

“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

April 2025



April 14th, 2025

Called Communication

Entered Apprentice Degree

Meal 6:15 / Degree 7:15

April 28th, 2025

Stated Communication

Public Educator Award

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15



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From the East

Brethren,

Please click the attached link to open my Video Trestleboard message for April so you can hear my message directly from me!

<https://www.harmonia138.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-04-WM.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. April has arrived. For most of us it represents the Fourth month of the year. For the Farming community it means harvesting and preparation for planting. Crops planted in the fall will be ready to harvest in the spring and they will till the land for planting the fall harvesting. April represents a beginning to open symbolizing the blooming of the birth of new plants and trees as they start their natural cycle of coming alive.

In a religious sense "It is significant for the Passover, the month of new beginnings, and the time of the resurrection of Christ".

Our Palm Beach county students just completed their Spring Break and soon the Senior classes will be in Graduation mode.

Harmonia continues to progress in a positive way. In our last meeting we had a successful Rusty Nail Degree. and a Roadway Clean Up day. Congratulations to all of you who participated.

Brothers, keep an eye out for the many announcements via email and social media for upcoming events.

May the Grand Architect Of the Universe continue to guide and protect you towards the eternal Light.

Erasmus Gonzalez
Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings Brethren!

Hope this finds each and every one of you in good health and spirit.

Happy Easter everyone!

April is here and signaling the full bloom of spring and bringing a refreshing energy that makes us want to cherish every budding tree and bright, blue sky!

I would like to thank each and everyone of you who came and attended our picnic at Dubois Park in Jupiter. It was a great turnout. The BBQ grill and the mini kitchen put out some really great meals for everyone to enjoy. Special thank you to brothers Ray Rios and Sotelo Cruz in helping man the grill.

To brothers Angel Pabon and Renier Colina, great job in the kitchen serving some real authentic Spanish cuisine during our recent DDGM visit.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge my stewards in helping to provide great meals to all the brothers. Special shout out to Bro Jorge Sta Rosa for your contribution to the kitchen. 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,

Greetings! I hope all is well with you and your family.

Please check and read your emails regarding our Lodge's activities and announcements, as well as from the District and Grand Lodge. If you happen to know any member brother that does not receive any email from our Lodge, please let me know so we can update our email listings.

Also, I am respectfully reminding our brothers who have not yet paid their dues for this year or any past year(s) to please do so. And please observe the proper dress code, which is business attire (coat and tie), when attending our Stated Communications or Called Communications for degree conferrals in compliance with the Directive of our Most Worshipful Grand Master Donald Cowart.

My prayers of good health, safety and peace to all my brothers wherever dispersed.

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

ENMI LODGE NO. 1973

Loss of Mother Lodge



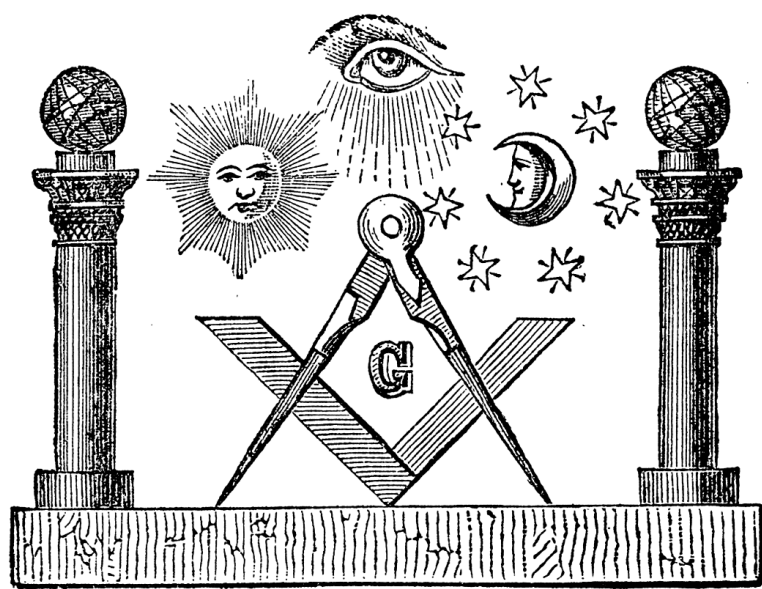
By David Reilly, HPM

Once upon a time in my mind I belonged to a Lodge called ENMI Lodge No. 1973. I had joined and attended, and I did not care about the cost or the distance I needed to travel to get to the Lodge. I entered on the level, parted on the square, and was always treated on the Plumb and as an upright Mason. The fellowship is euphoric, the meetings are knowledgeable and entertaining, and the food really does not come into play except on special meetings. Members do not try to outdo one another, and ego, pettiness and daily care are left outside. It was a joy to be with like-minded men and men whose values were held high, and we all felt a joy to be there together.

