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Stated Communication Thursday
September 8, 2011 at 7:30PM

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September 22, 2011 at 7:30PM.
Master Mason Degree

Master Masons Association 32
MEETING 4TH SUNDAY EVERY MONTH
September 25, 2011 7:00 PM
Garden Lodge #366

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.

2011 COMMITTEES

Finance

Brad Partridge, Chairman Brian Work, John Jelilian, W. Bob Mandell, W. Ross Cooper, Marty Kay, Justin Cherry

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Masonic Youth

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

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Ziggy Friedman, Chairman R.W. Sheldon Altenhaus, Co-Chairman Bro. Lenny Tishberg, W. Carl Lipton, W. Irwin Ettlinger, RW Murray Gold,

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Jean Edwin Salomon

2011 DUES!! 6 MONTHS IN ARREARS

My Brothers
Please check your dues
card, if it does not say
2011 that means you have
not paid your dues yet.
there are many Brothers
who have not yet done so.
Please send your check
ASAP. If you have any
questions, call me at 561843-1219 or email me at:
jkarroum@comcast.net

Thank you.

John Karroum, Secretary

JOHN THE BAPTIST

John the Baptist is one of the Holy Saints John to whom our Lodges are dedicated. Who was this man, and why is he one of the patron Saints of Freemasonry?

In the Old Testament book of Malachi, it is foretold that a messenger will come to prepare the way for the Messenger of the Covenant. It is supposed that John is this messenger, with Jesus being the Messenger.

Isaiah spoke of one who would prepare in the wilderness, for the coming of the Lord. John the Baptist lived outside the towns, in the Jordan Valley. He ate locusts and honey, and was clothed in a camel's hair garment. He baptized people, immersing them in the river, forgiving them their sins.

In order to be forgiven for sin, the candidate for baptism would need to repent, to make a change in his outlook on life.

Regarding the connection of Saint John to Freemasonry, he is mentioned as early as the Old York Lecture in 1770, as part of the EA Catechism.

- Q. To whom were the lodges dedicated during the Mosaic dispensation?

 A. To Moses, the chosen of God, and Solomon, the son of David.
- Q. And under what name were the Masons known during that period?

 A. Under the name of Dionysiacs, Geometricians, or Masters in Israel.
- Q. But as Solomon was a Jew, and died long before the promulgation of Christianity, to whom were they dedicated under the Christian dispensation?
- A. From Solomon the patronage of Masonry passed to St. John the Baptist.
- Q. And under what name were they known after the promulgation of Christianity?
 - A. Under the name of Essenes, Architects, or Freemasons.
 - Q. Why were the lodges dedicated to St. John the Baptist?
- A. Because he was the forerunner of our Saviour, and by preaching repentance and humiliation, drew the first parallel of the Gospel.

In American Freemasonry, our ritual developed from William Preston, through his Illustrations of Freemasonry, to Thomas Smith Webb's The Freemason's Monitor, or Illustrations of Freemasonry, and retained the explanation of the parallel lines around the monad representing the Holy Saints John. In England, after the Union of 1813, the lines were said to represent Moses and Solomon, and the Lodges dedicated "to God and His service."

John the Baptist represents passion, and we as Masons are taught to keep our passions within due bounds, within the circle made by the Compasses.

John was a man of integrity, like our late Grand Master. He was aware of his duties to the world, and did not overstep his own boundaries. He was devoted to God, and his message to his followers was that they needed to sincerely repent – to dedicate themselves to God, not with words, but with action.

Another man linked to our Fraternity with such integrity, also held though he was martyred, was Jacques De Molay, last Grand Master of the Knights Templar. One of the charges of heresy leveled against this order was that they had abandoned the teachings of the Church, and venerated the head of John the Baptist, perhaps considering him the true messiah.

The first Grand Lodge met in London on Saint John's Day, 1717. This day was celebrated as one of the most important days in Masonry. June 24th is also close to the Summer Solstice, the longest day of the year. This was an important day to our rural forebears, one of the more important days to a farmer.

As Freemasons, we must be mindful that actions speak louder than words, and to be a truly good man is an ongoing process. Constant striving to be a just and upright man and Mason will ensure that one is a better man.

