

“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

December 2025

December 6th, 2025

Bible & Apron Ceremony

Ceremony 10:00am

December 8th, 2025

Election of 2026 Officers

Stated Communication

Meal 6:30pm / Meeting 7:30pm

December 15th, 2025

Entered Apprentice Degree

Meal 6:30pm / Degree 7:30pm

December 22nd, 2025

Lodge is DARK

NO Stated Communication

for the Holiday

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From the East

Brethren,

Please click the attached link to open my Video Trestle-board message for December so you can hear my message directly from me!

[Click to watch video](#)

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 I find each and everyone in good health and spirits. I would like to take a moment and thank the craft for all your hard work and commitment throughout this year. We had our ups and downs but most of all we continue with our work. A humble thanks to our Junior Warden Brother Antonio P. Cruz Jr. for the amazing work in keeping the Refreshments flowing. To be a Junior Warden you must be committed and that you excelled. I thank you for a job well done. I have no doubt you will be successful as the new Senior Warden. I am looking forward to working with you.

To Kirby's Corner, I can say enough for the amazing job you'll do in helping mentoring the new perspective to our Fraternity Of Freemasonry. Thank you W.: Tony Petrides, P.M., Brother David Reilly, H.P.M., W.: Frank Rocanello, P.M., and R.:W.: Bill Sheff, P.D.D.G.M., for your leadership. It all starts with your wisdom and guidance.

To our Worshipful Master Rudy Romero, I don't think you've been given the credit you deserve, but I will give it to you. You have single handed saved the financial future of this lodge. Your commitment with the community and charitable work was outstanding. In behalf of the craft, I thank you for a job well done.

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 other. Have a wonderful holiday.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe continue guiding you.

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.

*“Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in Gold and Silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another: sympathy begets sympathy, Kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason.” — **Benjamin Franklin***

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge Bro. Jorge Sta. Rosa for all your help in the kitchen and to the newly raised Brothers Jason Orr, Rodrigo Diaz-Cabal and Clarence Hilario for your tireless help in 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 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday varies (please call)

Thursday 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Dear Brothers,

As the holiday season approaches, I send my warmest wishes to you and your family for a joyful Christmas, and a peaceful, and prosperous New Year. May the coming year bring health, happiness, and many blessings to your home.

I am truly grateful for your trust and support over the past year. Your dedication strengthens our Lodge and inspires all of us to continue our good work together. May the Almighty watch over you and your loved ones always.

On behalf of our Lodge, thank you sincerely for remitting your dues. To our perpetual members and brothers exempt from dues, and the brothers who have kindly offered voluntary contributions, please know that your generosity is deeply appreciated. I will be mailing the rest of the dues cards of our perpetual members and dues-exempt brothers before the end of this month.

With gratitude and fraternal regards,

Marco M. Sevilleja
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



Bible and Apron Ceremony

Saturday, December 6th

Ceremony 10:00am

*This event is **OPEN TO ALL**
family and friends.*

*Come out and support the Brothers
who have worked so hard to receive
this honor and ceremony. It is an
amazing event you won't want to
miss!*

Happy Holidays and Blessings for
a Prosperous and Joyous New Year
from the Officers
and Brothers of
Harmonia Lodge
No.138 F.&A.M.





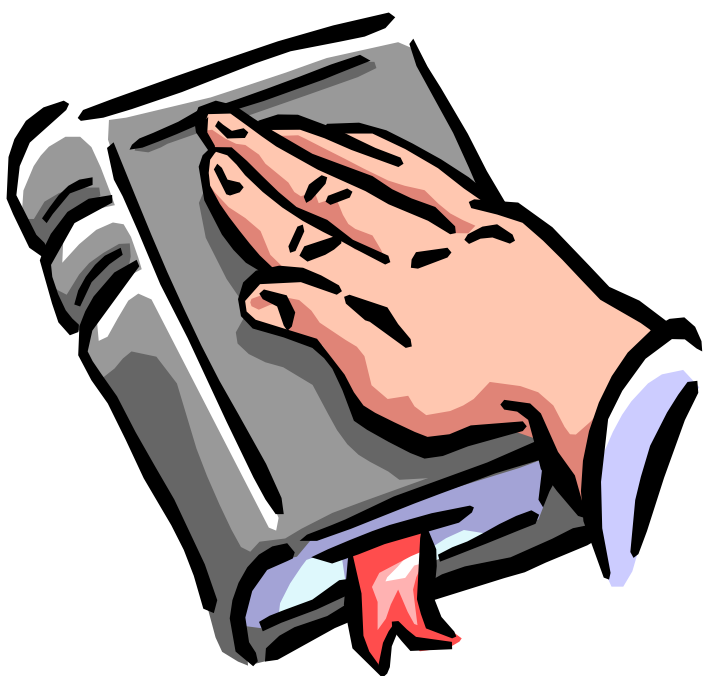
Elections of 2026 Officers for Harmonia Lodge

Harmonia Lodge will be holding Elections for the 2026 Officers on Monday, 12/8/2025. Please come out and join us for the last meeting on 2025!

