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## JUNE 2012

### **THE TRESTLEBOARD**

Published Monthly

#### **Boynton Lodge #236 F&AM**

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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.

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#### **LODGE CLEAN UP DAY** **SATURDAY JUNE 2nd,** **STARTING AT 9:00AM**

#### **Stated Communication Thursday**

June 14th, 2012 at 7:30PM

#### **Stated Communication Thursday**

June 28th, 2012 at 7:00PM

#### **EA DEGREE**

#### **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.**

### **2012 COMMITTEES**

#### **Finance**

Brian Work, *Chairman*

*John Jelilian, W. Bob Mandell, Bill Diamond  
W. Ross Cooper, Marty Kay, Mike Gambarrotti*

#### **Vigilance**

Michael Gambarrotti, *Chairman*

R.W. Dick Philpot. Farren Kahan

#### **Petitions**

W. Ross Cooper, *Chairman*

*Thomas Wotherspoon, Enrique Diz,  
Alan Cohen, Scott Schwartzberg*

#### **Education and Primary Schools**

Brian Work, *Chairman*

Scott Schwartzberg, RW Dick Philpott,  
Tavit Smith

#### **Board Of Relief / Charity**

Brad Partridge, *Chairman*

*Brian Work & Mike Gambarrotti*

#### **Lodge Property**

Tim Napier, *Chairman*

*Robert Hess, Joseppe Nocero, James Wooster,  
Enrique Diz, Mike Duseberg, Edwin Salomon,  
Warnell Phillips, Jose Pereto Filho*

#### **Scholarship**

R.W. Wayne A. Hansen, *Chairman*

*Robert Kenny, James Kirkpatrick,  
Scott Schwartzberg*

#### **Ritual / Lodge instructors**

R.W. John Karroum, DDGM

W. Everett Tarter, W. Ross Cooper

#### **Masonic Youth**

R.W. Wayne Hansen, *Chairman*

*John Morris, James Bowman, Marc Fareau*

#### **Masonic Funeral**

R.W. Sheldon Altenhaus, *Chairman*

*Ziggy Friedman, Lenny Tishberg, W. Carl  
Lipton, W. Irwin Ettlinger, RW Murray Gold,*

#### **INVESTIGATION**

**Eugenio Rosado  
Nesly Leonvil**

#### **AWAITING E.A.**

**Scott A, Gardner**

#### **AWAITING F.C.**

**Joseph Clair Yound  
Paul Matthew Polokoff  
David Laurence Avidon  
Kwame Kyeremanten-Afrani**

#### **AWAITING M.M.**

**George Jason Morales**

### **Trestleboard Booster**

Bill Diamond  
John Karroum  
Peter Van Leeuwen  
John Morris  
Mark Bogert  
Ralph Warren  
Alan Cohen  
Murry Gold  
Nabil Karroum  
Daniel Cohen  
Robert Mandell  
Sheldon Altenhaus  
Robert J. Malloy  
Brian Work  
Jack Witter  
Bob Slutzkin  
Ron Bade  
Ed Wheat

# FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

Another month has flown by full of masonic activity and good work. The month began with the 1st Annual MMRL Golf Tournament hosted by our lodge. This could not have taken place without the tremendous effort of many brothers in the lodge. I would like to express my sincere and deep appreciation to EVERYONE who volunteered and participated in the event. The effort extended by the brothers of our lodge to make this a success was phenomenal! From the set up to the registration to the food & beverage to the signage to the silent auction to the actual golfers to the cleanup crew to MIKE KENNER & JOHN KARROUM!! This event would have not taken place, if not for the tireless effort of all, especially Mike & John!

The month included the Annual Grand Lodge Communication in Orlando May 27-30th. Our lodge was well represented by R.W. John Karroum DDGM, RW Wayne Hansen, SW Brian Work, JW Mike Gambarrotti, Marshall Scott Schwartzberg, Bro. Jean Brinot Riviere, Bro. Paul Bredner Jean and I. I would like to also recognize our DeMolay chapter that had four young men present. They volunteered with registration and had a booth in which they discussed the DeMolay and sold several items to benefit the chapter. At the general session on Tuesday May 28th, our lodge presented to the MWGM a check for over \$7,120.11 that will benefit the MMRL from the Golf Tournament. Last, but certainly not least our very own JW Mike Gambarrotti received his Blue Card for his excellent proficiency in three degrees work.

June is now here and that means it's time to clean up our grounds. Brothers, our lodge needs some work to bring it back to a more presentable place to meet and practice our craft. We will be having a cleanup day this Saturday June 2nd beginning at 9:00am. Please stop by and lend a hand, I'm sure we can find different things to do for everyone.

Our first meeting in June will feature our two Senior High School Scholarship winners and will be nice to honor them on this day. Our second lodge meeting in June we will be putting on an EA degree. Plan on attending the degree and being part of the beginning of one man's journey into Masonry.

As always, I remain your Worshipful Master,

Fraternally,

Brad Partridge, WM

## Petitions : Gateway to Freemasonry

The following information relates to the petition process in regards to every lodge blanketed under the Grand Lodge of Florida.

All masons, from the youngest Entered Apprentice, to the grand master of masons of Florida, have experienced a similar journey on the road to freemasonry. Some have started their journey because of a story they have heard from a friend or acquaintance. Others seek out the fraternity because of a family history of masonry. Whether it is want or tradition, the journey begins when one simple question is asked, "How do I become a mason?"

