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The Trestleboard

Message from the East

Fraternal Greetings my Brothers,

It is difficult to believe that the year is already halfway over, after the year that wouldn't end in 2020. Many Brothers have come up to me and told me about the positive energy they are feeling at the Lodge. This is not an accident, my Brothers, but a direct result of the teamwork of the officers and members. If we continue as we are, we can only add to this positive energy.

Our first meeting in June will be the Scholarship and Community Service Award night. This is an open meeting and family and friends are encouraged to attend. The second meeting will be the first Official Visit we've been able to hold in quite some time. I hope you'll come out to hear from our new District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Bill Paxton, the District Instructor, Right Honorable Sal Musumeci, as well as the District Committeemen.

Peace and Harmony Prevailing, Scott Schwartzberg, Worshipful Master

Message from the West

My Brothers,

Brethren, it looks like Boynton is back to fine form with fellowship, meals, Masonic Education and a Fellow Craft degree for May. We also hosted a module of MLT to bring necessary training to the brothers of District 25 Your Junior Warden, Worshipful Master, RW:.Secretary and I attended the 192nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida. It was an interesting few days of Legislation which will be reported to the Craft.

Thank you to all those that contributed to the lodge Food Bank donations, helped keep the building and kitchen cleaned as well as participating in our ritual work.

I look forward to a busy summer schedule to prepare for an upcoming EA and Master Mason degree. All are welcome to degree practice at the lodge on Tuesday nights at 6 pm for education and practice at 7.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Steve Otto, Sr. Warden

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Regular Communication 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30pm.

Except November and December when it shall be the 2nd and 3rd Thursday.

Dinner Served at 6:30pm

RSVP to Eugenio Rosado

Dress Code

Officers & Brothers are required to dress in coat and tie. Officers dress in white tuxedo for degrees and official visitations

Meeting Schedule

- June 10: Open Meeting Awards Night-7:30pm DDGM OFFICIAL VISIT
- June 24: Stated Communication-7:30pm DDGM OFFICIAL VISIT

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W:. Ross Cooper

MASONIC EDUCATION

WM Scott Schwartzberg

W:. Brent Ferns, Sr.

W:. Brian Work

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WM Scott Schwartzberg

Stephen Otto

Eugenio Rosado

Marty Kaye

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Steve Otto

Marty Kaye

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Stephen Otto

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Alan Cohen

Message from the South

My Brothers,

Brothers, as the Good Book says, "How good and pleasant it is when brethren live together in unity!" This really takes a real, tangible meaning when we act inside and outside the Lodge. We have seen our Lodge come together in every practice night and meetings. This is extraordinary. We have worked very hard to support the Lodge's plan and mission. I thank all the Brothers who have assisted me with meals, whether in their preparation, serving them as well as fellowship hall and kitchen cleaning. We make a very good team!

I had the pleasure of attending the Grand Lodge Annual Communication and it was quite the occasion. I saw Brothers from every walk of life coming together for the love of the Craft. During refreshment hours, I could feel such a festive spirit. This is the way, we, as Freemasons, should act during our refreshment hours. I hope we continue to join forces to make the rest of our year a total success.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Eugenio Rosado, Jr. Warden

Message from the Secretary

My Brothers,

Thank you to those who have paid their 2021 dues. For those of you who have not yet remitted your 2021 dues, please send them in as soon as you can. For those of you who made arrangements for your 2020 dues, these are in serious arrears and cannot be ignored. If you are having any issues paying your dues, please contact me. We can only help if we know what is going on with you.

Also this masonic year, I have the privilege of serving as the District Committeeman for FA -100 for RW DDGM Bill Paxton. I have GM ties, GM bow ties, GM self tie bow ties, and DM tuxedo vests available. With a donation of \$50, you will receive a choice of a GM tie, a GM bow tie, or a GM self tie bow tie as a thank you. For a donation of \$75, you will receive a GM tuxedo vest.

Sincerely and Fraternally, RW Michael Gambarrotti. Secretary

Chaplain's Chat

"He must increase, but I must decrease." —John the Baptist (John 3:30)

Brethren,

In June we celebrate one of the most important dates in Freemasonry, Saint John the Baptist Day on June 24th, which also marks the summer solstice. Saint John the Baptist was a cousin of Jesus of Nazareth, and he foretold the coming of the Christ and even baptized him in the River Jordan. He preached of proper living and of repentance, even chastising Herod and his wife for their impure behavior, which lead to his death by beheading. Interestingly, some of his followers suspected that John was the Messiah, but he adamantly explained that his position was simply to come before and prepare the way for Jesus. Part of his response to those inquiries is shown in the quote above, which some consider related to the solstice upon which his Feast is celebrated.

The summer solstice is the longest day of the year, when the days become shorter and the nights become longer, thus one increasing while another is decreasing. Many ancient religions believed this day to mark when a path opened between Earth and Heaven, allowing souls to pass from one the former to the latter. There is a vast amount of symbolism related to the solstice and to Saint John the Baptist, much more than space here allows. I encourage us all to research more about this important day in the Craft and take time on this day to reflect upon our research. Happy Saint John the Baptist Day, Brothers, and Happy Solstice!

Fraternally, Brent M. Ferns, Sr., PM

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Brick Program

Our brick program is alive and well. If you would like to purchase a brick, please remember:

- The Square and Compasses (Gold Bricks) are available for the cost of \$100.00 each.
- The Letter G (Blue Bricks) are available for the cost of \$200.00 to Past Masters of Boynton Lodge ONLY. These bricks are restricted to name, WM Date & DDGM date.
- No business advertisements are allowed on any brick.

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 questions you may call, W:. Ross Cooper at: (561) 702-0859

Birthdays

William Hallock Jr
Robert Mandell
Michael Gambarrotti
Maurice Shanefield
Jack Witter
Paul Polokoff
Jonathan Winson
Stamatis Stamatopoulos



Investigations

Daniel Friedman Amit Patel Stephen Bernat Christopher Ellis

Awaiting Degrees

E.A.:

F.C.: Ryan Fernandez, Robert Sayih, Barry Arfa, Erwin Gondesen, James St. Juste, Carlos Perdomo, Kelvin Tolentino, Angel Abrego, David Felker

M.M.: JC Villar

Upcoming Events

June 10: Open Meeting - 7:30pm
June 19: Open Books and Proficiency
Cards- Harmonia Lodge No.
138—9am-12pm

June 24: DDGM OFFICIAL VISIT Boynton Lodge No. 236

Boosters

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