

The Chalk



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

123 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach

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Congratualtions To

Brother

W.: Dave Reilly, HPM

On being awarded

2016 Mason of the Year

Harmonia Lodge No. 138 F. & A. M.

*Your Brothers at Harmonia Lodge
Thank You For Your Service To The Lodge*

Visit Our NEW Harmonia Lodge Website

<http://harmoniamasoniclodge.com>

Website Features

Take a tour of the Masonic Information Links, Resources, Educational Materials, Harmonia History, Upcoming Events, Harmonia Calendar, Fraternal Notices, Past Trestleboards, Photo Albums, Sign The Guest Book & MUCH MORE!

New Event Registration Procedure

Please **RSVP FOR EVENTS ONLINE** at:
<http://harmoniamasoniclodge.com/events.htm>

Send us your feedback at webmaster@harmoniamasoniclodge.com



Your Feedback Is Welcome!

We welcome any suggestions to improve our Trestleboard! Email your ideas, input or questions to The Chalk Publisher, Bro. Howie Zusel, Email: thechalk@zusel.com
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

STATED COMMUNICATION

2nd & 4th Monday

February 13 & 27, 2017

Meal 6:30/Meeting 7:30

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Cooking Demo at 5:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM

Stated Meeting 7:30 PM.

Monday, February 13, 2017



Harmonia Lodge Valentines Day Dinner

Tuesday, February 14th at 6:00 PM.



Harmonia Lodge Knife & Fork Degree

Thursday, February 23rd at 6:30 PM.



Master Mason Re-Obligation

Harmonia Lodge Stated Meeting

Monday, February 27th at 6:30PM



Harmonia Lodge Rusty Nail Degree

Thursday, March 9th at 6:30PM



Harmonia Lodge Teacher Appreciation Dinner

Monday, March 13th at 6:00 PM.



Lodge Of Instruction - Every Thursday Night At 6:30 pm

Catechism, Degree Practice, Masonic Education & Fellowship



FROM THE EAST



Brothers,

It's been a great start to the New Year. We had a spectacular turn out for our Installation of Officers. I am truly humbled and honored that you have elected me to serve you as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. I promise that I will serve you to the best of my ability through what I have learned within our beloved Craft.

My vision this year is to find a better way of communication, assistance, respect and education to one another within our great Fraternity. We need to communicate openly with each other, educate ourselves in preparation for the future and render assistance to our Brothers and families who are in need.

Congratulations once again to all my elected and appointed officers. Every installed officer has the passion for their office and are excited to assist in any way possible in making Harmonia Lodge the best. I am truly excited to see what we will accomplish this year.

I especially want to express my sincere thanks to the following: Installing Officer R.:W.: Roy Strohacker, PDDGM; Installing Marshall W.: Tony Petrides, PM, Installing Chaplain Brother Paul Alexander, and the presence of our very own Grand Senior Warden R.:W.:John Karroum and to all the Brothers, guests, families and friends in attendance. You all made the installation a night of success.

I also wanted to take a moment and extend special thanks to all the kitchen crew for your hard work. You have all gone above and beyond to make the job an easy and enjoyable experience. I could not have done it without you my incredible Brothers. I am grateful and eternally indebted to you.

We enjoyed a delightful evening at our Stated Meeting and dinner with guests, Law Enforcement Professionals, together with their families. It was such a great experience sharing with them, recognizing and honoring them. Thank you for coming and sharing this special time with us..

Please check this edition of The Chalk for the upcoming events and use our new Event Registration links on our new website to RSVP. I hope everyone is in good health and look forward to seeing you all at the lodge throughout the year.

W.M. Ricky



FROM THE WEST

Brethren,

The last month has gone by so fast, the month that we jump-start this years' activities.

Congratulations to our newly installed elected and appointed officers and kudos to our very own W:.M.: Ricky Espiritu for a successful Installation of Officers with an overwhelming presence of brothers, families, friends and visitors.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Officers and Staff of various Law Enforcement Offices of our County for their tireless effort in making our communities safe to live in. Our last stated meeting which was also a Law Enforcement Appreciation Night was dedicated to you for your exemplary services. May the Almighty protect you and your family from harm's way as you do to us day and night.

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day. Our Lodge has lined up different activities for us as Masons and our families, to attend and be involved in. We will be having a Cooking Demo on the 13th at 5:30 pm, Valentine's Day Dinner on the 14th at 6:00 pm, Knife and Fork Degree on the 23rd at 6:30 pm, Master Mason Re-obligation on the 27th at 6:30 and Degrees coming up. Sounds fun right? With your presence, it will be! As they say and as it has always been - the more the merrier. See you at the Lodge Brothers!

To the Brothers and family celebrating their birthday this month, I wish you a Happy Birthday with good health and more blessings to come.