At a meeting not too long ago, we assembled and through the door came a humbled man, while dressed for Lodge he was gaunt, beat down, degraded, and disesteemed. Upon finding he was a brother Mason and had come from a nearby Lodge, he announced he had lost his Mother Lodge. Several of us did not know what to think. Had his Lodge closed, was the charter taken, did the Lodge burn down? Lost your Mother Lodge, please explain. We moved to the fellowship hall and made the brother as comfortable as he could get. We could see a terrible plight had been induced into his life. He began by telling us that he was a member of the Lodge in the same district as ours, and he reported he was an officer of the Lodge and that the year had been well planned, lots of activities, committees, degrees, socials, and meals were thought to be excellent. However, as in many lodges there was a split, as egos, hate, gossip, and untruths talked about members. While attempts were made to squash this and truths were told, damage had been done to the Lodge. We understood how meetings and groups had met, and both sides had their opportunity to discuss the situations. There were members in the Lodge that continued to spread hate and discourse. While we are taught to agree and disagree, Masonry teaches us that the actions of the individuals impact and affect the whole Lodge. Increased discourse was said outside the Lodge, officers had trouble working together, and regular members began losing interest. Many did not want to attend, nor did they want to continue working for the Lodge. It was evident that our guest brother was one of these members. He had lost his desire and motivation for his Lodge. He had lost his Mother Lodge. Strange that when there are brothers who generate hate and discontent and take joy in disrupting a Lodge they stay in, Freemasonry allows for members in good standing to move their memberships. A member who takes Joy in disruption and causing evil to prevail in a Lodge does not move his membership. He delights in seeing a good lodge torn apart. They do not realize that once the Lodge is in ruins it has no success. The visiting brother by right felt dejected, fallen from what he believed Freemasonry to be. The loss of Faith, Hope and Charity in a Lodge is certainly devastating. Fellowship and Brotherly Love was gone from his Lodge. This brother was not giving up, he was here at ENMI Lodge No. 1973. Was it his desire to join our Lodge, Quit Freemasonry, was he Looking for answers? His choices remained his. It was a decision he needed to process through his Masonic learning, his family, his Beliefs, and he must wrestle with all the circumstances to find an answer. Not one of us felt we could say come join us, as this was action he must take himself. We welcomed him and invited him to come again. We would support a brother in his need. He left without answers, several of us sat apart and discussed, is this the end of Freemasonry? Could this happen in our Lodge? Was it actually currently happening in our Lodge?

Faith

By Bro. Tyler Marc Denzau



Faith is a firm and complete adherence of the mind to what it considers as obvious, without feeling the need to seek for evidence. It is an intimate and deeply rooted conviction. Faith goes beyond belief; it relies on intuition, which transcends the intellect.

But again, it is necessary to distinguish several types of "faith": it can be seen as a simple form of irrational and dogmatic belief (belief in God in particular) or even fanatical, on the contrary it can be seen as a spiritual experience, a phenomenon beyond the rational-irrational dualism. Faith is then the ineffable, the unspeakable.

Let us point out the fundamental differences between belief and faith: beliefs are ephemeral and evolving whereas faith is enduring; beliefs can be challenged whereas faith is unchanging; beliefs are diverse whereas faith is whole.

Beliefs seem true until they are found to be false. Today's beliefs will be obsolete tomorrow and reduced to illusions. The way to truth is therefore to turn away from our beliefs. But how to think and progress if we no longer believe in anything? How to build a reasoning, a path of progression, if all the assumptions on which we rely are wrong?

The path to truth and knowledge is about breaking away from our known and closed world, that of our disconnected beliefs and illusions. It is about giving up what we think we have.

To walk on the path of knowledge is to adopt a certain posture that can be described as "wise" and which consists of: practicing doubt, refusing judgment, intending to understand and know oneself better, to focus on questioning in order to find the causes of what surrounds us (and ourselves), rather than taking refuge in ready-made answers, to accept things and love life, in a logic of openness, to cultivate faith, in the sense of a hope for progress.

All I know is that I know nothing (Socrates).

Translated from French work.



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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

none

Usual Course

Kim Smith, Anthony Adolphe



Dual Membership

none

Awaiting EA

Clarence Hilario, Jason Orr, Rodrigo Diaz Cabal

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