****REMINDER ****



There will be ONLY one meeting in December due to Winter Holidays. (12-08-2025)



Installation of 2026 Harmonia Lodge Officers

On Saturday, January 10th, 2026, Harmonia Lodge will conduct the ceremony for the installation of the 2026 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 brunch before the ceremony. The event is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am and a fellowship to follow.

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 2025

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| JW Antonio P. Cruz Jr. | 561-671-0043 | antoniopcruzjr@gmail.com |
| SD Angel Pabon | 561-722-2618 | nidnoyalp@gmail.com |
| JD Roldo "Rocko" Syllne | 561-234-7467 | rockodagreat@gmail.com |
| SS Renier Colina | 561-310-9500 | renier.colina@gmail.com |
| JS Lee Sylne | 561-260-3187 | lsylne04@gmail.com |
| Tyler Anthony Chambers | 561-856-8883 | anthonybchambers7@gmail.com |
| Chaplain J.C. Rogers | 561-324-9564 | jacro48@gmail.com |
| Marshall Marc Denzau | 561-229-7257 | marc.denzau@yahoo.com |
| Musician Michael Kopyy | 914-755-9610 | mgekopyy@gmail.com |
| Secretary W.: Marco Sevilleja | 561-346-7688 | secretary@harmonia138.com |
| Treas. W.: Joshua Johnson | 561-632-7278 | joshelmintz1@gmail.com |
| Historian David Reilly HPM | 561-615-7408 | reillydj@att.net |
| Trestleboard W.: Tony Petrides | 561-762-7234 | meat11ball@aol.com |



M.:W.: GRAND MASTER

Taleb T. Atala

M.:W.: GRAND SECRETARY

Jeffrey S. Foster, PGM

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.: W.: Demetrios C. Kirkiles

DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR

R.: H.: Alexandre Ferrari

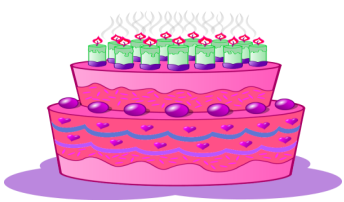


Valley of Lake Worth Scottish Rite

Meets at Harmonia Lodge No. 138

4th Wednesday of each month

6:30 E-Board & 7:30 Consistory meeting



Happy Birthday to our Celebrants!!!

Bro. Luis Gonzalez - 5th Dec.

Bro. Clarence Hilario - 7th Dec.

Bro. Justin Laoretti - 9th Dec.

Bro. Livan Torres - 16th Dec.

Bro. Leonardo Anillo - 18th Dec.

Bro. Thomas Carino - 19th Dec.

Bro. John Cravy - 23rd Dec.

Bro. Eric Fotis - 27th Dec.

W.: Arthur Bennett Jr. - 7th Dec.

Bro. Vincent Prestigiaco - 8th Dec.

Bro. David Oderman - 15th Dec.

Bro. Phillip Holleman - 17th Dec.

Bro. Jose Rosa Serrano - 18th Dec..

Bro. Thomas Sharrard - 22nd Dec.

W.: Enrico Espiritu - 23rd Dec.

Bro. Max Schemer - 28th Dec.



Area Lodges District No. 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

Adam Paulaukus



Usual Course

none

Awaiting EA

Ira Lee, Scott Shulman

Leonard Mandel

Awaiting FC

Anthony Adolphe

Awaiting MM



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 HPM (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 HPM

Past and Honorary Masters



* 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 M. Sevilleja- 2018

Wor. Ray Rios- 2020-2021

Wor. Justin Shiver- 2023

Wor. Rudy Romero- 2025

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*

James "J.C." Rogers - 2025

Daniel B. Laub- 1965*

James H. Kirby JR.- 1999

Michael Hart- 2015

Edward Griffin- 2015

R.W. Nathan "Bill" Sheff- 2022