Fraternally yours,

Marco Sevilleja
Senior Warden



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brethren of Harmonia Lodge

January is gone, and most likely with it, those New Year's resolutions we so optimistically started out with. However we are one month closer to spring, the days are getting longer and the light is starting to push back the darkness.

February is a short sprint to March. February 14th is also Valentines Day. Flowers, chocolates, a special card and a nice dinner out with your special someone. It is also Heart month-let us remember to take the time to celebrate our beloved ones who supports us in our Masonic endeavors and enable us to pursuit our Craft and seek perfection as men, subjects, husbands, fathers, and brothers. Keep balance in your lives and celebrate the love and support of those around you, for without our love ones, none of our endeavors would be worthy.

On the 23rd of February-Knife and Fork Degree (hold the date and plan to attend) an evening of fellowship, fine food and fraternal brotherhood.

Thank you to the Fellow Craft Degree Team. You are awesome!!

May he whose love knows no bounds, watch over each of us in our travels....

Fraternally,
Edmund O. Rodas
Junior Warden





SECRETARY SEZ

Brethren,

If you have sent in your Lodge Dues, Thank You My Brothers. If you have not sent your 2017 Dues, please remit them to the Secretary. Circumscribe permanent Dues cards have been received from the Grand Lodge. If you have not logged in to Circumscribe and uploaded your picture and checked your information, please do so. See the instructions included with this Trestleboard. As of January 25th the Secretary's database will be converted to Circumscribe. It is extremely important that your information is up to date.

If you are interested in our Perpetual Membership Program, please see the Secretary to include your name. The Lodge has only 15 Perpetual Memberships available for this Program. You need to be current with your 2017 Dues, have attended 7 Tyled meetings or Degrees and been a Member of the Lodge for 1 year.

Fraternally, W.: Lou Babbit, HPM, Secretary

“A sound head, an honest heart, and a humble spirit are the three best guides through time and eternity.”

Sir Walter Scott

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.

Harmonia Lodge 2017 Committees

Finance

SW Marco Sevilleja (Chairman),
Treasurer W.: Joshua Johnson PM,
Secretary W.: Lou Babbit, HPM
JD Tom Carino, W.: Ed Griffin HPM,
Chaplin Paul Alexander,
W.: Tony Petrides PM,
Bro. H. Peter Petrosky

Vigilance

SW Marco Sevilleja (Chairman),
SD Ray Rios, Tyler Ferdinand Habijan
Marshall Brian Price

Petitions

Sec. W.: Lou Babbit, HPM (Chairman),
Treasurer W.: Joshua Johnson PM,
W.: Tony Petrides PM, Bro. Dave Porter,
W.: David Reilly HPM. Bro. Howie Zusel
Bro. Justin Shiver

Masonic Education

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),
SD Ray Rios,
Treasurer W.: Joshua Johnson PM,
Secretary W.: Lou Babbit, HPM

Lodge Property

JW Edmund Rodas (Chairman),
SS Jorge Sta Rosa, JS Donald Gonzalez,
Bro. Scott McGary, Bro. Dave Porter
Bro. Matthew Guzman

Mentor's Committee

W.: Michael Hart HPM (Chairman),
Chaplin Paul Alexander, JD Ray Rios
JW Edmund Rodas

Community, Civic & Social Activities

Marshall Brian Price (Chairman)
SS Jorge Sta Rosa, SD Ray Rios,
JS Donald Gonzalez, JD Tom Carino,
Bro. Livan Torres

Communications

Bro. Howie Zusel (Chairman),
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

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For More Information Email:

thechalk@harmoniamasoniclodge.com

HOLD THE DATE & PLAN TO ATTEND

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 2017

Harmonia Lodge Fellow Craft Degree – Thursday, Jan. 26th at 6:30 PM.
Harmonia Lodge Entered Apprentice Degree – Thursday, Feb. 9th at 6:30 PM.
Harmonia Lodge Stated Meeting – Monday, Feb. 13th,
Cooking Demo at 5:30 PM, dinner 6:30.
Harmonia Lodge Valentines Dinner, Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 6:30 PM.
Harmonia Lodge Knife & Fork Degree – Thursday, Feb. 23rd at 6:30 PM.
Harmonia Lodge Stated Meeting – Monday, Feb. 27th at 6:30PM
Master Mason Re-obligation
Harmonia Lodge Rusty Nail Degree, Thursday, March 9th, at 6:30 PM.
Harmonia Lodge Teacher Appreciation Night
Stated Meeting, Monday, March 13th at 6 PM
Harmonia Lodge Pizza & BINGO Night, Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30 PM.
Harmonia Lodge Stated Meeting, Monday, March 27th at 6:30 PM.
Harmonia Lodge Master Mason Degree, Thursday, March 30th at 5:30 PM.

