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THE TRESTLEBOARD

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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.
Visit Our Website
www.boyntonlodge236.com

Stated Communication Thursday

June 13th, 2013 at 7:30PM
Dinner at 6:30PM \$10.00 /Person
RSVP Mark Bogert 371-8749
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Stated Communication Thursday

June 27th, 2013 at 7:30PM

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**

2013 COMMITTEES

Finance

Michael Gambarrotti, Chairman
W. Brad Partridge, Bill Diamond, Marty Kaye
R.W. Wayne Hansen, W. Bob Mandell, Mark Bogert

Vigilance

Mark Bogert, Chairman
R.W. John Karroum, W. Bob Mandell.

Petitions

Michael Gambarrotti, Chairman
RW Richard Philpott, Mark Bogert,
Warnell Phillips, Eugenio Rosado

Masonic Education

Scott Schwartzberg, Chairman
Brian Work, Michael Gambarrotti
RW John Karroum

Board Of Relief

Brian Work , Chairman
Mike Gambarrotti & Mark Bogert

Charity

W. Brad Partridge, Chairman,
RW John Karroum, W. Robert Mandell,
Mike Gambarrotti, Mark Bogert

Golf Committee:James Butscher

Lodge Property

Stamatis Stamatopoulos, Chairman
W. Robert Mandell, Warnell Phillips, Tim Napier,
Mike Gambarrotti, Mark Bogert

Education and Primary Schools

RW Wayne Hansen, Chairman
Mike Gambarrotti, W. Bob Kenny

Lodge Mentors

W. Brian Work, Mike Gambarrotti
Ritual / Lodge instructors

W. Bro. John Jay Carter, PM

Masonic Youth

R.W. Wayne Hansen, Chairman
W. Brad Partridge, John Morris, Marc Fareau

Masonic Funeral

R.W. Sheldon Altenhaus, Chairman
Ziggy Friedman, W. Irwin Ettlinger,
RW Murray Gold, Thomas Wotherspoon

Public Relation Committee

W. Ross Cooper

INVESTIGATION

AWAITING E.A.

AWAITING F.C.

AWAITING M.M.

Jacob Diamond
Eric Hoffman
Steven Hinton
Michael Boccia

Trestleboard Booster

Bill Diamond
John Karroum
Peter Van Leeuwen
John Morris
Mark Bogert
Nabil Karroum
Daniel Cohen
Robert Mandell
Sheldon Altenhaus
Ed Wheat
Ziggy & Selma Friedman
Eugenio Rosado
Murray Gold
Ralph Warren

FROM THE EAST

My Dear Friends and Brothers,

The month of May another great month for us at Boynton Lodge No.236 as we started the month on May 2nd by visiting our dear Brother and W:.M.: Robert Kenny and our Brethren at Palmwood Lodge No.303. They were kind enough to also give us what is rightfully ours, the traveling gavel. On May 4th, we had our "Home safe Golf Charity Tournament" led by the Chairman Brother James Butscher as our chair. We were able to raise a gross total of \$14,905 of which after expenses the net donation to Home safe was \$11, 2013.66. It was an excellent job by our Chairman and the Brethren that participated and supported this event with their time, sponsorships and golf skills. Thank you my brothers for the great support to your lodge on the tournament and I hope it can have even more success in 2014.

On our first stated communication of the month on May 9th we had our previously announce elections and the lodge elected Brother Mark Bogert as our Junior Warden which he kindly accepted. After the elections, other Brethren were appointed such as Alan Cohen as the Senior Deacon, Stamatis Stamatopoulos as the Junior Deacon, Warnell Phillips as the Senior Steward, Scott Gardner as the Junior Steward and Paul Polokoff as the Chaplain. All the Brethren we installed in their respective offices. Masonic Education delivered by Brother Adrian Castro from Hibiscus Lodge No.275 explaining what is behind the letter "G". It was a great presentation and I would like to thank the W:.M.: Miguel Araguez and the brethren of Hibiscus Lodge No.275 for visiting us for the meeting.

On our stated communication on May 23rd, we discussed the proposed legislations for our 184th annual Grand Communication. It was a smooth discussion of the different proposals which was followed by a presentation given by Brother William Owen District Chairman of the Public Education and Citizenship Committee. He explained the committee and informed us of the scholarship, adopting a school or teacher program available through the committee.

Our 184th annual grand communication was well attended and represented by our lodge. I would like to thank Scott Schwartzberg, Alan Cohen, Mark Bogert, Michael Gambarrotti, R.W. John Karroum and R.W. Wayne Hansen for attending the communication. The Grand Master's

Banquet was a wonderful evening and the grand communication went very smoothly. R.W. Stan Hudson was elected to serve as our Junior Grand Warden and he accepted the station. The installation of Grand Lodge Officers was well attended and R.W. Travis Routt was installed as our D.D.G.M. and R.H. William Bates as our D.I. The D.D.G.M. visit is scheduled for July 11th and I hope to see many of you present.

