



# The Trestleboard

## Message from the East

Hello Brethren,

Another month of 2020 has come and gone, and while I wish we could say we are back to normalcy, we are at least back amongst our brothers. We held our first meeting after going dark for the summer this past month, and it was great to see everyone in good spirits. It felt great sitting amongst you and cannot wait to do it again.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. Remember that while we are not having dinners for the rest of the year, we will be hosting a social hour starting at 6:30pm before our meeting at 7:30pm. This is a great opportunity for you to catch up with your brothers and meet with our interested candidates who are excited to join our amazing fraternity. Also, please remember to wear your masks and practice social distancing. As I mentioned last month, we have been holding weekly Zoom meetings on Tuesdays for all brothers and on Thursdays for meet and greets with those interested gentlemen who wish to join our fraternity. During these meetings, we have had the interested gentlemen meet with our Lodge Officers and our EAs & FCs. I am very excited to say that the number of candidates has been rising every week.

This past month, we had the honor of performing the masonic funeral for Reverend Br. Melville B. Herron, who was our Lodge Chaplain. I would like to thank all of the brothers who were on the zoom call watching and to RW Sheldon Altenhaus for attending the service with me as my Chaplain for the day. His memory and legacy will forever be remembered in this lodge.

On October 24<sup>th</sup>, we have our Grand Master's Official Visit at PGA National. The invitation has already gone out and I would love to see a large turnout from Boynton. There is no cost for attending and there will be social distancing protocols in place, including a cap on the attendees. If you have not RSVP'd yet, please email [bradfordgmov@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordgmov@gmail.com). Make sure to mention how many people are going and each person's name. If you have any questions, please reach out to our secretary. I hope to see each of you there.

Education has always been a huge platform this year and during my time at Boynton Lodge and I hope that I have motivated some of you to work on your Masonic Education. If any brother would like some help in either catechism or degree work, please reach out to me. I would love to assist furthering your knowledge.

See you at our next meeting

Peace and Harmony Prevailing,  
Jason Fisher, Worshipful Master

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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 Steve Otto

### Dress Code

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

### Meeting Schedule

- Oct 8 : **DDGM Official  
Visit**—Stated  
Communication

- Oct 22: **DARK**

### District Deputy

R::W:: Rex Bradford

Phone : (561) 289-9529

### District Instructor

R.H. Roy D. Strohacker

Phone : (561) 329-2261

## Committees

### FINANCE

Scott Schwartzberg

W.: Brad Partridge

W.: Robert Mandell

W.: Mark Bogert

R.: W.: Michael Gambarrotti

### VIGILANCE

Stephen Otto

Brad Partridge

Ross Cooper

### PETITIONS

R.: W.: Michael Gambarrotti

W.: M.: Jason Fisher

Anthony Kresty

W.: Alan Cohen

Ross Cooper

### MASONIC EDUCATION

Scott Schwartzberg

W.: Brent Ferns, Sr.

W.: Brian Work

### BOARD OF RELIEF

W.: M.: Jason Fisher

Scott Schwartzberg

Stephen Otto

W.: Brad Partridge

R.: W.: Michael Gambarrotti

### CHARITY

W.: Brad Partridge

W.: M.: Jason Fisher

Scott Schwartzberg

### LODGE PROPERTY

W.: Stamatis Stamatopoulos

Stephen Otto

Alan Cohen

## Message from the West

My Brothers,

I know that this year has disappointed us, in missing over half the year in meetings. However, we have been making repairs and improvements, and the Lodge looks, feels, and smells as great as I remember from my first visit. While the year has brought us some losses in the officer line due to death and moving, we still have a strong line of officers.

I need to thank our JW Steve Otto and Br. John Morris, for all the time, blood, sweat, tears, and everything else expended in coordinating vendors, repairs, and overall maintenance of our building. A lot of major tasks have been accomplished, and have a plan for additional improvements in the ensuing years.

