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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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www.boyntonlodge236.com

Stated Communication Thursday

March 13th, 2014 at 7:30PM

Dinner at 6:30PM \$10.00 /Person
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Stated Communication Thursday

March 27th, 2014 at 7:30PM

Dinner at 6:30PM \$10.00 /Person
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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

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Jason Matthew Morris

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John Karroum
Peter Van Leeuwen
Mark Bogert
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Robert Mandell
Sheldon Altenhaus
Ed Wheat
Ziggy & Selma Friedman
Ralph Warren
Daniel Cohen
Murray Gold

FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

February was a very quick month and a great one. I first would like to congratulate Brs. Jason Morris and Scott Kapke on their passing to Fellow Craft. Also, congratulations to all of the brothers who were on the degree team for the wonderful Fellow Craft Degree performed at our first meeting, you all worked hard and it showed. Thank you to WB. Work for presenting the beginning of the Winding Stairs Lecture and to WB. Mandell for presenting the remainder. I have seen a few present that lecture, but I believe that WB. Mandell is the best. Thank you again Brs.

As we have done for the last 20 years, Boynton Lodge made our annual official visit to Arawak Lodge No. 8877, Freeport, Grand Bahamas. We had the privilege to witness a Fellow Craft Degree conferred and WB. Mandell presented the Winding Stairs Lecture, as they do not have it as part of their ritual. Also, WB Work and I were balloted on and are now members of Arawak Lodge No. 8877. It was very interesting and enjoyable to sit in lodge of another constitution and see both the similarities and differences. The brothers showed us great hospitality and I extended our warm wishes and our excitement for them to visit us in April. It was a great trip and a wonderful time was had by all.

Tentatively and In preparation of our Arawak brothers visit, our 1st communication for the month of April, which is April 10, will be moved to Friday April 11 and will be a called communication. We will be conferring a Master Mason Degree that evening which the Arawak brothers are excited to see. Dinner will remain at 6:30pm and lodge will begin promptly at 7:30pm.

At our Second Meeting, we had a short film entitled "George Washington visits his Lodge." prior to the opening of the Lodge. It was attended by a large contingent of men seeking to become Masons as well as Masons from Finland and Palmwood Lodge. The petition for Matt Bennett was read for the 2nd time and balloted upon. Congratulations To Matt as he was elected to receive the three degrees. I think a good time was had by all.

The month of March will be a busy one. I hope to see as many of you at our events and meetings. Here are the upcoming events:

- March 6: BLERG Meeting 7:30pm at Boynton Lodge
- March 11: EA Degree -Jupiter Light, Dinner at 6:30pm, Lodge at 7:30pm
- March 12: Master Mason Association - Lake Worth Scottish Rite - 7:30pm
- March 15: Masonic Home Pilgrimage
- March 19: Boynton Lodge visit to Gulf Stream Lodge
- March 22: MLT Part 2 - Lake Worth Scottish Rite 9:00pm
- March 22: Boynton Lodge Family Bowling Night – Palm Beach Strike Zone 6:30 pm
- March 27: R.W. Travis Routt, DDGM will be making his second and final official visit
- March 29: Open Books – Harmonia Lodge – 9am-12pm
- March 30: Master Mason Association Picnic – Okeeheelee Park 10am

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Michael Gambarrotti,
Worshipful Master,

The Secrets of Masonry

COL. ROBERT J. PHILPOTT, 32° 1361 SW. 27th Avenue, Boynton Beach, Florida 33435

If you ever look closely at a great skyscraper? It is astonishing! It is positively the way such a "monument" is built by human hands and minds! Truly, the builder is one of God's chosen people, in a complex world of adversarial wills and imaginations.

Throughout man's history, great builders have been motivated by a sense of pride, grandeur, discipline and perhaps destiny an honest desire to leave their "marks" on Earth's soil. World travelers feel this when they visit Egypt, Greece, Rome and the Far East. Like the monuments of these great civilizations, our Freemasonry occupies a prominent place in history because of its own documented existence in the progress of mankind through the ages, from the dawn of civilization up to modern accomplishments in the building of character among its membership. Our respected symbols exist today on ancient buildings to be found on the paths of greatness, as man traveled from West to East in search of the light of new knowledge, the better to serve his contemporaries. The real "secrets" lie in the building processes.

A great building, in any age, requires first an idea, then planning and the logistics of combining labor and material to complete the project. There must be a chief supervisor, dedicated to the task and accomplished in his profession or everything will come to naught and the original "idea" will be abandoned. The matter of supervision insures the discipline among the laborers and the quality of the material that goes into the job. This scenario applies both to the modern skyscraper and the ancient temple. Every steel or stone support that goes into the structure depends precariously on every other entity that composes the whole, and only the builder knows the secrets of this eternal bonding.

