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The Trestleboard

Message from the East

My Brothers,

Summer is officially over, and the holidays are right around the corner. We only have a few meetings remaining for 2023 and I wanted to thank you all for the privilege to be your Worshipful Master for the year. Our next few meetings will be full of business, and I hope to see many of vou in Lodge.

For our first meeting this month, we will be honoring our Past Masters for Boynton Lodge. We have a rich history in our lodge, and I would like to honor and show our appreciation to the Brother's who have helped shape our Lodge and the craft. Please join us for a wonderful evening of education and fellowship honoring our Past Masters.

Our first meeting this month will also include our nominations

for your Officer Line for 2024. Please support these brothers as they will continue the fine traditions of the craft and carry Boynton Lodge into the future. I know we are in good hands.

Our first meeting in December will help to close out the year and will include the final vote for your 2024 Officers. With holidays ending the month, we will be dark for the second meetings in November and December.

We have begun decorating the Lodge for the holidays, and I am happy to introduce a new feature to the Lodge. In the spirit of the holidays, we have a Christmas tree for the lobby, along with a menorah display. If you are interested in a personalized ornament to hang on the tree, we will be accepting donations with all proceeds going to the Pancakes With Santa event that is being put on by our RW/RH District Instructor Roy Strohacker.

In closing, I would like to ask all of you again to consider our Charity of the Quarter, The United States Marine Corps Toy's for Tots program. With the holiday season approaching I ask for your support at our meetings by bringing an unwrapped toy or by making a donation at our meetings. This is an amazing charity and I appreciate all the work done by the Marine Corps in supporting and serving our community. I hope you all will join me in supporting them.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Eric Malloy, Worshipful Master

Message from the West

Brethren,

We have accomplished many things this year. Our EA Degree in September was well attended and I again congratulate the degree team for all the hard, and our new EAs and look forward to their journey. I invite you to come to practice on Tuesdays. Also we are always in need of additional volunteers for our investigation committees. I look forward to seeing all of you help us end the year strong. Sincerely and Fraternally, W:. Alan Cohen, Sr. Warden

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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 John Reeve

Dress Code

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

Meeting Schedule

- November 9: Stated Communication
- November 16: DARK

District Deputy

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Committees

FINANCE

Alan Cohen

W:. Brad Partridge

W:. Robert Mandell

W:. Mark Bogert

R:.W:. Michael Gambarrotti

Marty Kaye

John Reeve

VIGILANCE

John Reeve

Brad Partridge

W:. Ross Cooper

PETITIONS

R:.W:. Michael Gambarrotti

W:. Alan Cohen

David Felker

W:. Ross Cooper

MASONIC EDUCATION

David Felker

W:. Scott Schwartzberg

W:. Ross Cooper

James Wooster

BOARD OF RELIEF

WM Eric Malloy

W:. Alan Cohen

John Reeve

CHARITY

WM Eric Malloy

W:. Alan Cohen

John Reeve

LODGE PROPERTY

W:. Stephen Otto

W:. Stamatis Stamatopoulos

W:. Alan Cohen

Message from the South

Greetings from the south brothers.

Thank you brothers for the feedback I have received for the meals. Anything we can do to accommodate your diet or health restrictions, please let us know so that we may do so.

Cheers Fraternally, John Reeve, Jr. Warden

Message from the Secretary

My Brothers,

As we enter the holiday season of 2023, I wish all of you and yours a happy Thanksgiving. We all have much to give thanks for and I know that we all count our blessings everyday.

This year flew by and now we are in our holiday schedule, before you know it we will be installing our 2024 officers (January 6th, lunch at 11:30am, Installation at 1pm). Our dues notices have been mailed out and you should see them arrive any time now. If you have not paid your 2023 dues, please do so as soon as you can. The lodge depends on your dues to operate. For those of you who have not remitted your 2022 dues, please know that you are delinquent and are at risk of being suspended for non-payment of dues. We do not want that to happen. If you are unable to pay your dues, please contact me.

A quick reminder, nominations for elected office must be received by the secretary no later than the opening of our 1st meeting in November. For those that will be nominated for elected office, please remember that all the masonic education (Master Mason Exams 1-3 & the MLT Courses 1-15) must be listed on your masonic record PRIOR to your nomination. If anyone needs help accomplishing this, please contact me. Do not wait.

The Grand Master Signature Cigars are in and are going fast. If you have reserved your bundle of 25 cigars, please contact me so you can receive it. If you are interested in donating to receive a bundle, please contact me. We also have single cigars for a small donation as well.

Our Charity Poker Tournament has been cancelled for the month or November due to Thanksgiving. For December it will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month , registration is at 6:30pm and the game will begin at 7pm. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. This tournament is open to all, so bring your friends, anyone who might be interested in joining the fraternity, or if you just want to sit and spend time with your brothers. We had a good turnout last month and great fellowship was had.

In closing, may God bless each and every one of you, may God bless our Fraternity, may God bless our Armed Forces, and may God bless the United States of America.

Sincerely and Fraternally, RW Michael Gambarrotti, Secretary

Chaplain's Chat

Since this is nomination month Brothers, consider the following. Elections are the cornerstone of our brotherhood, reflecting the Masonic principle of equality. Each ballot cast is a testament to our shared commitment to the greater good. Our choices shape the course of our fraternity, enabling us to uphold our sacred values and traditions. Voting is our collective voice, ensuring fairness, transparency, and brotherly love. It allows us to entrust leadership to those who embody our Masonic teachings. As we cast our votes, let us be guided by wisdom, strength, and beauty endowed to each of us by the Grand Architect. Remember, each election is an opportunity to further cement the bonds of our fraternal union and contribute to our noble cause. Blessings upon us all as we close out one year and look to the future optimistically as we choose our future!

Very respectfully, JC Villar, Chaplain

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Marshal:

W:. Stephen Otto

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Brick Program

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

- 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.
- The Square and Compasses (Gold Bricks) are available for the cost of \$100.00 each.
- The border (White Bricks) are available for the cost of \$50.
- 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

Barry Kotler Edwin Salomon
Robert Demott John Carter
Sean Callender Donal Rusk
Robert Green James Bowman
Paul Pugliese
James Wooster Jr



Investigations

Marshall Faillace Renol Geanty

Neal Fisher, Scott Epstein, Juan Contraeras

Awaiting Degrees

E.A.:

F.C.: Salvatore Lutrario, Jim Jean Francois, Andrew Sandler, Cole Cobb, Todd Kevitch

M.M.:

Upcoming Events

November 18: Open Books – 9a-12p – Harmonia Lodge No. 138

December 20: Charity Hold 'em Tournament – Boynton Lodge No. 236 – 7pm – Open to all

December 14: Stated Communication — Election Night 6:30p Dinner,7:30p Meeting **January 6: Installation of Officers** —11:30a

Lunch,1:00p Installation

Boosters

R:.W:. Michael Gambarrotti

Eric Malloy, WM

Br. Howard Gotkin