"THE CHALK"

HARMONIA LODGE NO. 138
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
CHARTERED 1894
DISTRICT 25 - ZONE 7

M:.W:.GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA 131 Years of Masoury in West Palm Beach

May 2025



May 17th, 2025 (Saturday)

<u>Called Communication</u>

<u>Master Mason Degree</u>

Meal 12:00 / Degree 1:00

May 26th, 2025

Lodge is Dark Due to

Grand Lodge

*No second monthly

Meeting*



From the East



Brethren,

Please click the attached link to open my Video Trestleboard message for May so you can hear my message directly from me!

https://www.harmonia138.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2025-05-WM.mp4

Thank you, and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless each of you.

Rudy Romero Worshipful Master



From the West

Dear Brethren,

Is with hope that I find each and everyone in good health and Spirits.

As we embark into the summer, more specifically the month of May, as with most months of the year, there's always a special occasion. In this joyous May we celebrate Mothers Day, the end of WWII, Memorial Day, Cinco De Mayo, and many others. It is also very important to farmers because it is the celebration of the beginning of the growing season. It is also a very important and proud month for those of us parents as we experience our sons and daughters who successfully graduate and receive their diplomas from their perspective Alma Maters.

I am pleased to report our beloved Harmonia Lodge continues to head in a positive direction. We recently had another successful Entered Apprentice Degree with our very own SD Angel Papon as he sat in the East, and I personally thank all of you who participated on the degree team. Special congrats to W Tony Petrides for directing the degree. Outstanding Job!

In addition Harmonia hosted Loxahatchee's Boy Scouts Pack 147 Pinewood Derby, and it was great to see all these children enjoying themselves among friends and family. Harmonia also attended an Honor Flight for Veterans and participated in a beach cleanup. Thank you to all that participated!

Brethren, let's keep the momentum going forward, support our lodges, and make the best of all. May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to bless us all.

Erasmo Gonzalez Senior Warden

From the South



Greetings from the South.

Hope this finds each and every one of you in good health and spirit.

Happy Mother's day everyone!

"As full of spirit as the month of May, and as gorgeous as the sun in Midsummer." William Shakespeare

Congratulations to our newly initiated brothers. Clarence Hilario, Jason Orr and Rodrigo Diaz Cabal. A job well done by WM Angel Pabon and his band of new brothers that participated and carried out the degree. I am so proud of all the work that the brothers put in to deliver such a wonderful degree. WM Tony Petrides, your dedication, patience and your teaching never ceases to amaze me. Thank you!

Bro JW Max Schemer, your work in the kitchen during the degree is priceless and I couldn't be happier.

I also would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Bro. Renier Colina and Bro. Angel Pabon for stepping up during my absence to serve a delicious meal that I am sure the brothers will enjoy during the Public Educator Award ceremony. To the non-Master Mason's who tirelessly help in cleaning the kitchen. I cannot thank you enough!

Remember, the lodge is open every Thursday for Lodge of Instruction and the kitchen is always offering something good and delicious!

May the Grand Architect of the Universe bless us all.

Antonio P. Cruz, Jr. Junior Warden



Secretary Sez Office Hours

Monday 10:00 am - 12:30 pm Tuesday & Wednesday varies (please call) Thursday 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Dear Brethren,

Fraternal greetings to each and every one wherever dispersed! I hope you are receiving and reading the emails I am trying to regularly send regarding our Lodge, Masonic District and Grand Lodge events, invitations and notices. If not, please check your spam emails. This is how I know I can best inform you on what is happening.

Brothers, you can also email me at secretary@harmonia138.com if you have any good tidings or sickness and distress that you wish to share with the Brethren to keep us all in touch. It will be announced during our Stated Communications.

Our 196th Grand Lodge Annual Communication will be held on May 26 - 28, 2025 at Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida. We have reserved a hospitality suite where we can gather and have fellowship after Grand Lodge meetings. So far, we have 23 brothers who are pre-registered. If you are attending and have not notified me, please let me know so I can include you on our pre-registration lists.

This coming June is the month to send out Notices of Delinquent Dues. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so. And if you are having hardship, please reach out to me or to our Worshipful Master. The most unpleasant feeling for me is sending out Notice of Delinquent Dues and a subsequent Summon due to unpaid dues.

Thank you very much and may the GAOTU bless us all!

