

“THE CHALK”

HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

CHARTERED 1894

DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7

M.:W.: GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

130 Years of Masonry in West Palm Beach

January 2024

January 6th, 2024 (Sat.)

Installation of Officers

Friends & Family Welcome

Meal & Installation 4:00pm

January 8th, 2024

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

January 22nd, 2024

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

January 27th, 2024

Harmonia Re-dedication

Ceremony with Grand Lodge of Florida

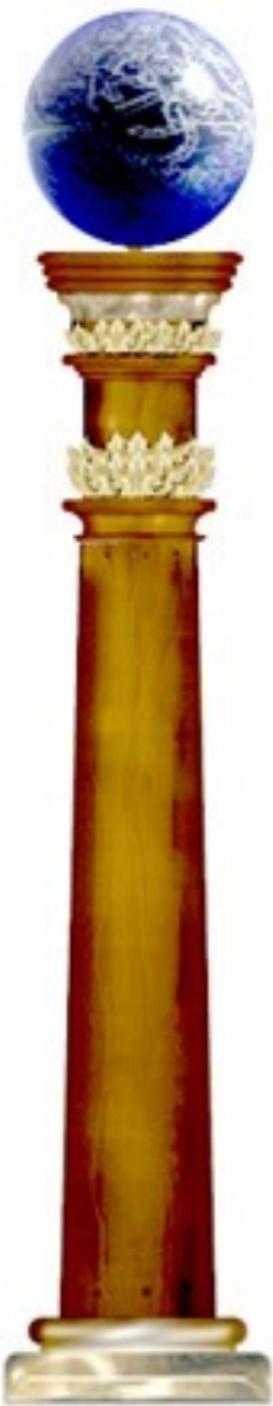
12:00 Ceremony & Meal to follow

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From the East

Greetings Brethren!

As the “Chief Servant” of Harmonia Lodge 138, I proclaim that 2024 is “Our Year.” I look forward to sharing with each one of you individually and together as “The Craft.”

January 6, 2024, at 4:00 pm is the Officer Installation, followed by dinner and fellowship. Invite your family or a person that might have asked you about Masonry in the past and would be a great addition to our Fraternity. January 27, 2024, at High Twelve is the rededication of Harmonia Lodge with the Grand Lodge of Florida. Lunch will be served after the ceremony. Harmonia will celebrate its 130th anniversary as a chartered Lodge, bring your family, and or that person who has been knocking.

EsoteriKa share: In all time, truth has been hidden under symbols, and often under a succession of allegories: where veil after veil had to be penetrated before the true light was reached, and the essential truth stood revealed. The Human Light is but an imperfect reflection of a ray of the Infinite and Divine.

TK Krumenacker
Worshipful Master



From the West

Greetings Brethren,

As we step into the threshold of a new year, our journey continues with eager hearts and steadfast spirits. The turning of the calendar invites us to reflect on the path behind us and look ahead to the uncharted roads that lie before.

Starting Off on the Right Foot:, let us begin this year with a firm resolve to uphold the timeless principles of our craft. May our actions be guided by virtue, our words tempered with wisdom, and our thoughts steeped in harmony.

Great Things to Come: The canvas of the future awaits the strokes of our collective efforts. As we sow the seeds of fellowship and dedication, we anticipate a bountiful harvest of unity, progress, and enlightenment. Let us march forward, embracing the unknown with confidence and fortitude.

Gratitude to Former Brother Secretary Gibbons: With deep appreciation, we acknowledge the unwavering commitment and tireless dedication of our esteemed former Brother Secretary Gibbons. His contributions have been the cornerstone upon which our lodge stands tall. Let us extend our heartfelt gratitude for his invaluable service and wish him continued success on his path.

Acknowledgment to Worshipful Master Shriver: Under the guidance of our Worshipful Master Shriver, our lodge has charted a course of greatness. His vision, leadership, and dedication have steered us toward a horizon brimming with promise and possibility. Let us express our gratitude for his exemplary stewardship and unwavering commitment to our lodge's prosperity.

Brethren, as we embark upon this new chapter, let us carry the torch of fraternity, illuminating the darkness, and paving the way for a year filled with growth, enlightenment, and accomplishment. I would like to say thanking you for giving the officers and I the opportunity to help shape our future. Without YOU, the craft it would not be possible.

