

“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

March 2025



March 10th, 2025
Stated Communication
DDGM Official Visit
Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

March 24th, 2025
Stated Communication
Meal 6:15 / Degree 7:15



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From the East

Brethren,

Please click the attached link to open my Video Trestle-board message for March so you can hear my message directly from me!

<https://www.harmonia138.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-03-H138-Message.mp4>

Thank you, and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless each of you.

Rudy Romero
Worshipful Master



From the West

Dear Brethren,

It's with hope I find each and every one of you in good health and spirit. We continue to experience good weather and soon we will celebrate the arrival of the Spring Equinox in the middle of March.

For those of you who pay attention to your Natural surroundings, you will begin to notice certain types of trees such as the Southern Slash Pine. If you look closely you'll notice their new growth forms the shape of the Cross, an important symbol to the Christian Religion. I Find it appropriate since March is an important period for Christianity. It symbolizes Holy week. A time in which our Christian Brothers reflect on the death of Jesus and his sacrifice on the Cross.

Brothers, let's take a moment and reach out to a brother, friend or loved one who you haven't heard from and see how they are doing.

Let our differences not influence our Obligation. Remember the reason why you became a Mason. There're many ways to be a good Mason, but a True Mason should always practice true values such as Integrity, Friendship & Respect. Let's practice what we preach and set higher standards in Morality and Ethics.

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

Erasmio Gonzalez
Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren!

Hope this finds each and every one of you in good health and spirit. I would like to start by reminding everyone that before we ended the month of January, what a blast it was spending time with the brothers and their families during "The Family Game Night." What a fun filled night it was. Special thank you to Bro. Jorge Sta Rosa, to my stewards Bro. Lee Sylne and Bro. Renier Colina, as well as EA Max Schemer, EA Nageeb Hanna and Petitioner Kim Smith for all your assistance in preparing the food and entertainment.

February has come and gone, and what a great month! Congratulations to the Fellow Craft Degree team for a job well done. I could not have picked a better group of brothers to help me deliver this degree. And to the newly pass brothers, Bro. Nageeb Hanna, Bro. Max Schemer and Bro. Leonardo Anillo, Congratulations!

Last but not least, please come and join us on Saturday, March 1st in Dubois Park, Jupiter FL for a fun filled family and friends picnic.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my stewards in helping to provide great meals to all the brothers. To the non Master Mason's who tirelessly help in cleaning the kitchen, I cannot thank you enough!

Remember, the lodge is open every Thursday for Lodge of Instruction and the kitchen is always offering something good and delicious!

May the Grand Architect of the Universe bless us all.

Antonio P. Cruz, Jr.
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Brothers,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that our Ring Central communication service is up and running. You can call me anytime at our Lodge office number (561) 640-9115. If I am unable to answer your call, please leave a voicemail message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Also, please be reminded that business attire, i.e. coat and tie, no jeans, is what is prescribed during Stated and Called Communications per Directive of our Most Worshipful Grand Master Donald W. Cowart.

Please monitor your emails for important Lodge messages and event flyers that are sent out several times each month. You can also find events and activities on our website at Harmonia138.com. We also have social media accounts where you can check out what's happening. Our Facebook pages are Harmonia Masonic Lodge No. 138 Free & Accepted Masons, and Harmonia Masonic Lodge No. 138, which is set up as a private group. One of those accounts is a link to Instagram.

Please don't forget your dues if you did not yet send your payment.

Thank you very much. May the GAOTU bless us all wherever we disperse!

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

ON THE LIBERAL STEP OF MUSIC *By David Reilly, HPM*



As in all my writing, I encourage the reader to search, study and reveal to yourself the meaning and findings you find in Freemasonry. Symbols and Allegories in Freemasonry present our Masonic lessons under a veil hidden from the eyes of the profane. They may be hidden from a Mason until he studies, discovers, and learns for himself the meanings and findings of lessons and interpretations.

In our teachings and degrees, we are encouraged to educate ourselves with the Liberal Arts. We must go back to the time when Guilds and Lodges existed at construction sites, and teachings were taught to the craftsman. It was in their teachings that the Masters envisioned education to be more than just the trade itself. It would be important for the apprentice, journeyman, and master to be educated in other subjects. Craftsmen were taught General Education as well as the skills of trade.