Off The Shelf Of The Harmonia Library



JANUARY

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

Check out your Harmonia Library!

We have grown to over 400 Volumes and 40 DVD's. Masonic Education awaits you on every page of every volume. Talk about it and USE IT!

The Secret Science of Masonic Initiation by Robert Lomas

This book is a short book, 110 Pages, but it is filled with some real mind provoking thoughts and makes the reader think. Lomas, "Brings to light the true meaning of the rituals and beliefs that underspin the much misunderstood and mysterious movement." In chapter one he talks of Why become a Mason? "The secret science is that of knowing yourself." Good read Recommend it. - Coming to our Library soon.

Scottish Rite 21° Degree Practice

Wednesday February 17, 2017 at Harmonia 7:00 PM

Lodge of Instruction at Harmonia, Thursday Nights For Catechism Assistance

MASONIC RELIEF BOX



PLEASE HELP

Brothers please keep in mind the **Relief Box** at the rear of the Lodge Room as you exit.

It is one of and the most important of the tenants of Freemasonry, which is **CHARITY**, along with Faith & Hope.

CHARITY OF THE MONTH



The George Washington Masonic National Memorial

Mision

To inspire humanity through education to emulate and promote the virtues, character, and vision of George Washington, the Man, the Mason, and Father of our Country.

<https://gwmemorial.org/>

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Harmonia Lodge Appetizer Cooking Demonstration



Harmonia Lodge's very own
Worshipful Master, Chef Ricky Espiritu
will be giving an
Appetizer Cooking Demonstration
before the Stated Meeting

Chef Ricky
will be preparing and cooking fast & easy
Chicken Teriyaki Appetizers

Monday, February 13, 2017

Doors Open - 5:00 PM

Appetizer Demo Begins - 5:30 PM

Dinner - 6:30 PM

Stated Meeting - 7:30 PM



Please RSVP ONLINE at

<http://harmoniamasoniclodge.com/events.htm>



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You & Your Families



are cordially invited to attend the
Harmonia Lodge

Valentines Day Dinner



Tuesday,
February 14, 2017
6:00 PM



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Harmonia Lodge
Knife & Fork
Degree

Thursday February 23, 2017
6:30 PM

*Please join your
Harmonia Brothers for
an evening of Fellowship,
Fine Food and Fraternal Brotherhood*



Faith



Hope



Charity

Please RSVP ONLINE at
<http://harmoniamasoniclodge.com/events.htm>

123 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach

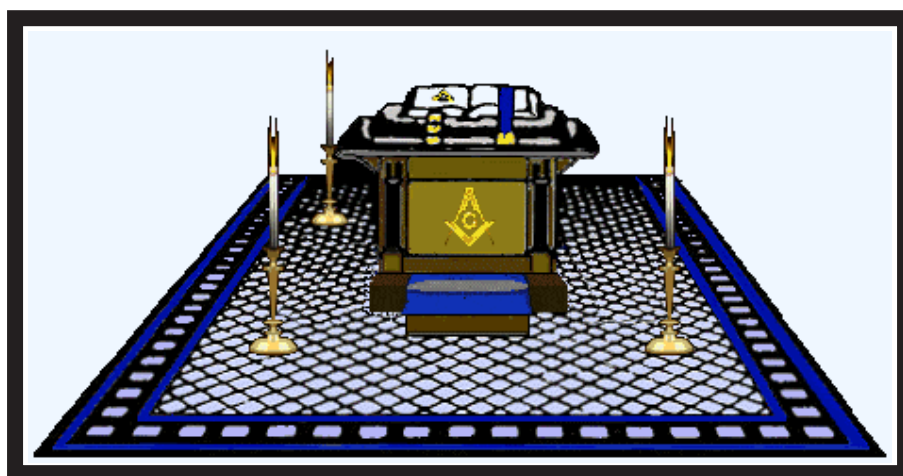


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Master Mason Re-Obligation Ceremony



Monday, Febraury 27, 2017

Dinner 6:30PM, Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

Join your fellow Master Masons
for an evening of Masonic Renewal.
Reaffirm your commitment and dedication
to the great principles of our
fraternal society of obligated men.



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SPECIAL THANKS TO



**“The Chalk”
BOOSTERS**

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Brother Bruce Leffler, Gulfstream Lodge #245

Your Name Could Be Here!

Please help Harmonia Lodge with the production, printing and mailing to our Brothers that do not have email by making a donation and becoming a Chalk Booster.



To Become A Booster Of The Chalk, Please Email:
thechalk@harmoniamasoniclodge.com

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Free & Accepted Masons of Florida



MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
Stanley L. Hudson

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND SECRETARY
M.:W.:Richard E. Lynn, P.G.M.

