

# ***“THE CHALK”***

***HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138***

***FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS***

***CHARTERED 1894***

***DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7***

***M.:W.: GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA***

***131 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach***

## **January 2025**

**January 4th, 2025 (Sat.)**

**Installation of Officers**

**Friends & Family Welcome**

**Installation & Brunch 10am**

**January 13th, 2025**

**Stated Communication**

**Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15**

**January 27th, 2025**

**Stated Communication**

**Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15**

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## *From the East*

Brethren,

First and foremost, I want to thank each and every one of you for the trust you have placed in me to serve as Worshipful Master of Harmonia Lodge No. 138. It is truly an honor to lead this historic lodge and work alongside a group of brothers dedicated to upholding the values of Freemasonry. **I want to try something new this year by putting my Trestleboard messages on video so you can hear my message directly from me! Please click the attached active link or copy/paste in to your internet browser to access the video message.**

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or [CLICK HERE \(in PDF\)](#)

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the officers of 2024. Your leadership and service have been the foundation for our Lodge's success, and I am grateful for the wisdom and dedication you have shared with us. Looking ahead, I would like to introduce and thank the officers who will serve in 2025:

Senior Warden: Erasmo Gonzalez, Junior Warden: Antonio P. Cruz Jr., Senior Deacon: Angel Pabon, Junior Deacon: Rocko Syllne, Senior Steward: Renier Colina, Junior Steward: Lee Sylne, Tyler: Anthony Chambers, Chaplain: J.C. Rogers, Marshal: Marc Denzau, Musician: Michael Koppy, Librarian/Historian: David Reilly, Secretary: W.: Marco Sevilleja, Treasurer: W.: Josh Johnson.

Brothers, your commitment to serving this Lodge will help make 2025 a landmark year for Harmonia Lodge. I thank you in advance for the outstanding work you are about to do. Together, we will honor the traditions of our fraternity while building a strong foundation for the future.

Brethren, I encourage each of you to remain active, engaged, and supportive of one another. Our collective strength lies in the diversity of talents, perspectives, and ideas that each of you brings to the table. Let us walk this journey together, united in our purpose to make good men better and leave a lasting impact on our Lodge and our community.

As Brother Benjamin Franklin, one of our most esteemed Freemasons, once said: *"We must, indeed, all hang together, or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately."* Let this serve as a reminder of the power of unity and collaboration. Together, we can achieve greatness.

Thank you, Brethren. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless each of you and guide us throughout the year.

Rudy Romero  
Worshipful Master



## *From the West*

Dear Brethren,

Let me begin by thanking the Craft for having confidence in me to serve as your Senior Warden. As I reflect back on 2024 it brings me joy of the many accomplishments we've made together. I have no doubt the new incoming Officers are committed to excellence and look forward to working closely with the Craft. I can assure you our new elected Worshipful Master Rudy Romero has many good intentions and encourages you all to support him in continuing in seeking for further light.

January is upon us and I hope everyone has had a safe and joyous holiday with their families and loved ones. I suppose as most people do, you are thinking of New Year's resolutions, the most common one I am going on a diet! As members of Harmonia, does anyone have a resolution for our Lodge? Bring some thoughts and ideas, as I'd love to hear what's on your mind.

I suspect the beginning of this year to be an active one. The calendar is already being filled with lots of events. Keep an eye on the emails regularly being sent and the WhatsApp for updates. Let's keep in mind those who may need our help, especially our first responders and Military personnel. The World is and continues to experience many uncertainties. Let's pray for peace in the world.

Brethren, let's Remember our obligation, especially the Three Precious Jewels.

May The Grand Architect of The Universe Continue to Guide you.

Erasmo Gonzalez  
Senior Warden

# *From the South*



Greetings Brethren!

First and foremost, I want to wish everyone a Happy, Prosperous and Healthy New Year!!

Congratulations to the elected and appointed officers for this year. I also would like to thank the brethren for entrusting me with this office for the ensuing year. I promise to perform this duty the best that I know how. The installation of officers will be on January 4th at 10 am, so please try to attend.

Our elected Worshipful Master, Rudy Romero has great plans for the ensuing year, and I can't wait to be a part of it so let us support him and the lodge with your attendance.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Antonio P. Cruz, Jr.  
Junior Warden



## *Secretary Sez*

### *Office Hours*

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

Brothers,

I want to say a huge “Thank You” to all for the opportunity of serving as your Secretary last year and again for the upcoming year. Congratulations to all the elected and appointed Lodge officers for 2025!

Please don't forget to regularly check our website and your emails for Lodge announcements and updates.

