

“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

December 2024

December 9th, 2024

2025 Officer Elections

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:15

December 23rd, 2024

No Stated Meeting

***There is NO second
stated meeting this
month. Lodge will be
Dark due to Holidays!**

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From the East

Brothers,

“The **K**rast of 2024” - You have served Harmonia Lodge 138 well this year and because of the dedication provided by all, we were highly successful.

Thanks, begotten to

*The recipients of the Hiram Abiff Award- Officers; Rudy, Erasmus, Antonio, Kenny, Marc Jean, Angel and JoJo

*The Recipient of the King Solomon Award- W:. Ray Rios

*Chef Extraordinaire- W:. Ricky

*Lodge Instructors- W:. Ray and R:. W:. George

*Kirby’s Corner- W:. Tony, Dave and R:. W:. Bill S.

*Secretary- W:. Marco *Treasurer- W:. Josh *Musician-Scott

*Tylers- Michael and Anthony

*Brothers of Harmonia Lodge 138

Master Mason of 2024- Chaplain Dear Brother JC Rogers

“It takes a Lodge to Initiate, Pass and Raise Brothers” W:. M:. TK

You have heard this W:. M:. quote all year, the EsoteriKa phrase:

“The Great Work” “To endeavor to understand the world around you and purposefully fulfill your role in that world”.

I shall continue my journey in this great Fraternity with the studies of Ancient Mysteries, leadership in the Appendant Bodies and the Occult-EsoteriKa.

W:. M:. TK-Master Craftsman.

Q: How do I know you to be a Searcher?

A:

So Mote It Be

TK Krumenacker,
Worshipful Master



From the West

Brothers,

As the year comes to a close, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and fellowship that each of you has shown throughout 2024. This year has been filled with memorable moments, from outstanding degree work to cherished social events that have strengthened our bonds as Masons.

Looking ahead, I am excited and honored to take the helm of Harmonia Lodge as Worshipful Master in 2025. Together, we will build upon the strong foundation of our lodge and work towards an even brighter future, ensuring that Harmonia Lodge continues to thrive as a Cornerstone of our Masonic community. Let’s lead the lodge into a great 2025, full of meaningful work and continued growth.

Upcoming Event: Installation of Officers

Mark your calendars for the Installation of Officers, which will be held on Saturday, January 4th, 2025, at 10:00 AM. This is a significant occasion for our lodge, as we welcome new leadership and reaffirm our commitment to the principles of Freemasonry. A delicious brunch will follow the ceremony, providing a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship and camaraderie. I encourage all brothers and their families to attend and celebrate this special event.

Let us finish 2024 strong and prepare to embark on a new chapter together in 2025. I look forward to seeing you all at our meetings and events this month, and I wish you and your families a joyous holiday season.

Fraternally yours,
Rudy, Senior Warden
Harmonia Lodge No. 138

From the South



Dear Brethren,

I hope this finds each and every one of you in good health and good spirits. First of all, I would like to thank the Craft for electing me as your Junior Warden. It has been an amazing year. A humble thanks to the Stewards, Kitchen helpers, and all of those brothers and guests who step up to the occasion when needed throughout this year. And of course many thanks to our PM Ricky Espiritu who always rises to the occasion well prepared and armed with proper Culinary Tools and incredible meals. Thank you my Brother.

We recently celebrated Thanksgiving with a record attendance at our traditional holiday Feast! It was a pleasure to see so many brothers and their families in attendance.

As we come to the end of the year, I look back and reflect on our progress. Brethren, we've accomplished a lot. Building exterior improvement, indoor air quality, new dishwasher, and the new Internet and phone service as well. Thank you Brother Greg Tammany for your expertise. Great Job.

I would also like to recognize Kirby's Corner for the amazing job you do in informing a new prospective visitor to our Fraternity of Freemasonry. Thank you PM Tony Petrides and David Reilly for your leadership.

Brothers, let's reflect on all the good we've done. Let us continue seeking for light, let us remember our obligation and respect each and every one of us, at all times and places. Have a wonderful holiday.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to shine upon you..

Respectfully,
Erasmus Gonzalez
Junior Warden



Secretary Sez

Office Hours

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

Brothers,

Congratulations in advance to the newly elected officers of Harmonia Lodge No. 138. May you serve the Craft with wisdom, truth and justice.

Thank you to our non-officer Brothers who went above and beyond in serving and helping the Lodge. From the kitchen preparing meals before our stated communications, to Kirby's corner who guides our petitioners, and the mentors and Lodge instructors who tirelessly teach our new Brothers as they progress in their Masonic journey.

