

# ***“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 Masonry in West Palm Beach***

**June 2025**

**June 9th, 2025**

**Stated Communication**

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

**June 23rd, 2025**

**Masonic Blue Slipper  
Night Presentation**

**Stated Communication**

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

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## *From the East*

Brethren,

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

<https://www.harmonia138.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/2025-06.mp4>

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

Rudy Romero  
Worshipful Master



## *From the West*

Dear Brethren,

It is with hope that I find each and everyone in good health and Spirits. My brothers, we have come to the gate of June represented by the beginning of summer. In this month there's much to celebrate. Graduation is one of the most popular for many of our bright young minds. It consists of a 13 year long educational Journey and for others 14 to 15 years. Many will go on to college or Universities, while others will join our Armed Forces, Trade School or join the family business. A time of happiness and joy for parents as we witness the next generation following our steps towards the right direction.

For Free and Accepted Masons June is symbolically important. The Grand Lodge of England was officially formed on June 24th, 1717.

Recently we visited and helped celebrate the 196th Florida Grand Lodge Meeting. It was a successful event. Many Brothers from Harmonia Lodge attended. I would like to extend thanks to all of those brothers who helped within the Hospitality Room. Special thanks to Our JW Antonio Cruz, our SD Angel Pabon, our Chaplin JC Rogers, Brother Lee Sylne, and Brother Rocco Syllne, as well as many others who made it possible.

I would also like to acknowledge Brother Benjamin Cohen in receiving his Gold Card. Congratulations! What an amazing honor!

Brothers, let's continue and keep the momentum going forward, Let us remember our obligation, practice brotherly love and affection.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to guide you, and may Brotherly love prevail and every social virtue cement us.

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.

“What is one to say about June, the time of perfect young summer, the fulfillment of the promise of the earlier months, and with as yet no sign to remind one that its fresh young beauty will ever fade.”

— Hal Borland

Congratulations to our newly Raised brothers. Max Schemer, Nageeb Hanna and Leonardo Anillo. A job well done by WM Erasmo Gonzales 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 Josh Johnson, your dedication, patience and your teaching is beyond words. Thank you!

I also would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Bro. Jorge Sta. Rosa for all his help and also, Bro. Max Schemer, Nageeb Hanna and the newly initiated brothers who tirelessly help serve and 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. I hope all is well with you and your family.

As we approach this month - the middle of the year, I would like to thank you for paying your yearly dues on time. For the Brothers who have not yet sent their dues payment, please do so. I will be sending out delinquent dues notices by the end of the month. If you are experiencing a hardship, please let us know. You can contact me at our **Lodge office number (561) 640-9115, our Lodge cell phone number (728) 230-5416** or you can **email** me at **secretary@harmonia138.com**.

Thank you very much and may the Almighty bless us all wherever dispersed.

Fraternally,

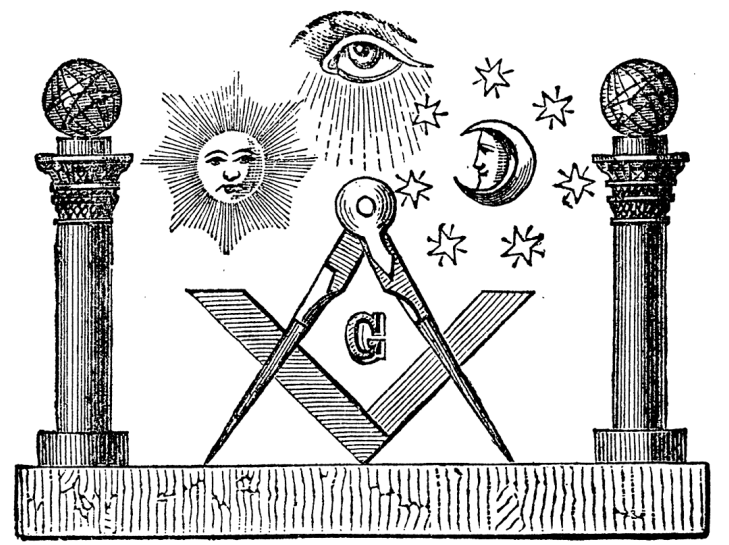
W.: Marco Sevilleja, PM

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**



# Explanation of the Masonic Calendar



**By Bro. Marshall Marc Denzau**

The Masonic calendar is the specific method used by Freemasons to count years and designate months.

The first year of the Masonic calendar is the "Year of the True Light" - Anno Lucis in Latin.

It marks the beginning of the "Era of the True Light."

