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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

Called Communication Thursday

FC Degree

February 13th, 2014 at 7:30PM
 Dinner at 6:30PM \$10.00 /Person
 RSVP Alan Cohen 373-30999

cohenalan23@yahoo.com

Stated Communication Thursday

February 27th, 2014 at 7:30PM
 Dinner at 6:30PM \$10.00 /Person
 RSVP Alan Cohen 373-3099

cohenalan23@yahoo.com

DRESS CODE

**Brothers are required to
 dress in coat and tie.
 Officers dress is dark suit
 for regular meeting and
 white tuxedo for degrees
 and official visitations**

2014 COMMITTEES

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Jason Matthew Morris

AWAITING M.M.

T r e s t l e b o a r d
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Bill Diamond
 John Karroum
 Peter Van Leeuwen
 Mark Bogert
 Nabil Karroum
 Robert Mandell
 Sheldon Altenhaus
 Ed Wheat
 Zlggy & Selma Friedman
 Ralph Warren
 Daniel Cohen

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Thank you to all who attended our officer's installation day on January 4th, we had a great turnout and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to our installing officers for a great job. Our installing officers were as Installing Worshipful Master R.W. John E. Karroum, Installing Marshall W. Robert C. Mandell and Installing Chaplain W. Everett Tarter.

At our first stated communication on January 9th, we continued our dinners together and had approximately 30 brothers, petitioners and guests in attendance. I hope that you will continue to invite those who are interested in the craft to dinner as well as our family events. During the first meeting, the lodge elected Mr. Luis Gregorio Novaton to receive the three symbolic degrees in Freemasonry, as well as approved the Affiliation for Bro. Morrie Wagman.

Like the first meeting, our second stated communication on January 23th was well attended. RW Philpott presented for Masonic Education an article titled "The Secrets of Masonry" by Col. Robert J. Philpott 32o, his father. We welcomed RW Tommy Turlington, the sitting District Deputy Grand Master for District 16, RH Sam Guarneri, the sitting District Instructor for District 16 & Brother Charles Calabritto as first time visitors. RH Sam Guarneri hand crafted our new staffs for our deacons & stewards, they are beautiful and will be enjoyed by all for years to come. In the meeting, we voted to accept a lease to be sent to Community Fellowship Church for their agreement to lease our fellowship hall for the next year. RH William Bates presented our Junior Warden Alan Cohen with his proficiency card for the esoteric work in the Entered Apprentice Degree. Br. Cohen put a lot of time and effort into his ritual work and deserves this achievement, congratulations again Br. Cohen. Also, congratulations to our "senior" Entered Apprentices for their wonderful catechism proficiency. Under the tutelage of our Senior Warden Mark Bogart, Brs. Jason Morris and Scott Kapke were found to be proficient and will receive their Fellowcraft Degree on February 13. It was a very fun filled meeting.

We have a few events that are quickly approaching:

- 1- February 1 the Child ID Program will be participating in the Jupiter Jubilee, if you are interested in helping. Please email me.
- 2- February 13 we have a Fellowcraft degree for Brs. Jason Morris and Scott Kapke. We will be serving dinner at 6:30 P.M. as usual.
- 3- February 15 we have "Paintball Day" at Hot Shots Paintball in Loxahatchee at 9:00 A.M. Please RSVP for the "Paintball Day" with myself at 561-267-8577 or mgambarrotti23@gmail.com.
- 4- February 20 we will be visiting Boca Delray Lodge No. 171. They have dinner at 6:30 P.M. and their meeting begins at 7:30 P.M.
- 5- February 21-23 we will making our annual official visit to Freeport to visit Arawak Lodge No. 8877, Freeport, Grand Bahamas.
- 6- March 29 is the date for the Master Mason's Assn. Annual picnic.
- 7- April 12 is the Seminar date for speaker Kirk McNulty at the Lodge.

Our first stated communication of the month is on February 27th. We will be serving dinner at 6:30 P.M. Please ensure to RSVP with Junior Warden, Alan Cohen for dinner which will be at a cost of \$10.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Michael Gambarrotti,
Worshipful Master

BALLOT

From the Florida Grand Lodge Masonic Education:

The ballot is both secret and inviolable. When it is taken the act is fateful for the Candidate and momentous for the Lodge. It is Etiquette for the Lodge Room to be in complete silence, the Officers should remain at their stations and places in silence and dignity. The Grand Lodge Constitutions make discussion of the ballot, on conviction thereof, a Masonic offense. Except the Holy Bible, the ballot is the most sacred thing in the Lodge. Every Mason owes to his Lodge the duty of protecting it against poor material and every Mason owes to every petitioner a fair ballot – the only protection a petitioner has against unfair discrimination and unreasonable prejudice. The upright man and Mason, true to the tradition of the Craft, will never allow personal spite or prejudice to influence his behavior at the ballot box.

From the Most Worshipful Thomas Q. Ellis, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, a paper entitled "My Ballot":

Your ballot is Sacred and Secret and no one has the right to inquire as to how you balloted or in any way challenge your ballot. All members present must ballot on a petition and it is an unmasonic offence to disclose a ballot whether it be for or against a petitioner. To spread a ballot is an expression that is becoming rare, but is regularly used in Virginia lodges. In later years black cubes were used instead of black balls, in most lodges, as an additional precaution against errors. In most English lodges they used only white balls and have two separate compartments, a yes and a no compartment, to deposit the balls. The use of white and black balls or cubes cast into different receptacles may be traced back to Ancient Greece and Rome, where voting for various purposes, even verdicts of juries, required the voters to cast shells or pebbles into various jars. Our word ostracized comes from the practice where one was banished or cleared by casting of shells.

