

The Chalk



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

124 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach

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STATED COMMUNICATION
2nd & 4th Monday
UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Harmonia Lodge Stated Communication,
Monday, Feb. 12th, 6:15 PM - MM Re-Obligation



District 25 Open Books, Harmonia Lodge
Saturday, Feb. 17th, 9:00 AM to Noon.



Harmonia Lodge Stated Communication
Monday, Feb. 26th, 6:15 PM



Harmonia Lodge Family Pizza & Bingo
Friday, March 9th, 6:30 PM



District 25 Open Books, Harmonia Lodge
Saturday, March 10th, 9:00 AM to Noon.



Pilgrimage to the Masonic Home
St. Petersburg, Saturday, Mar. 17th
Start time TBD



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

An Important Message From Worshipful Master Marco Sevilleja

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.

Please Dress Appropriately For Lodge



Visit The Harmonia Lodge Masonic Merchandise Counter

Masonic Auto Emblems, Hats,
Pins, Ties, Shirts, Knives,
Bibles & More

Fraternal Gifts, Memorabilia & Merchandise

See Brother Dave Reilly At Any Lodge Function



FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

As we have started the year last month allow me to thank again each and everyone of you my Brothers who came and attend our 2018 Installation of Officers. Also, my gratitude and thank you for our families, friends and fraternal Brothers who came on said occasion.

Last month's Stated meetings were fruitful and I thank the Brothers who came and attended the same. I greatly appreciate your presence and involvement in our Lodge especially during and in making important decisions which involves our general membership among others. Again, let us encourage each one to come and meet at the Lodge during our Stated meetings and Degrees. Though it is our moral obligation to attend our Lodge meetings and Degrees I doubt not it is the warm greetings, hugs and Brotherly grip that we bestow upon each other that unites us as Brothers and Fellows. I have instructed our Senior Warden, Junior Warden and Senior Deacon to form their respective Degree teams and I hope that you will participate and be part of their team when called upon.

I would also like to thank the Brothers who were able to come with me to the Gulfstream Lodge Centennial Celebration. Brethren of Gulfstream Lodge, on behalf of my Brothers of this Lodge, our congratulations to all of you! We wish you more years of spreading Faith, Hope, Charity and Brotherly love.

This month we will again have our yearly tradition of conducting a Re-obligation to remind us what makes us Masons. This activity will partake on the 12th during our Stated meeting. All Master Masons from other Lodges are invited.

To our birthday celebrants I wish you a Happy Birthday! May you have more birthdays to come and may the GAOTU shower you more blessings and good health.

I will see you at the Lodge Brothers!

Again, our dinner starts at 6:15pm. Please be guided accordingly.

Fraternally yours,
Marco Sevilleja
Worshipful Master





FROM THE WEST



Brethren of Harmonia Lodge,

Welcome February, the shortest month of the year. If this month is as mild as January, I think we can only hope for the same this month. It is also a month for celebration of love and affection.

We had the opportunity to visit and attend some Lodge installations and a Lodge re-obligation at the beginning of the year. Brothers please make every effort to attend when you can, it is good for the Lodge you visit, it is good for the District and more importantly, it is good for you to make new friends and renew old acquaintances.

Over the course of several of my messages in the trestle board, I had discussed how we as Masons relate to our new members and how the smallest of things can affect how they perceive our Lodges. Some of these observations came from personal experience, some from seeing this in other lodges and unfortunately from some candidates themselves.

As we progress through our journey as Masons and members of our Lodge, there are certain obligations (not the degree ones) that we must meet. We eagerly start in the officer line up. During this journey, we came to understand that the further we progress through the chairs, the more we must study our work and be more observant in how and why things are done in the Lodge. This to us is a natural state of affairs. We commit to being an officer and hope one day to be installed in the Chair of King Solomon. I hope that we meet our commitment to our new members. Let us not put blinders on, but to look what is ahead of us.

Let us thank our District Officers/instructors, our Past Masters/Lodge Historians for their continued guidance and mentorship. Let us emulate them for making the new members understand and be more willing to do that extra bit for the new and progressing brethren. Happy Valentines Brothers and to your loved ones as well.

May the G. A. O. T. U. put the fun in together, the sad in apart and the joy in a heart.