Fraternally,

Rudy Romero, Senior Warden

From the South



Dear Brethren,

Let me begin by thanking the Craft for having confidence in me to serve as your Junior Warden. I am grateful to announce that I will be assisted with two fine and well qualified Brothers. Bro. Angel Pabon and Bro. Jojo Esguerra. A special congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers. I am looking forward to an exciting year.

January is upon us and I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday with their Families and loved ones.

I suspect the beginning of this year to be an active one as we recently had two outstanding degrees., a Fellow Craft and Entered Apprentice degree. Congratulations Brother Rudy Romero and Brother Kenny Lasseter for the outstanding performance both in the East.

Brothers, I ask that we reflect upon our previous year and cherish the good times and reassure them with someone who may be close to you or far away and especially a brother mason. A little atta boy goes a long way.

Let me mention that January is Blood donor awareness month. Let's keep in mind those who may need our help, especially our first responders and Military personnel. The World is and continues to experience many uncertainties. Lets pray for peace in the world.

Brethren, let's Remember our obligation, especially the Three Precious Jewels.

May The Grand Architect of The Universe Continue to Guide you.

Erasmus Gonzalez
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays 10:00am - 4:00pm
Fridays 10:00am - 12:30pm

Brethren,

I would like to wish each and every one a Happy New Year. I wish we all have bountiful blessings this year and the years to come.

Again, thank you for electing me Secretary for our Lodge, and for your trust in me for this position. I will do everything to the best of my ability to execute the duties and responsibilities of the office, keeping the trust and confidence you have bestowed on me.

As we are transitioning, I would like to remind the Brothers to please check if you have paid your dues for this year and if not paid, please do so. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

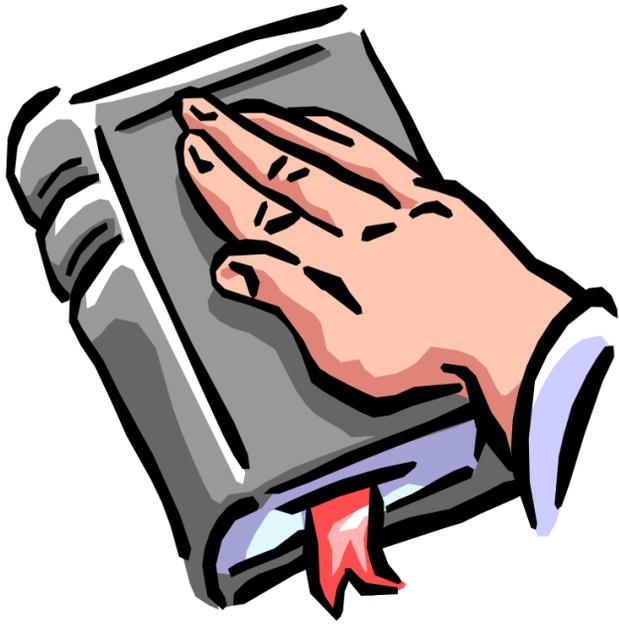
I will be regularly informing the Craft on any matters concerning our Lodge's operations and I welcome any suggestions and observations that you may have in relation to how I perform my duties and fulfill my responsibilities. I look forward to serving the Craft and Harmonia Lodge.

Thank you very much and may the Grand Architect of the Universe bless us all.

Fraternally,

W.: Marco Sevilleja
Secretary

“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 2024 Harmonia Lodge Officers

On Saturday, January 6th, 2024, Harmonia Lodge will conduct the ceremony for the installation of the 2024 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! There will be a wonderful meal and fellowship as well. The event is scheduled to begin at 4:00 pm.



FINDING THE TRUE SECRET OF MASONRY

The “True Secret of Freemasonry” is not the handshake, nor the word, nor some rub of the body or even a wink of the eye. It’s in the friendship you develop by being a part of others’ lives. It’s sharing our thoughts and ideas on what would make the fraternity and the community we live in a better place for all. It’s the feeling of belonging to something bigger than yourself and hoping you can contribute to the whole. It’s knowing your friends will support you when things are tough and you will support them in the same way.

(by George A. Ingles, Jr. Grand Master
of Indiana, 2012, Grand Lodge of Indiana)

130 Years of Harmonia Lodge History (Chartered 1894)

In writing the History of Harmonia, it is important to understand what Florida and the United States was doing at the time of the founding of the Lodge. This gives a better picture of what life was like here in South Florida and how this area came to be. It is important to note, the city of West Palm Beach and Palm Beach County began and grew in parallel with Harmonia Lodge No. 138.

