

“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

September 2024

September 9th, 2024

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

September 23rd, 2024

Called Communication

Entered Apprentice Degree

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

October 26th, 2024 (Sat.)

Called Communication

Master Mason Degree

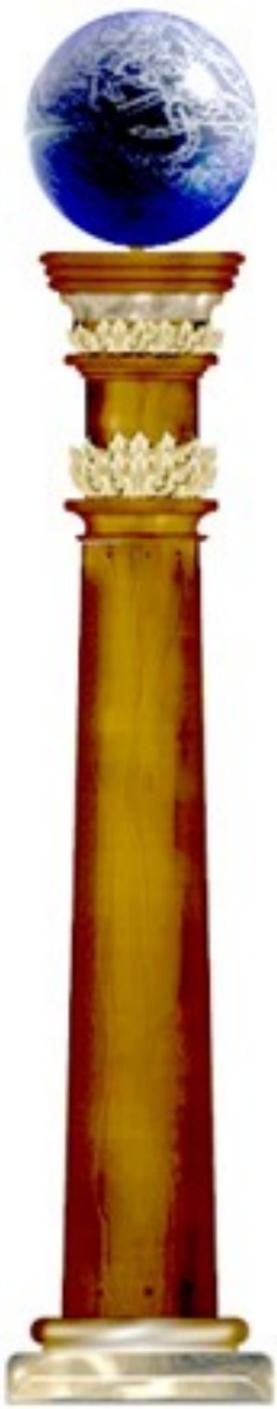
Degree 8:00 am/ Brunch to Follow

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From the East

Brothers,

“Ask One To Join One” - I have been asking Brothers that have not been attending Lodge to attend. They were pleasantly surprised and thankful that I asked them to join me at Lodge. We all should be asking more than one. Take the time to text or call a Brother. You’ll be surprised. Tell them that we miss and value them. We should all have the Lodge business cards available to hand out to other Lodge Brothers and invite them to visit Harmonia— they could be a potential plural member. Use them with an invite to a good man that shows an interest in Masonry.

*The Past Masters dinner was a huge success with the use of the event hall at the Okeechobee Steakhouse. The food, service and fellowship was all amazing. Thank You Bro. Ralph and the staff at the Okeechobee Steakhouse.

*The ABC— Appendant Body Celebration honoring the Amara Shriners was highly successful. Three members of Harmonia have asked to join Amara.

*Birthday cards have been sent out monthly to Brothers.

*The Building and grounds are almost complete.

*Invite your favorite Brothers from other Lodges to attend Harmonia’s EA Degree on September 23rd at 7:30 pm and the Master Mason Degree on October 26th at 8:00 am.

*Harmonia will host a complimentary Thanksgiving Lodge dinner on November 25th starting at 6:00 pm. Family is invited to join us. The Stated communication will follow and begin at 7:15 pm.

*December 7th will be the end of year celebration with a BBQ in our back parking lot. More info to be released in the future.

“MASONRY, LIKE ANYTHING ELSE IN LIFE, IT WORKS IF YOU WORK IT”

Fraternally Yours,

TK Krumenacker,
Worshipful Master



From the West

Brethren,

As we move into September, I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits. Our lodge continues to thrive thanks to the dedication and hard work of each of you. Let us maintain this momentum as we look forward to the upcoming events and opportunities to strengthen our brotherhood.

Upcoming Events:

- **Stated Communication:** Our regular Stated Communication will be held on 09/09. As always, your presence and participation are invaluable, so please mark your calendars and join us for an evening of fellowship and Masonic education.
- **Entered Apprentice Degree:** We will be conferring an Entered Apprentice Degree on 9/23. This is a significant step in the Masonic journey for our new initiates, and I encourage all Masons to attend and support our new brothers.
- **District School of Instruction:** The next District School of Instruction will be on 9/21. This is an excellent opportunity for all brothers, especially those preparing for upcoming degrees, to sharpen their skills and knowledge. I highly recommend attending.
- **Charity Event Planning:** As we approach the end of the year, we are beginning to plan our annual charity event. Your ideas and input are welcome, and we will discuss this further during our Stated Communication. Let’s make this year’s event even more successful and impactful. I will be creating a community clean up (not lodge sponsored) event in the Wellington area on 9/14, if anyone is interested in attending, please reach out to me for more information.

Brotherly Acknowledgments:

- **Thank You to Our Degree Teams:** A special thank you to the brothers who participated in the degree work. Your dedication to delivering a meaningful and memorable experience is greatly appreciated.
- **Recognizing the Efforts of Brother JC Rogers:** Once again, I want to recognize Brother JC Rogers for his continued efforts in mentoring our newly initiated, passed and raised brothers. Your work is instrumental in ensuring our new members feel welcomed and supported.