Fraternally,

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

Happenings & Things to Ponder at ENMI LODGE NO. 1973



By David Reilly, HPM

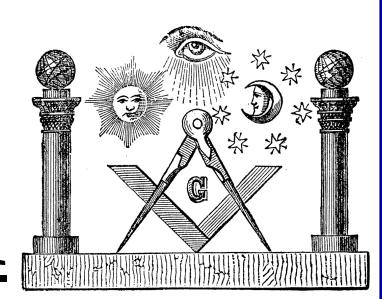
ENMI Lodge Meetings, and I will remind you, once upon a time in my mind I belonged to a Lodge. I attended and I did not care about the cost or the distance I needed to travel to get to the Lodge. I entered on the level, parted on the square, and was always treated by the Plumb and as an upright Mason. The fellowship is euphoric, the meetings are knowledgeable and entertaining, and the food really does not come into play except on special occasions. Business meetings are unheard of unless they come from the outside from the profane and were a topic for discussion. Members do not try to outdo one another, and ego, pettiness and daily care is left outside the Lodge. It is a joy to be with like-minded men and men whose values were held high, we practice the principles, tenets of freemasonry and we all feel a joy to be together. The Lodge and attendance reflected the true meaning of Psalm 133.

Our speakers are not necessarily members of the Lodge, simple men who are knowledgeable and provide the members of ENMI Lodge with thought and may provide reflection. ENMI Lodge is a place for self-examination and sharing those ideals of others.

It was a quiet evening at my Lodge and several brothers entered the discussion concerning membership of the Lodge, Millennials, and the question of young members entering our lodge. As the discussion continued, several points came into three main ideas. One of the members carried the position we needed more members and Masonic youth organizations were not as prevalent as they once were. The question arose, "What could we do to attract new members?" Discussions broke out as to the use of social media, Direct Mailing, Advertising, and E-Mailing. It was noted that the Trestle board sent by E-Mail had few recipients and few openings. There was discussion about having visitor nights, bringing a friend to Lodge, and during the meeting have a place with some knowledgeable brothers who could answer questions and give information about Freemasonry. The Second brother suggested we do a better job with the inclusion of new members, doing events that were enjoyable to all Masons and their families, getting ideas for activities from new Masons. Opportunities that would entice younger members to see Freemasonry as a place of activity, fun and learning. He suggested that we do Masonic education nights or days, where Masonic round tables and programs could be presented to small and large groups Masonic and Non-Masonic. He pointed out that our new masons, unless they found something that was interesting to them, came, joined, and then were not seen again. It was seen to them as an "Old Mans Cult." The third brother while wanting more members to allow the Lodge to survive with added membership was defensive of the West Gate, he cautioned about change, his discourse became clear that he wanted youth in the Lodge but he preferred those who would conform, know their place, and keep the Lodge as it

ENMI, mind I paid attention to all three discussions and for a time could Envision all points. I questioned myself, "Did Freemasonry really need all the allegory, symbolism, floorwork, and memorization?" As a veil was removed from my mind and seconds after the thought of change in ritual, it came to me that the Ritual, Allegory, symbols, floorwork and memorization was the vehicle for the learning of Freemasonry. To make Freemasonry a social Club is not warranted. Freemasonry has been teaching the same for hundreds of years. It had been revealed to me that each time I witnessed a degree, a Lodge opening, listened to the oratory of the degree, or witnessed a Masonic Funeral that I was being retaught, the lessons were highlighted, and I was able to understand a little more. Each time the "Old Man Cult" brought enlightenment. I believe we can do a better job with our members and membership. A mentor of mine once told me, "I go to Lodge for my brothers because someone went for me." Not only do we go, we must participate. We must continue our own Masonic Journey. Another mentor told me," Freemasonry never stops giving. We must observe that while the Lodge at times seems in chaos, "out of chaos comes order," these stones, financial, problems, personality issues, and egos, are only in the path of our journey. Step lightly and surefooted and continue your journey. The Journey relies on the Mason, the tenets, and principles of Freemasonry, and that our first temple is being built in our hearts. Those teachings and the structure of our own temple depends on the "Builders Use."

Being a Freemason



By Bro. Marshall Marc Denzau

Being a Freemason.

The Freemason should not envy his brothers for the way they shine or for what they possess. He must be respectful and just with his brothers and himself.

