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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

October 10th, 2013 at 7:30PM
Dinner at 6:30PM \$10.00 /Person
RSVP Mark Bogert 371-8749
Mrbsfl@gmail.com

Called Communication Thursday

October 24th, 2013 at 7:30PM

Recognition of our Local
Law Enforcement Heroes

Dinner at 6:30PM \$10.00 /Person
RSVP Mark Bogert 371-8749

Mrbsfl@gmail.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

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

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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 Ettlenger,
RW Murray Gold, Thomas Wotherspoon

Public Relation Committee

W. Ross Cooper

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Ian Matthew Hunt
Phillip Rodney Knowles
Andrew Ralph Pinder
Sheldon Benedict Hall

AWAITING E.A.

AWAITING F.C.

Scott Edward Kaapke, SR
Jason Matthew Morris

AWAITING M.M.

Trestleboard Booster

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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

Greetings Brethren and all,

We are on our way to the last quarter of the year. On our first stated communication of the month on September 12th, the Lodge received on the petitions of Ian Hunt and Rodney Knowles and the Brethren moved their petition to take their usual course. On the same evening the Lodge passed an increase of \$50 more per year in dues. Our lodge dues for 2014 are \$235.00 per year. I am happy to see that we are moving in the right direction of balancing our budget. However, we will be at a deficit for the 2014 calendar year. On September 14th, the Lodge had its second bowling event of the year in the presence of many family and friends.

On our second communication of September 26th, the Lodge initiated Messrs. Jason Morris and Scott Kaapke as Entered Apprentice Masons. It was a great degree with Brother Alan Cohen in the East with a first time magnificent performance. Our brethren that had a great first time performance were Brother Stamatis as SD, Eric Hoffman as SS and Steve Hinton JS. Brother Hinton delivered the working tools very impressively and Brother Ripley the charge in a spectacular fashion. The evening following our meeting, September 27th we received the Grand Master at our District Visit. R.W. Travis Routt DDGM organized a wonderful event for the Brethren and guest. The Grand Line was very impressed as our District had all the Worshipful Masters and District Committeemen present which is an anomaly. I would also like to report that Boynton Lodge No. 236 had the most Brethren present amongst all the Lodges of our District with 28 Brethren present for the evening. I wish for us to have over 30 for the 2014 year.

Our first communication of the month of October will be on the 10th and our second communication on the 24th which we will have a called communication for a recognition evening of our Local Law Enforcement Heroes. We will be serving dinner prior to both meetings 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.

Other activities for the month of October and beyond:

- Thursday, Oct 3rd-6th – Philadelphia Trip. Please contact the W:M: at brian_work@yahoo.com or 561-305-7459.
- Thursday, October 18th – Lantana Lodge #372 Official Lodge Visit (Traveling Gavel Recovery) Dinner 6:00 P.M. Meeting 7:30P.M @ Same location as Scottish Rite 2000 North “D” Street Lake Worth, FL 33460.
- Saturday, October 19th – Boynton Lodge No. 236 Sponsored team Wildcats Football Game @ 7:00P.M. 2501 N. Seacrest Blvd Delray Beach, FL
- Saturday, November 16th – W. Chris McClintock BLERG speaker \$30/ticket includes lunch and beverages.
- Saturday, December 7th – Annual Holiday Party

Thank you Brethren for all the support to the lodge, we all need to feel very proud of 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. "We represent a fraternity which believes in justice and truth and honorable action in your community... men who are endeavoring to be better citizens...(and) to make a great country greater. This is the only institution in the world where we can meet on the level all sorts of people who want to live rightly." by MW Brother Harry S. Truman 33rd President of the United States.

Guarding the West Gate: Investigations

As Masons, one of the things that we are called upon to do is to investigate those who wish to join our Fraternity. In many Jurisdictions, including my own, we are prohibited from soliciting potential members to join our ranks. They must apply of their own free will and accord. According to the Grand Lodge of Florida's "Guidelines for Investigating Committees," there is no more important committee than this one, "whose duty it is to determine the fitness of a candidate prior to balloting on his petition."

After a petition has been submitted, the petitioner meets with a Petitions Committee to ensure that he has submitted all the required information and to see if he qualifies. The Petition Committee will recommend his petition to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He will, in turn, ask the Secretary to read the petition, and ask for acceptance from the Brethren, and to allow the petition to take its usual course. The Lodge does have the right not to accept the petition. The Worshipful Master will appoint an Investigations Committee of three or more Brethren. The Lodge will ballot on the petition after one month has passed, and after the Investigation Committee has submitted their findings. Every member of the Lodge is considered to be a part of the Investigating Committee, especially the voucher of the petitioner. If a Brother signs a petition for the three Symbolic Degrees, he should be certain of the fitness of the petitioner. If any Master Mason is aware of something that would render the petitioner unfit to join our Society, it is his duty to inform a Brother of that Lodge, or the Investigating Committee assigned to that petitioner.

This committee, composed of three Brothers, will schedule an appointment to meet with the petitioner, at his residence, and with his wife or significant other present. The Brothers have access to the petition filled out by the petitioner, as well as the results of a background investigation, to try to uncover any criminal past.

This meeting serves several purposes. First, the investigating Brothers explain what Freemasonry is, and perhaps most importantly, what it is NOT. There have been many misconceptions about our Order in popular culture, although this is far from a new idea. In the early 1700s, fliers proclaiming the "evils of Freemasonry" would be posted in the streets of London. If we accept as a Candidate, and then a Brother, someone who is seeking to access hidden powers, which will enable him to become part of the global cabal, then we are doing both him and ourselves a disservice. We invest a lot of time and effort to bring someone from a Profane to the level of Master Mason. This time and effort is wasted if that man should never have become a Mason in the first place. If we bring in someone who is searching for a religion to believe in, he will not find it within the Lodge.

