

# The Chalk



## 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*

January 9 & 23, 2017

Meal 6:30/Meeting 7:30

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**



Harmonia Lodge

Installation of Officers

Monday, January 9, 2017 - Dinner 6:00 PM



Law Enforcement Appreciation Night  
& Stated Meeting

Monday, January 23, 2017 - Dinner 6:00 PM



Cooking Demo at 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

Stated Meeting 7:30 PM.

Monday, February 13, 2017



Harmonia Lodge Knife & Fork Degree

Thursday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM.



Master Mason Re-Obligation

Harmonia Lodge Stated Meeting

Monday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM



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

Catechism, Degree Practice, Masonic Education & Fellowship



# Harmonia Lodge Officers 2017

## Worshipful Master

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**HAPPY  
New Year  
2017**



*Wishing All Of Our Brothers  
And Their Families A Year Filled With  
Good Health, Happiness and Joy!*



## FROM THE EAST



Happy New Year!!!

As the final days go by, so does another year for Harmonia Lodge.

It is a time of reflection and renewal. I am reminded of when I first knocked at the door to our lodge. I never thought that I'd be sitting in the East after just a few years. Indeed it will be a great honor and privilege. I truly appreciate the trust and confidence you have placed in me.

For the ensuing Masonic year, I am humbled and will serve the Lodge in any capacity that I can . I would like to say thank you to our Worshipful Master Charlie Hogwood for he has served this Lodge with great pride and dedication. Thank you to all our Officers & Brothers for all of your support to our Lodge, and for making it such a great year.

I offer my Thanks and Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers. I am confident in the new line of Officers of 2017 and hope that we will all continue the never ending support to them and to our Lodge.

We have a very busy schedule coming up next year and I look forward as we continue onward and upward to progress. We have exciting times before us and we have the opportunity to make a tremendous difference in Harmonia Lodge.

We have some great activities coming up this month in January. First is our Annual Installation of Officers on January, 9 at 6:00 PM. Second is the Law Enforcement Appreciation Cook-Out Dinner on January 23rd followed by FC Degree on the 26th.

On January 12th please plan to attend a **Required Meeting** at 7:00 pm, dinner will be served at 6:00. Our District Deputy Grand Master , Past District Deputy Grand Master and our District Instructor will be present to discuss the near future as a Mason. This includes all the Brothers including EA's and FC's.

Thank you once again and have a Happy and Prosperous New Year!!!!!!

Brother Ricky  
Worshipful Master Elect



## FROM THE WEST

Brothers,

First of all allow me to wish you a Happy New Year!

I would like to thank the brothers who helped in the kitchen and maintaining the lodge and the cleanliness thereof inside and out. I could not have done the job that was entrusted to me last year if not with your helping hand. On the other hand, I ask everyone for your indulgence and understanding if ever I came short in the performance of my duties and responsibilities.

I would also like to extend my deepest appreciation to all of you in entrusting me again to perform another job for this year.

Another fruitful year went by so fast with lots of exciting activities - memorable ones. This year, our new Worshipful Master has lined up lots of activities. Please see our calendar at the Lodge's Office so you can plan ahead of time to attend most, if not all, of the activities. The more brothers in participation, together with our families if so warranted, the merrier and greater the fellowship. Remember brothers - We are family!

In closing, I would like to wish our brothers who are celebrating their birthday this month a Happy Birthday! May the Almighty shower you more blessings and may you have a healthy year ahead of you.

May everyone of us, and all regular masons, have a Prosperous and Bountiful New Year!

Fraternally yours,

Marco Sevilleja  
Senior Warden Elect





## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

Thank you for electing me as your Junior Warden

"Years ago" when I passed my Nursing Board exams, I felt I had finally arrived. I was a journeyman nurse and was ready to take on the world. I have worked and traveled in the far east, middle east, Canada & here. My first day back to work with my new credentials was quiet enlightening. One of my former Nurse Managers who had mentored me simply said "Don't let it go to your head; it is only a license to learn." I believe strongly that this applies to my Masonic journey as well. When I think of what I knew when I first became a Master Mason, I realize I didn't know much of anything. I was pointed somewhat loosely in a direction and told to go seek light. I wasn't even sure what light I was suppose to seek. However, it didn't end there.

In the short time I had been in Masonry, I have received a lot of guidance from our Past Masters, Educators, and Brothers. They help me develop. These are very dedicated Masons who have a great love for the fraternity and mankind.

This mentoring is a large part of our Masonic fraternity. If we are truly trying to "make good men better" then there is more to it than rituals and dues. New Masons need guidance. I can't forget advises received from a corner of our lodge... "keep an open mind" and the friendly/brotherly hand on the shoulder to say "what do you think of that" or "perhaps this might be a good idea" or "have you considered?".

Only by involvement in our Lodge on a regular basis can these bonds be developed. It would be great to see more Brothers involved in this. It would also be great to see some strange faces. I would love to see the dining room full on a Stated Meeting nights or a full lodge on Degree nights.

Masons like to meet people, What a better place to meet good people than that of our lodge. We have new people coming by on a regular basis. Try to make it a point of coming by twice a month at least. Visit old friends and take some time to meet new friends.

A very Prosperous New Year to you all. "See you in the Lodge"

Fraternally,  
Edmund O. Rodas  
Junior Warden Elect





## 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 you information, please do so. See the instructions included with this Trestleboard. 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 current with your 2017 Dues, have attended 7 Tyled meetings or Degrees, and been a Member of the Lodge for 1 year.

A Happy and Healthy New Year to all the Brothers and their Families.

