

# ***“THE CHALK”***

***HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138***

***FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS***

***CHARTERED 1894***

***DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7***

***M.:W.: GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA***

***127 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach***

**December 2021**

**Dec. 11th (Saturday)**

**Bible & Apron Ceremony**

**Open Event for all**

**Friends & Family**

**1:00 pm Start Time**

**Dec. 13th (Monday)**

**Stated Communication**

**2022 Officer Elections**

**Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15**

**NOTICE: Only one**

**Stated meeting for the month.**

**Lodge Dark 2nd monthly meeting.**

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# *From the East*

Greetings Brethren,

We are now in December and friends and families are getting ready for Christmas, Hanukkah, the holiday season, and the welcoming of the New Year. I hope that everyone has gotten their vaccine by now, or plan to soon.

Congratulations to Bro. Rudy Romero, Bro. Antonio Cruz Jr., and Bro. David Odreman for being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 18, 2021. Congratulations to SW Sotelo Cruz for doing an outstanding job as Worshipful Master in the East for this Degree, and Congratulations to the entire degree team for a job well done. Special thanks go out to RW Michael Tishman, Chairman for Committee on Work for the Master Mason Lecture, and RW Robert Estell for his support as Senior Deacon for the 2<sup>nd</sup> section of the Degree. We also raised four Brothers from Garden Lodge No. 366 as well. Congratulations to Bro. John DeSwart, Bro. Frederick Jolowski, Bro. Janne Maki, and Bro. Lawrence Malanga. Best wishes as you continue your safe travels in Masonry.

We have a Bible and Apron Ceremony taking place this month on Saturday, December 11th, at 1:00 pm. Congratulations to the following Brothers that will have this honor bestowed upon them for completing Proficiency in all three Masonic Degrees: Bro. Alex Haire, Bro. Greg Tammany, Bro. John McClaskie, Bro. Fred Waymire II, Bro. Chad Rawlinson, Bro. Roberto Mazzanti, Bro. Erasmo Gonzales, Bro. David Jones, and Bro. J.C. Rogers. It is a recognition of achievement for both the Brother and our Lodge. Congratulate these Brothers when you see them for a job well done.

Attention to those who are interested in School of Instruction every Saturday from 10 am until 1:00 pm addressing anything we need to work on with W:.M:. Ray Rios and his team. Open Books will take place every third Saturday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm with our District Instructor R:. H:. Sal Musumeci, so come out and support and promote our District training mission.

Finally my Brothers, in closing, my last two years as Master of Harmonia is ending, but my time as your Master will never be forgotten. I want to first thank all the Officers and Brothers of Harmonia Lodge for all your support that was provided to me as Master. I am humbled by the opportunity and trust that you all have given me by allowing me to be the Worshipful Master in 2020 & 2021 and I am very grateful from the bottom of my heart. Now I ask that you do the same for our Worshipful Master Elect Sotelo Cruz and his Officers for FY 2022. Thank you again for everything my Brothers.

In closing, remember Masonry is not just a Fraternity of good men; it's a way of life. May the Grand Architect of the Universe grant all the Brothers, families, and friends all the blessings now and forever.

Make It Happen!

Ray Rios

Worshipful Master 2020, 2021



# *From the West*

Greetings Brethren!

I hope this message finds you all safe and well. It's hard to believe the year is almost over. Another year has passed and it's almost time to welcome the new set of officers who will lead this Lodge for the ensuing year.

With that said, I would like to congratulate all the elected and appointed officers for 2022. Their installation will take place on January 8, 2022 starting at 6pm. Let's all join these Brothers and show our support for next year.

I would also like to congratulate the newly raised brothers from Harmonia and Garden lodge. I want to thank all the Brothers who attended and participated in last month's Master Mason degree. I also would like to thank R:.W:. DDGM Rob Estell and R:.H:. Sal Musumeci for participating in the second section, and R:.W:. Michael Tishman for delivering what I thought was a very engaging and amazing Master Mason lecture. Thank you Brothers!