Remember: If you see something that needs to be picked up and thrown away, just do it. Don't wait to have some other Brother do it. We are proactive in our Lodge. If you see something you are not able to do on your own, please reach out to our Officers.

I'm excited for the rest of this year and those to come at our Lodge, and I hope you are as well.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Scott Schwartzberg, Sr. Warden

## Message from the South

Greetings from the South, Brethren.

It has been some time since we've gathered for Refreshment, but the last several months have been busy with fellowship on weekly Zoom meetings, Lodge clean ups and various repairs inside and outside the property. I want to also thank those who have contributed to the Lodge community efforts of providing pizza to the Bethesda emergency room as well as the Boynton city Fire Rescue and Police Departments with more fun plans for 2021. We have done much to improve ourselves, our Lodge and the community at large through Freemasonry. It's an exciting time to belong to Boynton Lodge and be involved with an active group of men.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Stephen Otto, Jr. Warden

## Chaplain's Chat

*"There is an equality which is taught in Masonry, the true equality, the inner life of God which makes all men equal." - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, famous German author, statesman, and Freemason*

Brethren,

This October 14<sup>th</sup> marks the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut recognizing the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut, marking the first recognition of Prince Hall Freemasonry in the United States. This historic act has sparked similar recognition from Grand Lodges across the country over the years, including the Grand Lodge of Florida in recent years.

As our nation currently faces unrest related to racial tensions and other challenges, I encourage us all to remember Psalm 133:1 - "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" We are truly blessed to be Brothers taught always to meet on the level. If only the whole world could, as Freemasons do, regard no man for his worldly wealth, social status, or outward appearance. Luckily, we are encouraged to practice outside the Lodge those duties and virtues taught in it. By doing so, we can help spread Brotherly Love, always remembering the dimensions of the Lodge as taught in the Entered Apprentice Lecture, to all created by the Grand Architect of the Universe.

Brent M. Ferns, Sr., PM  
Chaplain

## Committees

### EDUCATION AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Scott Schwartzberg

R.: W.: Michael Gambarrotti

W.: Brent Ferns, Sr.

Anthony Kresty

### LODGE MENTORS

R.: W.: Richard Philpott

Scott Schwartzberg

### LODGE INSTRUCTORS

W.: M.: Jason Fisher

Scott Schwartzberg

R.: W.: Michael Gambarrotti

### MASONIC FUNERALS/ VISITATION

W.: M.: Jason Fisher

Scott Schwartzberg

W.: Allan Mason

W.: Alan Cohen

### PUBLIC EDUCATION AND CITIZENSHIP

W.: Ross Cooper

W.: Allan Mason

Scott Schwartzberg

Stephen Otto

### SCHOLARSHIP

Thomas Wotherspoon

W.: Brent Ferns, Sr.

R.: W.: Michael Gambarrotti

### EVENTS

Anthony Kresty

Scott Schwartzberg

W.: Brent Ferns, Sr.

Brad Partridge

R.: W.: Michael Gambarrotti

## 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

Michael Duseberg  
Everett Tarter  
James Thurber II  
Jack Page Jr  
Patrick Harvey  
Joshua Adams  
Clifford Burg

Leslie Combs  
Allan Mason  
Philippe Antoine  
Jean Fortuna  
Andrew Roberts  
Howard Gotkin



## Investigations

Angel Abrego

## Awaiting Degrees

**F.C.:** Carlos Perdomo   Ryan Fernandez   Robert Sayih   Barry Arfa  
          Kelvin Tolentino   Erwin Gondesen   James St. Juste

**M.M.:** JC Villar

## Passed to the Celestial Lodge

**Clifford Bade**                      DOB: Sep. 11, 1935                      Died: Jan. 14, 2020  
**Rev. Melville Herron**            DOB: April 12, 1932                      Died: May 3, 2020

## Upcoming Events

**Oct 24 :** GM Official Visit—District  
          25—PGA National—5:00pm  
          Registration, 6:00pm Dinner

## Boosters

R.: W.: Michael Gambarrotti  
          Raymond O'Connell  
          W. Bruce Leffler