Article VI of the General Regulation, published by the Grand Lodge of England in 1723 required that admission of a candidate be unanimous. The Constitution of 1738 contained a statement by Dr. Anderson, that it was found inconvenient to insist upon unanimity, therefore lodges were allowed to admit a candidate if there were no more than three ballots cast against him and it was left to the lodge if they preferred unanimity. Some animosity prevailed after the Constitution of 1723 and they were having trouble building up the membership of the lodges with the type of men they thought they needed. The Grand Lodge of Scotland prescribe that three black balls shall exclude a candidate. The Grand Lodge of Ireland requires unanimity unless the by-laws of the lodge are to the contrary.

In the United States all jurisdictions require a unanimous ballot. In 1948 there were 42 States that balloted for all three degrees with one ballot and in 12 States a collective ballot may be taken on all petitions that come up for ballot at a communication at one time. If one black ball appears they re-spread the ballot on each petitioner separately.

When we elect a candidate it means adopting him into an inner circle of friendship by a moral and spiritual tie as close and binding as between two blood brothers of a family. This being true, we should not elect a man that we do not think will fit into our family. Still, no man is perfect, and the lodge is a moral workshop in which the rough ashlar is to be polished for use and beauty. If the lodge had been too exacting, none of us would have gained admission.

The ballot box is the valve that controls the flow of the blood of a lodge and our fraternity. It determines who shall have the privilege of transmitting the precepts of our fraternity, that which has been entrusted in our care, to future generations. We know that the west gate of the lodge must be protected and that we are guilty when we vote for some one we know is not worthy as to vote against some one we know is worthy. Balloting upon a petition is a very vital function of a Masonic lodge and as I stated before, your ballot is secret and sacred and must be unchallenged. This is not a landmark of masonry but a tradition that has been handed down to us since it was originated and has kept us strong when other orders have failed.

Picture the ballot box on the Holy Altar, the most important piece of furniture, excluding the Bible, in the lodge room; this has come down to us from our ancient forefathers both Jew and Gentile. On this rests the Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, flooded by the representatives of the three lesser lights. The Altar is located in the center of the lodge room, half way between the Wisdom of the East and the Strength of the West, and half way between the Beauty of the South and the Masonic Darkness of the North. Here, at the most sacred spot in the lodge room, we advance and give the Due-Guard and deposit our ballot. Here each of us members present act as judge and jury on every petitioner who seek admission into the lodge.

Brian K. Work, PM

Presented as part of Masonic education at stated meeting of Boynton Lodge No 236 January 8th, 2014

**BOYNTON LODGE ESOTERIC RESEARCH GROUP
PRESENTS**

WORSHIPFUL KIRK MACNULTY

WRITER OF A SEARCH FOR THE SPIRITUAL ESSENCE OF CRAFT FREEMASONRY,
FREEMASONRY SYMBOLS SECRETS, SIGNIFICANCE AND FREEMASONRY:
A JOURNEY THROUGH RITUAL AND SYMBOL.

DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014

TIME

9:30 AM : CHECK-IN

**10:00 AM—3:00 PM : SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE TOPICS SUCH AS
NATURE OF THE THREE DEGREES AND STUDY OF THE SYMBOLISM
OF FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD DEGREES .**

11:50 AM—1:00 PM : LUNCH

COST

\$30 PRE-SALE \$40 AT THE DOOR

LOCATION

BOYNTON LODGE NO.236

2701 QUANTUM BOULEVARD, BOYNTON BEACH, FL 33426



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**FEBRUARY 2014
HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Max	Edward	McLeieer
Albert		Sarfati
Phillip	Morgan	Breeden
Robert	Michael	Kares
David	M	Haycock
John	E.	Karroum
Richard	Edward	Philpott
Shane	Frederick	Nelson
Gerald	Kent	Haught
Nabil		Karroum
Geoffrey	Ray	Williams
Nesly		Leovvil
Scott	Grant	Nelson
Joseph	A.	Ciardullo
Jean	Brinot	Riviere
Fidel	Louis	Watlington

Passed to The Celestial
Lodge - 2014

R.W. Charles Leonard Mead (PM 236)

DOB: 04-18-1929

Raised: 12-21-1967

Died: 01-22-2014



Brethren:

Thanks to R.W. Wayne Hansen, the new brick program is on track. W.M. Hansen worked so hard the weekend of December 8-9th, 2007 with his brick paver specialist and the result is an astounding success.

The Square and Compasses with the G is already placed in the driveway in the portico of the Lodge. The Square and Compasses are filled with Gold Bricks for the cost of \$ 100.00 each. The Letter G is filled with Blue Bricks and reserved for Past Masters of Boynton Lodge only, the cost is \$ 200.00 each. No business advertisement is allowed on any brick. The Blue bricks are restricted to name, WM Date and DDGM date, if any.

Please make a check payable to Boynton Lodge No 236 and send it to the Lodge address along with the inscription you desire.

If you have any question
you may call

**R.W. John Karroum, Secretary
at: 561-843-1219**