

“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

November 2024

November 11th, 2024

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

November 25th, 2024

No Stated Meeting

**Thanksgiving Family &
Friends Dinner, 6:00 pm**

R.S.V.P. @ (561)346-7688

***There is NO second
stated meeting this**

month to allow for our

Lodge Thanksgiving Dinner

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From the East

Brothers,

The 10 Commandments do not require us to Honor and Love thy Siblings, but in our Masonic Fraternity we took many vows and if you belong to any Appendant Bodies you swore to many other Vows as well. In life we don't choose our siblings and in Masonry we have a small amount of choosing influence on who becomes a Brother. Once they pass the West Gate and achieve the degrees in Freemasonry we are obligated to honor the vows taken as they are with us. We are not obligated to like them but to be respectful and if they are an officer respect the office too. Many siblings are born to each other and share the same blood line. Masons do not and yet we probably associate more with each other in meetings, Lodge functions and such. As W:. M:. of Harmonia in the year 2024, I have often expressed my message on "Respect the Office." I appreciate the respect, guidance and help provided me from Harmonia Lodge 138, other Lodges in our District and the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Brethren, we have Two months of this 2024 term left to finish. I vow to run strong with you till then. Afterwards, I shall continue to provide the same incredible respect, guidance and help until I lay down my working tools.

"We are Brothers"

Fraternally Yours,

TK Krumenacker,
Worshipful Master



From the West

Happy Tidings My Brothers,

This month's trestle board is a little longer, so I appreciate the time you all take to digest it.

Master Mason Degree

Brethren, what an exceptional month for our lodge! We recently had the honor of raising seven brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the dedicated degree team, officers, and all the brothers who attended and supported the event. The hard work, precision, and commitment each of you displayed truly reflect the strength of our craft.

We had many brothers new to chairs take on the challenge and rise to the occasion, and I am proud of the work they did. If you are interested in being part of degrees, please see a degree director.

A special shout out to our new Master Masons – we look forward to welcoming you into greater involvement within our lodge, and we're eager to see the passion and fresh perspectives you'll bring to our Masonic family.

Grand Master's Official Visit

On the same day, we were honored by the Grand Master's official visit, hosted that evening at the Marriott of Palm Beach Gardens. The event was a memorable one, and we extend our deepest appreciation to our Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Ramon for his exemplary organization and efforts in making it a success. His dedication and attention to detail were evident and greatly contributed to a smooth, dignified event that made us all proud to be part of Harmonia Lodge #138 & district #25. If you didn't attend you missed an outstanding speech given by our own Worshipful Petrides on the topic of "home".

Looking Toward the Holiday Season

As we approach the year's end, let's remember the significance of the holiday season. For many, this can be a challenging time, so I encourage each of you to reach out to a brother you may not have spoken to in a while. Let's ensure every brother knows he has the support and camaraderie of this lodge.

Looking Ahead to 2025

Brethren, I am genuinely looking forward to a vibrant 2025 filled with renewed fellowship and enthusiasm within the craft. It's inspiring to see familiar faces and to welcome new ones back to our lodge. Together, let's make this next year one of growth, unity, and Masonic pride.

Reflection of the month

I will try out a new quote from a famous brother at the end of these messages, to give our craft something to ponder over:

"In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity."

— Brother Albert Pike

"In essentials, unity": When it comes to core values and fundamental principles, like integrity, brotherhood, and respect, we should stand united. These essentials form the foundation of Masonry and keep us strong as a fraternity.

"In non-essentials, liberty": In areas where there is room for personal preference, diversity of thought, and individuality, members are encouraged to exercise freedom. This means recognizing that everyone may have unique perspectives, which can enrich the lodge without causing division.

"In all things, charity": Regardless of differences or agreements, Freemasons should approach everything with kindness, compassion, and generosity. Charity, both in thought and action, helps maintain harmony and ensures that brotherly love is extended to all.

Overall, Pike's words remind Masons to stay united on essential values, be open to differences, and always act with kindness, ensuring the lodge remains a place of strength, respect, and goodwill.

Fraternally submitted,
Rudy Romero, Senior Warden

From the South



Dear Brethren,

It is with hope I find each and every one of you in good health and good spirits. Autumn is upon us. Time to harvest the crops as the leaves change colors and fall. It also reminds us the Holidays are upon us. Soon families will begin planning their get togethers and holiday special events.