My dear Brothers, I wish each of you **Happy Holidays and a prosperous new year ahead!** May the Almighty be always with you and keep you safe, including your family. I wish you more blessings to come this coming year.

Fraternally yours,

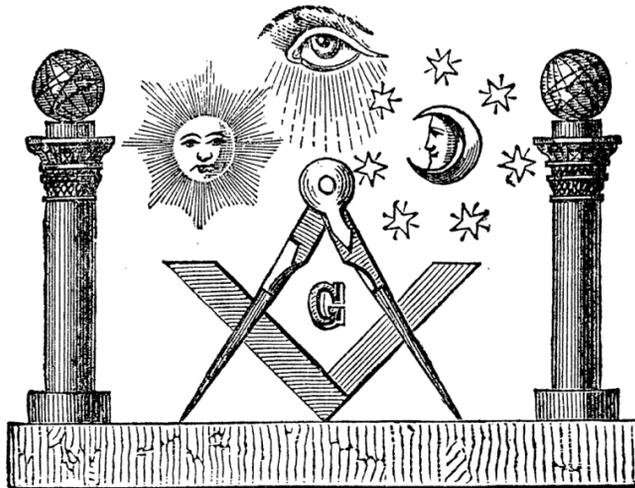
W.: Marco Sevilleja, PM
Secretary

“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



Installation of *2025 Harmonia* *Lodge Officers*

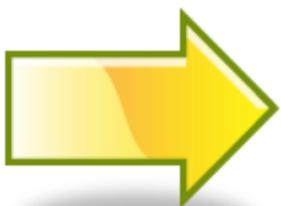
On Saturday, January 4th, 2025, Harmonia Lodge will conduct the ceremony for the installation of the 2025 officers. Please come out and share in this memorable event and show your support for the new line. We look forward to a wonderful event! There will be a full Brunch and fellowship to follow. The event is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am.



Election of 2025 Officers *for Harmonia Lodge*

Harmonia Lodge will be holding Elections for the 2025 Officers on Monday, 12/9/2024. Please come out and join us for the last meeting of 2024!

REMINDER



There will be ONLY one meeting in
December due to Winter Holidays.
(12/9/2024)

On the Liberal Step of Music

By David J. Reilly, HPM

As in all my writing, I encourage the reader to search, study and reveal to yourself the meaning and lessons you find in Freemasonry.

Symbols and Allegories in Freemasonry present our Masonic lessons under a veil hidden from the eyes of the profane. They may be hidden from a Mason until he studies, discovers, and learns for himself the meanings and findings of lessons and interpretations.

In our teachings and degrees, we are encouraged to educate ourselves with the Liberal Arts. We must go back to the time when Guilds and Lodges existed at construction sites, and teachings were taught to the craftsman. It was in their teachings that the Masters envisioned education to be more than just the trade itself. It would be important for the apprentice, journeyman, and master to be educated in other subjects. Craftsmen were taught General Education as well as the skills of trade.

I have found that the Liberal Art of Music may have been veiled and for me hard to understand the importance of being one of the Liberal Arts in Freemasonry. Recently, I have reread them and gained an understanding of the history and times of Free and Accepted Freemasonry. While our study is in Freemasonry and the lessons and tenants of Masonry, we must remind ourselves of the life and times of the development of the Modern Lodge. We must understand that the Lodges would become Social meeting places, that Free thinking and the Renaissance were at the Cusp of the Lodges and the Formation of the English Grand Lodge. The Lodges were a social institution and men from all walks did belong.

In France, the Lodges were made of the Elite, the movers and shakers belonged. In England it was not only the Movers and Shakers but also those of the Arts. The Artists and Musicians lived by having patrons and men who subsidize the Artists and Literarists, the Composers. These things were done for the Glory of God, and that was important for the Church, who leaned to condemning anything involving free thought believed to be heresy.