There is a story about the Parthenon, the great ancient temple that surmounts the famed Acropolis in Athens, which reveals something of builder's secrets and the terrible effect of ignorance shown by a modern technician in his futile attempts at restoration. This Temple of Athena is built of huge blocks of stone or "ashlars," and the actual pillars set up at the entrance are made of huge drums of virgin stone which, when piled on top of each other, become tall, dignified supports for the immense soffit and gable on the front of the building. This was designed and built by Pericles who used many "students" to complete this work in 447 B.C. No mortar was ever used in the edifice, the huge blocks being so well cut and polished that they fit together perfectly. Down through the years, the great edifice has shown signs of aging due to a history of warfare, vandalism and simple erosion by the elements. In 1924 an architect was commissioned by the Greek government to shore up the building, replace certain parts and generally strengthen the entire edifice for posterity. Unfortunately, the means used by the renovators complicated the undertaking because they apparently interfered with the harmony of the structure and laid extra stresses on unprepared supports. Steel and other metals were used as "clamps" or infrastructure binders. These foreign additions to what was originally a strict prescription for stone arrangement were rigid and did not "give" with the innate motion existing in the Temple. The results are discouraging, and part of the site is denied today to tourists because of the danger of crumbling stonework. The steel apparently has been the cause of new and serious cracks in the walls and exterior decorations.

This account emphasizes the importance of selection in building a great temple or our own organization of Freemasonry. Harmony being the strength of our society requires exquisite selection in the building blocks of the membership accepting no "foreign" matter as a substitute so that, as time goes on, our beloved Order will survive in all its dignity.

Throughout history, man has sought the establishment of a correct relation between himself, society and the universe. As an individual, he has expressed himself through his architecture as each individual unit must be respected as a part of the whole.

Number is the key: the proportions of each separate element in itself and in relation both to its adjacent elements and to the entire design, must be mathematically precise so that each individual element as well as the whole is clear and distinct. Each part serves its purpose and shows that it does. In every unit, the fundamental principle of symmetry clearly expresses a belief in balance, the ultimate goal of accomplishment.

To be able to use the ancient principles of the builder's art and design as the premise for an entirely new concept in the building of character in men and to place it in ritual and symbolism for all to learn must have been a mental miracle! The clarity and simplicity of explanation that individuals in our Fraternity represent the perfect ashlar that form the foundation of the human Temple ably demonstrate the importance of fitting the building blocks into the magnificent whole, insuring survival far into eternity.

Freemasonry is really not a "secret" organization. Our Lodges and Temples are there for all to see, and its meetings are duly advertised in local newspapers. The Square and Compass are common items on stationery and in books. Most of our long history is recorded in the public libraries. Freemasonry counts among its membership some of the most respected and eminent members of society.

Because of the universality of Freemasonry, the discussion of either politics or religion within its parameters is not permitted. While the Entered Apprentice must declare a belief in the Supreme Architect, no particular religion is ever mentioned in the rituals or symbolism again. Personal privacy is one of our most important implied tenets in our continual preservation of harmony among the Brethren. Wherever good men may travel in the civilized world, they will always find the friendship and brotherly love of Freemasonry, alive and vibrant, to welcome a kindred spirit to its councils. The secrets of this phenomenon are harmony, industry and goodwill.

This paper was presented by R.W. Richard Philpott (written by his father) in Stated communication January 22nd, 2014 of Boynton Lodge No 236 F. & A.M.

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WORSHIPFUL KIRK MACNULTY

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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

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FEBRUARY 2014 HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kinny	Craig	Andris
Ronald	Erwin	Bade
Vincent	Kenneth	Britton
Morton	A	Cominsky
Burdge	H.	Diamond
Gary	Joseph	Dolins
Matthew	Robert	Eckert
Irwin		Ettlinger
Murray		Gold
William	Galaspy	Graham
Farren	Andrew	Kahan
Robert	James	Malloy
Herbert	Clayton	Metcalf
Malcolm	M	Myers
Timothy		Napier
Jose	Henrique	Pereto Filho
John	Louis	Peters
Eugenio		Rosado
John	Craig	Thurber
Brian	Keith	Work

The Wrong List was published

for February Trestleboard.

Here is the correct one.



MARCH 2014 HAPPY BIRTHDAY

C	Richard	Brown
Jacob	Maxwell	Diamond
Joseph	R	Edouard
Kenneth	Rogers	Forbes
Edwin	C	Glass
Wayne	Allen	Hansen
Herbert	Alvin	Jacobson
Paul	Bredner	Jean
Steven	Michael	Kapnick
Robert		Kenny
Robert	Wilson	Landis
H	Peter	Petrosky
Warnell	Maurice	Phillips
William	Marrion	Pierre
Thomas	Theodore	Sawicz
William		Shumelda
Seymour		Steinberg
Steven		Vincent
Nathaniel	Marion	Weems Jr
Bill	Ray	Winchester

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R.W. Charles Leonard Mead (PM 236)

DOB: 04-18-1929

Raised: 12-21-1967

Died: 01-22-2014