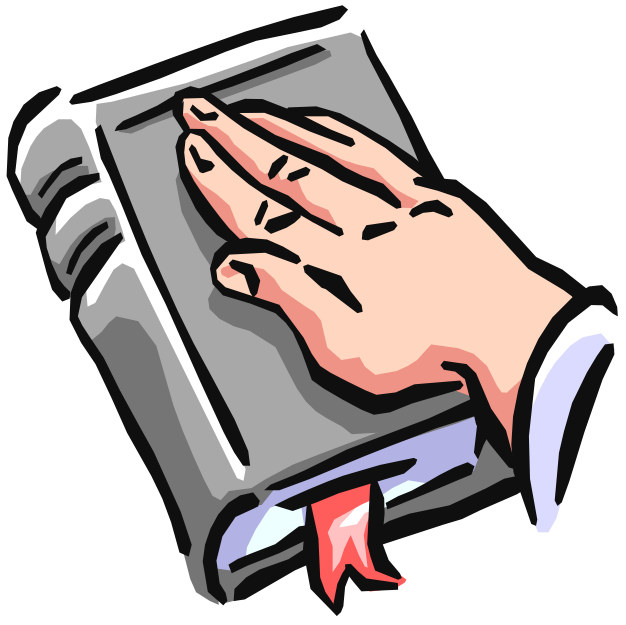
I wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year, filled with good health and Peace in our Hearts. May the Almighty bless us all!

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**



# *Installation of* *2025 Harmonia* *Lodge Officers*

*On Saturday, January 4th, 2025, Harmonia Lodge will conduct the ceremony for the installation of the 2025 officers. Please come out and share in this memorable event and show your support for the new line. We look forward to a wonderful event! There will be a full Brunch and fellowship to follow. The event is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am.*



## 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 in 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.

(by George A. Ingles, Jr. Grand Master  
of Indiana, 2012, Grand Lodge of Indiana)

# A New Chapter

## By David J. Reilly



As the 2024 Chapter of Harmonia Lodge closes, the Lodge does so orderly with control and ease. The page is turned to 2025. January marks the 131st birthday of our Lodge. We have celebrated St. Johns Day, and we honor brother Rudyard Kipling. The Lodge continues under new leadership with new officers who are committed to the Lodge and its members. The Lodge will be looking at new activities and events that satisfy the needs and fellowship of each member. The work includes attention to benevolence, Masonic Home, community, and education for us all. As the Lodge opens in its 131<sup>st</sup> year, it has witnessed growth and walked the history of West Palm Beach. With kindness and integrity, we have contributed to the strength of community and Lodge. Harmonia reports its growth to membership, members of diversity and learning. Kirby's Corner continues to be an added strength for our Lodge as we invite interested men to learn about Freemasonry. Kirby's Corner is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year. Many of our officers and members have sat in Kirby's Corner, gained information, and then asked for membership. The need of our Past Masters to return to Lodge is wanted and needed. Their participation as mentors and support are needed for success. While sitting in the Lodge Room and looking at the pictures of our Past Masters, the question arises of the common thread. The common thread that runs between Freemasons of the past, our own Past Masters, members, and the new members who join the fraternity. What are the roots of good men who have joined our fraternity. We speak of faith, hope, charity, brotherhood, integrity, and our teaching system of morality has proven itself repeatedly. Charity is a higher degree of Love as it is the giving of oneself, mentoring, and self-example. It is what has been given and received in our Lodge for 130 years. We have supported our brothers and our philanthropy. Pettiness and a sharp tongue have been with us during the duration and it is a deterrent to attendance and participation. We must recognize and deal with it for what it is. We must depend on the attentive ear, the faithful breast, and the giving heart.

The Lodge began in 1894 and has seen growth, triumph, loss of membership, strong leadership, and sometimes failure. We have witnessed wars, soldiers from our Lodge, destruction from fire, and hurricanes, and the loss of our brothers. Our home has changed 3 times, and today we stand firm with our building and our fraternity.

In 2025 we must extend, re-measure, and lengthen our cable tows both personal and that of the Lodge. Our charity must extend not only to our brotherhood and Masonic Home, but also the community. We must find a vehicle to support not just financially, but by involvement. Participation is needed by members. Brothers, your ideas and support are invaluable. We need to discover and strengthen the common thread which intertwines between us and binds us together as Brothers.



**David J. Reilly, HPM**

## **HARMONIA PAST MASTERS**

(Lengthen your Cable Tow, You are needed at Lodge)

**P**erhaps you think your work is done?  
**A** task completed, honors won;  
**S**till there's much work to do,  
**T**ime Lodge you ruled has need for you.

**M**ake no mistake, you're needed now;  
**A**ssist your Brothers, show them how.  
**S**age counsel give and good advice.  
**T**he cable tow, extended thrice;  
**E**ach act with kindness and open hand,  
**R**eal "Brotherhood" shall extend.