Harmonia Lodge was Warranted and Chartered on Jan. 17, 1894 to meet at Juno, which was at the time Dade County. (Palm Beach County didn't exist yet)

The Three Line Officers at chartering were:

Nelson E. Cowles - Worshipful Master

Charles C. Chillingworth - Senior Warden

Peyton Burnett - Junior Warden.

Five Flags flew over Florida: Confederate, English, American, French, Spanish

MEETINGS IN JUNO: Lodge Meetings met monthly on Saturdays at noon. It took time to get to Lodge. Transportation was limited to walking or sailboat.

Harmonia Lodge is the only lodge to have been assigned No. 138. Harmonia Lodge moved to Palm Beach in 1896. The name of the County changed from Dade to Palm Beach, and was established as the 47th County, April 30, 1909. There had been considerable discussion over the proper selection of the name for the new Lodge. It was suggested that above all we must have harmony in the lodge and all feeling of ill will between political factions must be avoided. It was suggested that the Lodge be named "Harmonia" after the Greek goddess who was the personification of universal harmony. Harmonia Lodge is the mother Lodge for all other Lodges in Palm Beach County, and still remains vibrant, active and a leader in District 25 to this day.



Contemplations for 2024



By David. J. Reilly, HPM

Great Architect of the Universe, You have said that, “when three or more are gathered in your midst that You will be present.” We welcome You and ask that You extend the Compass points to circumscribe the golden tenets of Freemasonry, to set and remind us of the boundaries of our lessons, and to enrich our lives. Allow truth, relief, and brotherly love to grow within and about us. Stop the festering pandemic of hate, prejudice, dissension, and discontent, and consume it in fire, bringing new growth through harmony; allowing our Lodge and ourselves to grow.

Tyle our Lodge and ourselves with the Jewel of caution, turning the discontented and those who would transgress our Masonic beliefs from our Lodge. Allow none to enter the West Gate and guard us against the Cowans and profane ideals that destroy our lessons, turn us from our teachings, those which we teach and learn within Freemasonry.

Let our East be warmed by the sun and allow the leadership to be Member driven. Guide our Masters, past, present, and future with the principles of Freemasonry: Build our Lodge with collaboration between officers and members using truth, wisdom and positive effort. Ensure our work strives for perfection and learning. Remind our Officers that they were once in the preparation room as an Entered Apprentice. Remind us of the jubilation as a Master Mason, that we are to answer the knocks and to calm and ensure these feelings in every man who enters our fraternity. Make them and the elders of this lodge a counsel to assist with that which will come before our Lodge.

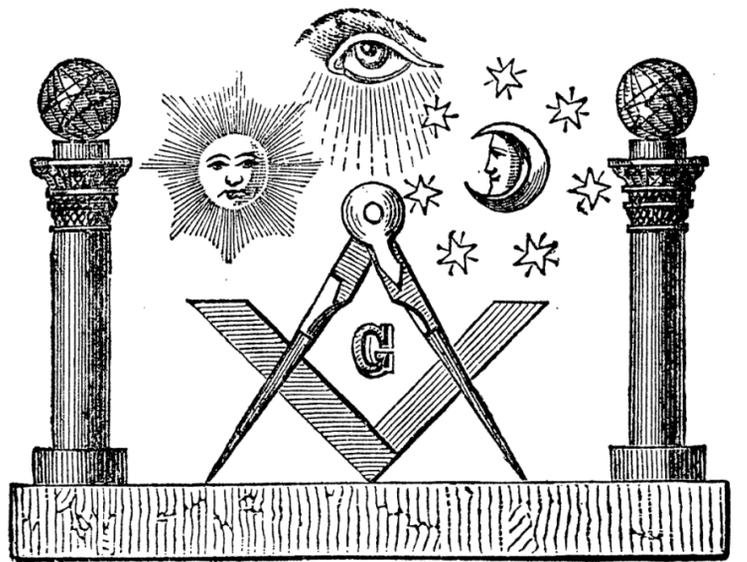
Bring our membership together, as we pray that the diversity of our Lodge is pleasing in thy sight. Remind us that the diversity of our members gives our Lodge the ability to learn, grow and share about mankind. Tell us again about how “Good and how pleasant it is when brethren dwell together in Unity.” Remind us that we are mere mortals; that thy guidance is wanted, needed, and treasured. Allow us to be better men, better husbands, and better fathers. We are not ungrateful children with thy teachings. Guide our hands to the book of your word for study, comfort, learning and guidance. Allow us to keep the double-edged tongue in its sheath, keep our tongues instructive, and ears attentive. As brothers, let us share and receive instruction without vanity or self-importance, but for the betterment and growth of ourselves and our Lodge. Let not the business of our Lodge go from house to house, or Lodge to Lodge. Allow our Lodge the ability to council from within, as “A contrary man spreads conflict, and a gossip separates close friends.” May Your teachings bring us closer to the light we seek through this veil of tears and Masonic journey.

