

# ***“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***

**August 2025**

**August 11th, 2025**

**Re-Obligation Night**

**Stated Communication**

**Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:30 pm**

**August 23rd, 2025 (Sat.)**

**Fellowcraft Degree**

**Called Communication**

**Snacks 11am /Degree 12 pm**

**August 25th, 2025**

**Family Game Night**

**Open to Family & Friends**

**Food & Snacks Provided**

**(No Stated Communication)**

**Event Starts at 7:00 pm**

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## *From the East*

Brethren,

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

<https://www.harmonia138.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/2025-08-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,

It is with hope that I find each and every one in good health and good spirits. August is upon us marking the eighth month of the year, or the beginning of the third quarter.

Things are moving very rapidly and we still have more to accomplish. We recently celebrated the Past Master Dinner and a Table Lodge honoring R.:H.: Ray Rios, District Instructor.

Additionally, on August 23rd we will be having a Fellow Craft Degree and looking forward to seeing you all there. The degree will be on a Saturday. We will be serving light snacks at 11:00 am and the degree will begin promptly at 12:00 noon.

In the background, the Worshipful Master and Officers continue to work in harmony, and always considering what's best for Harmonia Lodge. I encourage you and all to continue to attend meetings, degrees and events. A good Mason is a well-informed Mason. Remember, who can best work and best agree.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue to guide you.

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.

If you must know:

*“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” — Anonymous*

Congratulations to our newly initiated brother Anthony Adolphe and Boca-Delray Lodge in delivering a very good EA Degree and to our very own R.:H.: Ray Rios on his new appointment. I am sure that he will do a wonderful job in teaching and assisting all the brothers in his new role as District Instructor.

I also would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Bro. Jorge Sta Rosa, Bro. Jojo Esguerra and W.: Sotelo Cruz for all their help in delivering a very successful "Table Lodge" dinner in honor of our newly appointed R.:H.: Ray Rios, District Instructor. To my band of EA's: Bro. Jason Orr, Bro. Clarence Hilario and Bro. Rodrigo Diaz-Cabal who tirelessly help, serve and clean 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 Brothers,

I trust this finds each one of you well and in good spirit.

To my brothers who have not yet paid their current dues or in arrears of any past years' dues please send in your payment to avoid being suspended for NPD. We accept cash, checks and Zelle payment via Harmonia's cellphone number (728) 230-5416.

Dress code in all Stated or Called Communications is business attire (coat and tie) and formal attire.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (561) 640-9115 or (728) 230-5416, or email me at [secretary@harmonia138.com](mailto:secretary@harmonia138.com).

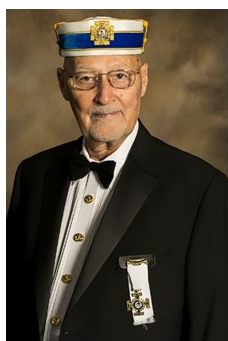
Thank you very much and may the Almighty bless us all.

Faternally,

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**





## *It's Birthday Time!!!* *The Mason's Mason* *James H. Kirby, Jr. 33°Grand Cross*

Guess what!!! It's Bro. Jim's birthday this month on Wednesday, August 7th! Illustrious Jim Kirby, Jr., HPM, is a 75 year Mason! Our dear Brother Jim, who is simultaneously one of the most humble men ever encountered, is also one of the most inspiring, powerful, and impacting human beings Harmonia and Masonry has known. There is not a Brother among us whose life has not been profoundly impacted in a positive way by this man among men. Like a pebble thrown into a still pond, his ripples spiral outward and emanate in all directions in an infinite and ever expanding circle of light, love, and knowledge. Jim is truly an amazing mentor and ambassador of Freemasonry. When you see him next, take a moment to say Happy Birthday, shake his hand, say "thank you" for all he has done, and let him know how impacting his "ripples" have been on your life.

*~Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the single candle will not be shortened and will continue to remain burning ever the same. Light, knowledge, love and happiness never decrease by being shared.*

Happy Birthday dear Brother, and Thank You Jim for sharing your flame and lighting the inspirational candles in so many of us!



**Harmonia Lodge Event  
Fun Family Game Night  
Monday, August 25th  
7:00-10:00 pm**

Bring the whole family for a fun-filled night of games, laughter, and fellowship! Enjoy board games, card games, video games, and friendly competition for all ages.

