

“THE CHALK”

HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

CHARTERED 1894

DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7

M.:W.:GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

130 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach



March 2024



March 11th, 2024

Called Communication

Master Mason Degree

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

March 25th, 2024

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

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From the East

To the Craft,

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. I plan on conducting an ongoing use of the material in this book for our Masonic Education so that we will learn how and what we may speak about with our family and friends. W:. M:. TK

Masonic Wife & Lady friend Questions about Freemasonry

Do they 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?
- Is ritual evil?



Or...are you a Freemason whose spouse, girlfriend, family or friends have 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 questions About Freemasonry. www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/masonic-wife.html

Recent mentions.

- The Month of February Harmonia hosted;
- *PB York Rite’s group study for Esoterika work, 12 Sir Knights attended.
 - *Lake Worth Scottish Rite’s Master Craftsman “The Masters Steps” 25 Brothers attended.
 - *ABC-Appendant Body Celebration with The Order of Eastern Star, Two Sisters presented the OES to our Lodge. Roses were handed out for Valentines Day.
 - *Brother Marshall Marc Denzau presented the “European Masonic Experience” and donated a replica of Brother Voltaire’s French Masonic Apron from the 1770’s.
 - *The Gourmet Meals from W:. Ricky, JW Erasmus and JS Jojo were fantastic.
 - *Thursdays and Saturdays have been busy with Lodge of Instruction
 - *Kirby’s corner was full of inquiring minds with 4 new prospects staying extra late last Monday; HPM Reilly said “They didn’t want to leave”
 - *Brother Chaplain JC is always available for Catechism
 - *W:. Rios, R:. W:. Winterling and W:. Petrides are busy with the EA Competition Degree practices.
 - *Hosted the Open Books
 - *The Lodge Property Committee met with Mint Eco CEO Jervis and GC Barber to discuss a palatable proposal for further development and consideration of improving our property. The Committee also chose the best replacement Dishwasher for our kitchen.

Stay tuned for more greatness in March

Fraternally Yours, TK Krumenacker, Worshipful Master



From the West

Greetings Brethren,

As the vibrant energy of spring fills the air, we reflect on the journey of our lodge thus far in 2024. In January, we gathered in solemnity and joy for a rededication ceremony, reaffirming our commitment to the timeless principles of Freemasonry. It was a moment of deep reflection and reconnection, reminding us of the bonds that unite us as Brothers.

In February, we came together once again, this time in celebration of love and friendship. Our Valentine's Day dinner was a testament to the warmth and camaraderie that define our lodge. As we dined and shared stories, we strengthened the ties that bind us, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Looking ahead, we are filled with excitement for the upcoming degree work. These ceremonies are not just rituals; they are transformative experiences that deepen our understanding of Freemasonry and it’s teachings. Each degree is a step forward on our journey of self-discovery and enlightenment, and we approach them with anticipation and reverence.

As we embrace the spirit of spring, let us carry forward the lessons of rededication, fellowship, and anticipation. Let us continue to support and uplift one another, both within our Lodge and in the world beyond. Together, we will navigate the challenges and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead, guided by the light of Freemasonry.

I hope all the brothers, who have had the time to come to our humble and magnificent Lodge these past few months, take a moment to reach out to a Brother who they haven’t seen in lodge for some time. We are stronger together, and taking the time to invite a Brother back is a wonderful way to show we care. I know your officers are working on similar initiatives. I look forward to hearing from anyone who has a story to share in the up-and-coming meetings about this.

Rudy Romero
Senior Warden

From the South



Dear Brethren,

March is upon us. Let's welcome it with open arms. It is my favorite month of the year. I was born on the 13th of March. When thinking of March, my first thought is Spring Break, more traffic, sunshine, beaches flocking with College and High school students taking every inch of our beautiful sandy beaches. Oh the good ole' days we've had.

March is a very important month for all of God's creation. It is a sign of New rebirth. The trees and plants will begin to bloom and create new growth, animals will come and fly back to their nesting areas and find their mates to begin a new cycle of life.

I would like to thank The Order Of Eastern Star for their presentation and a big Atta-Boy to our Brother Marshall Marc Denzau for his educational presentation on European Masonry. We are very blessed to have such a quality Mason among us. And as Always, a tremendous Thanks to our WPM Brother Ricky Espiritu for a wonderful meal.

Brothers, let us all be mindful with each other and continue to honor our fraternity.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to guide you.

