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Harmonia Lodge No. 138 F. & A. M. *Chartered 1894*

123 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach

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STATED COMMUNICATION

2nd & 4th Monday

December 11, 2017, Meal 6:30 PM, Meeting 7:30 PM
December 25, 2017 (DARK)

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Harmonia Lodge Bible & Apron Ceremony,
Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 6:30 PM



Harmonia Lodge Santa's Visit
Saturday, Dec. 9th at Noon to 2 PM



Harmonia Lodge
Stated Communication,
Monday, Dec. 11th 6:30 PM
Lodge Elections



District 25 Open Books,
Saturday, Dec 16th,
Harmonia Lodge - 9 AM to Noon.



Harmonia Lodge
Installation of Officers,
Thursday, Jan. 4th 2018, 6:00PM



Lodge Of Instruction - Every Thursday Night At 6:30 pm
Catechism, Degree Practice, Masonic Education & Fellowship



*Happy
Holidays*



from



**HARMONIA
LODGE**

No. 138 F. & A. M.

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*Wishing All Brothers
and Their Families
A Happy and Healthy
New Year*



FROM THE EAST



Greetings Brethren,

As we enter the holiday season we have much to celebrate and be grateful for. To show our appreciation for an amazing year, please come to our last Stated communication of the year on Monday, 12/11, for a special culinary treat! Come early to enjoy a variety of menu items and an array of appetizers including Sushi Boats, meat and cheese platters, crackers and spreads, fruit platters, Crudites, and soup and salad bar. For the entre there will be a Sirloin Steak carving station and baked ziti with sides. We will have a special dessert prepared by chef Robert, one of our new Brothers! This will be a fantastic evening of fellowship and celebration so mark your calendars!

On that note, I would like to thank the ENTIRE Craft for their incredible support and dedication this year. Through the collective effort of an amazing team and the hard work and dedication of our Brethren we have reached new heights and can be proud of our accomplishments. Our success is a direct result of YOU MY BROTHERS! Your hard work and dedication made my job this year easy and enjoyable! Our Lodge is truly thriving and growing, and it has been my honor and privilege to serve you in the East this past year. Thank you for your confidence and trust.

Additionally, I wish to offer my sincerest and most heartfelt thanks to the entire 2017 officer line who consistently went ABOVE AND BEYOND all year long to help plan and implement many events and activities during this very busy year. I am in awe of the creativity and energy of this team. Special thanks to JW Edmund Rodas and the entire kitchen crew who have delighted our palates the entire year and made us the culinary envy of the District. Thank you to each member of the officer line who ALL have an integral role in keeping the large Harmonia machine moving forward, and especially to Secretary Lou Babbit HPM, Treasurer Josh Johnson PM, Jim Kirby HPM, and David Reilly HPM who are the grease that keep the gears of the machine running smoothly. I have been so fortunate to work closely with these fine men and will forever be indebted to them for all they did to help make this past year so smooth and successful.

Finally, thank you to SW Marco Sevilleja for all your support this year, and good luck to you and your officer line for an even better 2018! Harmonia is in good hands and I know our Lodge will continue to grow and prosper under your leadership.

Lastly, best wishes to each of you for a blessed holiday season and a joyous New Year. May you be surrounded by friends and family, and be filled with peace and love.

See you in Lodge my Brothers!
Fraternally,
Ricky Espiritu
Worshipful Master 2017





FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful thanksgiving.

As we come to end this year let me congratulate everyone for taking part on this masonic year of ours on our own special way. Congratulations and kudos to our very own Worshipful Master Ricky Espiritu for his leadership and for a job well done. This year we welcomed new brothers to our Harmonia family as we wished best of luck to some of our brothers who have though physically left us for career advancement their thoughts and memories are still upon us.

Congratulations to our Brothers who recently received their Bible and Apron and to those who have advanced their journey by joining other appended bodies of Freemasonry. I am so proud of you and humbled as your brother. Again, salute to an awesome Veterans' Day presentation prepared by our veteran brothers Senior Deacon Ray Rios and Chaplain Paul Alexander. To all our brothers who served and still serving in the Armed Forces thank you for your service and sacrifice!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the trust you have bestowed upon me to lead our great Lodge for this coming year 2018 together with our incoming Wardens. With your help, support and participation I hope that I will be able to meet your expectations. I hope to see you and your family at our 2018 Installation of Officers on January 4th (Thursday). Dinner will start at 6:15pm and program will follow at 7:30pm. Let us start the year with great fellowship. See you also during our Stated Meetings and Degrees.