Before Anno Lucis appeared from the eighteenth century on English documents, the terms "Anno Masonry", then Anno Latomorum, Anno Lithotomorum (year of movement) or Anno Laotomiaie (year of release, age of Stone Cutters).

The dating of the "Year of the True Light" would be based on calculations by James Ussher, an Anglican prelate born in 1580 in Dublin.

He had worked out a chronology beginning with the creation of the world according to Genesis, which he estimated at 4,004 BC, based on the Masoretic text rather than the Septuagint. Freemasons adopted a simplified version of his calendar, adding 4000 to the Anno Domini (AD) year, to mark the Year of Light (A.L.).

The Masonic year has two festivals: Saint John "of Summer", which is celebrated on June 24th, and Saint John the Baptist, And Saint-John "of winter" (John evangelist, celebrated on 27 December), symbolically coinciding with the solstices.

It is called "Common era" the expression of the date according to the usual calendar.

A complete date will be expressed as follows: "1st day of the 1st month of the year 6025 of the True Light, 1st March 2025 of the "vulgar era".

The Masonic calendar, which adds 4,000 years and begins on 1 March, is however only the simplest and most frequently used. Over the centuries and in the different branches of Freemasonry, several others were used, which makes the dating of Masonic documents sometimes delicate.

Fraternal love,

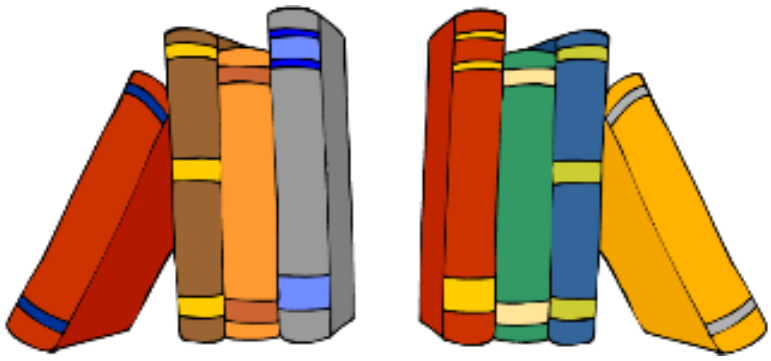
Bro. Marshall, Marc Denzau



# Living Proof

By Lt. Clebe McClary USMC (Vietnam 1967 - 1968)

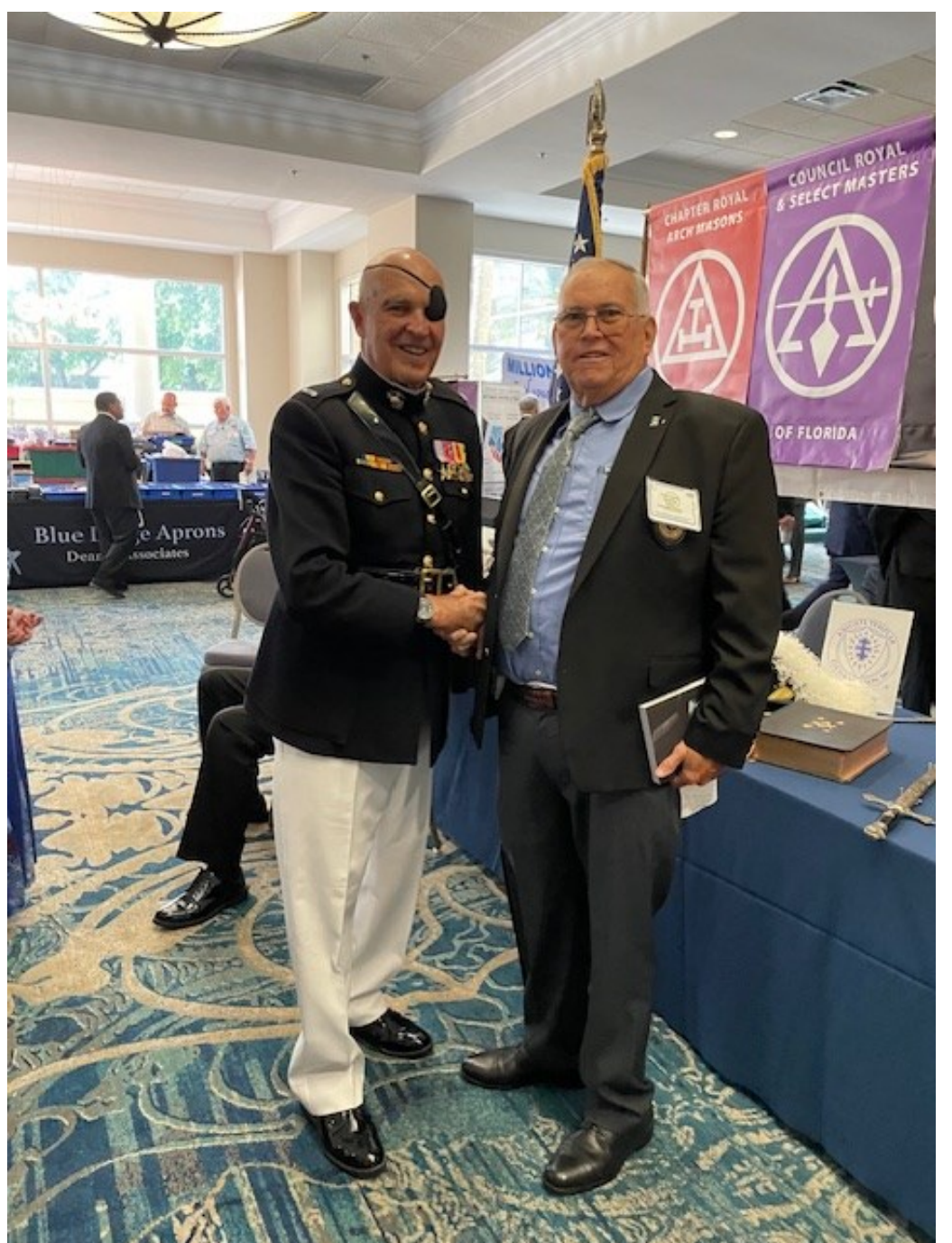
**\*Lt. McClary was the Keynote Speaker at Grand Lodge 2025.**