Erasmo Gonzalez
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Thursday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Brethren,

Please attend our regular Stated Meetings, and participate or volunteer to take part in our conferral degrees. Our Lodge needs you!

Also, your help in our kitchen is greatly appreciated.

I am reminding you once again to please pay your dues if not already done so.

We still have few Rededication coins available for \$10 a piece. First come until sold out!

Thank you very much and may the Grand Architect of the Universe bless us and guide us in all our undertakings.

Fraternally,

W.: Marco Sevilleja
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

Masonic Home of Florida

Pilgrimage Day 2024

When: Saturday, March 16th

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: 3201 1st Street NE
St. Petersburg, FL



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Home *of Florida*

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With more than 18 acres of waterfront landscape on beautiful Coffee Pot Bayou in the desirable neighborhood of Old Northeast St. Petersburg, our location is a treat for residents, staff, and visitors. Enjoy the view through the glass-lined walls of our dining room or stroll the beautiful walkway to our gazebo and fishing dock. Individuals or couples, assisted living or skilled nursing, Masons or non-members, we have admissions options to meet everyone's needs. Our thoughtfully designed spaces provide intellectual stimulation, spiritually uplifting, social enrichment with opportunities to explore new interests. Dietary planning is key to healthy living. We believe enjoying good food — and having variety and options — is a part of enjoying life.



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ROOM



1 OR 2
BATH



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MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES PROGRAM (MOSP)

The Masonic Outreach Services Program connects the Masonic Home of Florida to members of the Masonic Family, while also partnering with Masonic Lodges and Appendant Bodies to make a difference for their members and in their communities. Through the Outreach Programs, the Masonic Home is able to meet the changing and diverse needs of the membership through various assistance programs while working to strength, support and educate the Masonic communities throughout the state.

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and achieve meaningful and rewarding lives*

Harmonia Lodge No. 138



History 130 Years Old

D. J. Reilly, Historian

Harmonia Lodge is the only lodge to have been assigned No. 138, is still active and meets in West Palm Beach. Harmonia Lodge moved to West Palm Beach in 1896. The name of the County changed from Dade to Palm Beach, and was established as the 47th County, April 30, 1909. There had been considerable discussion over the proper selection of the name for the new Lodge. It was suggested that we must have harmony in the lodge and all feelings of ill will between political factions must be avoided. "I was then fresh from college (Cornell) and knew more of the classics than I know now, so I suggested "Harmonia," after the Greek goddess who was the personification of universal harmony, and this was approved. C.C. Chillingworth." Harmonia Lodge No. 138 moved to its present location on Palm Beach Lakes Blvd in 1995.

Harmonia Lodge No. 138 began in 1894, meeting at the Dade County Courthouse in Juno Beach. It was in Oakbrook Plaza is at PGA and US 1. The meetings were on Saturdays and met upstairs. Members would come to the Lodge by boat and walking.

Harmonia has grown with West Palm Beach. Palm Beach was begun by Henry Flagler and West Palm Beach right along with it. Harmonia Lodge has been a part since the beginning. In fact, the Minutes show that the building on Clematis was purchased for \$500.00 from the Flagler Land Company and was the first building built in West Palm Beach under fire code. Our members have been the movers and shakers of West Palm Beach. A scan of the pictures of Past Masters in the Lodge room reveals names of the City Fathers. They and Members of our Lodge have been businesspeople and politicians of WP Beach.

Harmonia Lodge No. 138

History 130 Years Old

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Through the years Harmonia Lodge participated in many activities and community projects including WWI, WWII, and Hurricane Relief. Harmonia Lodge has always honored our Service Men and First Responders. We have witnessed epidemics watched German U Boats blow up ships off our coast.

We have witnessed the growth of Morrison Field in WWII as Female pilots ferried aircraft from here to the European Theatre. We have watched Palm Beach International Airport Grow as well as the many businesses such as IBM, RCA, Pratt Whitney, and Burg and DiVosta. Harmonia Lodge has witnessed the growth with building booms in the county and the destruction by Hurricanes and fire. We have had the rich and the famous in our county, including Astronaut Edgar Mitchell as an Honorary Member of our Lodge.

Harmonia is presently supporting our Masonic Home and the Toys for Tots Initiative. We are also working to improve the building and grounds. Our members are proud of our Lodge and work together to make the Lodge, Masonry, and the community better.