Looking Ahead:

As we prepare for the final quarter of the year, let us continue to reflect on the principles that unite us. Our commitment to brotherly love, relief, and truth guides our actions and interactions both within and outside the lodge.

I encourage each of you to stay engaged, attend meetings, and participate in our events. Your active involvement is what makes Harmonia Lodge a beacon of Masonic light in our community.

Fraternally,

Rudy Romero, Senior Warden

From the South



Dear Brethren,

Hope this finds each and every one of you in good health and spirit. As most of you have noticed, our Lodge has had a makeover. The beautification project is in its final phase. They are completing the punch out list and correcting minor touch ups. I would like to extend a sincere Thank You to all of you involved in this process and to the Craft for approving the project. Without your approval this would not happen.

Our Lodge continues to grow and we seem to have attracted some fine new Candidates. We currently have seven Fellow Crafts seeking more Light. In our last meeting we had three Fellow Craft complete their Proficiency and I must say it was flawless. Congratulations Brothers.

The Kitchen Crew continues to prepare and serve good and healthy meals under the direction of our own PM Ricky Espiritu and our Brother JoJo Esquera. I am grateful we have them.

Let us continue spreading Brotherly Love, and may the Grand Architect of the Universe bless us all.

Erasmo Gonzalez
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

Monday and Thursday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Brothers,

I hope you and your family are doing well.

This month we will only have one Stated Meeting, and it will be on the 9th. On September 23rd in lieu of our regular Stated Meeting we will have an Entered Apprentice Degree conferral at 7:30pm. Our initiates are Mr. Nageeb Hanna and Mr. Max Schemer, and I urge everyone to please attend and welcome them to our Fraternity.

Final Dues Notices and Summons will be sent out to those who have not yet paid their dues. Please check your mail since Delinquent Dues Notices were sent last June. If you are experiencing hardship, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Worshipful Master or Lodge officers, or if you are not sure if you are up to date on your dues, give me a call or message me on my cell phone number at (561)346-7688 or email me at secretary@harmonia138.com and I will be glad to get back to you as soon as possible.

May the Almighty bless us and keep us safe wherever we are.

Fraternally yours,

W.: Marco Sevilleja, PM

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



Lake Worth Scottish Rite Reunion & Convocation

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Date!

October 19th & 20th, 2024 (Sat. & Sun.)

204th Class held at BYKOTA Lodge

All Master Masons who would like to join the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite are encouraged to petition and become a Scottish Rite Mason. Being a Scottish Rite Mason vastly increases your education in Freemasonry through additional Esoteric Degree work that teaches history, philosophies, religions, and more! See W.:Ray Rios, W.:David Reilly, or W.:Tony Petrides for a petition or more information. We look forward to seeing you advance in Masonry through Scottish Rite.

“Membership is but for the asking”



“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.”

.....Plato

Timid Souls Who Know Not Victory Nor Defeat

“It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by the sweat and dust and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; because there is no effort without error and shortcomings, but who does actually strive to do things; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of highest achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails while daring greatly so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat.”

-Bro. Theodore Roosevelt

April 23rd, 1910





Dr. Alexander Fleming

By David J. Reilly, HPM

Dr. Fleming was born in 1881 and died in 1955. He was born in East Ayrshire Scotland on August 6, 1881. In 1906 he became a Doctor in London. He is known for the discovery of Penicillin. At the time this was an important discovery. The world used sulfa drugs (Sulfonamide) during the latter part of WWI and through WWII. During WWII Penicillin took the place as a bacteria fighting drug that saved many from infection. Sulfonamide drug which was used carried many side effects and reacted differently on people. His discovery in 1928 was later named benzylpenicillin from the mold *Penicillium*. It is thought that he had been on holiday and the mold grew in a Petri Dish, and while he was gone was killing the bacteria in the Petri Dish. When he returned, he continued to study the process and discovered Penicillin. King George VI knighted him. Dr. Alexander Fleming won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1945.

My mother being a nurse was a user of Penicillin as she was a registered nurse during the time of Penicillin discovery. In fact, as a nurse, every time I got strep throat my mother had her own supply of glass syringes and needles, and the doctors would call in the prescription. I did not miss much school and if she had been proficient with a blow pipe and dart at the time, she would have spent much less time on me attempting to get me to take an injection.