The Investigations Committee must make a thorough search of the petitioner's background, using the background check provided, and contacting all references listed on the petition.

We are not trying to sell our Lodge to the man at this time. He has already indicated that he is interested in joining, by submitting a petition. As a committee member, we are there to investigate him. We need to get to know this man whom we are inviting into our Lodge and into our lives.

During this meeting, we want to find out why the man was interested in becoming a Mason. This is the most important part of this committee's duty. Perhaps his father (or grandfather) was a member, and he wants to follow in those footsteps. Perhaps it is due to what he's been reading, or seeing in films. This is why we want to ensure that we do not give the man false information about the Fraternity. If he is only seeking the social aspects, perhaps ours is not the organization for him.

We also inform both the petitioner and his wife about the time commitment that he'll be taking on. It is reasonable to expect the newly obligated Brother to spend several hours a week at the Lodge practicing his proficiency, and learning more about the Craft, as well as additional hours spent in practice alone. To transform the rough ashlar of the Neophyte into the perfect ashlar of the Master Mason require a lot of time and conscious effort. If it is likely that membership in the Lodge would cause internal family problems, the petition should be returned or rejected.

Through questioning, it should be ascertained whether the man is charitable, both in thought and in deed. Is he prejudiced or bigoted? The Investigating Committee is seeking the true character of the man.

The committee should ensure that joining the Lodge will not cause financial hardship on the family. We do not wish to cause hardship for others, nor to become handicapped ourselves, by taking on our rolls a member who is likely to become a financial liability.

What is the occupation of the petitioner? If it is such that he is unable to attend meetings on a regular basis, now may not be the proper time for him to join us. We need to ascertain whether the petitioner believes in a Supreme Being. Does he attend church regularly? We do not ask questions about the specifics of the petitioner's beliefs, but he must believe in Deity, and the immortality of the soul. At this time, it is also appropriate to inform the man and his lady about the family-oriented side of Masonry. What programs does the Lodge offer where wives and children are welcomed? Does the Lodge offer a youth program, whether it is DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, Boy Scouts, or another organization? Let the man know what benefits he can truly expect to receive as a result of becoming a Master Mason. Through the process of self-examination, he can transform his life, becoming a better man, husband, father, etc.

A wise Mason once told me that it was important to consider the character of a man applying for the three Degrees. As a member of the Investigations Committee, think to yourself – Is this a man I would feel comfortable being the Master of my Lodge? Becoming the Treasurer of the Lodge? Would I invite this man into my house? If the answers to these questions are in the negative, why would you consider approving him for membership?

As Masons, we believe that we take a good man and make him better. This implies that in order to become a Mason, one must first be a good man. The corollary to this is not true – not every good man must become a Mason. We are interesting in quality, not quantity.

The conduct of the Investigating Committee must be such that, even if rejected, the applicant has a higher respect for the Fraternity than he held before.

Bro. Scott Schwartzberg, Marshall
Zone 9 Chairman Masonic Education

Boynton Lodge Esoteric Research Group
Presents

Worshipful Chris McClintock

Past Master of

Lodge No. 754 Coleraine, Province of Londonderry/Donegal

Date

Saturday, NOVEMBER 16, 2013

Time

9:30am : Check-in
10:00am - 3:00pm : Seminar

Seminar schedule

10:00am - 10:50am : The Right Angle as an Ancient Symbol
11:00am - 11:50am : The Sun and Stars in Masonic
Symbol and Ritual
11:50am - 1:00pm : Lunch
1:00pm - 1:50pm : Freemasonry and the Great
Metronome of Time
2:00pm - 3:00pm : Washington, D.C. and the Renewal of Days

Cost

\$30 pre-sale \$40 at the door

LOCATION

Boynton lodge No. 236 F. & A.M.
2701 Quantum Boulevard, Boynton Beach, Florida 33426



Master Mason Only Event
Dues Card & ID Required for entry
COAT & TIE REQUIRED ATTIRE



If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Scott Schwartzberg at: sschwartzberg@comcast.com or 561-414-5023

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OCTOBER 2013
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elias	J	Galaini Jr
William	Robert	Hanshumaker
Stuart		Sindell
Everett	Ray	Tarter
Leslie	Donald	Combs
Ronnie	Edwin	Welch
Clifford	Freeman	Burg
Allan	Dewitt	Mason
Philippe	Michel	Antoine
Jean	Robert	Fortuna
Andrew	Kenneth	Roberts
James	Cameron	Thurber II
William	Robert	Eckert
Michael	Arnold	Duseberg
Joshua	Christen	Adams

UPCOMING MASONIC EVENTS

- Oct 3-6 – Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania trip.
- Nov 9 – Lodge Paintball day
- Nov 16 – Chris McClintock Seminar
- Dec 7 – Annual Holiday Party
- Dec 27 – St John's Day Formal Dinner for Brothers only

Royal Palm Beach Wildcats
Football team.

Pending game schedules of the team Boynton Lodge No. 236 F.&A.M. is sponsoring. Please forward it to the Brethren:

Oct 5th v. Port St. Lucie Pirates
7pm @ 800 SW Darwin Blvd Port St. Lucie, Florida 34953

Oct 19th v. Deerfield Raiders
7pm @ 2501 N. Seacrest Blvd. Delray Beach, FL "The Lodge Support Night".

Oct 21st v. Palm City Dolphins
5pm @ 8303 SW Lost River Rd Stuart, FL 34997 Martin County South Field