. A care giver does not receive accolades of special pins and usually is not even aware of help groups. Many times, the caregiver enters the job as an unknown and learns on the job. While the medical profession assists, it becomes the responsibility of the Care Giver to provide the need for that individual. Many times the patient has an Insurance Policy that gives assistance. A care giver soon finds out with hit and miss tactics that there is not a problem that can't be solved. How wonderful it would be with all the philanthropy that a Mason stands in that if there was knowledge from his brothers that there were solutions, they would share and make sure Brothers had found needed solutions. The Hidden Degree is deep within the brothers who have been caregivers, in the medical profession or in the insurance industry that have some answers and can give direction.

We must reach out to those brothers who find themselves in a Care giving situation. Share good practices, simple solutions, and even stand when a brother is falling apart from the ordeal. While freemasonry teaches us that death may come at any time, and we must be ready, we are to prepare for it and be sure our loved ones are taken care of. No one speaks the truth of care giving. No one tells us of the practices that are available to us through Visiting Nurses, Hospital equipment rental and Hospice. No one tells us of help groups for the care givers. No one tells us about the guilt we have because we feel inadequate or feel we haven't done enough. Know that God is with the Care Giver, God is with the infirmed. As Freemasons we need to stand with our brothers who are giving care. We need to stay vigilant to our Brothers needs and seek out those we don't know about or have not heard from for a while.



Good For the Gray Matter

By D. J. Reilly

**What do you and our Lodge do?
Besides Bicker,
Gossip,
Back Stab, and
Carry Tales Outside of the Lodge
While Other lodges:
Support,
Orphanages
Children
Masonic Home
Education
And Community
Where Do You Stand?
“Be the change you wish to see in the
world”**

~ Mahatma Gandhi



Lodge Officers for 2023

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Glen B. Bishop

M.:W.: GRAND SECRETARY
Richard E. Lynn, PGM

DISTRICT DEPUTY
GRAND MASTER
25th MASONIC DISTRICT

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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

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.: 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