Remind us of the lessons taught and learned. Take each of us back and remind us that the unseen trials and trouble we have overcome through you. Remind us to turn to you in times of trouble, and disillusionment, for Your light brightens the light of Masonry, and is a beacon for all of us.

Be with us as we turn the page on another year at Harmonia Lodge. Let us expand on what we have done well. Let us learn, correct, and strengthen those that were not. May Our Souls be content from what we plant, and reaped through what is given, to us by blessings and by faith. Amen.

St. John the Baptist

By D. J. Reilly



Here is what we have learned about
St. John the Baptist: (Wikipedia)

St. John the Baptist

Birthplace: Levant

Death place: Levant

Parents: Elizabeth (Mother), Zechariah (Father). Elizabeth was visited by Mary (Jesus' Mother)

The Old Testament (Isaiah) Bible passage: Isaiah 40:1-5,9 Prophet: Isaiah
Written: Between 701-681 BC. In Isaiah 40:3, the prophet writes about a person in the desert who prepares the way for the Lord. This prophecy foreshadowed the life of John the Baptist, who played a key role in preparing the groundwork for the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Handel's work, The Messiah, Begins with the Voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness: (John the Baptist)

We learn that King Herod had John the Baptist beheaded and his head brought to his stepdaughter Solome as a gift. Seems he promised her anything to Dance for him. She collected by Johns Death.

Buried: Umayyad Mosque

John the Baptist was a Jewish itinerant preacher in the early first century AD. Other titles for John include John the Forerunner in Eastern Christianity and "the prophet John" in Islam. To clarify the meaning of "Baptist", he is sometimes alternatively called John the Baptizer. His formative years were spent in the Judean desert, where monastic communities, such as the Essenes (a strict Jewish sect that existed from about the 2nd century BCE to the end of the 1st century Bce), and individual hermits often educated the young in their own ideals.

Saint John the Baptist, Patron Saint of Conversion, is a famous Bible character who is also the patron saint of many different subjects, including builders, tailors, printers, baptism, conversion to faith, people dealing with storms and their effects (like hail), and people who need healing from spasms or seizures.

Patron saint of Masons

St. Thomas

Verified: Yes. In the medieval period, St. Thomas was the Patron Saint of Architects and builders, ergo the Patron Saint of Operative Masons. Therefore, he was there for Speculative Masons to use as their Patron Saint. However, they opted for Saints John as their (and our) Patron Saints.



Lodge Officers for 2024

W.: M.: TK Krumenacker 561-844-8888

SW Rudy Romero 703-307-6261

JW Erasmo Gonzalez 954-488-0693

SD Antonio P. Cruz Jr. 561-671-0043

JD Kenneth Lasseter 305-788-0448

SS Angel Pabon 561-722-2618

JS JoJo Esguerra 561-735-1810

Tyler Michael Kopy 914-755-9610

Chaplain J.C. Rogers 561-324-9564

Marshall Marc Denzau 561-229-7257

Musician Scott Kaapke 561-504-8535

Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja 561-346-7688

Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson 561-632-7278

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Glen B. Bishop

M.:W.: GRAND SECRETARY

Richard E. Lynn, PGM

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GRAND MASTER

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Valley of Lake Worth Scottish Rite

Meets at Harmonia Lodge No. 138

4th Wednesday of each month

6:30 E-Board & 7:30 Consistory meeting



Palm Beach York Rite Bodies

Meets at Harmonia Lodge No. 138

1st & 3rd Mondays of each month

Chap. #24 Royal Arch, Zabud Council #17 Royal and Select Masters, P.B. Commandry #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

