



# The Trestleboard

## Message from the East

My Brothers,

It is hard to believe that one third of the year is already behind us. If you've been attending regularly, you've no doubt felt the positive energy in the Lodge room. We've continued our unceasing labor that began last year with so many necessary upgrades made to the building and grounds, and this continues in ourselves. If you attended the Fellow Craft degree at the end of April, you would have seen our new sign on Quantum Blvd., spear-headed by our Senior Deacon Anthony Kresty.

May is another busy month of labor. Our first meeting, May 13, we will be going over the proposed legislation for Grand Lodge. We'll decide as a Lodge how we want our Principal Officers to vote at our Annual Communication. The second meeting, just prior to our heading to Orlando, will see us Pass our 'new' Entered Apprentices to the degree of Fellow Craft.

Peace and Harmony Prevailing,  
Scott Schwartzberg, Worshipful Master

## Message from the West

My Brothers,

Brethren, thank you to those who made April a great month at Boynton No. 236! We had a very successful blood drive for the first time in recent memory, hosted a district-wide MLT class followed by a free barbecue and delivered an excellent Fellow Craft degree with the addition of one brother Fellow Craft from Boca Delray No. 171. It was such a nice feeling to see the lodge full again with unity and harmony.

The Worshipful Master has an active May with another MLT class on May, 8 from 9-12 again followed by a barbecue. MLT is open to all including EA and FC. Look for an announcement for an upcoming Fellow Craft degree, possibly at our second meeting on May, 27, 2021 before the Grand Communication starting May 31, 2021.

Please feel free to suggest an activity where our lodge can have a positive impact. As always, our food drive efforts for the county Food Bank is ongoing and your donations are much appreciated by those less fortunate.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
Steve Otto, Sr. Warden

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### Visit Our Website

[www.boyntonlodge236.com](http://www.boyntonlodge236.com)

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

- **May 13:** Stated  
Communication-7:30pm  
DDGM OFFICIAL VISIT
- **May 27:** Called  
Communication-7:00pm  
FC Degree

### District Deputy

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## Committees

### FINANCE

Steve Otto

W.: Brad Partridge

W.: Robert Mandell

W.: Mark Bogert

R.: W.: Michael Gambarrotti

Marty Kaye

Eugenio Rosado

### VIGILANCE

Eugenio Rosado

Brad Partridge

W.: Ross Cooper

### PETITIONS

R.: W.: Michael Gambarrotti

Anthony Kresty

John Reeve

W.: Ross Cooper

### MASONIC EDUCATION

WM Scott Schwartzberg

W.: Brent Ferns, Sr.

W.: Brian Work

### BOARD OF RELIEF

WM Scott Schwartzberg

Stephen Otto

Eugenio Rosado

Marty Kaye

### CHARITY

W.: Brent Ferns, Sr.

Steve Otto

Marty Kaye

### LODGE PROPERTY

Stephen Otto

W.: Stamatis Stamatopoulos

Alan Cohen

## Message from the South

My Brothers,

Looking from the South, I see a vibrant, thriving Lodge! Since the beginning of the year, it's been a very dynamic Lodge. We have performed two degrees, there's a third in the works. Also, we have had educational opportunities and activities where we have enjoyed the fellowship of brotherhood. This is what Freemasonry is all about. We have met new people, made new Brothers and advanced others who are seeking more in Freemasonry. It is extremely rewarding seeing new Brothers enjoy brotherly love and friendship! Lodge officers and members in general have taken active participation and that is highly commendable!

We are almost half way into the year and while we have achieved great things, thus far, I pray we continue this beautiful momentum.

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.

We will be having another Masonic Leadership Training (MLT) class on May 8 from 9am-12pm. The class will be covering sections 1-5. MLT is open to EA, FC, and MM.

Immediately after the class, we will be rolling out the grill and having fun, food, and fellowship at 12pm. Families invited. All are welcome.

Sincerely and Fraternally,  
RW Michael Gambarrotti, Secretary

## Chaplain's Chat

*"The test of faith is whether I can make space for difference. Can I recognize God's image in someone who is not in my image, who language, faith, ideal, are different from mine? If I cannot, then I have made God in my image instead of allowing him to remake me in his." —Jonathan Sacks, British Rabbi*

Brethren,

This month we will see numerous religious holidays that share some commonalities related to a connection between the material world and the divine. For example, on May 15<sup>th</sup>, Christians celebrate the Ascension of Jesus, the day the Christ left this world to return to Heaven, while Buddhists use the 26<sup>th</sup> of May to recognize the birth, enlightenment (nirvana), and passing (parinirvana) of the Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama. In an even more interesting convergence, the month of May also Akshaya Tritiya, Laylat al-Qadr, and Shavuot. Akshaya Tritiya is a Hindu and Jain celebration marking when Ganesha, the God of Wisdom, began writing the "Mahabharata," an epic poem full of philosophical and devotional content; Laylat al-Qadr is the night that Muslims celebrate the revelation of the Quran to the prophet Muhammad (Peace be unto him) during the fasting period now celebrated as Ramadan; and Shavuot commemorates, in part, the giving of the Torah by G-d to the Children of Israel on Mount Sinai. By seeking to recognize the commonalities among us, whether it be in relation to religion, race, politics, sexuality, and other areas, we can better appreciate each other and be strengthened by our differences. I hope is that our Brethren will remember that "Masonry unites men of every country, sect, and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance." Let us seek out those with whom we recognize differences and aim to find commonalities upon which we can build friendship and brotherly love.

Brent M. Ferns, Sr., PM

## Lodge Officers

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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 Diamond  
Alan Cohen  
Ian Goldstein  
Roy Hernandez Jr  
Carlee Lilly II  
Michael Morrow  
Ian Hunt  
Eric Hoffman

Thomas Console  
Michael Floering  
Steven Rappaport  
Larstin Hand Jr



## Investigations

Daniel Friedman      Amit Patel

## Awaiting Degrees

**E.A.:**

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

**M.M.:** JC Villar

## Upcoming Events

**May 8:** MLT - 9am-12pm

**May 13:** DDGM OFFICIAL VISIT  
Boynton Lodge No. 236

**May 27:** FC Degree-7pm

**May 31—Jun 1:** 192 Annual Grand Communication—Rosen Plaza, Orlando

## Boosters

R.:W.: Michael Gambarrotti  
Raymond O'Connell  
WM Scott Schwartzberg