Our first stated communication of the month is on June 13th at 7:30P.M. We will be serving dinner at this meeting at 6:30 P.M. Please ensure to RSVP with our Junior Warden, Brother Mark Bogert for the dinner which will be at a cost of \$10 as this is not a budgeted item and therefore not included in our dues. His e-mail is Mrbsfl@gmail.com or call 561-371-8749. Our second communication of the month will be on June 27th. The communications will be followed by a Festive Board at the local Duffy's on Hypoluxo and Congress. We will be celebrating St. John's day on June 27th and the foundation of the first Grand Lodge which was founded on June 24th, 1717.

Other activities for the month of June, we have a guest speaker Mr. Simon Glynn professor of philosophy at Florida Atlantic University on June 6th speaking on reason, experience and truth. Our monthly visit this month will be to Bykota Lodge No.333 on June 10th with dinner at 6:30P.M. The Lodge meeting starting at 7:30P.M. The D.D.G.M visits this month will be to Garden Lodge Tuesday, June 4th, Boca-Delray Lodge Thursday, June 20th and Bykota Lodge Monday, June 24th.

Thank you Brethren for all the support to the lodge, May the G.A.O.T.U bless you all and I hope to see you soon.

Your friend and brother,

Brian K. Work
Worshipful Master

P.S. "The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them." Mark Twain, American writer and Freemason.

**PROPOSED LEGISLATION GL of FLORIDA 2013
SUMMARY RESULTS**

- 1-Resolution on Drawings and Raffles-** Last year legislation on the same subject was submitted. This committee recommended rejection and the craft voted the measure down. If rejected again this proposal would be barred from consideration for a period of three years per The Digest 12.12 (f). **PASSED**
- 4- Resolution Regarding Alcohol-** Last year legislation on the same subject was submitted. This committee recommended rejection and the craft voted the measure down. If rejected again this proposal would be barred from consideration for a period of three years per The Digest 12.12 (f). Jurisprudence recommends adoption as the Digest restricts the service and consumption of alcohol on property rented by Grand Lodge and there are instances where this provision is openly ignored (e.g.-hospitality rooms at Grand Lodge). This change would bring the usual conduct and accepted practice of the Craft back into compliance with the Digest. **PASSED.**
- 5- Resolution on Honorary Memberships-** Jurisprudence recommends adoption of the legislation as it clarifies that if a motion for honorary membership is balloted on in the negative the matter should be concluded and should not be re-balloted on. However, this would in no way prohibit the same motion from being reintroduced at another time and being balloted on accordingly. **PASSED.**
- 6- Resolution Regarding Eligibility Requirements Wardens-** This proposed change to the Digest has been presented to the Craft several times. In the past Jurisprudence has recommended rejection and the issue has met with a negative vote from the Craft. Jurisprudence was unanimous that this legislative change would unreasonably restrict the Craft from selecting that person whom they believe best qualified to lead the Lodge and that the particular Lodge is the best Judge of this matter. **FAILED.**
- 7- Resolution Regarding Eligibility Requirements Worshipful Master-** This proposed change to the Digest has been presented to the Craft several times. In the past Jurisprudence has recommended rejection and the issue has met with a negative vote from the Craft. Jurisprudence was unanimous that this legislative change would unreasonably restrict the Craft from selecting that person whom they believe best qualified to lead the Lodge and that the particular Lodge is the best Judge of this matter. **FAILED.**
- 8- Resolution Regarding Trustees Meeting-** Jurisprudence recommends this change be implemented as it allows the Board to meet at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication which eliminates unnecessary travel, fatigue and expense for Board members during the busiest week of the year. **PASSED.**
- 9- Resolution Regarding Increased Per Capita-** With decreased membership, increased numbers of 50 year members, perpetual members and Brothers suspended for non-payment of dues Grand Lodge is not bringing in enough money in per capita tax to meet its financial obligations to maintain the Grand Lodge building. There are big expenses for the elevator, roof, air conditioning and parking lot. We have one of the lowest per capita taxes in the Country and the proposed increase is viewed as being both desperately needed and reasonable. **FAILED.**
- 10- Resolution Combining Districts 34 and 35-** Half of the Lodges in these two districts meet in the same two buildings. Jurisprudence recommended the change in light of the fact that the Districts did not object and it would not adversely impact either District. **FAILED.**
- 11- Resolution Regarding Elections-** The majority of Jurisprudence members expressed a desire to see the regulations regarding elections in Lodges updated. This legislation provides for a process identical to the process used in the election of Grand Lodge officers. Members of Jurisprudence felt that Grand Lodge was not the best model because Lodge Members cannot be expected to personally know those Brothers running for Grand Lodge office while they would be expected to be familiar with members of their own Lodge. There was also concern about the process in the event no one elected to fill out the required paperwork. **FAILED.**
- 12- Resolution Changing District 17 to Zone 7-** Jurisprudence recommends adoption as Grand Lodge is experiencing difficulties filling appointments and this change will help Grand Lodge staff the area. **PASSED.**
- 13- Resolution Regarding Ruling and Decision No. 3-** The majority opinion of Jurisprudence is that the Religions listed in the Grand Master's Ruling and Decision No. 3 do not meet the requirements of the Ancient Landmarks; more particularly the belief in one Supreme Being. **PASSED.**
- 14- Resolution Regarding Alcohol-** Last year legislation on the same subject was submitted. This committee recommended rejection and the craft voted the measure down. If rejected again this proposal would be barred from consideration for a period of three years per The Digest 12.12 (f). Jurisprudence recommends adoption as the Digest restricts the service and consumption of alcohol on property rented by Grand Lodge and there are instances where this provision is openly ignored (e.g.-hospitality rooms at Grand Lodge). This particular piece of legislation, as opposed to the other legislative change proposed this year, would also provide for the consumption of alcoholic beverages on those parts of the Lodge property not used for Lodge meeting purposes. **PASSED.**
- 15- Resolution Regarding Step Up Nights-** Jurisprudence concurs with the Grand Master's ruling and Decision that having officers "step up" or advance for a stated communication is improper. The Committee is not opposed to the practice itself but feels it should be reserved for called communications. **FAILED.**
- 17- Resolution Regarding Background Checks Child ID Program-** Jurisprudence was in favor of the procedure of background checks for all individuals (not just those over 18) working the Child ID program. The committee pointed out this procedure is already in place due to the Grand Master's directive, but approves of its codification in the Digest. **PASSED.**
- 19- Resolution Regarding Removal of Grand Masters from Jurisprudence-** This legislation, if passed, would remove all Past Grand Masters from the Jurisprudence Committee. It also removes the power of the Grand Master to appoint members to the committee. Jurisprudence as a committee finds the insight, input and advice of the Past Grand Masters necessary and indispensable and further feels that the proposed legislation would hamper and inhibit the Committee from functioning as intended. Without the Grand Master to make appointments it is also unclear from a practical standpoint how the committee would be impaneled each year. **FAILED.**
- 21- Resolution Regarding Elections-** The majority of Jurisprudence members expressed a desire to see the regulations regarding elections in Lodges updated. Jurisprudence recommends adoption as this would not require a formal application or nominating process. It would allow three exceptions to the prohibition against electioneering. The Secretary or a brother could provide the names of current officers or could disclose their vote in a private one-to-one situation, if so inclined. Nothing herein contained would require a Brother to disclose his vote if he is not so inclined. **FAILED.**