I have found that the Liberal Art of Music may have been veiled and for me hard to understand the importance of being one of the Liberal Arts in Freemasonry. Recently, I have reread them and gained an understanding of the history and times of Free and Accepted Freemasonry. While our study is in Freemasonry and the lessons and tenants of Masonry, we must remind ourselves of the life and times of the development of the Modern Lodge. We must understand that the Lodges would become social meeting places, that free thinking and the Renaissance were at the cusp of the Lodges and the formation of the English Grand Lodge. The Lodges were a social institution and men from all walks did belong. In France, the Lodges were made of the Elite, the movers and shakers belonged. In England it was not only the movers and shakers but also those of the Arts. The Artists and Musicians lived by having patrons and men who subsidize the Artists and Literalists, the Composers. These things were done for the Glory of God, and that was important for the Church leaned to condemning anything involving free thought believed to be heresy.

We know that music has been with us since the beginning of time, whether a clanging cymbal of a gong, or bell to awaken the gods, or prepare us for meditation.

We know of Meriam at the time of the Hebrews Exodus with tambourine and dancing rejoicing to the Glory of God.

Our Masonic Brethren also composed Music on the Sheet Music to be utilized for the Glory of God. It has delighted Kings and dignitaries from Mozart to Leonard Cohen, reminding us of a “Baffled King Composing Hallelujah.” Our hearts have pounded with parades, circuses, movies, theaters, and concerts. We understand music in many forms and styles and much to our enjoyment. Composers have written Hymns, Classical, Blue Grass, Country, Rock and Roll, Jazz, Hard Metal or Marching Music. They have been shared and played by musicians and many of them have been of the Masonic membership. Without getting into Music Theory, learning about music teaches us about Scales, a full compound of fractions with notes, tempo, timbre, key signatures, chords, major, minor, and a full glossary of music terms and language. Music is the mood setter for the soul and music is the pulse of the liquid sanguine that flows through our body. Several types of music and instruments perpetuate and allow our soul to leap with fervor.

Freemasonry does not infer as to the depth of study we are to do in the Liberal Arts. I do believe that the Masters of Guilds and Lodges believed that as a traveling man who would go about working in other lands, it was important for every tradesman to have some knowledge in all education. During World War II, we discovered that our educational system was teaching to the learner's subject or trade and not any General Education. During the war soldiers were not adept to utilize other subjects in their military assignments. In the 50's and 60's General Education became a part of College Education. It was important for soldiers and everyone to know about Literature, Grammar, Geometry, Arithmetic, Rhetoric, Astronomy and Music. Everyone should know some Science and History. Soldiers would need to have passwords, (Literature, History). Soldiers would need basic Math and Geometry for Map skills. Music would find itself in Military bands, singing cadences, and marching. It was common for students on College Campuses to say I want to be a businessperson, so why do I need this General Education. It is important to educate the whole being as well as the Freemason.



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Donald W. Cowart

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

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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 Boca-Delray Lodge No. 171
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

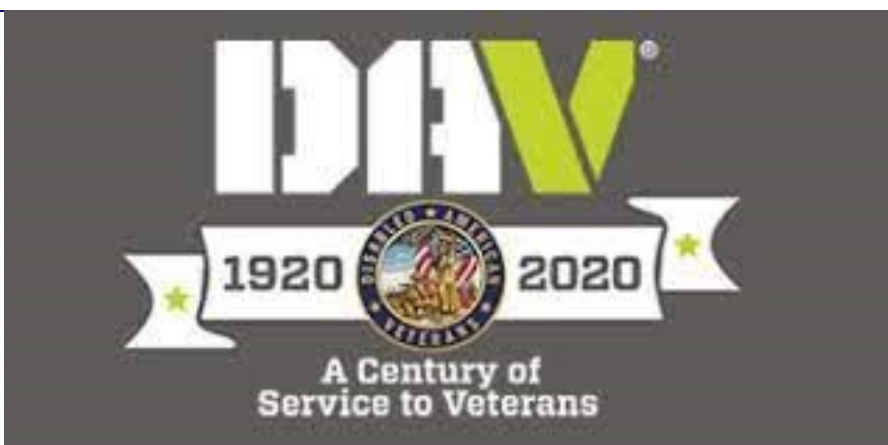
Clarence Hilario, Jason Orr

Awaiting FC

none

Awaiting MM

Nageeb Hanna, Max Schemer, Leonardo Anillo



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* (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