

The Chalk



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



**125th Anniversary Of Harmonia Lodge
Join Us In Celebration**

Monday, January 14, 2019

6:30 PM



**Harmonia Lodge
Installation of 2019 Officers
Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM**



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



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



Open Books
Harmonia Lodge
Saturday, Jan. 19th - 9:00 AM to Noon
Saturday, Feb. 23rd - 9:00 AM to Noon



Harmonia Lodge
Stated Communications
Monday, Jan. 28th - 6:15 PM
Monday, February 11th - 6:15 PM
Monday, Feb. 25th - 6:15 PM



Harmonia Lodge
Fellow Craft Degree
Thursday, Jan. 31st - 6:30 PM



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



FROM THE EAST



Brethren of Harmonia Lodge,

I wish to thank the Officers and the Brethren who have reposed their trust and confidence in me by electing me Worshipful Master of this friendly and honorable institution for the ensuing Masonic year.

I also thank all those outside the Craft who had made my election possible, especially my colleagues in my nursing profession, friends and family. All of them have supported me with their love and indulgence in my pursuit of the Craft. I cannot thank them enough for their kindness and sacrifice in doing so. If it is even possible select from among the Brethren, I now thank those who sponsored my petition to become a Freemason; those who patiently taught me my catechisms, imparted ancient wisdom to me and continued as my mentor and inspiration.

Finally, I wish to thank my fellow Officers who have agreed to serve with me. Already, their labors do them great credit. In particular, the upright zeal and wise insight of Worshipful Master Marco Sevilleja has been both an indispensable support and light to guide me and my fellow Officers as we prepare for the year ahead. As he said on his final message: "Look well on the South, West and East"

January 14th marks the 125th Anniversary of our Lodge. We are in for a treat, we will hear speakers from our Lodge historians, educators and Past Masters. Then a feast of Fellowship and Brotherhood follows which will surely warm the heart and strengthens the fraternal ties. January 19th is the Officers Installation day.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Installation day.

On behalf of Harmonia Lodge, I would like to wish all Masons and your families all the best for the season and may your holidays be cheerful and happy, and all your wishes would come through this season. May you have good health and may the Great Architect of the Universe protect you in all your goings and comings.

Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year!

Fraternally
Edmundo O. Rodas
Worshipful Master Elect





FROM THE WEST



Greetings Brethren,

Well, December is almost gone and soon we will be in January 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. January is the time when our Brothers, families, and friends make our New Year's resolution for the better. Happy Birthday to all the Brother's, friends, and families who are having a birthday in January of 2019.

Thanks to the Brother's that came out to support the kitchen crew during the Month of December, and a job well done by our very own W.: Ricky Espiritu, Jr. P.M. as always cooking up an outstanding meal for all event's. Kudos go out to our Junior Warden Elect Brother Brian Price for an outstanding job organizing, planning, and executing the 3rd Annual Harmonia Lodge family picnic at John Prince Park.

Keep your eye on the Chalk for all future events. Congratulations to Brother Thomas Taylor for being selected Mason of the Month of November 2018 for a job well done. Thanks to the Brethren, who supported Master Mason 1,2, &3 on December 1, 2018, a required course for all Master Masons in good standing. Brethren, on December 8th, 2018 we had a very nice turn-out for Open books at Harmonia Lodge and some of the Brothers got tested by the District Instructor Wright Honorable Gorge Wintering and earned their proficiency cards. We had a very nice and large group of brothers for open books and had very good instructions on the responsibility of Lodge Officers. Remember that an Educated Mason is a Dedicated Mason. Kudos go out to the entire FC Degree Team for an outstanding job with our newly Passed Fellow Craft Brothers. All the newly FC Brothers were instructed with the Fellow Craft Lecture by our very own W.: Michael Hart, HPM, as always with his amazing performance that any Mason can only Imagine.

Thanks to the Brothers that came out to support Harmonia Lodge Christmas Party on December 15, 2018 sponsor by the DAV and the Marine Corp for Toys for Tot's annual program. Brethren, come out and celebrate with the "Families First of Palm Beach County" for the Holidays.

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 Elect
Make it Happen!





FROM THE SOUTH



Brethren,

I'm humbled and honored to be elected to serve the Craft in the South for 2019. Thank you to all who have put your faith in me. A hearty congratulations to Edmund Rodas, Worshipful Master Elect and the entire group of 2019 officers, both elected and appointed. I look forward to working with an amazing group of men and continuing to build on the momentum established by our Junior Past Master Marco Sevilleja. We have a wonderful "Kitchen Crew" this year, and together we will strive to equal the spectacular year provided from our newly elected SW Ray Rios. He also did an amazing job of coordinating some neglected and long overdue maintenance as the chair of the Lodge Property committee, and I hope to continue to address much needed issues concerning our beautiful Lodge.

Additionally, if you are a Brother who hasn't been to Lodge in a while, we would love to see you. Come reconnect with us and see firsthand the amazing things that are happening here at Harmonia. If you need transportation, simply let us know by email or call and we will arrange for a Brother to pick you up and take you home! Please come join us for good food and great fellowship and I'm sure you will be glad you did!!!