Do not judge others, nor let them be judged and assume the consequences of your acts.

It's important to be a consistent and persevering Freemasonry, not to weaken when it's essential to defend your objectives and the ideals of fraternal union.

It's important to have sensitivity, courage, solidarity, kindness, respect, tranquility, values, joy, humility, trust, hope, and wisdom. Respect and love for others and oneself are the fundamental points to call ourselves Freemasons, good men with good morals.

It is important for him to be assiduous and present in his Masonic meetings as often as possible, as he mentioned during his investigation. We provided him with the fundamental basis and tools for his personal Masonic studies. He must seek, to find, ask, to receive and he must knock at the door, so that it will be opened.

We have built our temple. We are the perfect stones. We have worked on our stone, which is none other than ourselves.

When these stones are perfectly interlocked, and harmony is at its peak. Do not forget my brothers the name of our lodge is HARMONIA.

As a Freemason, remember that a lodge is a sacred place, whether the bible is open or not. Silence, good conduct, and respect must reign at all times. Leave your metals at the door of the Temple.

Our sacred building can be at risk if porous stone is not repaired in a timely manner.

My brothers, take a moment to reflect. Do you believe that all of this is present within us?

Fraternal love,

Bro. Marshall, Marc Denzau



In Honor of Memorial Day By W: Tony Petrides

May has somehow snuck up on us, and with it comes Mother's Day, the approaching end of the school year, but most importantly, Memorial Day. Unfortunately to many, Memorial Day has become a day that marks the approach of summer and just another three-day weekend with great sales at the mall. In many cases the true sanctity and meaning behind Memorial Day has been lost and forgotten over time and replaced with commercialism and family vacations. However, the true meaning of Memorial Day goes far beyond barbecues and sales, so before firing up the grill or packing for the weekend vacation, we should take a little time to remember what it is exactly we are celebrating. The Memorial Day holiday dates back to the American Civil War, and at that time was known as "Decoration Day", and included the practice of placing flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers for solemn remembrance. While it was originally founded to honor the soldiers who died in the Civil War, today, Memorial Day is a day of remembrance to honor all of the men and women who have served and died in military service for the US Armed Forces.

One needs only to watch the nightly news or keep up with world events to realize how fortunate we are to live in a country governed by a constitution that guarantees our rights and freedoms. These freedoms that America enjoy are the envy of the world, yet we so often take them for granted. They came at a heavy price and were paid for with flesh and blood by the brave sacrifices of American servicemen and women, and with the tears of those whose lives were changed forever by the loss of a loved one. Let us pledge to rededicate ourselves to not take a single day for granted, to give thanks for all that we are blessed with, and to honor those who gave their lives in service to our great nation to secure our freedoms and way of life.

God Bless the United States of America.

Ride Paul Revere, and the night that saved America



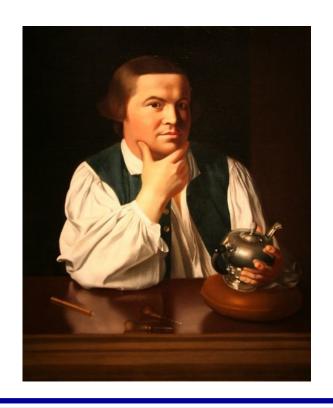
By Kestya Kennedy Copyright 2025

Dewey Decimal 972.3/RID (282 pages)

A Book Review by Lodge Librarian & Historian, David J. Reilly, HPM

The author describes the time leading up to and the ride of Paul Revere. In so doing he speaks of Paul Revere's association with the Freemasons and the several Sons of Liberty who were also Freemasons. The author has researched well, and his bibliography gives a list of more books to investigate on the subject. The Book is filled with events of the nights ride, and he writes as though you are there and sharing the dangers of Boston and the Ride itself. The ride from Boston to Lexington and the stops made are set to a map as he rides. He also includes the ride of William Dawes. He enhances the story with the three riders that left Blackthorn Tavern prior to Revere's ride and includes the excitement of their ride as well. Writing of the households and the people includes information of enslaved people in and around Boston at the time. The author includes a bonus as he writes of Longfellow and others. This is a good and fast read.

The Author, K. Kennedy, is a former editor of Sports Illustrated and is the Chief of Premium Publishers.