# Lodge Officers for 2025

|                                |              |  |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--|
| W.: M.: Rudy Romero            | 703-307-6261 | <a href="mailto:romero12191@gmail.com">romero12191@gmail.com</a>             |
| SW Erasmo Gonzalez             | 954-488-0693 | <a href="mailto:erasmooflox@gmail.com">erasmooflox@gmail.com</a>             |
| JW Antonio P. Cruz Jr.         | 561-671-0043 | <a href="mailto:antoniopcruzjr@gmail.com">antoniopcruzjr@gmail.com</a>       |
| SD Angel Pabon                 | 561-722-2618 | <a href="mailto:nidnoyalp@gmail.com">nidnoyalp@gmail.com</a>                 |
| JD Roldo "Rocko" Sylne         | 561-234-7467 | <a href="mailto:rockodagreat@gmail.com">rockodagreat@gmail.com</a>           |
| SS Renier Colina               | 561-310-9500 | <a href="mailto:renier.colina@gmail.com">renier.colina@gmail.com</a>         |
| JS Lee Sylne                   | 561-260-3187 | <a href="mailto:lsylne04@gmail.com">lsylne04@gmail.com</a>                   |
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| Musician Michael Koppo         | 914-755-9610 | <a href="mailto:mgkoppo@gmail.com">mgkoppo@gmail.com</a>                     |
| Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja  | 561-346-7688 | <a href="mailto:secretary@harmonia138.com">secretary@harmonia138.com</a>     |
| Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson      | 561-632-7278 | <a href="mailto:joshelmintz1@gmail.com">joshelmintz1@gmail.com</a>           |
| Historian David Reilly HPM     | 561-615-7408 | <a href="mailto:reillydj@att.net">reillydj@att.net</a>                       |
| Trestleboard W.: Tony Petrides | 561-762-7234 | <a href="mailto:meat11ball@aol.com">meat11ball@aol.com</a>                   |



M.:W.: GRAND MASTER  
Donald W. Cowart

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

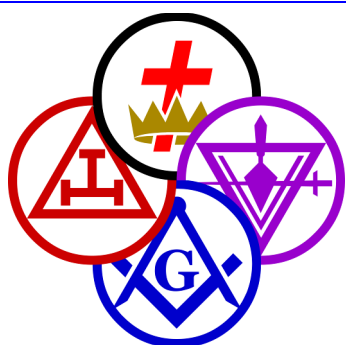
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DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR  
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## Valley of Lake Worth Scottish Rite

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

Kim Smith

### Usual Course

Rodrigo Diaz Cabal

### Dual Membership

none

### Awaiting EA

Clarence Hilario, Jason Orr

### 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.*





# 2025 Lodge Committees

## Finance

SW Erasmo Gonzalez (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,  
Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja, Bro. Serge D'Haiti

## Vigilance

JW Antonio P. Cruz, Jr. (Chairman), Chap. J.C. Rogers,  
W.: Frank Rocanello

## Petitions

Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson, Mar. Marc Denzau, SD Angel Pabon,  
JD Rocko Syllne, Chap. J.C. Rogers, JS Lee Sylne

## Masonic Education

W.: Ray Rios (Chair), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson (MM Degree),  
W.: Sotelo Cruz (FC Degree), W.: Tony Petrides (EA Degree)

## Board of Relief

W.:M.: Rudy Romero (Chairman), SW Erasmo Gonzalez,  
JW Antonio P. Cruz, Jr.

## Charity

SW Erasmo Gonzalez (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,  
Sec. W.: Marco Sevilleja, Chap. J.C. Rogers, Mar. Marc Denzau

## Lodge Property

JW Antonio P. Cruz, Jr. (Chairman), W.: Ray Rios,  
SD Angel Pabon, Bro. Jason Barroncini, Bro. Keith Holding

## Lodge Mentoring

Chap. J.C. Rogers (Chairman), SD Angel Pabon,  
SS Renier Colina, Bro. Serge D'Haiti

## Community, Civic Improvement & Social Activities

JW Antonio P. Cruz, Jr. (Chairman), SD Angel Pabon,  
SS Renier Colina, JS Lee Sylne, Musician Michael Koppy,  
Tyler Anthony Chambers, Bro. Serge D'Haiti,  
Bro. Jojo Esguerra, Bro. Eugene Sison

## Investigations

Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja (Chairman), SW Erasmo Gonzalez,  
W.: Sotelo Cruz, JD Rocko Syllne, SS Renier Colina,  
JS Lee Sylne, W.: Val De Vuyst

## Communications, Trestleboard and Website

W.: Tony Petrides (Co-Chair), Bro. Luis Gonzalez (Co-Chair),  
Bro. Zachary Beavers (Co-Chair), Sec. W.: Marco Sevilleja,  
Bro. Greg Tammany, Bro. Paulo Tavares,  
David Reilly HPM, Bro. Eugene Sison

## 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 (Chair), W.: Tony Petrides, SW Erasmo Gonzalez

## Visitors

SD Angel Pabon, JD Rocko Syllne, 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\* (6<sup>th</sup> 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