In closing, I want to thank W:.M:. Ray Rios for his 2-year tenure and congratulate him for all his accomplishments. Well done Brother! Despite all the COVID restrictions, the Lodge is in a better place. I promise to do my best to lead this Lodge next year.

If there are any Brothers who need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Lodge. Let's all be Safe!!!

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us always!

Fraternally,

Sotelo Cruz

Senior Warden



# *From the South*



Greetings Brethren!

Welcome to the end of 2021! What a year it has been. As this final month is upon us, I would like to start by thanking Worshipful Master Ray Rios for an outstanding year. We appreciate all your hard work and effort! Enjoy being a Past Master!

Next, I would like to thank the entire kitchen staff for their continued hard work and dedication. Worshipful Ricky Espiritu has kept our stomachs full with wonderful meals from beginning to end as always. This takes a LOT of work both in and out of the kitchen and we are all very fortunate to have someone volunteer to keep this tradition alive. Thank you, Worshipful Ricky Espiritu! Also, a big thank you to the Stewards, Brothers Erasmo Gonzalez and David Jones, and all the other Brothers who have kept the kitchen and dining hall clean and sanitary so we can continue our fellowship every meeting. Much respect to every one of you.

Now, on to business. We have one final meeting on Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup> for the year. Worshipful Master Ray and Worshipful Ricky have decided this is to be a Lobster Dinner! Please, RSVP as soon as possible as we will need a head count to buy enough food for everyone. I hope to see you all there.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate our newly raised Brothers! We all look forward to seeing you excel in wherever Freemasonry may take you! And, to the soon-to-be-installed incoming Worshipful Master, Brother Senior Warden Sotelo Cruz, we are all very excited to support your year! Congrats and good luck!

Thank you all for allowing me to serve you as Junior Warden this year.

May the GAOTU guide and protect us all,

Fraternally,

Justin Shiver

Junior Warden



## *Secretary Sez*

### *Office Hours*

Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00am - 4:00pm

Fridays 10:00am - 12:30pm

Brethren,

Dues notices for 2022 were sent out to the Craft in October. Thanks to the Brethren who have so graciously responded so early in paying your dues. I have been very busy processing payments and mailing out dues cards. I hope you keep the payments coming. If you have not yet paid your dues, please remit your payment to the Lodge Secretary. If there are circumstances or challenges preventing you from paying your dues, please contact myself or the Worshipful Master ASAP. We are here to help my Brothers, you need only to reach out and ask. At this time we have 11 Brothers in danger of suspension for NPD dues.

I want to congratulate W:.M.: Ray Rios on an outstanding 2-year term at the helm of Harmonia Lodge. Well done my Brother, and thank you for all you have done for Harmonia Lodge. I also want to congratulate Worshipful Master Elect Sotelo Cruz and all the elected and appointed officers for the upcoming 2022 year. I know you will do great things for our Lodge.

