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

125 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach

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



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



Harmonia Lodge Valentine's Day Dinner
Thursday, February 14, 2019
6:30 PM



Harmonia Lodge Family Bingo Night
Friday, March 8, 2019
6:30 PM



1894 - 2019

*Celebrating 125 Years of
Freemasonry in
West Palm Beach*

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



Open Books Harmonia Lodge
Saturday, Feb. 23rd - 9:00 AM to Noon
Saturday, Mar. 23rd - 9:00 AM to Noon



Harmonia Lodge
Stated Communications
Monday, Feb. 11th - 6:15 PM
Monday, Feb. 25th - 6:15 PM
Monday, Mar. 11th - 6:15 PM
Monday, Mar. 25th - 6:15 PM



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

Harmonia Lodge No. 138 F. & A. M. *125th Anniversary Commemorative Coin*

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Quantities

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Lodge History



See Brother Dave Reilly To Purchase Your Commemorative Coin.
Many Other Masonic Items For Sale At Lodge Gift Counter As Well.



FROM THE EAST



Brethren of Harmonia Lodge,

As the month of St. Valentine's Day begins, let us take time to celebrate our beloved family who supports us in our Masonic endeavors and enable us to pursuit over our Craft and seek perfection as men, subjects, husbands and fathers. 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.

Before our Lodge Installation last month, our Lodge was already vibrant and active at the start of the year. Firstly, Congratulations Brethren for our 125th Lodge Anniversary. What a lovely and sumptuous dinner prepared by W.: Ricky Espiritu and his kitchen crew. Thank you for the Boy Scout troop and to all who helped in the kitchen. It was hosted by our W.: Marco Sevilleja J.P.M. who did a phenomenal job. It was high-lighted by a colorful and informative history by speakers W.: David Reilly H.P.M., W.: Anthony Petrides P.M., W.: James H. Kirby H.P.M. If you did not get enough of the enjoyable dinner, I strongly encourage you to attend more on our upcoming events.

Alow me again to express my thanks and gratitude for supporting our Lodge and for attending our last month's Installation of Officers. As I stated before, we will place a priority on the Grand Lodge leadership courses, and I encourage every raised Brothers to take the courses, to participate in our conferrals and to be involved in our events. It is time to share your time and talents and to pass these learned skills and tools to our young and future Brothers.

Congratulations to W.: Ricky Espiritu P.M. for being the Lodge' Master Mason of the year 2018. He epitomizes friendship, fellowship, brotherly love and service to the Craft.

February is the month of love. I have learned that truly the greatest gift is love; be it brotherly love, friendship, charity or relief, and everyday we should celebrate all those in our lives whom we love and who love and support us. Happy Valentines to all of you and your families.

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

Fraternally yours,
Edmundo O. Rodas
Worshipful Master





FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brethren,

Well, January is almost gone and soon we will be in February 2019 a New Year and Hurricane season is gone, but never the less; be ready and if you need help in getting ready please reach out to a Brother and get help. February is when our families and friends get together and celebrate Valentine's Day and appreciate each other as boyfriend, girlfriend, or husband and wife, so come and joined us in celebration of Valentine's Day at Harmonia Lodge and have some fun. Happy Birthday to all the Brother's, friends, and families who are having a birthday in February of 2019.

Thanks to the Brother's that came out to support the kitchen crew during the Month of January, and a job well done by our very own W.: Ricky Espiritu P.M. for as always outstanding meal. Kudos go out to our Junior Warden Brian Price for a job well done in Organizing and executing the 125th Anniversary of Harmonia Lodge No.138 excellent dinner and Kitchen crew. The Grand Master and the 1st lady were present to fellowship with us as well. Congratulations to our new Worshipful Master Edmundo O. Rodas and all the new Officers Elected and appointed for the year 2019 and may the Grand Architect bless us with the Wisdom and knowledge to do a great job this year. Keep your eye on the Chalk for all future events. Congratulations to our Worshipful Brother Ricky Espiritu, PM for being selected the Mason of the Year of 2018; a job well done.

Brethren, the new LOTC 123, and MM123 training schedule will be out soon so keep and open eye and check with your Lodge Secretary for more information. Open books at Harmonia Lodge No.138 on February 16, 2019 from 9.00 am till Noon; and Every Master Mason should come to Harmonia Lodge and get tested by the District Instructor Right Honorable George Winterling and earn their proficiency card and motivate other Brothers in and out of our district to do the same; Remember that an Educated Mason is a Dedicated Mason. In closing; May the Grand Architect of the Universe grant all the Brothers, Families, and Friends all the blessings now and forever.