Also, I would like to inform everyone that dinner during our stated meetings this coming year will start at 6:15pm and we will proceed in welcoming our visitors and prospective petitioners at 7:00pm.

Before I close, let me greet our Brothers who are celebrating their birthdays this month a Happy Birthday! I wish your more blessings, good health and more birthdays to come.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS BRETHREN!!!

Fraternally yours,
Marco Sevilleja Senior Warden





FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren of Harmonia Lodge,

Flu seasons coming on us, please remember not to spread it about, stay home If you are not well, get your flu shots to help prevent contacting it and be mindful of others as you sneeze or cough

The reception for M.' W.' G.' M.' Richard G. Hoover and his party was well attended by the district and all in attendance had an enjoyable evening. Kudos to RW DDGM John Jay Carter for great planning and organizing, and to WM Ricky Espiritu and the "mafia" for the sumptuous meal. I hope their year as Grand Lodge Officers are as rewarding as their receptions.

Continuing my message a few months back re: our EA.WE initiated a new brother few weeks ago, he attends the Thursday catechism. He is a bit nervous and is not sure how he is supposed to act when he arrives at the lodge. How does he find out what he is supposed to do, where does he sit, how will he go about his catechism. The new. Brother is on his own for the first time in the lodge and needs guidance to get trough the first couple of pages on his booklet. Never he was left to his own devices and expect him to know what to do.

This is another time when we as members of the lodge can make him feel at ease and at home and reinforce the reason he became a mason in the first place. Extend him a warm hand of friendship, sit with him and guide him through his catechism as if it were you who is doing it for the first time. This will leave a huge impression on the new member ,something that he will want to emulate the next time there is a new mason in the lodge.

We must remember that the way we treat our newest members goes a long way to ensuring their success, not only in the lodge, but also within the fraternity. So, the next time you walk into lodge and there is a new member sitting on his own, think about when that was you and' what you would have liked to happen in those first few formative meetings. You don't know, he might be our Grand Master one day!

May the G.A.O.T.U. watch over you & may we all strive to live up to our obligations...

Fraternally,

Edmund O. Rodas
JW



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PLEASE HELP

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JD Tom Carino, W.: Ed Griffin HPM,
Chaplin Paul Alexander,
W.: Tony Petrides PM,
Bro. H. Peter Petrosky

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SD Ray Rios, Tyler Ferdinand Habijan
Marshall Brian Price

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W.: Tony Petrides PM, Bro. Dave Porter,
W.: David Reilly HPM. Bro. Howie Zusel
Bro. Justin Shiver

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W.: David Reilly HPM (Chairman),
Treasurer W.: Joshua Johnson PM,
Chaplin Paul Alexander,
W.: Michael Hart HPM

Board of Relief

W.:M.: Ricky Espiritu (Chairman),
SW Marco Sevilleja, JW Edmund Rodas
Secretary W.: Lou Babbit, HPM

Charity

W.:M.: Ricky Espiritu (Chairman),
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Bro. Scott McGary, Bro. Dave Porter
Bro. Matthew Guzman

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JW Edmund Rodas

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JS Donald Gonzalez, JD Tom Carino,
Bro. Livan Torres

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SD Ray Rios, W.: Val DeVuyst PM,
Marshall Brian Price, JW Edmund Rodas

Master Mason Association

Marshall Brian Price (Chairman),
JS Donald Gonzalez, Bro. Allan Clarke,
Bro. Jonathan Hanning

Harmonia Lodge Dress Code

For regular stated communications, degree conferrals, and official lodge visitations, all Brothers are required to wear a suit or sport coat and tie.

For regular stated communications, all Officers will wear black trousers, black tie, with white tux coat.



SECRETARY SEZ

Brethren,

The 2018 Dues Notices have been sent. Please remit your 2018 Dues. If you have NOT paid your 2017 Dues, please send them to the Secretary. If you have any hardship, please contact the Secretary..

Brothers, please keep the Lodge informed of any changes to your contact information; address, e-mail and phone.

Fraternally, W.: Lou Babbit, HPM, Secretary

“A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.”

~Harry S Truman

Past Grand Master of Missouri A.F. & A.M.