Fraternally,
Edmund O Rodas
SW





FROM THE SOUTH



Greetings Brethren,

Well, January is almost gone and soon will be in February 2018. This is the Month when we are thinking of our love-ones on Valentine's day with that special person in our lives or just a friend we appreciate. Congratulations go out to Past Master W.: Tony Petrides for receiving the Master Mason of the Year Award for 2017 for a job well done throughout last year in 2017, and congratulations to all the Brothers that also received an award for a job well done. I also want to acknowledge and give a high five to the kitchen crew for supporting our new Junior Past Master Ricky Espiritu for the tremendous job well done for the installation dinner. At the first Stated meeting of the new year of 2018; our new Worshipful Master Marco Sevilleja presided in the east and did an out standing job for his first meeting. The kitchen will be undergoing a reconstruction and any idea or suggestion from the Brothers of Harmonia Lodge would be appreciated to improve our kitchen in all areas. Let's get more of our new Brothers involved with the kitchen and promote and improve everything about refreshment and better serving our visitors, Brothers, family members, and friends and set a higher standard for everyone to enjoy. I believe that in in 2018 we can now promote the "train the trainer team program" with our Officers, Mentors, and Degree team in the Lodge room every Thursdays regardless if we have candidates or not to be better educate ourselves in the future of Harmonia Lodge 138 F. & A. M. and set the standards in our District. We need to clean our Lodge on the 3rd Saturday of every Month so, let's take initiative form a team and make it happen for Harmonia Lodge and our home.

In closing; May the Grand Architect of the Universe grant all the Brothers, Families, and Friends the blessings at the start of a very Happy New Year.

Ray Rios
Junior Warden
Make it Happen!



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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



Gulfstream Goodwill Academy, Inc.

<https://www.gulfstreamgoodwill.org/charter>

Our mission is to provide the skills necessary for adult life so that each individual will be an independent, self-sufficient and contributing member of our community.

Harmonia Lodge 2018 Committees

Finance

SW Edmund Rodas (Chairman)
Treas. W.: Josh Johnson, PM
Sec. W.: Lou Babbit, HPM
W.: Ed Griffin HPM,
W.: Tony Petrides, PM
Bro. Paul Alexander
Bro. H. Peter Petrosky

Vigilance

JW Ray Rios (Chairman)
Marshall Richard Gregory
Tyler Evan Sobel

Petitions

Sec. W.: Lou Babb, HPM (Chairman)
Treas. W.: Josh Johnson, PM
W.: Tony Petrides, PM
W.: David Reilly, HPM
Bro. Dave Porter,
SS Justin Shiver
Bro. Howie Zusel

Masonic Education

W.: David Reilly, HPM (Chairman)
W.: Tony Petrides, PM
W.: Mike Hart, HPM
W.: Josh Johnson, PM
SW Edmund Rodas

Mentor's Committee

SW Edmund Rodas (Chairman)
JW Ray Rios, SD Brian Price
SS Justin Shiver

Lodge Board Of Relief

WM Marco Sevilleja (Chairman)
SW Edmund Rodas, JW Ray Rios

Master Mason Association
SW Edmund Rodas (Chairman)
JW Ray Rios, SD Brian Price

Investigations

Sec. W.: Lou Babb, HPM (Chairman)

Lodge Property

JW Ray Rios (Chairman)
Sec. W.: Lou Babbit, HPM
Bro. Dave Porter
Bro. Scott McGary

Communications

Bro. Howie Zusel (Chairman),
W.: Tony Petrides, PM
Sec. W.: Lou Babbit, HPM

Community, Civic & Social Activities

JS Louis Di Capua (Chairman)
SD Brian Price
Tyler Evan Sobel, SS Justin Shiver

Charity

SW Edmund Rodas (Chairman)
Treas. W.: Josh Johnson, PM
Sec. W.: Lou Babbit, HPM

Board of Relief

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

Awards

W.: Tony Petrides, PM (Chairman)
SD Brian Price, W.: David Reilly, HPM

Visitors Committee

Bro. Howie Zusel (Chairman),
Brother Don Gonzalez
Brother T. J. Comert



SECRETARY SEZ



Brethren,
Once again the Lodge is offering the Perpetual Membership Program. Please see the flyer in 'The Chalk'.

Please keep the Lodge informed of any changes to your contact information; address, e-mail and phone or you can manage this with Circumscribe by logging in and making the changes.

Fraternally, W.: Lou Babbit, HPM, Secretary

“You know that being an American is more than a matter of where your parents came from. It is a belief that all men are created free and equal and that everyone deserves an even break.”

~Harry S Truman

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

Off The Shelf Of The Harmonia Library



FEBRUARY 2018

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

Check out your Harmonia Library!

We have grown to over 650 Volumes and 40 DVD's. Masonic Education awaits you on every page of every volume. Talk about it and USE IT!

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. Special Thanks to Paul Moss P.M. for the donation of several books, titles that our library did not have, and a box of memorabilia including two Grand Master Pins. Our Lodge Library continues to grow with books and DVD. I am currently looking for a copy of (DVD) "Vietnam" Use and keep your Lodge Library in use.

If you have not done so, please stop and check out YOUR Harmonia Library!

Lodge of Instruction at Harmonia, Thursday Nights For Catechism Assistance

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIPS



Harmonia Lodge No. 138 Free and Accepted Masons

January 22, 2018

Motion for Lodge to pay half the cost of Perpetual Memberships

This motion is valid for the 2018 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 2018 in order to qualify.

Members must be a member of the Lodge for a least one (1) year

Members must have attended at least ten (10) tyled meeting or degrees, if the member lives locally and is able to attend.