Instructive Tongue

POINT WITHIN A CIRCLE

The point within the circle was the operative Mason's great secret of how to try his square. He would take his compasses and draw a circle, and then draw a straight line thru the center and beyond the circumference. He would then place a dot somewhere on the circumference and draw straight lines from the dot to where the line thru the center intersected the circumference. In that way he produced a triangle with a perfect right angle of 90 degrees. In a sense, **you**, the Mason, are the point within the circle. You should be ever mindful of keeping your daily conduct and desires within due bounds. Your earthly life as a Mason should move and have its being within a circle of divine life, law, and love that sustains it.

~(Grand Lodge Pennsylvania, 1985)

FINDING THE TRUE SECRET OF MASONRY

The "True Secret of Freemasonry" is not the handshake, nor the word, nor some rub of the body or even a wink of the eye. It's the friendship you develop by being a part of others' lives. It's sharing our thoughts and ideas on what would make the fraternity and the community we live in a better place for all. It's the feeling of belonging to something bigger than yourself and hoping you can contribute to the whole. It's knowing your friends will support you when things are tough and you will support them in the same way. Freemasonry is a way of life!!!



Gettysburg

A Book Review by Lodge Librarian and Historian,
David J. Reilly

Gettysburg by Newt Gingrich is a Novel of the Civil War. The Author writes historical fiction as a “What if book.” It reminded me of the book, *If the South Had Won the Civil War*: an alternate history book by Mackinlay Kantor, or another “What if” book as I call them. History is very sound in *Gettysburg* but takes a turn from fact when Lee pulls out of Gettysburg and relines his efforts in day two and three of the battle. James Carville comments, “**Gettysburg** is a creative and fascinating what if? Novel that promises to excite and entertain Americas Legion of Civil War buffs.”

The author writes a fast moving account of the build up to Gettysburg and the three Day what if? The story puts the reader in the Saddles of the Confederate Generals and Union Generals. The book provides an account of the decision making, and the meaning and need of “Good Ground.”

The Book was written in 2003 by Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen

It is 463 pages long and well worth the read.



Lodge Officers for 2024

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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

Eugene Sison

Plural Membership

none

Awaiting EA

Zachary Beavers, Keith Holding

Awaiting FC

Roger Byrd, Juan Adarme, Lee Syline, Mitchel Afon,
Renier Colina, Anthony Chambers, Michael Hayhurst

Awaiting MM

Gensly Pierre, Anthony Nastase



Charity for the Month

Disabled American Vets/DAV Chap#42

***The Box of Fraternal Relief is located in
Lodgeroom. Please donate what you can.***



2024 Lodge Committees

Finance

SW Rudy Romero (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,
W.: Sotelo Cruz, Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja,
Bro. Greg Tammany, JD Kenny Lasseter, Bro. Mark Garfinkel

Vigilance

JW Erasmo Gonzalez (Chairman), Chap. J.C. Rogers,
W.: Frank Rocanello

Petitions

Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja (Chairman), Brothers of the Lodge
as Appointed by Worshipful Master (Master Masons ONLY)

Masonic Education

W.: Ray Rios (Chairman)(MM Degree), W.: Edmund Rodas (FC
Degree), W.: Tony Petrides (EA Degree), R.:W.: George Winterling

Board of Relief

W.:M.: TK Krumenacker (Chairman), SW Rudy Romero,
JW Erasmo Gonzalez

Charity

SW Rudy Romero (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,
Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja

Lodge Property

JW Erasmo Gonzalez (Chairman), Sec. W.: Marco Sevilleja,
W.: Ray Rios, Chap. J.C. Rogers, SD Antonio Cruz Jr.,
JD Kenny Lasseter

Lodge Mentoring

Chap. J.C. Rogers(Chairman), JD Kenny Lasseter

Community, Civic Improvement&Social Activities

JW Erasmo Gonzalez (Chairman), SD Antonio Cruz Jr.,
JD Kenny Lasseter

Investigations

Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja (Chairman), Brothers of the Lodge
as Appointed by Worshipful Master (Master Masons ONLY)

Communications, Trestleboard and Website

Bro. Greg Tammany (Chair), Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja,
W.: Tony Petrides, David Reilly HPM

Orientation - Kirby's Corner

David Reilly HPM (Chairman), James Kirby HPM,
W.: Tony Petrides, W.: Frank Rocanello, R.:W.: Bill Sheff

Awards

W.: Ray Rios (Chairman), SW Rudy Romero,
R.:W.: George Winterling

Visitors

SD Antonio Cruz Jr., JD Kenny Lasseter, Chap. J.C. Rogers

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