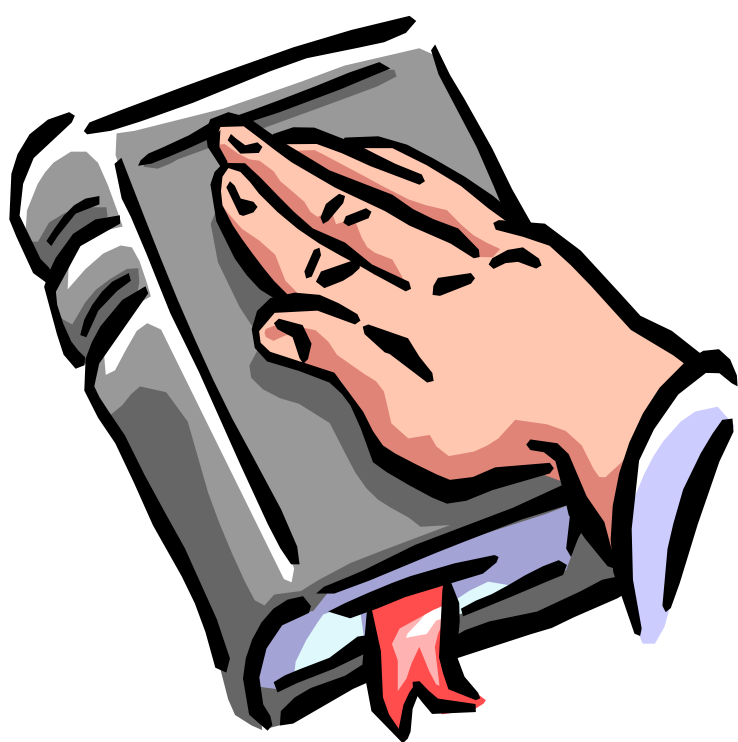
On that note, please come out to the Installation of your 2022 Lodge Officers on Saturday, January 8th, 2022. The evening will begin with dinner served at 6:00 pm, with the Installation to follow promptly at 7:00 pm. Come support your Harmonia Officer line! This event is open to all friends and family. Hope to see the sidelines filled to capacity!

I sincerely hope you had a great Thanksgiving, and I wish all the Brethren a Happy Holiday season and a Joyous New Year. Remember the blessings we have in abundance, and the reason for the season. Thank you again to all the Brothers for your support. Please stay healthy and safe.

W:. Rob C. Gibbons, Secretary Pro-Tem

**“In a moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing to do. The worst thing you can do is nothing!”**

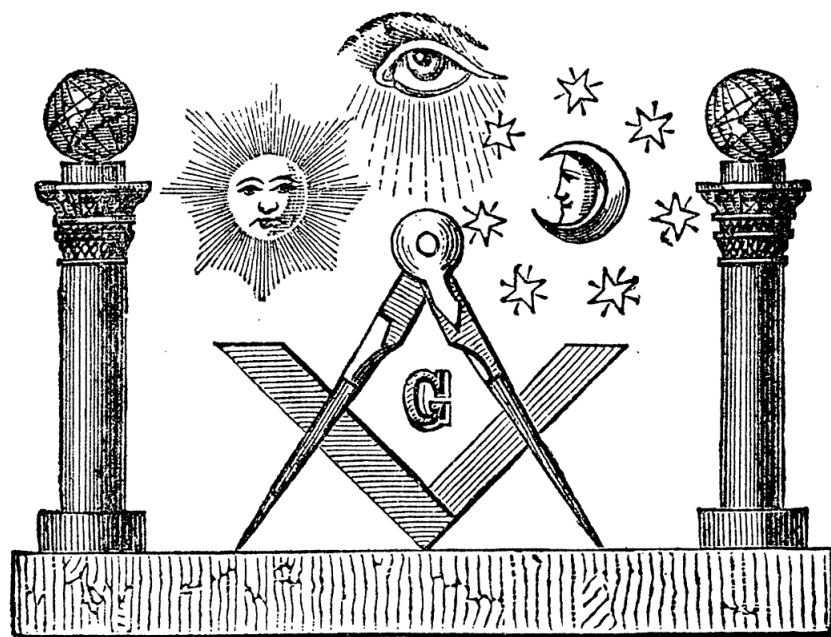
**~Bro. Theodore Roosevelt**



# *Installation of 2022 Harmonia Lodge Officers*

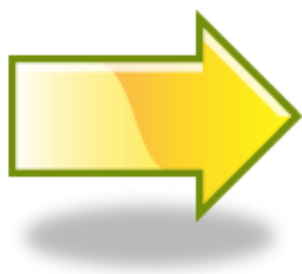
*On Saturday, January 8th 2022, Harmonia Lodge will conduct the ceremony for the installation of the 2022 officers. Please come out and share in this memorable event and show your support for the new line. We look forward to a wonderful event!*

*\*Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm with the Installation to follow promptly at 7:00 pm.*



## ***Election of 2022 Officers for Harmonia Lodge***

Harmonia Lodge will be holding Elections for the 2022 Officers on Monday, 12/13/2021. Please come out and join us for the last meeting of 2021!