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(250 pages)**

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

Lt. McClary wrote his testimony of his religion in this book. He tells it through his time in Vietnam, and the trials incurred their through a disabling attack and recovery. He talks about his Life prior to the Marine Corps and takes the reader with him in a recount of his time in Vietnam. His writing is so good you feel you are with him on patrols. He shares his time growing up in South Carolina, a boy growing up, an athlete, a student, a coach and a Marine. He shares the learning and how it all came together to make the man he is now. He speaks of his leadership, the death that was around him and the day death and Hell came to him. He says during his recovery it came to him that he would be “better or bitter.” He chose through his faith he would be better. With his Left arm amputated and his left eye blown out as well as his right hand severely damaged, he fought back with friends and his wife. He continues with the Acronym FIDO, (Forget it and Drive On). Lt McClary writes to the reader as though he is talking to the reader in person. Recommended reading. His testimony and Faith are worth the read







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Jeffrey S. Foster, 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 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

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**

none

### **Usual Course**

none



### **Dual Membership**

none

### **Awaiting EA**

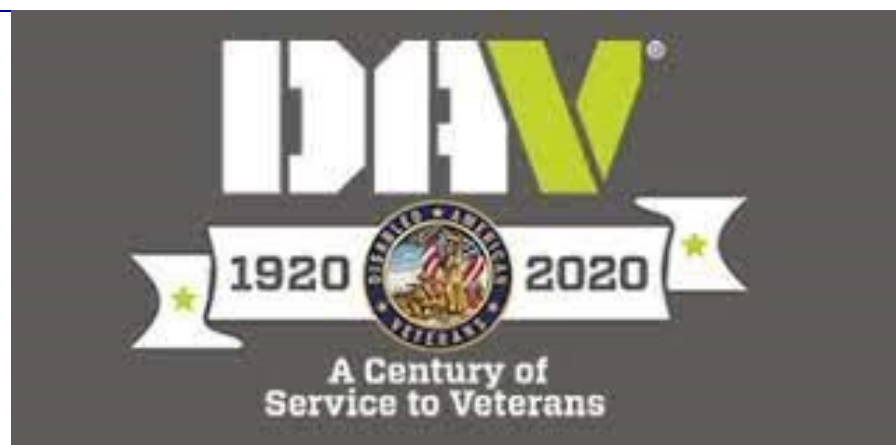
Anthony Adolphe

### **Awaiting FC**

Clarence Hilario, Jason Orr, Rodrigo Diaz Cabal

### **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.***



# *2025 Lodge Committees*

## *Finance*

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

## *Vigilance*

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\* (6<sup>th</sup> 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\*  
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  
Wor. Rudy Romero- 2025

Daniel B. Laub- 1965\*  
James H. Kirby JR.- 1999  
Michael Hart- 2015  
Edward Griffin- 2015  
Robert C. Gibbons- 2021  
J.C. Rogers - 2025