On the Liberal Step of Music

David J. Reilly, HPM (continued)

We know that music has been with us since the beginning of time, whether a clanging cymbal of a gong, or bell to awaken the gods, or prepare us for meditation. We know of Miriam at the time of the Hebrews Exodus with tambourine and dancing rejoicing to the Glory of God. Our Masonic Brethren also composed Music as on the Sheet Music is include To the Glory of God. It has delighted Kings and dignitaries From Mozart to Leonard Cohen reminding us of a “Baffled King Composing Hallelujah.” Our hearts have pounded with parades, circuses, movies, theaters, and concerts. We understand music in many forms and styles and much to our enjoyment composers have written music for Hymns, Classical, Blue Grass, Country, Rock and Roll, Jazz, Hard Metal or Marching Music. They have been shared and played by musicians and many of them have been of the Masonic Membership. Without getting into Music Theory, learning about music teaches us about Scales, a full compound of fractions with notes, tempo, timbre, key signatures, chords, major, minor, and a full glossary of music terms and language. Music is the mood setter for the soul, music is the pulse of the liquid sanguine that flows through our body. Several types of music and instruments perpetuate and allow our soul to leap with fervor. Freemasonry does not infer as to the depth of study we are to do in the Liberal Arts. I do believe that the Masters of Guilds and Lodges believed that as a traveling man who would go about working in other lands, it was important for every tradesman to have some knowledge in all education. During World War II we discovered that our educational system was teaching to the learner’s subject or trade and not any General Education. During the war, soldiers were not inept to utilize other subjects in their military assignments. In the 50’s and 60’s General Education became a part of College Education. It was important for soldiers and everyone to know about Literature, Grammar, Geometry, Arithmetic, Rhetoric, Astronomy and Music. Everyone should know some science and History. Soldiers would need to have passwords (Literature, History). Soldiers would need basic Math and Geometry for Map skills. Music would find itself in Military bands, singing cadences, and marching. It was common for students on College Campuses to say I want to be a businessperson, why do I need this General Education. It is important to educate the whole being as well as the Freemason.

Good of the Order by HPM David J. Reilly

Poinsettia (Pronounced- poyn zet tia)

The plant we know today as the Poinsettia has a long and interesting history. Native to Central America, the plant flourished in an area of Southern Mexico known as Taxco del Alarcon, and was known as the flower of the night. The Aztecs used the plant for decorative purposes but also put the plant to practical use. They extracted a purplish dye for use in textiles and cosmetics from the plant's bracts. The milky white sap, today called latex, was made into a preparation to treat fevers.

The Poinsettia may have remained a regional plant for many years to come had it not been for the efforts of Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851). The son of a French physician, Brother Joel Poinsett was appointed as the first United States Ambassador to Mexico (1825-1829) by President Madison. Poinsett had attended medical school himself, but his real love in the scientific field was botany. (Mr. Poinsett later founded the institution which we know today as the Smithsonian Institution).

Poinsett maintained his own hothouses on his Greenville, South Carolina plantations, and while visiting the Taxco area in 1828, he became enchanted by the brilliant red blooms he saw there. He immediately sent some of the plants back to South Carolina, where he began propagating the plants and sending them to friends and botanical gardens. It is unclear when Poinsett joined the Masonic fraternity. It is documented that he served as Worshipful Master of Recovery Lodge No. 31 in Greenville, South Carolina, and Solomon's Lodge No. 1 in Charleston, South Carolina. He was also a Royal Arch Mason and was elected Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, serving until 1841.

Joel Poinset (Freemason) Died December 10, 1851





Lodge Officers for 2024

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

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Tyler Anthony Nastase 954-775-5165

Chaplain J.C. Rogers 561-324-9564

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Musician Scott Kaapke 561-504-8535

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Donald W. Cowart

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

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

Rodrigo Diaz Cabal, Kim Smith

Usual Course

Jason Orr



Dual Membership

Jason Barroncini (for Affiliation)

Awaiting EA

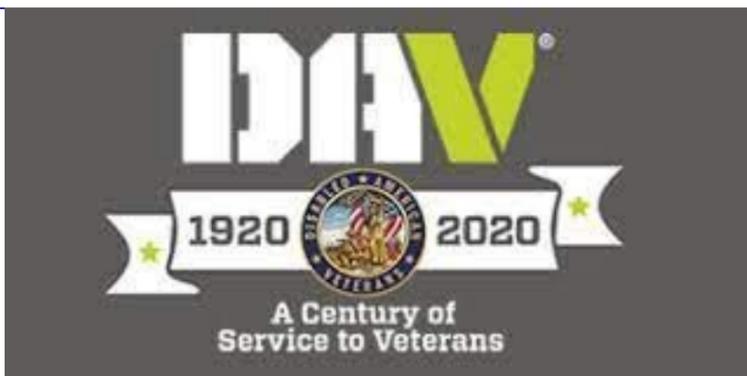
Clarence Hilario

Awaiting FC

Nageeb Hanna, Max Schemer, Leonardo Anillo

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.



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