Ray Rios
Senior Warden
Make it Happen!





FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

Wow! I can't believe the month of January almost gone. After the first stated communications of the New Year, 125TH Year celebration, it is apparent to me that the 2019 Officers are off to a great start! If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, stop by and see firsthand the amazing things happening at Harmonia.

I want to say a huge thank you and congratulations to the amazing 2019 "Kitchen Crew" who have worked so hard and did an OUTSTANDING job with the Installation Dinner and the 125th Anniversary Dinner the meals for the first event of the year. A special thanks to all the guys for the many hours given and for the dedication you have shown already. Everyone has commented on how good of a job you have done, and I know that there is no way that it could have been done without our "team" working together. I cannot thank you enough. Brothers, our goal is to work hard, have fun, and feed you well. If you have any menu suggestions for the future, we welcome any and all requests!!!

Further, it is my goal to continue the great work started last year by SW Ray Rios I hope to implement and put into action a sound preventative maintenance program that will keep our amazing building both desirable and attractive to our tenants and their customers. The Lodge Property, Building and Grounds committee will be meeting in the near future to discuss this plan. It will include such items as the diagnosis and repair of our street signage, and landscaping issues, as well as internal issues such as kitchen and bathroom maintenance. We will also announce a Lodge work day in the next few months to help address any issues we can complete "in-house." Remember, this is our building and many hands make light work!

Fraternally,

Brian Price
Junior Warden





SECRETARY SEZ



Brethren,

Please keep the Lodge informed of any changes to your information. You can make the changes yourself with Circumscribe or inform the Lodge Secretary by e-mail or text.

The 2019 Dues Notices have been mailed. I thank the Brothers that have already submitted their Dues.

**Fraternally,
W.: Lou Babbit, HPM, Secretary**



"In reading the lives of great men, I found that the first victory they won was over themselves.... self-discipline with all of them came first."

**~President Harry S Truman
Past Grand Master of Missouri A.F. & A.M.**

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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

Masonic Home Of Florida



<http://grandlodgefl.com/masonichomeflorida.html>

Harmonia Lodge 2019 Committees

Finance

SW Ray Rios (Chairman)
Treas. W.: Josh Johnson, PM
Sec. W.: Lou Babbit, HPM
W.: Tony Petrides, PM
Bro. Peter Petrosky

Vigilance

JW Brian Price (Chairman)
Bro. Rocko Syllne
Bro. Dave Porter

Petitions

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

Masonic Education

W.: David Reilly, HPM (Chairman)
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W.: Mike Hart, HPM
SW Ray Rios

Mentors Committee

Bro. Richard Wagner (Chairman)
Bro. John Larsh
W.: Rob Gibbons, PM
SW Ray Rios

Master Mason Association

SW Ray Rios (Chairman)
JW Brian Price
SD Sotelo Cruz
JD Justin Shriver

Investigations

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

Lodge Property

JW Brian Price (Chairman)
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Bro. Dave Porter
Bro. Scott McGary

Communications

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

Community, Civic & Social Activities

JW Brian Price (Chairman)
SD Sotelo Cruz
JD Justin Shriver
Marshall Mark Higgs

Charity

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

Lodge Board Of Relief

W.: M.: Edmund Rodas (Chairman)
SW Ray Rios
JW Brian Price

Awards

W.: Tony Petrides, PM (Chairman)
SD Sotelo Cruz
W.: David Reilly, HPM

Visitors Committee

Bro. Howie Zusel (Chairman)
Chaplain Tanju Commert
Bro. Donald Gonzales

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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,
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“The Chalk” Boosters

The Brothers listed on this page make it possible to print and mail
“The Chalk” to our Brothers who do not have internet.

*Brother
Micky Frankel*

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Mark Higgs*

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Charley Hogwood, P M*

*Brother
Evan Sobel*

*Brother
Brian Price*

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Robert Gibbons, P M*

*W.: Brother
David Reilly, H P M*

*W.: Brother
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Mark Garfinkel*

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Richard Gregory*

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Dave Porter*

*Brother
John McClaskie*

*Brother
Bobby Mason*

2019 Dinner & Meeting Schedule

Dinner for 2019 Stated Meetings:

6:15 PM

Welcoming of Visitors:

7:00 PM

Stated Meetings:

7:30 PM

Off The Shelf Of The Harmonia Library



February 2019

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!