**BOYNTON LODGE ESOTERIC RESEARCH GROUP
PRESENTS**

**SIMON GLYNN
PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AT
FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY**

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND RESEARCH: CONTEMPORARY CONTINENTAL PHILOSOPHY, PHILOSOPHY OF THE HUMAN AND SOCIAL SCIENCES, CULTURAL ANALYSIS, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, PHILOSOPHY OF TECHNOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY OF MIND AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE NATURAL SCIENCES.

**DATE
THURSDAY, JUNE 6 2013**

**TIME
6:30 PM : CHECK-IN
7:00 PM : SEMINAR WILL BE ON REASON, EXPERIENCE AND TRUTH.**

**COST
FREE EVENT**

**LOCATION
BOYNTON LODGE NO.236
2701 QUANTUM BOULEVARD, BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA 33426**



**THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL
COAT & TIE REQUIRED ATTIRE**



RSVP to Brother Scott Schwartzberg at (561) 414-5023 or
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**JUNE 2013
HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Paul	Wesley	Graham
Sidney	S	Gelman
Jack	Arnold	Buckley
Nathan		Margolis
William	Henry	Hallock Jr
Ralph	J	Diaz
Maurice		Shanefield
Jack	Raymond	Witter
Harvey	Robert	Miller
Nathan	Harold	Rosenberg
Richard	B	Prince Jr
Daniel	I	Dixon
Michael	Arlen	Kenner
Robert	Claude	Mandell
Jean Marie	Mercier	Augustin
Joseph		Salomon
Stamatis		Stamatopoulos
James	Robert	Kirkpatrick III
Michael	Robert	Gambarrotti

**Passed to The Celestial
Lodge - 2013**

Bro. Edward Moyles (236)
DOB:01-27-1927
Raised: 04-25-1950
Died: 03-04-2013

Bro Llewellyn Keene Fernald (236)
DOB: 06-10-1918
Raised: 01-05-1970
Died: 03-20-2013

Bro. Emanuel Bevitz (236)
DOB: 06-08-1921
Raised: 10-24-1957
Died: 04-18-2013

Bro. Eldon Taylor Grove (236)
DOB: 12-08-1924
Raised: 06-13-1968
Died: 04-22-2013

W. Bro. Robert Edward Miller (PM 236)
DOB: 04-05-1919
Raised: 03-22-1949
Died: 05-20-2013