Off The Shelf Of The Harmonia Library



DECEMBER 2017

W.: Bro. David J. Reilly, HPM, Librarian

Check out your Harmonia Library!

We have grown to over 600 Volumes and 40 DVD's. Masonic Education awaits you on every page of every volume. Talk about it and USE IT!

The Library continues to grow. 684 Volumes. You may see a list of our books in the Chalk under the Library Button. We continue to grow, and we are always looking for books that are directly associated with Freemasonry, Esoteric, Philosophy, Religion, Biography of Freemasons, and Florida. With the Holidays just around the corner, I am sure your loved ones are thinking about getting you another tie for Christmas. Leave some hints about your Masonic reading list. Examples Born in Blood, Pilgrims Path, New books Dan Brown Origins, The Templars. I finished "Origins" and found it another great ride in Fiction this time in Spain. Dan Brown addresses some interesting questions that we as man and Mason have had forever. The Templars is another novel that is historical. I suggest these for your reading enjoyment.

If you have not done so, please stop and check out the Print of Building King Solomon's Temple. A donation to our Lodge by Brian and Maria Price. Thank you for such a wonderful gift.

Lodge of Instruction at Harmonia, Thursday Nights For Catechism Assistance

HOLD THE DATE & PLAN TO ATTEND

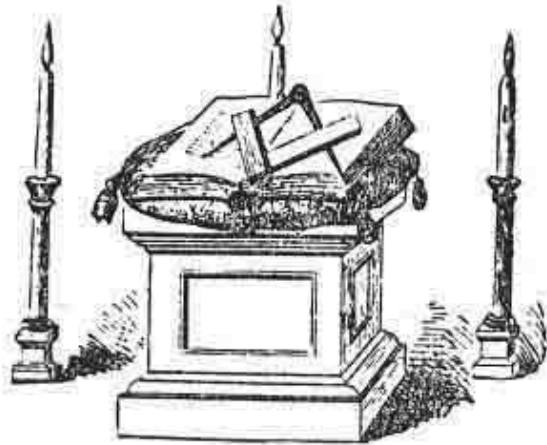


HARMONIA LODGE

No. 138 F. & A. M.

Bible & Apron Ceremony

Family & Friends Welcome



Saturday, December 2, 2017

Dinner - 6:30 PM

Ceremony - 7:30 PM



Please RSVP on the Event Sheet at the Lodge or email

Secretary Lou Babbit at:

lbabbit@gmail.com

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Thanks in advance for your valued input & support!

YOUR LODGE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Can You Assist One Day A Month ?

The 3rd Saturday of each month is Lodge Clean-Up Day

(Choose Inside or Out)

Please Join
The Lodge Cleaning Crew

To Volunteer Contact: Brother Ray Rios at:
Phone: 561-578-3281 - Email: rayrios@comcast.net
or W.: Lou Babbit, HPM, Secretary 561-640-9115

NOMINATION OF LODGE OFFICERS

The Secretary has received the following nomination forms:

Worshipful Master:
Brother Marco Sevilleja
Senior Warden:
Brother Edmund Rodas
Junior Warden:
Brother Ray Rios
Treasurer:
W Joshua Johnson, PM
Secretary:
W Louis Babbit, HPM

NOTICE OF TIME CHANGE

Brothers,

Please note the following

2018 CHANGE OF TIMES:

Dinner for 2018 Stated Meetings

NEW TIME:..... 6:15 pm.

Welcoming of Visitors:.. 7:00 pm.

Stated Meeting:..... 7:30 pm.



HOLD THE DATE & PLAN TO ATTEND



Santa's Visit To Harmonia Lodge



Harmonia Masonic Lodge will host its
**Annual Santa's Visit
and Holiday Party**
Saturday, December 9, 2017
1896 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd #200,
West Palm Beach, FL 33409



**Lunch Served At Noon
With Special Children's Menu,
Desert & Popcorn**

Santa's Anticipated Arrival is at 1:00 PM

Bring Your Family & Friends... Are All Welcome!

**Gifts - Children's Activities - Festive Fun
Holiday Treats & Goodies - Santa's Visit**



PLEASE NOTE: If you plan to bring your child a wrapped gift to be given by Santa, please be sure it has your child's name & age on the tag.