***\*REMINDER \****

*There will be **ONLY** one meeting in December due to Winter Holidays. (12/13/2021)*





# Lake Worth Scottish Rite Reunion & Convocation

**Saturday & Sunday, March 5th & 6th, 2022**  
**200<sup>th</sup> Class held at BYKOTA Lodge**  
**In Honor of James H. Kirby 33<sup>o</sup> Grand Cross**



## Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date!

All Master Masons who would like to join the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite are encouraged to petition and become a Scottish Rite Mason during this memorial reunion class that is dedicated to our Beloved Brother Jim Kirby. If interested or have questions, please see Brother Dave Reilly or Brother Tony Petrides for more information. Petitions are available for all interested Master Masons. We hope to see ALL current Scottish Rite Masons at this memorable Reunion weekend as well!



# **Bible and Apron Ceremony**

**Saturday, December 11th**

**1:00 pm (Business Casual)**

**This event is Open to ALL family and friends. Come out and support the Brothers who have worked so hard to receive this honor and ceremony. It is an amazing event you won't want to miss!**



## ***Why Do We Salute The Master?***

Masons entering or leaving a Lodge salute the Master at the Altar, and as with all symbols, there are several meanings or interpretations:

This practice assures the Master that the brother knows upon which degree the Lodge is open. A brother making the wrong sign can be instructed immediately.

It informs the Master that the brother is a Mason of the degree on which the Lodge is open. If he makes an inferior sign, and cannot, on request, give the correct sign, the Master can use other means to ascertain that no Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft is present in a Master Mason's lodge.

Brethren salute on retiring to get permission to leave, as no one enters or leaves without the permission of the Master. If the Master does not wish the brother who salutes to retire, he tells him so, instead of responding to the salute.

On busy evenings, as during visitations or other Masonic functions or degrees, the Master may instruct the Tyler to inform entering brethren to salute the Senior Warden in order to not have the labors of the East interrupted.

**BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY AND MOST OF ALL:** the salute is a reminder to the individual Brother AND a silent assurance to the Master and through him to the Brethren: **“ I remember my obligation. “**



# 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL 25<sup>th</sup> MASONIC DISTRICT CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

*Santa's Helpers:*

- Gulf Stream Lodge
- Harmonia Lodge
- Jupiter-Light Lodge
- Master Mason Assoc. 25<sup>th</sup> Dist.
- Palmwood Lodge
- Lake Worth Chapter 111, OES
- Garden Lodge
- Boca-Delray Lodge
- Bykota Lodge
- Lantana Lodge
- Lake Worth Scottish Rite
- Amara Shrine Brothers
- High Twelve
- Boynton Lodge
- Grotto
- Individual Brothers who love kids

With our above helpers we have collected over 6500 toys that have put the biggest smiles on children of all ages. Please continue to help. Santa and Mrs. Claus will pick up the toys to be wrapped and delivered. They will also pick up toys from you. Santa and Mrs. Claus will do the shopping on cash donations and every penny will buy toys. Donations can be mailed to Gulf Stream Masonic Lodge @ 1111 Crestwood Blvd., Suite A, Lake Worth, FL 33460. Make checks payable to Gulf Stream Lodge No. 245, or call 561-588-1802 for pickups (ask for Santa Roy or Mrs. Claus.) Lets make the 14<sup>th</sup> year a record breaker! Please new unwrapped toys only, DEAD-LINE 12/3/21



A LOT OF CHILDREN HAVE LITTLE OR NOTHING IN THE FORM OF GIFTS ON CHRISTMAS DUE TO THE ECONOMY, THE CORONIAVIRUS, PARENTS NOT WORKING, ETC. WE AS MASONS SHOULD EXTEND ARE ARMS AND MAKES THE HOLIDAY SEASON GREAT FOR ALL.

