

“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



September 2025

September 8th, 2025

Scouts and Public

Servants Awards

Stated Communication

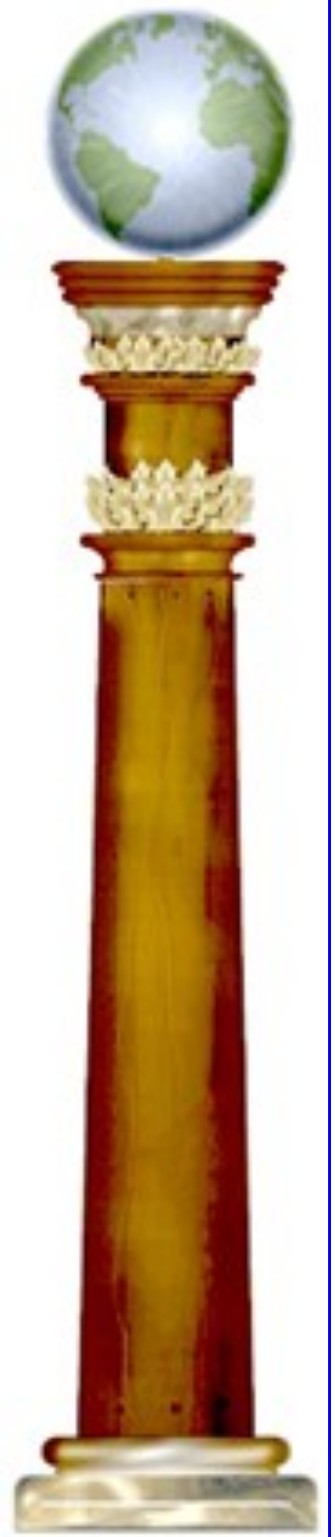
Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:30 pm

September 22nd, 2025

DDGM Official Visit

Stated Communication

Meal 6:15 / Meeting 7:30 pm



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From the East

Brethren,

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

<https://harmonia138.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/2025-08-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,

I hope I find each and everyone of you in good health and Spirits. September is upon us and we began by celebrating Labor Day which as you all know is the end of summer. Shortly the weather will begin to change to a much cooler temperature, nature will begin it's natural cycle, trees will begin to expose their foliage in multiple colors, the animals will begin to prepare for winter and the farmers will harvest their fall crops. Teaching us to be aware of our environment and pay attention to each other.

Harmonia continues to thrive. We recently had a Fellow Craft degree in which three brothers received more light. I would like to extend a huge thank you for an outstanding performance to the degree team, our Fellow Craft Director Past Master Sotelo Cruz and the proTemp Sitting Master for The Fellow Craft degree Antonio Cruz. In addition, I would like to acknowledge current sitting Worshipful Master Clayton Gordon for performing the Fellow Craft lecture.

Brothers, let's keep the momentum moving forward and let the Architect of the Universe continue to guide you. Remember your obligation, treat each other with respect, and work out your differences among yourselves. Let's recognize and strive for the meaning of " Who Can Best Work and Best Agree.

Erasmus 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: “September is the month of maturity; the heaped basket and the garnered sheaf. It is the month of climax and completion. September! I never tire of turning it over and over in my mind. It has warmth, depth and color. It glows like old amber.”

– Patience Strong

Congratulations to brother Richard Scahill of Bykota lodge #333 and brothers Jason Orr, Clarence Hilario and Rodrigo Diaz-Cabal for passing to the degree of Fellow Craft. To the degree team, I do not have the words to described how great you all were in helping me deliver a very well received degree. It only shows that if we put the time and effort that there is nothing that we cannot accomplish. To WM Sotelo Cruz, thank you for all your time and patience in helping us succeed. To WM Ray Rios AND WM George Winterling I cannot thank you enough for the help and the guidance in helping us deliver a great degree.

I also would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Bro. Jojo Esguerra and Bro. Angel Pabon for all your help in the kitchen so we can continue to serve great foods to the brothers. 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

Reminders to all my brothers wheresoever dispersed.