Usual Course

none

Plural Membership

none

Awaiting EA

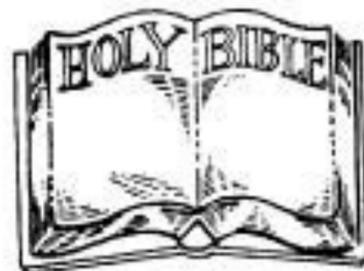
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Awaiting FC

Roger Byrd, Juan Adarme, Lee Syline,
Renier Colina, Anthony Chambers

Awaiting MM

Gensly Pierre, Anthony Nastase



Charity for the Month

Disabled American Vets/DAV Chap#42

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



2024 Lodge Committees

Finance

SW Rudy Romero (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,
W.: Sotelo Cruz, Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja,
Bro. Greg Tammany, JD Kenny Lasseter

Vigilance

JW Erasmo Gonzalez (Chairman), Chap. J.C. Rogers,
W.: Ray Rios

Petitions

Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja (Chairman), Brothers of the Lodge
as Appointed by Worshipful Master (Master Masons ONLY)

Masonic Education

W.: Ray Rios (Chairman)(MM Degree), W.: Edmund Rodas (FC
Degree), W.: Tony Petrides (EA Degree), R.:W.: George Winterling

Board of Relief

W.:M.: TK Krumenacker (Chairman), SW Rudy Romero,
JW Erasmo Gonzalez

Charity

SW Rudy Romero (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,
Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja

Lodge Property

JW Erasmo Gonzalez (Chairman), Sec. W.: Marco Sevilleja,
W.: Ray Rios, Chap. J.C. Rogers, SD Antonio Cruz Jr.,
JD Kenny Lasseter

Lodge Mentoring

Chap. J.C. Rogers(Chairman), JD Kenny Lasseter

Community, Civic Improvement & Social Activities

JW Erasmo Gonzalez (Chairman), SD Antonio Cruz Jr.,
JD Kenny Lasseter

Investigations

Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja (Chairman), Brothers of the Lodge
as Appointed by Worshipful Master (Master Masons ONLY)

Communications, Trestleboard and Website

Bro. Greg Tammany (Chair), Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja,
W.: Tony Petrides, David Reilly HPM

Orientation - Kirby's Corner

David Reilly HPM (Chairman), James Kirby HPM,
W.: Tony Petrides, W.: Frank Rocanello, R.:W.: Bill Sheff

Awards

W.: Ray Rios (Chairman), SW Rudy Romero,
R.:W.: George Winterling

Visitors

SD Antonio Cruz Jr., JD Kenny Lasseter, Chap. J.C. Rogers

Past and Honorary Masters from Harmonia Lodge



* indicates deceased

Wor. Nelson E. Cowles – 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896 *

Wor. John H Hill- 1898 *

Wor. Louis P. Lane- 1900, 1901 *

Wor. George W. Brown – 1905, 1906 *

Wor. George R. Lyman- 1911*

R.W. Max Sirkin- 1913, 1914, DDGM 1921*

Wor. J.A. Bowrey- 1916*

R.W. R.J. Kishpaugh- 1918, DDGM 1920 *

Wor. Fred M. Brannan- 1921, 1922*

Wor. Albert Johnstad- 1924*

Wor. Marion E. Gruber- 1926*

Wor. Thomas A. Whitaker- 1928*

R.W. Joseph Borman- 1930, DDGM 1936*

R.W. Leroy J. Shellburg- 1932, DDGM 1953*

Wor. George H. Rines Jr.- 1934*

Wor. J. Fred Wood- 1936*

Wor. John B Cook- 1938*

Wor. Wilfred E. Froehlich- 1940*

Wor. George M. Warren- 1942*

R.W. R. Keith McEwen- 1944, DDGM 1962*

Wor. Dennis F. Bell- 1946*

Wor. Walter Oldford- 1948*

Wor. Roland J. Martin- 1950*

Wor. Walter E. Sansbury- Elected for 1952, passed away before he could assume office.*