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"Presented in Lodge meeting August 11th, 2011 as part of Masonic Education by Bro. Scott Schwartzberg"

Master Masons Only Event - Dues Card and ID Required for Entry

TICKETS ARE LIMITED \$25

Saturday, October 01, 2011 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET) (Lunch and refreshments included) Book signings at event Mail Check to 2701 Quantum Blvd Boynton Beach, FI 33437 or Purchase online by visiting www.nagy.eventbrite.com



Seminar Schedule

Each session includes a lecture, discussion and a ten minute break

> 9:30A.M.-9:55A.M. Introduction

10:00A.M.-10:50A.M. Building Boaz E.A. Veil

11:00A.M.-11:50A.M. Building Athens F.C. Veil 11:50A.M.-1:00 P.M. Lunch

1:00P.M-1:50P.M. B u ild in g J anus M.M. Veil 2:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M. Building Hiram Completion

Dr. John S.Nagy

Brother Nagy Entered into Freemasonry in 2001. Having been Prepared in his heart for many years before Entering, he guickly embraced the Tenants of Freemasonry and engaged in several Lodge support activities while learning what he could about the Craft. Brother John steadily progressed through the Symbolic Degrees, earned his White Lambskin Apron and proceeded to support Lodge Degree activities. Immediately following his initial experiences of the Junior Warden's chair, he found himself migrating toward providing Music for Lodge Communications and Degrees along with providing continuing Masonic Education as his expressed Masonic passions. His offerings were favorably noticed and because he provided a wide variety of Masonic Education pieces, his Lodge Brothers encouraged him to consolidate his Work into a book that could be shared with Brothers around the world. That effort was eventually named "Building Hiram — Uncommon Catechism for Uncommon Masonic Education — Volume 1." With its successful creation, publication and distribution, Volumes 2, 3 and 4, quickly followed Volume 1. Those volumes are now collectively referred to as "The Building Series."

In between his research, writing and publication of these books, John also co-authored another book, "Lifting the Veil — Esoteric Masonic Thought", a collection of esoteric Masonic writings by Masonic authors from around the world. Additionally, Brother Nagy has published numerous Masonic Education articles that have appeared in "Further Light Magazine", Lodgeroom International Magazine, The Working Tools Magazine and on his Masonic Web-log, "Building Builders." He has been interviewed live on several webcasts (Masonic Central, Freemason Information) on his Works. He is currently featured as one of the Intenders on the "Worldwide Exemplification of Freemasonry" project supported by the Grand Lodge of Indiana. That feature is called "The Coaches Coach: Building Builders" and it is based on the research behind his Building Series of books.

Brother John is a North American Freemason who practices Freemasonry within the Jurisdiction of the State of Florida in the South-Eastern United States. He is a perpetual member of Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252 and a lifetime member of the Florida Lodge of Research No. 999. He continues to provide Music to his two Lodges as their Lodge Musician and provides occasional Masonic Education to a select group of other Lodges as time permits. Upon request, Brother Nagy also facilitates Masonic Education Workshops based upon his research and writings.

THE EAST

Our last meeting of August was heralded by Hurricane reports. Fortunately we only got minor rain and wind.

18 Brothers attended and the noted absence was The WM and SW. The East was attended by our JW Brian Work. Fear was rampant, could he step up to the job of W. Master? Did HE?

A star of excellence should be placed on his lapel. It was very obvious that he captured the meaning of leadership that all Officers are required to have.

We had a f.c. proficiency exam for Bro. Jean Edwin Salomon, who passed with a full degree of excellence and is now prepared to advance to MM.

We are awaiting reports from the Finance Committee on the request from the school for an extension of their lease. We did not have enough members in attendance to go further. This will be discussed in September.

I know we are fighting weather conditions, but it is not fair for 18 brothers to tell our approximate membership of 260 how to react for the Lodge.

Shelly Altenhaus, Asst Secty.