Having asked the question, a difficult decision has to be made. Which lodge will you call home? Traditionally, members would attend the lodge closest to their home rather than travel. However, today, due to more available transportation options, it is not uncommon to see members travel 20+ miles to attend their lodge or to visit a lodge. It is not the location of a lodge, but the members who make you feel that you belong.

After deciding on a particular lodge and meeting with the lodge secretary, the challenging road ahead is explained, as well as the level of commitment needed to attain your goal. It is in this first meeting that a potential candidate for the three degrees gets a glimpse of what is required from those who seek a place in our fraternity. This is also the first step for the lodge in helping "weed out" those who only pursue out freemasonry in the hopes for personal or professional advancement. If the potential candidates' motives and desires are found to be just and upright, he will be provided a petition and told to return on the next stated communication to meet with the petition committee. During the interview process with the petitioner, a number of basic informational questions are asked and answered. A cursory review of the petition is discussed and if all brothers on the committee are satisfied, the petition is presented to the lodge where it will be voted on. While this is a traditional process, the petition committee must protect our west gate, for it is our duty to protect the fraternity.

Once the petition has been accepted & presented to the lodge, it "cannot be withdrawn, but must be acted upon, and if rejected, cannot again be presented within six months." The process of determining the petitioner's true intentions has been the accepted procedure for some time, with more negative outcomes than positive. Unfortunately, sometimes this limited process does not give the petition committee the proper time needed to really become familiar with the individual who wishes to join our time honored fraternity. Given this information, it is essential to the fraternity's future that additional time is allotted to this important process in order for the committee to be able to properly make the determination as to why a person wishes to become a mason, or what they may be capable of contributing to the lodge and craft.

The practice of being a "mason mill" by accepting those who come knocking just to keep our membership alive, is in reality, driving membership down. However, if we carefully choose those we accept into our halls, not only will the lodge live on, but the fraternity will be that much stronger. Taking this information to the next level, some lodges have already altered their petition process. Several lodges require a petitioner to attend their fellowship dinners prior to lodge meetings for a minimum of six months before they are given a petition. Others require them to attend for a year. Even though the time duration is different they have one similarity. The brothers that attend these fellowship dinners, more especially the officers of the lodge, are not to sit with the same petitioner in consecutive dinners. This furthermore forces the brethren to really get to know the petitioner and also aids in helping the petitioner grow comfortable with the lodge that he is interested in petitioning. More importantly it serves as a test towards his true aspirations of becoming a mason, as well as his character.

All too often we see candidates go through the three degrees and vanish. It has been said that there are two types of men that become masons, those who want to be part of the fraternity and those who want the "privileges" of the fraternity. If a lodge makes these necessary requirements official and the petitioner adheres to these requirements, then you will know his true level of commitment, his true character and his true desire. The way in which the petitioner conducts himself during the trial period, also gives the brethren the opportunity to be a fundamental part of the petition committee, not officially of course, but as the additional eyes and ears to the committee members themselves.

The petition process, while necessary, has the ability to be revised per the by-laws of each lodge and will make the job of the investigation committee that much easier. The petition process is so vital to our fraternity, that it is all our responsibilities to leave it better than when we found it.

Mike Gambarrotti, JW  
Boynton Lodge No 236 F. & A.M.

*Ref. Digest of Masonic Law of Florida F. & A. M. Section 14*

**BOYNTON LODGE ESOTERIC RESEARCH GROUP  
PRESENTS**

**WORSHIPFUL ROBERT L.D. COOPER  
CURATOR OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND  
MUSEUM AND LIBRARY**

**DATE**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2012**

**TIME**  
**9:30 AM : CHECK-IN**  
**10:00 AM—3:00 PM : SEMINAR**

**SEMINAR SCHEDULE**  
**10:00 AM-10:50 AM : WHAT IS FREEMASONRY**  
**11:00 AM-11:50 AM : COUNT CAGLIOSTRO - THE ULTIMATE  
CONDEMNATION (DEATH) OF A FREEMASON BY THE CHURCH**  
**11:50 AM—1:00 PM : LUNCH**  
**1:00 PM—1:50 PM : THE OLDEST MASONIC RITUAL IN THE WORLD**  
**2:00 PM—3:00 PM : ROSSLYN CHAPEL AND THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
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**Brethren:**

Thanks to W. Wayne Hansen the new brick program is on track. W.M. Hansen worked so hard the week-end 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**



**JUNE 2012  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Ulises Roine	34
Jack Arnold Buckley	85
J. Dick Martinez	65
Morrie Alan Wagman	76
E. Scott Youngberg	62
Joseph Salomon	55
Emanuel Bevit	90
Norman Leroy Burg, Jr	80
Llewellyn Keene Fernald	93
Harvey Robert Miller	74
Michael Arlen Kenner	62
Ralph J. Diaz	79
Sidney S. Gelman	87
William Henry Hallock, Jr	82
Robert Claude Mandell	61
Jean Marie Mercier Augustin	55
Daniel I. Dixon	63
James Robert Kirkpatrick, III	40
Richard B. Prince, Jr	66
Nathan Margolis	85
Paul Wesley Graham	92
Michael Robert Gambarotti	34
Murice Shanefield	79
Jack Raymond Witter	78
Nathan Harold Rosenberg	69
Irving Zaslow	80
Stamatis Stamatopoulos	42