Finally, we have had the good fortune of being an active and thriving Lodge with a growing membership. Whether you are a Harmonia veteran or a new Brother, if you have any interest in participating in an upcoming degree, or just want to learn the degree and ritual work, please come to Lodge on any Thursday evening and we will be very happy to teach you. I challenge everyone to take part in at least one degree this coming year. If you have never been a part of one, please get involved. You will not be "stepping on any toes" as we are always endeavoring to make our degree teams stronger and well prepared! Our goal is and has always been to provide the highest quality of degree work!

Until next month,

Brother Brian Price
Junior Warden Elect





SECRETARY SEZ



Brethern;

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.**

Harmonia Lodge Officers 2019



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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 Sylline
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)
W.: Tony Petrides, PM
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 Babbi, HPM (Chairman)

Lodge Property

JW Brian Price (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

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.: Edmundo 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*

*Brother
Mark Higgs*

*W.: Brother
Charley Hogwood, P M*

*Brother
Evan Sobel*

*Brother
Brian Price*

*W.: Brother
Robert Gibbons, P M*

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

*W.: Brother
Josh Johnson, P M*

*Brother
William Garrison*

*Brother
Roldo Syllne*

*Brother
Mark Garfinkel*

*Brother
Chris Brett*

*Brother
Richard Gregory*

*Brother
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



January 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!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Harmonia Lodge No. 138 is 125 Years Old this month. This is the time to begin a new tradition. If you haven't checked out a book from our Library now is the time. Start with one book, if you have a particular interest share with me and I will help you, if you need a place to start in reading about Freemasonry, I can help you with that also.

" Where there is a spark of knowledge, ignorance is diffused"

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!

*Lodge of Instruction at Harmonia, Thursday Nights For
Catechism Assistance, Degree Practice Lodge of Instruction*



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

1894 - 2019

*Celebrating 125 Years of
Freemasonry in
West Palm Beach*



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!



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1896 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Join Us In The
***125th Anniversary Celebration of
Harmonia Lodge No. 138
Monday, January 14, 2019
at 6:30 o'clock in the evening***

**Dinner &
Anniversary Program
Friends & Family Welcome**

Attire: Suit & Tie

Harmonia Masonic Lodge
1896 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33409

Limited to first 80 persons
(Sold-Out)

Join The Waiting List At

<https://harmoniamasoniclodge125.eventbrite.com>



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Chartered 1894

*You and your family are
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Harmonia Lodge

No. 138 F. & A. M.

Installation of Officers

Saturday, January 19, 2019

Dinner 6:30 PM

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



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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



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

*You & Your Family Are
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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
lbabbit@gmail.com

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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
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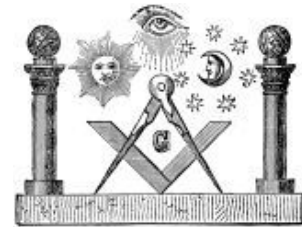
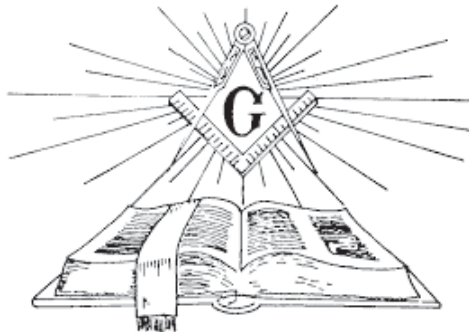
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Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month
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Harmonia Lodge Degree Status



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MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
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RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND SECRETARY
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25th Masonic District

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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 25th Masonic District



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





Harmonia Lodge

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Chartered 1894



Masonic Message Of The Month



Brother Franklin Delano Roosevelt Statesman, Politician and 4 Term U.S. President

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."...

...Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Franklin Delano Roosevelt (January 30, 1882 – April 12, 1945), often referred to by his initials FDR, was an American statesman and political leader who served as the 32nd President of the United States from 1933 until his death in 1945. A Democrat, he won a record four presidential elections and became a central figure in world events during the first half of the 20th century. Roosevelt directed the federal government during most of the Great Depression, implementing his New Deal domestic agenda in response to the worst economic crisis in U.S. history. As a dominant leader of his party, he built the New Deal Coalition, which realigned American politics into the Fifth Party System and defined American liberalism throughout the middle third of the 20th century. His third and fourth terms were dominated by World War II. He is often rated by scholars as one of the three greatest U.S. presidents, along with George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, was born in Hyde Park, New York, January 30, 1882. He was initiated in Holland Lodge No.8, New York City, October 10th, passed November 14th and raised November 28, 1911. He received the Scottish Rite degrees in Albany, New York, February 28, 1929. He was a member of the Grotto (Poughkeepsie, New York) and Tall Cedars (Warwick, New York). He was "Right Worshipful" having been accredited the representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia near the Grand Lodge of New York September 22, 1930.

Stansbury Lodge No.24, Washington, D.C. made him an Honorary Member November 21, 1919, when he officiated at the Masonic laying of the cornerstone of its Temple.

He attended Architect Lodge No.519, of New York City, February 17, 1933, where he raised his son Elliott to the Sublime Degree and made an address in which he stressed the importance of Masonic principles to this Nation, and his faith in the Americanism of the Ancient Craft.

He died at Warm Spring, Georgia, April 12, 1945, and was buried at Hyde Park, New York.