Fraternally,

W. Lou Babbit, HPM, Secretary

**'What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.'**

**Albert Pike, 33rd Degree**



### **Your Feedback Is Welcome!**

We welcome any suggestions to improve our Trestle Board!  
Email your ideas, input or questions to The Chalk Publisher,

**Bro. Howie Zusel, Email: [thechalk@zusel.com](mailto:thechalk@zusel.com)**

*Thanks in advance for your valued input & support!*

### **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

## 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  
561-578-3281 or Email: rayrios@comcast.net  
or W.: Lou Babbit, HPM, Secretary 561-640-9115



## HOLD THE DATE & PLAN TO ATTEND

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2017

Harmonia Lodge Installation of 2017 Officers – Monday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

Harmonia Lodge Stated Communication, Monday, Jan. 23<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM  
Law Enforcement Appreciation prior to the Stated Meeting.

Harmonia Lodge Fellow Craft Degree – Thursday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Harmonia Lodge Entered Apprentice Degree – Thursday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Harmonia Lodge Stated Meeting – Monday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>,  
Cooking Demo at 5:30 PM, dinner 6:30 PM.

Harmonia Lodge Knife & Fork Degree – Thursday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM.

Harmonia Lodge Stated Meeting – Monday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM  
Master Mason Re-obligation

## 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!

I just finished Bill O Reilly's Killing the Rising Sun. Good Read. It is interesting that there are Freemasons who interact during World War 2, and how they interact. O Reilly doesn't mention the Freemasonry in the book but those of us in the know, know. FDR, Harry S. Truman, Doolittle, and MacArthur. The book is now a selection in our Harmonia Library. In fact, all of O Reilly's books are there.

Check them out.

David J. Reilly, Librarian.

*Scottish Rite 21st Degree Practice*  
*Wednesday January 21, 2017 at Harmonia 6:30 PM*



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*You and your family are  
cordially invited to attend the*



**Harmonia Lodge**  
No. 138 F. & A. M.  
**Installation of Officers**

**Monday, January 9, 2017**  
**Dinner 6:00 PM**

**Harmonia Masonic Lodge**  
**1896 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd, Suite 200 Rear,**  
**West Palm Beach, FL 33409**



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*You and Your Family  
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**Harmonia Lodge  
Law Enforcement  
Appreciation Night**

**Monday, January 23 2017**

**Dinner 6:00 PM**



**Harmonia Masonic Lodge  
1896 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd, Suite 200 Rear,  
West Palm Beach, FL 33409**



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BEHIND THE SCENES  
Exceptional Volunteers for January

BROTHER RICHARD WAGNER

Brother Richard Wagner has been most helpful to the Harmonia Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts and Master Masons with his instruction for their catechisms.

He has been a willing assistant to Brother Rios on their many cleaning missions and has spent many hours making the Lodge presentable.

Thank you Brother Wagner for all you do!

Visit our website at [www.harmonia138.org](http://www.harmonia138.org)

Take a tour of the related links, resources, educational materials, photo albums and Harmonia history.  
Sign in to the guestbook and let us know your feedback!

A special thanks to our amazing Web Master and Website Designer, Illustrious Sir Chris Brett!  
Thanks for your service to Harmonia Brother!

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

**Palm Beach Central High School  
National Honor Society for the  
*Children's Miracle Network***



The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of  
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

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**  
**32nd MASONIC DISTRICT**

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**DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR**

Right Honorable  
James M. Schmidt  
E-Mail: [pmjll2009@gmail.com](mailto:pmjll2009@gmail.com)  
Phone: 561-301-5761

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 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



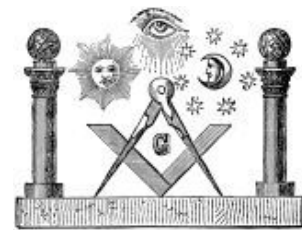
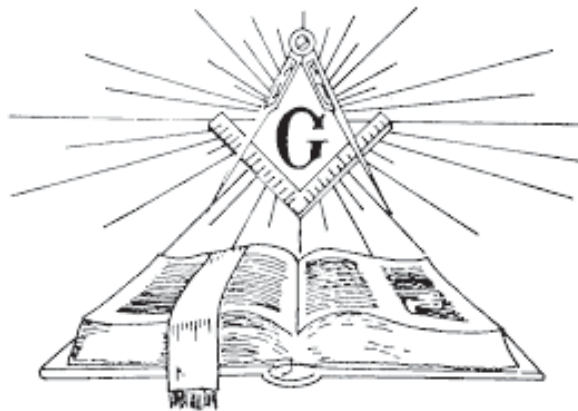
## Masonic High Twelve Club #316 - Lake Worth, FL



**Squire Sidney King, President**  
Email: [sking1474@att.net](mailto:sking1474@att.net) - Phone: 954.974.4983

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

## Harmonia Lodge Degree Status





## 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.

## SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR TRESTLEBOARD BOOSTERS

*Brother Bruce Leffler, Gulfstream Lodge #245*

(Please see Lou Babbit, Lodge Secretary, to add your name)



# Congratulations To

**Harmonia Lodge Secretary,  
Lou Babbit,  
Honorary Past Master**

*Bestowed by the  
Worshipful Master and Brothers*

Monday, November 28, 2016

*In recognition of his dedicated service  
and tireless labors to Harmonia Lodge*



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## Masonic Message Of The Month



# Benjamin Franklin

United States Founding Father, Author, Politician,  
Freemason, Postmaster, Scientist, Inventor, Civic  
Activist, Statesman, and Diplomat

*"An investment in  
knowledge pays the  
best interest"*

Illustrious M.:W.: Benjamin Franklin,  
Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania



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NOTE: This page will be a new monthly feature of  
"The Chalk". Please send quotes made by famous Brothers to  
the Chalk Publisher at: [thechalk@zusel.com](mailto:thechalk@zusel.com)

# 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](mailto: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