There is a false story that while Alexander was walking home one day as a lad he found a boy drowning, Fleming saved the boy, and the boy's father wanted to pay Alexander's father. His father would have nothing to do with it and the man instead paid his way to College and University as a thank you. The Boy he saved was Winston Churchill. While this is a delightful story and would certainly benefit Freemasonry since Churchill and Fleming were Masons, it is **not true**.

Dr. Alexander Fleming was raised a Master Mason in 1909 in London at the age of 27. He was Senior Warden in 1922. He became a Scottish Rite Mason in London and served as Grand Deacon and Grand Steward in 1848 in Grand Lodge. It is noted that the Discovery and use of Penicillin is blessed by providence for saving lives. Today we are blessed with manufactured bacteria fighting drugs, Amoxicillin, Z pack, and others that many of us may have been prescribed with and be familiar with, but their discovery came from the Discovery and use of Penicillin. This is a Brother, a Doctor and a Scientist we of the Masonic Fraternity can be thankful for.



The Beehive: A Masonic Symbol By David J. Reilly

I am reminded of a Poem that a Mentor of mine used to say regarding Bees, by Isaac Watts (1674-1748) How Doth the Little Busy Bee

*How doth the little busy bee
Improve each shining hour,
And gather honey all the day
From every opening flower!*

The beehive is a symbol associated with life, creativity, hard work, community service, prosperity, and plenty. Religion shares with us that bees represent the human soul while the hive represents the human body and the honey symbolizes the rich inner life we can enjoy within ourselves. The beehive itself symbolizes collaboration between busyness and productivity. The bees place all their energy into one common cause. The Beehive is a Masonic symbol and adapts its meaning to the ideals of creativity, hard work and the ideal of industrious performance.

Freemasons are to be industrious, work, and protect the common good. A beehive is a factory. It is a business within itself as it is an organization composed of bees, resources and supplies who utilize their innate learning to provide honey. While doing this they provide a byproduct of propagating flowers. Bees are essential for the health of people and our world. Honey and other products have medicinal properties, and the role of bees as pollinators makes them vital for food supplies. They are crucial to humanity. There are 20,000 species of bees around the world and 2,000 in the United States. Yet man is only studying a small number of these species. There are three kinds of bees in a hive. The Queen, the worker, and the forager. A bee will protect its own. There are studies that show when bees are stuck in the honey and unable to fly away, other bees will assist in eating the honey away, freeing the bee in question. A bee will defend the hive until death. A Bee has a stinger in its lower abdomen with poison sacks attached. When a bee stings, the lower abdomen will break away and the stinger will pump the poison into its victim for up to a minute. Bees are our friends for what they provide humanity and the animal world. Bees communicate not through buzzing of wings but through the “waggle dance,” they do not make a verbal noise. Bees provide many additives to medicines including pollen, honey and propolis. “Food for thought!” Pun intended!!!!



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Donald W. Cowart

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

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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

Bykota Lodge: 421 Jennings Ave., Greenacres
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

244 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach
2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Harmonia Lodge Degree Status



Petitioners

Clarence Hilario



Dual Membership

Robert Sharrard

Awaiting EA

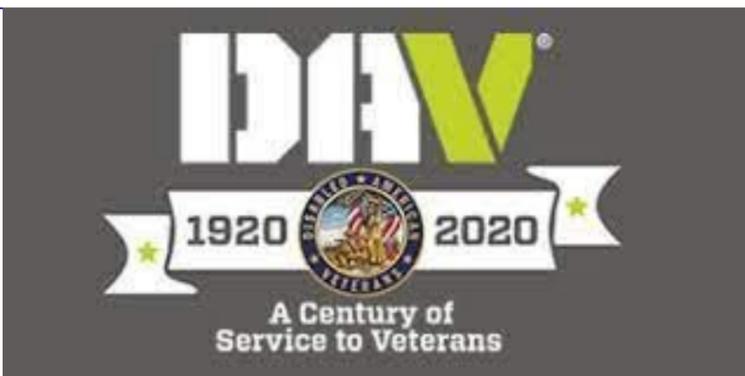
Nageeb Hanna, Max Schemer

Awaiting FC

Roger Byrd, Juan Adarme, Mitchel Afon,
Michael Hayhurst, Leonardo Anillo

Awaiting MM

Zachary Beavers, Anthony Chambers, Lee Syline,
Renier Colina, Serge D'Haiti, Keith Holding, Eugene Sison



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, Bro. Mark Garfinkel

Vigilance

JW Erasmo Gonzalez (Chairman), Chap. J.C. Rogers,
W.: Frank Rocanello

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)

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.,

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

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. TK Krumenacker- 2024

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