If you have not yet paid your current dues or in arrears of any past years' dues please send in your payment to avoid being suspended for NPD. The office accepts cash, checks and Zelle payment via Harmonia's cellphone number (728) 230-5416, or you can pay through Amity App. If you know someone who is suspended for NPD and would like to be active member, please let me know or let the brother contact me.

Donations to the Lodge, Lodge charity fund, library and kitchen are greatly appreciated.

Please strictly observe our 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.

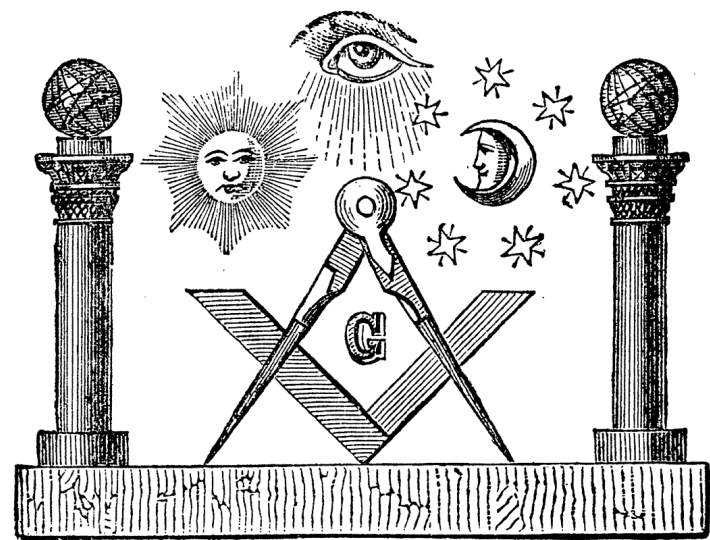
Thank you very much and may the Almighty bless us all.

Fraternally,

Marco M. Sevilleja
Secretary

Thoughts to Consider

By Bro. Marshal Marc Denzau



Have you ever looked at nature and the trees around you?

Yes, of course, you did, but with no interest or real understanding. In fact, we don't care!

Do you understand that nature is living beings? Yes, you do because I'm writing about it; otherwise, no!

What do you think about it? Nothing, of course; we have other things to think about. We are human beings.

Yes, living beings! Trees share many characteristics with other living beings, such as growth, reproduction, respiration, and the ability to react to their environment.

Trees possess complex biological processes, such as respiration, sap circulation and nutrient transformation, which are similar to those of other living beings in nature.

They are born, developed, reproduced and died, just like animals and humans.

Why should you have interest in nature and try to see what nature is?

Well, we are Freemasons and above our sublime degree, there is something else. Independent bodies, research groups, hermeticism, metaphysics, esotericism and so much more that will open your knowledge, soul and love for everything.

Everything that has a form of life on earth has its own vibrations, “the breath of the divine”.

We as Freemasons are lucky to be able to study all good things from all religions. But we must know how to extract the sectarianism, tyranny, lies introduced in their religions for glory of each one of them.

Religions belong to men, not to God. God is not a religion, and Freemasonry is not a religion. We are regular and recognized Freemasons, working for the glory of God and trying to shape ourselves according to God's desires.

Nature belongs to God, we are (mankind) descendants of individuals who were familiar with the mysteries and secrets of nature.

Learn to feel the golden frequency around you.



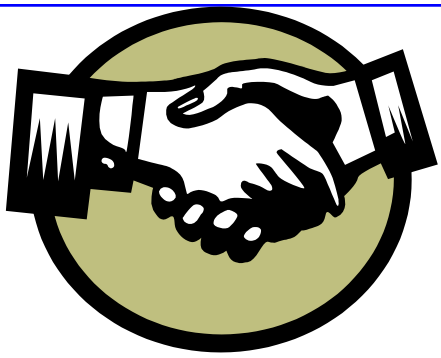


The Beehive: A Masonic Symbol By David J. Reilly

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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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



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

Bro. Chris Brett, Brian Flores, Ira Lee

Scott Shulman, Leonard Mandel



Usual Course

none

Dual Membership

none

Awaiting EA

none

Awaiting FC

Anthony Adolphe

Awaiting MM

Clarence Hilario, Jason Orr

Rodrigo Diaz-Cabal



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 Sylne, 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 Sylne, 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 Sylne, 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*
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