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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 Boca-Delray Lodge No. 171 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

Boynton #236

Gulfstream #245

Palmwood #303

Bykota #333

Jupiter Light #340

Garden #366

Lantana #372

4093 NW 4th Avenue, Boca Raton

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 pm

2701 Quantum Blvd, Boynton Beach

2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Bykota Lodge: 421 Jennings Ave., Greenacres

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

845 Bradley St., West Palm Beach

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 pm

421 Jennings Ave., Greenacres

2nd and 4th Mondays, 7:30 pm

600 S. Loxahatchee Dr., Jupiter

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

9463 Roan Lane, Palm Beach Gardens

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

244 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach

2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Harmonia Lodge Degree Status



Petitioners

none

Usual Course

none

Dual Membership

none

Awaiting EA

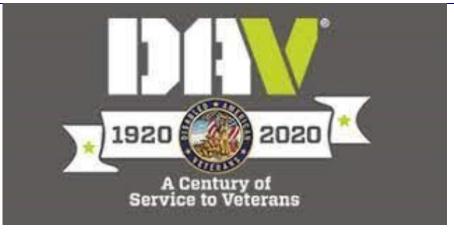
Anthony Adolphe

Awaiting FC

Clarence Hilario, Jason Orr, Rodrigo Diaz Cabal

Awaiting MM

Nageeb Hanna, Max Schemer, Leonardo Anillo



Charity for the Month

Disabled American Vets/DAV Chap#42

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



2025 Lodge Committees

Finance

SW Erasmo Gonzalez (Chairman), Treas. W: Joshua Johnson, Secretary W: Marco Sevilleja, Bro. Serge D'Haiti

<u>Vigilance</u>

JW Antonio P. Cruz, Jr. (Chairman), Chap. J.C. Rogers, W:. Frank Rocanello

Petitions

Treas. W: Joshua Johnson, Mar. Marc Denzau, SD Angel Pabon, JD Rocko Syllne, Chap. J.C. Rogers, JS Lee Sylne

Masonic Education

W:. Ray Rios (Chair), Treas. W:. Joshua Johnson (MM Degree), W:. Sotelo Cruz (FC Degree), W:. Tony Petrides (EA Degree)

Board of Relief

W:.M:. Rudy Romero (Chairman), SW Erasmo Gonzalez, JW Antonio P. Cruz, Jr.

Charity

SW Erasmo Gonzalez (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson, Sec. W.: Marco Sevilleja, Chap. J.C. Rogers, Mar. Marc Denzau

Lodge Property

JW Antonio P. Cruz, Jr. (Chairman), W.: Ray Rios, SD Angel Pabon, Bro. Jason Barroncini, Bro. Keith Holding

Lodge Mentoring

Chap. J.C. Rogers (Chairman), SD Angel Pabon, SS Renier Colina, Bro. Serge D'Haiti

Community, Civic Improvement&Social Activities

JW Antonio P. Cruz, Jr. (Chairman), SD Angel Pabon, SS Renier Colina, JS Lee Sylne, Musician Michael Koppy, Tyler Anthony Chambers, Bro. Serge D'Haiti, Bro. Jojo Esguerra, Bro. Eugene Sison

Investigations

Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja (Chairman), SW Erasmo Gonzalez, W.: Sotelo Cruz, JD Rocko Syllne, SS Renier Colina, JS Lee Sylne, W.: Val De Vuyst

Communications, Trestleboard and Website

W:. Tony Petrides (Co-Chair), Bro. Luis Gonzalez (Co-Chair), Bro. Zachary Beavers (Co-Chair), Sec. W:. Marco Sevilleja, Bro. Greg Tammany, Bro. Paulo Tavares, David Reilly HPM, Bro. Eugene Sison

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 (Chair), W:. Tony Petrides, SW Erasmo Gonzalez

Visitors

SD Angel Pabon, JD Rocko Syllne, 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 Baronnovich- 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

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

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*

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

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*

Wor. Roy R Laws- 1980

Wor. Lyle E. Mason- 1982*

Wor. James F Irvin- 1986

Wor. Thomas W. Kyle- 1988*

Wor. Michael F McCarthy J.R.- 1990 Wor. Clarence P. Graham- 1992*

Wor. Richard J.L. Packwood- 1984

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

Daniel B. Laub- 1965*

James H. Kirby JR.- 1999

Michael Hart- 2015

Edward Griffin- 2015

Robert C. Gibbons- 2021