R.W. Carrol E. Watkins- 1952, DDGM 1960*

Wor. Curtis C. Knight- 1954*

Wor. M.V. Thomason- 1956*

Wor. Alfred R. Peebles- 1958*

Wor. Herman A. Neal- 1960*

Wor. Winston H. Taylor- 1962*

Wor. James W. Short- 1964*

Wor. A.D. McIntosh- 1966*

Wor. Edmond A Tower- 1968*

Wor. Robert L. Ford- 1970*

R.W. Jack C. Miller- 1972, 1973, DDGM 1987

Wor. Louis Baronovich- 1975*

Wor. William N. McKinney- 1977*

R.W. Jonathan C. Munro- 1979, DDGM 1997*

Wor. Raymond E. Welsch- 1981

Wor. Freeman M. Taylor- 1983

Wor. Robert H. Packwood- 1985

Wor. Clyde Dickens J.R.- 1987

Wor. Colin M Cameron- 1989, 1994

Wor. Dean T. McClure- 1991

Wor. Stanley W. Meeds- 1993*

Wor. Herbert R. Briggs- 1996

Wor. Christopher J. Spring- 1998, 2000

Wor. Stephen E. Henwood- 2001*

R.W. Malcolm A. Rhinehart- 2004, DDGM 2006

Wor. Frank A. Rocanello- 2006

Wor. Joseph G. Walsh- 2008

Wor. William O'Sullivan- 2010

Wor. Val De Vuyst- 2013

Wor. Anthony "Tony" Petrides- 2015

Wor. Ricky Espiritu- 2017

Wor. Edmund Rodas- 2019

Wor. Sotelo Cruz- 2022

Wor. J.F. Lamond- 1897 *

Wor. Reynold Cothran- 1899 *

Wor. Andrew Nilson- 1902, 1903, 1904, 1909, 1910 *

R.W. Thomas Watson- 1907, 1908, DDGM 1911*

Wor. Henry W. Lewis- 1912 *

R.W. L. Trevette Lockwood-1915,DDGM 1933,1935*

R.W. Elwin W. Bunker- 1917, DDGM 1918*

Wor. Robert S. Clark- 1919*

Wor. A.S. Andersen- 1923*

Wor. George S. Whitting- 1925*

Wor. Charles M. Gruber- 1927*

Wor. Robert W. Greer- 1929*

Wor. Herbert B. Wentzell- 1931*

Wor. Henry F. Lilienthal- 1933*

Wor. Hal G. Young- 1935*

R.W. J. D. Lenderman- 1937, DDGM 1939*

Wor. Paul C. Brown- 1939*

Wor. Wm. E. Tanner- 1941*

R.W. Claude L. Fendley- 1943, DDGM 1954*

Wor. Raymond G Jewell- 1945*

Wor. John R. Wells- 1947*

Wor. Richard H. Mathews- 1949*

Wor. J. Louie Carter- 1951*

Wor. Theodore F. Kohl- 1953*

Wor. Kent Taylor- 1955*

Wor. Aubrey A. Burse- 1957*

Wor. James L Waugh- 1959*

Wor. R. Frank Rogers- 1961*

R.W. Robert E. Cox- 1963, DDGM 1965*

Wor. William C. Spencer- 1965*

Wor. Ernest R. Bass J.R.- 1967

Wor. F. Paul Taylor- 1969*

R.W. Lowery L. Jackson- 1971, DDGM 1973*

Wor. James L. Snelgrove- 1974

Wor. Ralph O. Cabaniss- 1976*

R.W. Franklin R. Coursey- 1978, DDGM 1984

Wor. Roy R Laws- 1980

Wor. Lyle E. Mason- 1982*

Wor. Richard J.L. Packwood- 1984

Wor. James F Irvin- 1986

Wor. Thomas W. Kyle- 1988*

Wor. Michael F McCarthy J.R.- 1990

Wor. Clarence P. Graham- 1992*

Wor. Van W. High- 1995*

Wor. Arthur M. Bennett- 1997

R.W. John G. Allen- 1999, 2011, DDGM 2003*

Wor. Scott J. Wheeler- 2002

Wor. Mark D. Eitel- 2005

Wor. John B. DaGrosa S.R.- 2007

Wor. Paul L. Moss- 2009

Wor. Joshua G. Johnson- 2012

Wor. Lawrence Doiron- 2014

Wor. James "Charley" Hogwood- 2016

Wor. Marco Sevilleja- 2018

Wor. Ray Rios- 2020-2021

Wor. Justin Shiver- 2023

HONORARY Past Masters

Edward L. Hosford- 1960*

Philip P. Rosenshein- 1994*

Edgar D. Mitchell- 2007* (6th Man on the moon.)

David Reilly- 2015

Lou Babbit- 2016*

William "Bill" Sheff- 2022

Daniel B. Laub- 1965*

James H. Kirby JR.- 1999

Michael Hart- 2015

Edward Griffin- 2015

Robert C. Gibbons- 2021