MERRY CHERISTMAS, HAPPY HOLIDAYS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES, SINCE NO DONATIONS ARE BEING REQUESTED OUTSIDE THE FRATERNITY TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA.



# *Lodge Officers for 2021*

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***Palm Beach York Rite Bodies***

***Meets at Harmonia Lodge No. 138 F&AM***

***Chapter No. 24 Royal Arch Masons***

***Zabud Council No. 17 Royal and Select Masters***

***Palm Beach Commandry No. 18 Knights Templar***





## *Area Lodges District #25*

Boca-Delray #171

4093 NW 4th Avenue, Boca Raton

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Boynton #236

2701 Quantum Blvd, Boynton Beach

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Gulfstream #245

Palmwood Lodge: 845 Bradley St., WPB

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

Palmwood #303

845 Bradley St., West Palm Beach

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Bykota #333

421 Jennings Ave., Greenacres

2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm

Jupiter Light #340

600 S. Loxahatchee Dr., Jupiter

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Garden #366

9463 Roan Lane, Palm Beach Gardens

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Lantana #372

Palmwood Lodge: 845 Bradley St., WPB

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

## *Harmonia Lodge Degree Status*



### Due Course

Michael Koppy



### Awaiting EA

Dallas Thomas, Robert Gawel, Brian Vedrani

### Awaiting FC

Troy Maddox, Edvens Rislin, Gensly Pierre

### Awaiting MM

None



## Charity for the Month

### *Disabled American Vets/DAV Chap#42*

*The Box of Fraternal Relief is located in  
Lodgeroom. Please donate what you can.*



# **2021 Lodge Committees**

## **Finance**

SW Sotelo Cruz (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,  
W.: Tony Petrides, Sec. Lou Babbit HPM, Bro. Peter Petrosky,  
Ed Griffin HPM

## **Vigilance**

JW Justin Shiver (Chairman), W.: Rob Gibbons Sr.,  
JD Fred Waymire, W.: Marco Sevilleja

## **Petitions**

Sec. Lou Babbit HPM (Chairman), David Reilly HPM,  
Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson, W.: Tony Petrides, JW Justin Shiver

## **Masonic Education**

SW Sotelo Cruz (Chairman), David Reilly HPM,  
W.: Rob Gibbons Sr., Mike Hart HPM, W.: Tony Petrides

## **Board of Relief**

W.:M.: Ray Rios (Chairman), SW Sotelo Cruz, JW Justin Shiver

## **Charity**

SW Sotelo Cruz (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,  
Sec. Lou Babbit HPM

## **Lodge Property**

JW Justin Shiver (Chairman), Bro. Scott McGary,  
Sec. Lou Babbit HPM, W.: Rob Gibbons Sr.

## **Lodge Mentoring**

W.: Rob Gibbons Sr. (Chairman), W.: Edmund Rodas,  
W.: Marco Sevilleja

## **Community, Civic Improvement & Social Activities**

JW Justin Shiver (Chairman), SD Jorge StaRosa,  
JD Fred Waymire, Marshall W.: Edmund Rodas

## **Investigations**

Sec. Lou Babbit HPM (Chairman), Brothers of the Lodge as  
Appointed (Master Masons ONLY)

## **Communications, Trestleboard and Website**

Greg Tammany (Chair), Sec. Lou Babbit HPM, W.: Tony Petrides

## **Visitors**

Jim Kirby HPM (Chair), Bro. Greg Tammany, Bro. Tom Taylor,  
Mike Hart HPM, David Reilly HPM, W.: Tony Petrides



## **Letters to the Editor** (An open forum by Brothers, for Brothers)

We welcome any feedback to improve our Trestle Board! If you have any suggestions or input, a pressing issue, flustering problem, or you are just plain curious about any topic whatsoever, submit your comments in an e-mail to the editor at [Meat11ball@aol.com](mailto:Meat11ball@aol.com). Thanks in advance for your valued input!