Brothers, we've had a tremendously busy month in October. Congratulations to the Master Mason Degree team and Degree Director in raising seven Brothers. Our Brother Senior Warden performed a flawless Degree while sitting in the East. There's no doubt he's ready for the East next year. Let's support him!

The Beautification project is completed and soon we'll be meeting for additional needs assessment of the Lodge.

The Kitchen Crew, under the direction of our Past Master Ricky Espiritu is currently planning a Holiday Dinner, so stand by for News.

Brothers, let's keep the momentum going, Let us remember our Obligation, and most of all let's Respect each other and reach out to a brother you haven't seen or heard from in a while.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to shine up on you.

Respectfully,

Erasmus Gonzalez
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

Monday and Thursday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Brothers,

As we are now in the month of November, allow me to wish you and your family a **Happy Thanksgiving!** I wish you all more blessings to come.

I have already sent out in the mail our 2025 dues notices. To our brothers who have not yet paid this year's dues, especially if you have years in arrears and may be having hard times, please let our Worshipful Master or I know.

Also, I would like to inform our brothers who are perpetual members or 50-year exempt that the dues notice that I sent only covers our voluntary contributions. I will be sending your dues card by the mid of November because I have to put a gold label on your dues card just in case you opt to send your voluntary contribution (LYPMGC) reflected on the notice. If not, please let me know so I can immediately or as soon as possible mail your dues card to you.

Thank you very much and I wish each one of you health and safety always.

Fraternally yours,

W.: Marco Sevilleja, PM

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 Scythe and Masonry

Tony Petrides, PM

With October and Halloween just ending, it's a time when many believe the veil between life and death grows thinner. For Freemasons, this time of year offers a perfect opportunity to contemplate one of our Craft's most profound symbols utilized in our Master Mason Degree Lecture and other instruction: the Scythe. Often associated with death and the Grim Reaper, the Scythe in Freemasonry represents Time, cutting the "brittle thread of life" and casting us into eternity. Though foreboding, the Scythe serves as a reminder of life's brevity and the urgency to act meaningfully before death claims us all. This symbol, while relevant during last month's Halloween due to its imagery carries profound lessons about mortality, time, and legacy that remain relevant throughout our lives. In Freemasonry, the Scythe isn't merely a symbol of death, but a reminder of the finite nature of life. It slices through life's stages, delivering every person to the inevitable end, to the land where whose Bourne, no traveler returns, yet in doing so it acts as a bridge between worlds both terrestrial and celestial. However, unlike the fearful Grim Reaper, the Masonic Scythe should not induce terror. Instead it should illustrate that death is a major player on the stage of the natural human experience, not as one who drops the final curtain, but facilitates the transition between Earth and Heaven.

Knowing the Scythe of Time swings both unpredictably and inevitably, it begets the question of are we using our time on Earth wisely and properly? From engaging in charitable works, to contributing to our community, to ensuring that the timeless tenets of the Fraternity are enacted in our daily lives. The more we reflect on what the Scythe has in store for us, the greater the importance of our deeds and actions.

In this sense, the Scythe embodies the concept of legacy. Every cut it makes is a reminder that while our time is limited, the mark we leave behind can be eternal. It challenges us to reflect on how we will be remembered, or if, in the absence of meaningful contributions, how our memory is at risk of fading with the sands of Time.

Let the Scythe be a reminder of the deeper truths it symbolizes; truths about our existence and our inevitable end. Let it inspire you to act justly and with compassion toward your fellow man, walking uprightly as equals upon the Level, to make each day count, knowing that each moment passes under the encroaching shadow of the unstoppable Scythe of Time.



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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

Bykota Lodge: 421 Jennings Ave., Greenacres
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

244 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach
2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Harmonia Lodge Degree Status



Petitioners

Jason Orr

Usual Course

Clarence Hilario



Dual Membership

Jason Barroncini (for Affiliation)

Awaiting EA

none

Awaiting FC

Nageeb Hanna, Max Schemer, Leonardo Anillo

Awaiting MM

none



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)

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.,

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

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 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. TK Krumenacker- 2024

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