Harmonia Lodge No. 138 is Celebrating 125 Years.
Purging Library making way for new Masonic Books.
I will be ordering soon. I am asking for suggestions.

Book Sale This Month in February

"For every student of light and knowledge a single glimmering ember burns in the darkness of ignorance."

We are always receptive of donations to the Library, monies, DVD's, Books Masonic Biographies, Books Non-Fiction on Freemasonry, and Florida History.

Please Stop and Check Out YOUR Harmonia Library!

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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!



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Chartered 1894

*You & Your Family
are cordially invited to attend the*



Harmonia Lodge



Valentine's Day Dinner



Thursday,
February 14, 2019
6:30 PM



(Limited To 60 Guests)

Registration ONLINE ONLY at

<https://harmonialodgevalentines.eventbrite.com>

HOLD THE DATE & PLAN TO ATTEND



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*You & Your Family Are
Cordially Invited To Attend The*

Harmonia Lodge

Family  **Night**
&
BINGO

Friday, March 8, 2019
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
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Palm Beach York Rite Bodies



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



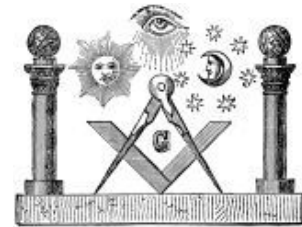
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Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month
Call Squire Sidney King for location

Harmonia Lodge Degree Status



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

25th Masonic District

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2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:30 PM
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1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 PM
- Bykota Lodge #333 ----- 421 Jennings Ave. Greenacres, Fl. 33463
2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 PM
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2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 PM
- Garden Lodge #366 ----- 9463 Roan Ln. Palm Beach Gardens, Fl. 33403
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 PM
- Lantana Lodge #372 ----- 2000 N. D St. Lake Worth, Fl. 33460
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 PM

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of the 25th Masonic District



Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every Month
7:30 PM





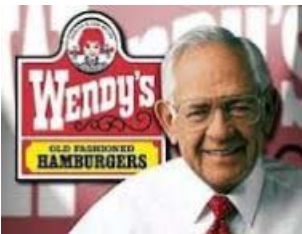
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Masonic Message Of The Month



Brother Rex David "Dave" Thomas Businessman, Philanthropist, Wendy's Founder

"The more you give, the more you get in return." ...

...Rex David "Dave" Thomas

Brother Rex David "Dave" Thomas was an American businessman and philanthropist. Thomas was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey to a single mother he would never meet. At 6 weeks old he was adopted by a couple. His adoptive mother passed away when Thomas was 5 years old. His adoptive father moved with Thomas around the country looking for work. Thomas started working in the restaurant industry at the age of 12 in Knoxville, Tennessee. He lost the job after a dispute with his boss. Later the restaurant would feature a signed poster of Thomas in their entrance.

In 1950, Thomas would not wait to be drafted during the Korean War. Instead he enlisted so he would get the posting he most desired. He ended up in Germany as a Mess Sergeant serving more than 2000 soldiers their daily meals. He left the army in 1953 with an honorable discharge.

In the mid 1950's Thomas would meet Colonel Harland Sanders who had come to Fort Wayne to try to sell franchises for his new chicken restaurant, Kentucky Fried Chicken. Initially Thomas and the Clauss family turned Sanders down, they would eventually relent and begin working with the franchise. By 1968, Thomas sold his shares back to Sanders for \$1.5 million.

In November 1969, Thomas opened the first Wendy's restaurant in Columbus, Ohio. He named the restaurant after his daughter, Melinda Lou, who could not say her own name when she was little so her nickname became Wendy. In 1982, Thomas stepped down from the day to day business operations of the franchise. In 1985, the president of the company at the time asked him to return to help with slumping sales and a brand recognition problem.

In 1989, Thomas became the TV Spokesperson for Wendy's restaurants. Thomas unfortunately was not a natural actor and he came off, according to critics in the industry, as stiff. In 1990, the company took a new tact in their advertising. With Thomas still as their spokesperson they began making ads that featured Thomas as a more self deprecating character. The idea worked and brand recognition for the company began to soar. Thomas even appeared as himself in the 1994 *Bionic Ever After?* which was based on the *Six Million Dollar Man* and *Bionic Woman* television shows.

Thomas was also an advocate for adoption, he established the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.

Thomas passed away on January 8th, 2002, after a long battle with cancer.

Thomas was a member of Sol D. Bayless Lodge No. 359 Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and would receive his 33° in 1995. He was also a Shriner.