Mark your calendars for a wonderful day of
Family Fun, Fellowship & Holiday Spirit!
Please RSVP on the Event Sheet at the Lodge
or email Secretary Lou Babbit at:
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"The Chalk" Boosters

Brother Bruce Leffler, Gulfstream Lodge #245

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2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 PM |
| Gulf Stream Lodge #245 ----- | 2000 N. D St. Lake Worth, Fl. 33460
1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 PM |
| Palmwood Lodge #303 ----- | 845 Bradley St. West Palm Beach, Fl. 33405
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 PM |
| Bykota Lodge #333 ----- | 421 Jennings Ave. Greenacres, Fl. 33463
2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 PM |
| Jupiter Light Lodge #340 ----- | 600 S Loxahatchee Dr. Jupiter, Fl. 33458
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 PM |
| Garden Lodge #366 ----- | 9463 Roan Ln. Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33420
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 PM |
| Lantana Lodge #372 ----- | 2000 N. D St. Lake Worth, F. 33460
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 PM |

Master Mason Association
of the 32nd Masonic District



Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every Month
at Lake Worth Scottish Rite - 7:30 PM



Palm Beach York Rite Bodies



Meets at Harmonia Lodge No. 138 F & A M
Chapter No. 24 Royal Arch Masons
Zabud Council No. 17 Royal and Select Masters
Palm Beach Commandry No. 18 Knights Templar
Meets on the 1st & 3rd Mondays



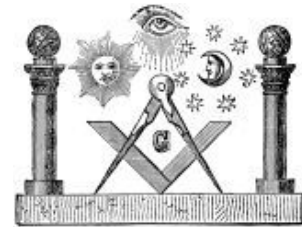
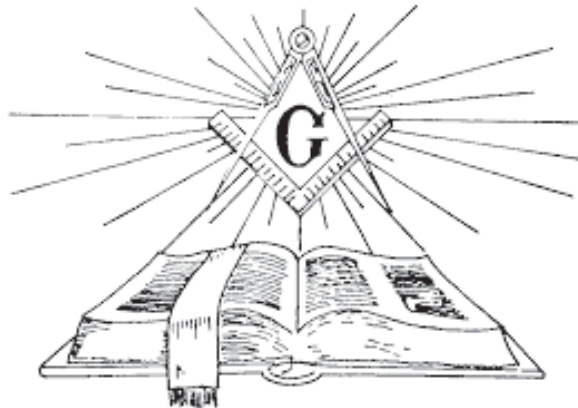
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Squire Sidney King, President
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Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month
Call Squire Sidney King for location

Harmonia Lodge Degree Status





Harmonia Lodge

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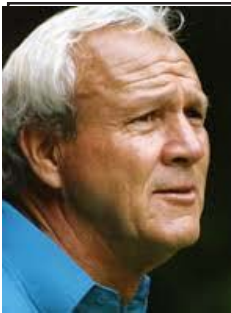
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Masonic Message Of The Month



Brother Arnold Daniel Palmer Pro Golfer & Master Mason - 1929 - 2016



*"The road to success is always
under construction" _ Arnold Palmer*

Brother Palmer was a member of Loyalhanna Lodge
No. 275 Latrobe, Pennsylvania, & a 33° Scottish Rite Mason

Born on September 10, 1929, Arnold Daniel Palmer was raised in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. Growing up he spent much of his time at the local country club learning how to play golf from the head groundskeeper, his father Milfred Palmer. In his youth he attended Latrobe High School, one year behind notable alumni Fred Rogers. Bro. Palmer would go on to attend Wake Forest College on a golf scholarship. However he did not finish due to the tragic death of his friend Bud Worsham. Palmer left Wake Forest and enlisted in the Coast Guard, where he served for three years.

Bro. Palmer's golf career began in 1954, when he won the U.S. Amateurs Tournament. After his win he decided to play professional for a while, and spent 1955 touring the tournament circuit. During his rookie season Palmer won the Canadian Open, and would continue to dominate the golf scene for the next fifteen years. Palmer has seven major championships under his belt: four Masters wins (1958, 1960, 1962, 1964) one U.S. Open (1960) and two Open Championships (1961, 1962). Bro. Palmer appeared in the Master's for the last time in 2004 after 50 consecutive appearances, and announced in 2005 that he would not be entering anymore tournaments.

Brother Palmer joined the Masonic family in 1958 in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason at Loyalhanna Lodge No. 275, where he remained active until his death. Bro. Palmer has been the recipient of many awards during his life and was invested with the Honorary Legion of Honor from Pennsylvania DeMolay.