Food and light refreshments will be served.

Come out and join the fun!





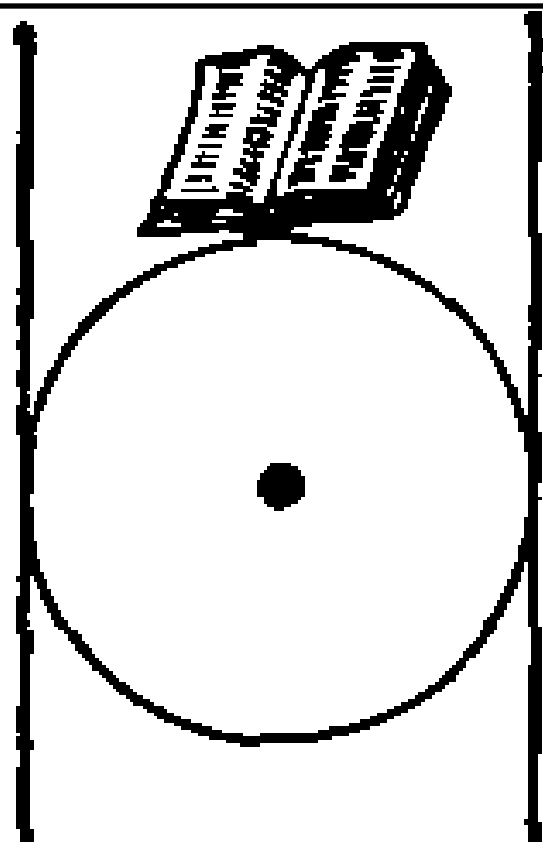


# *James H. Kirby, Jr. 33°*

## *75 year Masonic Award*

### *and Pin Presentation*

Congratulations to our beloved Jim Kirby on receiving his 75 year Masonic award and Pin that was presented to him at the annual Harmonia Lodge Past Masters Dinner last month. Jim was presented with this incredible honor by W.:M.: Rudy Romero in front of 34 Past Masters and guests at the Okeechobee Steakhouse. Congratulations Brother!!!

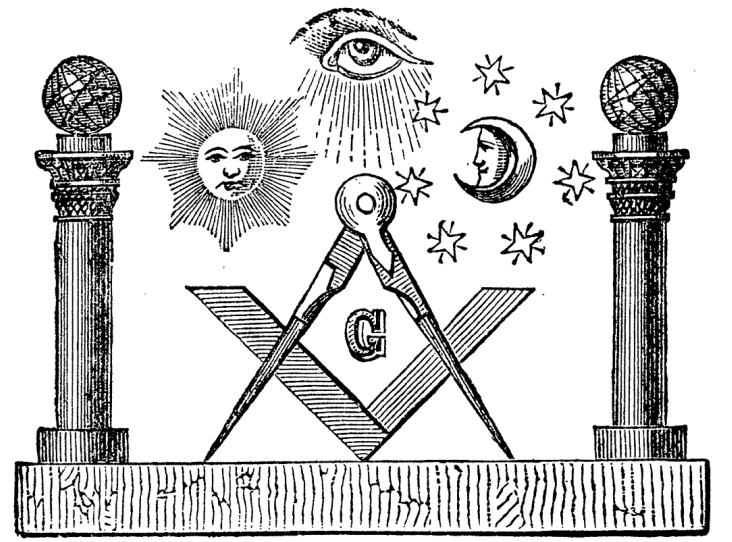


“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.” .....Plato



# The Nine Sisters Lodge

By Bro. Marshal Marc Denzau



Lodge: The Nine Sisters “Les Neuf Sœurs.”

You will see a replica of Voltaire's Apron that I donated at the entrance of Harmonia Lodge, initiated at the Nine Sisters Lodge in Paris in 1778.

Here is a short story about this lodge.

The lodge had a particular influence in organizing French support for the American Revolutionary War.

The Masonic lodge “Les Neuf Sœurs” (The Nine Sisters), founded in 1776, still exists, but in a different form. It was once an important lodge of the Grand Orient de France in Paris. Although the original lodge has disappeared, its name and heritage have been taken over by other lodges.