Payment must be received on or before June 30, 2018 in order to qualify for perpetual membership commencing in 2019. Payments received after June 30, 2018 but before December 27, 2018 will require an additional \$120 (\$1320.00 total) to qualify for perpetual membership in the 2019 Masonic Year

Those wishing to make payments must have paid either \$1,200.00 by June 30, 2018 or \$1320.00 by December 27, 2018 to qualify for this year's plan. If your portion is not paid in full you will not qualify for the 2019 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 2017. The limit for 2018 is 15 perpetual memberships. Participation will be on a first come first served basis.

Motion made seconded and approved by the craft January 22, 2018

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.

Visit Our 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!

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

HOLD THE DATE & PLAN TO ATTEND



Harmonia Lodge
No. 138 F. & A. M.
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*You & Your Family Are
Cordially Invited To Attend The*

Harmonia Lodge

Family  **Night**
&
BINGO

Friday, March 9, 2018
6:30 PM



PIZZA BINGO

Join us for a night of Family, Fun & Food!

Please RSVP on the Event Sheet at the Lodge
or email: W. Lou Babbit, HPM, Secretary at
imbabbit@gmail.com

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*You are Cordially Invited
to attend the*



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

Table Lodge

The tradition continues with this time honored “roast” and festive evening full of numerous toasts and inspirational speeches given to honor

W.: Mike Hart, HPM

This unforgettable event is open to all Master Masons, Fellowcrafts & Entered Apprentices

*Join us for a fantastic fun-filled night
of inspiration and fellowship.*

Each attendee will receive a custom keepsake mug to commemorate the occasion.

Thursday, April 19, 2018 - 6:30 PM

Seating limited to 50 Brothers.

*Donation of \$45 per person includes a
Deluxe 4 Course Dinner by Chef Ricky*



Register At:

<https://harmoniatablelodge.eventbrite.com>



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from*

**Brother
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**"The Chalk" Boosters
Brother Bruce Leffler, Gulfstream Lodge #245**

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of
Free & Accepted Masons of Florida



MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
M.:W.: Richard G Hover

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

25th Masonic District

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25th MASONIC DISTRICT

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Boca - Delray Lodge #171 -----	4093 Northwest 4th Ave. Boca Raton, Fl. 33431 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 PM
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 25th Masonic District



Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every Month
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



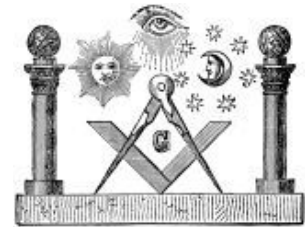
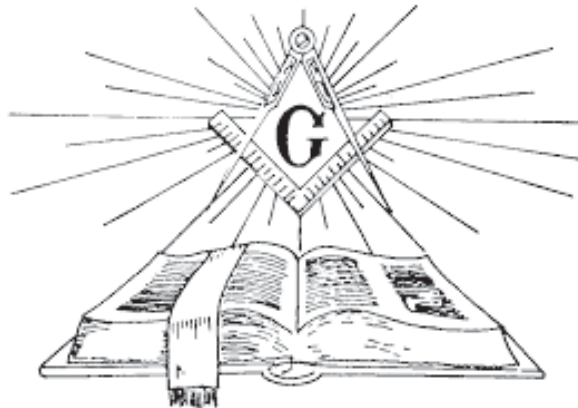
Masonic High Twelve Club #316 - Lake Worth, FL



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

Harmonia Lodge Degree Status



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.

Thank You

Special Thanks To Brother Evan Sobel

For the donation of a Popcorn Machine to Harmonia Lodge



Hayden Dawes
Director, Financial Advisor

Brothers,

**A WISE MAN
ONCE WROTE,**

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Masonic Message Of The Month



Brother J. Edgar Hoover Director Of The FBI - 1935 to 1972



"When morals decline and good men do nothing, evil flourishes. A society unwilling to learn from past is doomed. We must never forget our history.." ... J. Edgar Hoover

Brother J. Edgar Hoover was a member of Federal Lodge No. 1, Washington D.C. He was a charter member of Justice Lodge No. 46 in Washington, D.C. He was both a York Rite Mason, and a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason. He was also a Shriner & member of Almas Shrine.

Possibly one of the most powerful men in American history, J. Edgar Hoover began his career in the Justice Department in 1917 working in the War Emergency Department, which was charged with identifying and arresting disloyal foreigners during wartime. Having proven himself in that role he was made head of the General Intelligence Division of the Bureau of Investigation (B.O.I). By 1924 he was made director of the Bureau of Investigation, and later in 1935 when it became the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he was named the first director. He would remain the Director of the F.B.I. until his death 37 years later.

His long career began during Franklin D. Roosevelt's Presidency with the FBI going up against prohibition-era mobsters like Al Capone, Pretty Boy Floyd, and Machine Gun Kelly. It ended during Richard Nixon's Presidency and with the Watergate scandal. During his tenure, he built one of the most modern and effective crime fighting organizations in the world.