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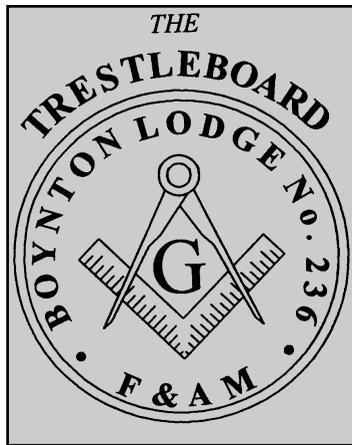
Brethren

The trestleboard is the only means of communication between the Lodge and its entire membership. This is especially true for those of us who do not have computers or are computer illiterate. I would like to keep sending the Trestleboard by first class mail, however it is one of the most expensive items in our Lodge Budget. Our cost for publishing and sending first class mail is about \$2400.00 per year. Next year, first class postage will be higher due to an increase in postage stamps and membership. I ask you to be a booster member for 2006 to defray some of this cost. Your donation of \$10, \$20, \$50, or \$100.00 will be most appreciated by your Lodge.

If you would like to receive it by email only, which also helps to defray the cost, please send me an email to:
jkarroum@adelphia.net.
Fraternally John Karroum, Master Elect

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Regular Communication
2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M.
except November and December
when it shall be the 2nd and 3rd Thursday.

Visit Our Website

www.boyntonlodge236.com

January 7, 2006
Installation 3:00PM
Pot Luck Dinner

January 12, 2006
Stated Communication

January 26, 2006
Stated Communication

2701 Quantum Boulevard
Boynton Beach, Florida 33426
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During Meetings Only

FROM THE EAST

Brethren!

We will have our Installation on Saturday, 7 January 2006 at 3:00 pm. This will be open to the public as one of the few Masonic gatherings the public is permitted to see. I urge you to bring that friend who may have mentioned an interest in the Craft over the years. The dress is Business Attire (Coat and Tie), and the Ladies in your family are very welcome to attend with you. Following the Installation, the Lodge will furnish Meat and Fish as the main course, and that will be supplied by the Boys Farmers Market. To promote friendship and brotherly love, we are asking each family to bring a covered dish. We will furnish the plates, silverware, Tea/Coffee and Sodas. The Eastern Star Ladies are in Charge of the dessert. To coordinate the Pot Luck Dinner, please call Carol at: 561-843-9604.

This year we will be having FUN in our Lodge! We will practice the lessons of Freemasonry and promote the harmonious gathering of sophisticated men in an atmosphere of learning, ritual, and tradition. It is my intent to bring the spirit of Freemasonry into the Lodge room from all over the world. Over the last twenty years, the members of the Craft in Boynton Lodge have traveled throughout the Caribbean and Europe. Some of us come from the Middle East, South Africa and all across the United States. We have members who have rich Masonic facts and stories to share. We have established relations with Lodges in The Bahamas, Scotland and even The Netherlands. I want to bring that atmosphere into our environment through lectures, trips and events! This will be a great new year for Boynton Masonic Lodge!

On behalf of my elected and appointed Officers, I thank you for the faith you have shown in electing us this year. We all will work hard to practice the teachings of the Craft and build our Lodge for, and into the future.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

John E. Karroum
Master Elect

2006 COMMITTEES

FINANCE

S.W. Wayne Hansen, *Chairman*
R.W. Charlie Mead
W. Robert Mandell
Bro. John Jelilian
W. Tom Mangold
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R.W. Richard Philpott
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W. Irving Etlinger
R.W. Alan I. Ehrlich
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W.M. John Karroum
S.W. Wayne Hansen
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R.W. Charlie Mead
W. Robert C. Mandell

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W. Robert C. Mandell
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W. Robert C. Mandell

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WHY DO LODGES MEET?

by W.J. McCoid to the 1977 Banff Conference

Do lodges meet simply to increase their members numerically in a fashion we have sometimes heard of as a windmill production? No, this cannot be. When we receive an application for admission to our lodge it is received and the request is referred to an examining committee. This committee has an important responsibility. The applicant must come under the tongue of good report. If the report is found favorable by the committee, then each member of the lodge has the right to decide by ballot whether the application will be approved or rejected. Great care must be exercised by each member of the Lodge when entering upon this very important duty. The welfare of the craft should uppermost in our minds, avoiding malice or pettiness.

When the application is approved the lodge now has arrived at its most important duty: "the moulding of the Masonic character of the stranger." We must always remember the ritual is the very heart of Freemasonry. The brethren and officers can create the proper atmosphere in which the candidate, when first admitted on bended knee, we realize that here is the beginning of a most wonderful experience. This then is the primary reason of why lodges meet. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that the initiate is to grasp the fundamental teachings of Freemasonry which is to mould his character in such a manner that he will in due time become a better man as the result of receiving the three degrees in Ancient Craft Freemasonry. The atmosphere within the Lodge Room while the candidate is being conducted through this important degree can be created by the brethren in the Lodge Room. This can be accomplished by solemnity and acting with that awe and reverence which should be exemplified by every member present. Each and every officer assisting the Worshipful Master should attempt to convey the lessons of the degree in the manner of what that portion of the Ceremony actually means to himself. Mere recitation of the work is not sufficient.

It should also be remembered that the candidate will receive his first impression of our institution by the Deacons in the preparation for this most important ceremony. They should be particularly careful by the seriousness of their deportment while carrying out this important duty.

First impressions also depend greatly upon the manner of conducting the candidate through the ceremony of initiation, which will remain permanently in his mind as we desire they should be.

In some cases I have observed that the conferring of degree has simply become a mechanical routine. This is not the intent of Freemasonry. If the candidate is to grasp the real meaning of Freemasonry it will be accomplished by the assistance of the Officers attempting to achieve perfection in the communication and conferring of these degrees. Many hours of study and reflection and memorizing must be applied by the Brethren assisting the Worshipful Master. If the candidate does not fully understand the lessons of Freemasonry it will be impossible for him to take these teachings with him to the outside world and apply them to a better way of life. It should also be noted that once a Brother has been initiated, passed and raised in several cases he attends his Mother Lodge perhaps for five or six meetings sincerely looking for more Masonic education and then we see him no more. This I believe occurs partially because he tires of the routine and feels that it can become monotonous. This can be overcome by teaching the newly-raised Brother to read and seek information and in that way arouse his interest in becoming more knowledgeable. I also believe that when a Brother has finally been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason he should then become involved in the conferring of degrees.

When we were installed as Masters of our Lodges we were charged with many things, that we were rulers in the Craft, that it was for us to see that the business of the Lodge was conducted in a business-like fashion, that the books and accounts of the Lodge were kept faithfully and well. These things were of importance, there is no doubt but these things are mere nothingness as compared with the other duty that becomes ours as Master of our Lodge. That duty is dealing with the stranger kneeling for the first time at our Altar of Freemasonry. It is for the Master to inscribe upon his heart faithfully, quietly, indelibly, those great moral principles which are the fabric of our teachings.

There is a need in men for the principles of Freemasonry. They are seeking when they become Masons. We must provide careful planning so that the principles of Freemasonry are communicated meaningfully, which means on our part a commitment to give time and knowledge to our Brethren.

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