## **The original Lodge:**

Founded in 1776 by Jérôme Lalande (French astronomer), this lodge played an important role in the French support for the American Revolution and included prominent members such as Benjamin Franklin.

**Role and influence:** The Nine Sisters Lodge was known for its commitment to Enlightenment ideals and its influence on the culture and politics of its time.

In 1778, the year when Voltaire became an honorary member of the Nine Sisters, Benjamin Franklin and John Paul Jones were also admitted.

Benjamin Franklin was elected Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1779, then re-elected in 1780. When, after a long work of influence in Europe, he returned to America to participate in the drafting of the Constitution, his place as emissary of the United States was taken by Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence of the United States, in the company of his friend John Adams. Subsequently Franklin returned with Thomas Paine.

Jean-Antoine Houdon, a member of the Nine Sisters, added the bust of Jefferson to his long list of sculptures, which already included that of Franklin and the Marquis de La Fayette. Jefferson persuaded Houdon to create the statue of George Washington, for which he made the trip to America in 1785.





**Jean-Antoine Houdon** was one of the most important “statuary” of the 18th century. Renowned for the realistic rendering of his works, skilled not only in marble work, Houdon also had a talent and aptitude for shaping earth, plaster, and bronze. He is often called 'the sculptor of the Enlightenment'.

It was King Louis XVI of France who sent Lafayette to help the United States in their war of independence. Louis XVI sent Lafayette and a French military force to support the American colonists against the British, partly to weaken the British rival and partly out of sympathy for the American cause.

More precisely, in 1777, Lafayette, at the age of 20, left for America with the ship the Hermione, partly financed by his own means, to support the American revolution. He was the bearer of the news that Louis XVI had sent a French military force, comprising 6000 soldiers under the command of the Comte de Rochambeau, as well as warships, to help the Americans. La Fayette thus became a symbol of “Franco-American” friendship and a hero of both worlds.

The Monument of “DeKalb” who fell fighting bravely in defense of the rights of man on the plains of Camden, SC, the Cornerstone laid by Gen. Lafayette, March 1825. Baron Johann de Kalb was a German (Bavarian) general who served in the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. He was a Freemason, born in 1721 and died in 1780 after being wounded and captured at the Battle of Camden in South Carolina. He is known for his role in the war of independence and for his service to George Washington.

There was something very strong in Freemasonry at the time between America and France, which can only be described as a real brotherly love.

In 2018, while I was visiting the Grand Lodge of South Carolina as a member of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the safe of the Grand Lodge was opened especially for us and I had the honor of holding the silver trowel made for Brother Lafayette to lay the corner stone of the DeKalb monument.







# Lodge Officers for 2025

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Taleb T. Atala

M.:W.: GRAND SECRETARY  
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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

none

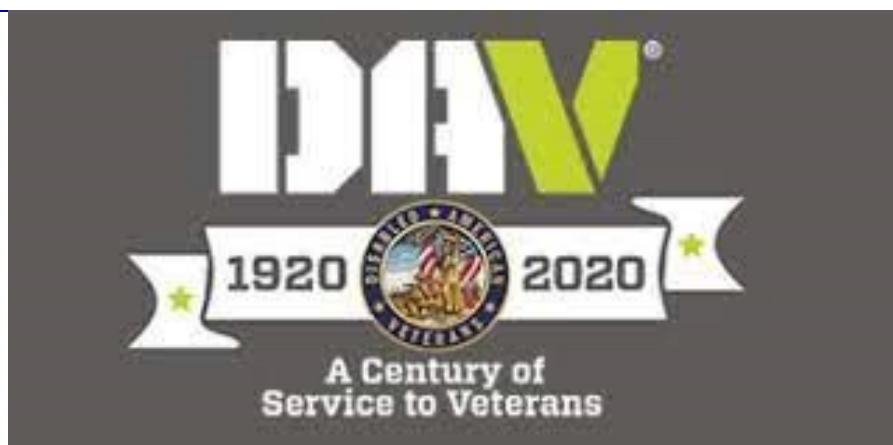
### Awaiting FC

Anthony Adolphe, 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  
Lodge room. Please donate what you can.***



# *2025 Lodge Committees*

## *Finance*

SW Erasmo Gonzalez (Chairman), Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson,  
Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja

## *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

## *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. 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\*  
Nathan “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  
James “J.C.” Rogers - 2025