32nd Masonic District

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Boynton Lodge #236 -----	2701 Quantum Blvd. Boynton Beach, Fl. 33426 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



Masonic High Twelve Club #316 - Lake Worth, FL



Squire Sidney King, President
Email: sking1474@att.net - Phone: 954.974.4983

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

We Are Everywhere!



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Masonic Message Of The Month



George Washington

1st President of The United States,
Soldier, Father of our Country, Statesman
and Freemason

*"Associate with men of
good quality if you
esteem your own
reputation; for it is
better to be alone than
in bad company."*



President M.:W.: George Washington,
Past Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIPS



Harmonia Lodge No. 138 Free and Accepted Masons

Motion for Lodge to pay half the cost of Perpetual Memberships

This motion is valid for the 2017 Masonic Year only.

The Brothers of Harmonia Lodge desiring to re-invest available cash assets into the future of Harmonia Lodge agree to pay one half of a perpetual membership, \$1,200.00 of the \$2,400.00 total amount, for all the members willing to purchase a perpetual membership. This is not meant as a gift to the members but as an insurance policy to maintain Harmonia Lodge in a strong financial position for future generations.

Members must be current in their Lodge dues up to and including 2017 in order to qualify.

Payment must be received on or before June 30, 2017 in order to qualify for perpetual membership commencing in 2018. Payments received after June 30, 2017 but before December 27, 2017 will require an additional \$120 (\$1320.00 total) to qualify for perpetual membership in the 2018 Masonic Year.

Those wishing to make payments must have paid either \$1,200.00 by June 30, 2017 or \$1320.00 by December 27, 2017 to qualify for this year's plan. If your portion is not paid in full you will not qualify for the 2017 plan and any money paid will be returned to you.

Members wishing to move their memberships from Harmonia Lodge agree to repay the Lodge the full amount of the Lodge's original investment which is \$1,200.00. Your signature on a document stating such will be required.

There will be a limit on the number of Perpetual Memberships offered with this plan based on the Lodge's financial position in December 2016. The limit will be communicated at that time. Participation will be on a first come first served basis.

Motion made seconded and approved by the craft July 25, 2016

Foot Notes:

Perpetual membership is a program that, through making a onetime payment, will pay the members dues forever, not for the member's lifetime but as a perpetual endowment to the lodge.

See the secretary for the forms that requires your signature along with a check made out to Harmonia Lodge No 138.

Brothers;

I have received several submissions for the Perpetual Membership Program so far. (see notice above). Please call, email or text me your desire to participate in this Program. If at the last meeting in February we have more than fifteen (15) entries, we will draw 15 names from the Masters hat to participate in the program. So please if you are interested, contact me.

Fraternally, W.: Lou Babbit, HPM, Secretary

IMPORTANT - DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING NEW CIRCUMSCRIBE INFORMATION - - - ACT NOW - - -

Brethren,

At the 186th Annual Grand Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida, a new software application, *Circumscribe*, was presented and implemented during this Masonic year. The Lodge membership data migration is now complete, and you now have access to the new system. It is important for you to login as soon as possible, review your profile, make any appropriate changes to your contact information, and upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card.

To login to Circumscribe, simply follow these instructions:

1. Open your internet browser
NOTE: be sure to enable cookies, and disable private browsing
2. Navigate to: **<https://gfl.circumscribe.net>**
3. Enter your initial Username:
 - "FL" + "Your Grand Lodge Number" (from your Dues Card) + "@changeyouremail.info"
(*example: FL1234567@changeyouremail.info*)
4. Enter your temporary Password:
 - "FL" + "Your Grand Lodge Number" (from your Dues Card)
(*example: FL1234567*)
5. You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password
 - Your NEW username can be any email address that you frequently use, or have regularly access to.
 - Your NEW password must contain 8 characters and 1 number, and you must enter it twice.
6. Upon successfully entering both, you will be required to logout, and then log back in with your new credentials.
7. Once you have successfully logged back in, navigate to your Masonic profile by selecting 'Profile' from the menu items on the left side of the screen. Review your profile and make any appropriate changes to your contact information, and upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card. **You must upload your picture within 60 calendar days of your Lodge's On-board date. After 60 days, you will be sent a dues card without your picture, and replacement cards are \$5.00 each.** When uploading your picture, use as high a resolution as possible, and your face should be positioned to take up as much of the photo square as possible. You should avoid hats, sunglasses, other individuals or animals in the picture.
8. Select 'Save Profile' to complete the process.

Online help is always available at **<http://help.circumscribe.net>**, or by clicking the question mark icon on the top right of the Circumscribe system once you are logged in. For additional support, please contact me at the Lodge. I thank you for your participation and feedback, and wish you all a prosperous Masonic year
Fraternally,

Lou Babbit, Secretary