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MASONIC EDUCATION

Sept 24 Master Mason Examination 1, 2 & 3 at 9AM Oct 29 Lodge Officer Training # 1 9AM Nov 19 Lodge Officer Training #2 9AM Jan 25 Lodge Officer Training #3 9AM Feb 25 Master Mason Examination 1, 2 & 3

Meetings will be held at
Boynton Lodge.
Please RSVP to
Brian Work, District Chairman
brian work@yahoo.com



Passed to The Celestial Lodge - 2011

W. James Martin Rhoden (236)

DOB:3-18-1931 Raised: 4-28-1960 Died: 02-19-2011

John Henry Rickens (236)

DOB:10-13-1919 Raised: 05-23-1991 Died: 02-23-2011

Bro Cyrus DeLong (236)

DOB:10-26-1926 Raised: 09-07-1956 Died: 03-23-2011 **Donald Aron (236)**

DOB:2-7-1929 Raised: 4-10-1972 Died: 4-18-2011

Milton Maybaum (236)

DOB:01-14-1914 Raised:10-10-1967 Died: 05-01-2011 **George Roberts (NY)**

DOB:07-26-1922 Raised:05-11-1979 Died:05-03-2011

W. Lloyd J. Rhoden, Jr. (236)

DOB:1927

Raised:03-11-1959

Died:2011

Peter Bokisa (236)

DOB:1921

Raised: 12-18-1974 Died: 07-29-2011

MONTHS EVENTS

- 1- Friday Sept 2 2011, Palm Beach Square Club luncheon. Shanghai Garden, Boynton Beach
- 2- September 9th, 2011, Installation of Officers ARAWAK Lodge No 8877, Freeport, Grand Bahamas
- 2.A Saturday September 24, 2011. Fishing Boat Outing. Contact Bro. Enrique Diz. 801-2567
- 3- Saturday October 1st 2011: Masonic Seminar at Boynton Lodge. Dr Nagy Guest speaker.
- 4- Saturday October 1st, 2011: Grand Master Home Coming, Vero Beach. At 6:00PM.
- 5- Sunday October 2nd, 2011: District 32 Family Picnic at Okeeheelee Park 12 noon until 4: pm. NO COST TO YOU.
- 6- Saturday October 22nd, 2011: Grand Master official visit to our district 32.

5:00pm registration, 6:00PM dinner, 7:00PM Tyled meeting, at Lake Worth Scottish Rite

Trestleboard Booster

Bill Diamond
John Karroum
Peter Van Leeuwen
John Morris
Mark Bogert
Ralph Warren
Alan Cohen
Murry Gold
Ed & Penny Glass (2y)

Nabil karroum
Daniel Cohen
Robert Mandell
Sheldon Altenhaus
Robert J. Malloy
Brian Work
Jack Witter

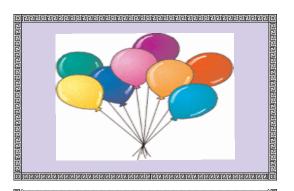
Brethren:

Thanks to 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 reult is an astounding success.

The Square and Compasses with the G is already placed in the drive way in the portico of the Lodge. The Square and Compasses arefilled with Gold Bricks for the cost of \$ 100.00 each. The Lette G is filled with Blue Bricks and reserved for Past Masters of Boynton Lodge only, the cost is \$ 200.00 each. No business avertisement 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 an quesio ns you may call R.W. Charlie Mead 561-737-8690



September 2011 HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Roy Cesar Hernandez, III	9	1	1967
Brad Partridge	9	1	1953
Alvin H. Rothstein	9	2	
Steven W. Albury	9	3	1951
Charles M. Field	9	4	1937
Edward H. Dolins	9	7	1934
Richard K. Owens	9	7	1925
Lionel Brice	9	9	1961
Clarence L. DeWaele	9	9	1924
Paulo Felipe, Jr	9	9	1963
Edguar E. Villega	9	10	1965
Clifford Edmond Bade	9	11	1934
Irwin M. Suna	9	15	1932
Rodner Desir	9	18	1965
James E. Frazer	9	20	1937
Scott T. Broedel	9	23	1954
Curt Garret Campbell	9	23	1977
Thomas C. Mangold	9	24	1935
Carl E. Lipton	9	26	1929
Enrique Diz	9	27	1971
William H. Koppelman	9	27	1919
Mark R. Bogert	9	28	1966
Donald E. Faber	9	30	1933
Leclesse Louine	9	30	1967
David B. Scheirich	9	30	1976