



The Trestleboard

Message from the East

Fraternal Greetings, my Brothers.

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones doing well. Several months back, it seemed as if we were 'finished' with Covid-19. Now the cases are at all time highs in our state, and we are again seeing Lodges and other bodies going dark out of an overabundance of caution and/or those Lodges being forced to close due to illness among the members.

Please keep the health of yourself, your loved ones, and our Brothers safe. If you have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, or if you do not feel well, please take the initiative to stay home, and notify a Lodge officer.

As our tradition of honoring our sitting Grand Master with an Honorary Perpetual Membership, it is time to have our final vote to honor MW GM Jeffery S. Foster. We will be balloting on Sep. 9.

If there is anything you need, please do not hesitate in reaching out to the Lodge.

Peace and Harmony Prevailing,
Scott Schwartzberg, Worshipful Master

Message from the West

My Brothers,

The summer has just about come and gone so it's time to focus on the 5 Brothers awaiting Master Mason Degrees. Much effort, and patience on their part, has gone into making this an experience one of a lifetime. Any Brother is welcome to practice on Tuesdays at 7 pm to observe, help fill in and / or participate in the Degrees.

Our food bank box in the lobby is still accepting your generous donations for the County Food Bank and we have raised just about 500 pounds of food this year. Any ideas for community charity please let us know.

Hopefully, with your participation, we can have a well attended holiday party this year and enjoy fellowship as a Lodge.

Again, thank you for all the help and encouragement this year. If you know of a Brother or widow in need of assistance we would be happy to help.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
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

- **September 9:** Stated
Communication-7:30pm
- **September 18:** Called
Communication-9:00am
- **September 23:** Stated
Communication-7:30pm

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Steve Otto

W.: Brad Partridge

W.: Robert Mandell

W.: Mark Bogert

R.: W.: Michael Gambarrotti

Marty Kaye

Eugenio Rosado

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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

Dear Brethren,

I hope all of you and your loved ones are enjoying great health during these difficult times as it relates to COVID-19 and other challenges.

I wanted to take this opportunity to bring to your awareness our sick and elderly Brothers who have not been to Lodge due to our current times. During our refreshment hours, please, take a few minutes to connect with them. A simple call or text may be a great way to keep our connections, but it also reaffirms our obligation to our Fraternity. This is also a way to assess and identify needs that our Brothers may have so that we collectively cover those needs. Oftentimes, just letting Brothers know that we are there for them, it's enough! It makes a difference.

Let's keep nurturing our brotherly bonds, so that our friendships grow stronger. This will have a positive impact on our Lodge and all we do.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Eugenio Rosado, Jr. Warden

Message from the Secretary

My Brothers,

As we are enter the last quarter of our masonic year, and I am excited for the upcoming events at our lodge for the remainder of the year such as 'Ladies Nights' and a shooting event, just to name a few things.

On Saturday, September 18 at 9am our 5 Fellowcrafts will be raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Please come join us as most of these brothers have been waiting patiently through the pandemic and life's curve-balls. Donuts and coffee will be served at 8am.

On Saturday, September 25 at 10am at Royal Palm Lodge No. 100, MW GM Jeffery Foster will be standing up John E. Karroum Lodge. I know the bothers of Boynton Lodge will be in full force to support this new lodge. We will also be discussing it in lodge as well on Sep 9.

In closing, I want to say Thank You to all the doctors, nurses, and first responders that have tirelessly and unselfishly put themselves in harms way to care for all those who need it.

As always, if you need anything or have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
RW Michael Gambarrotti, Secretary

Chaplain's Chat

"Learning ritual is not Masonic education any more than learning to drive a stick shift qualifies you as an auto mechanic." —Todd E. Creason, Founder of the Midnight Freemasons.

Brethren,

This month will mark 95 years since what is considered the beginning of the Morgan Affair, which is an interesting and sometimes difficult topic to discuss in our Fraternity. Space in the Trestleboard precludes an in-depth presentation of those events, but I would argue that the events that resulted in this blemish in our history began long before William Morgan was arrested in September of 1826. If you are unfamiliar with this chapter from our past, I encourage you to research more. Ultimately, I feel the tragic events that unfolded in the Morgan Affair come down to deficiencies of the Craft in two areas: guarding the West gate and proper Masonic education.

Regarding the West gate, there are many writings and speculations about whether William Morgan ever received the three degrees of Freemasonry and if he unlawfully received the degrees of a Chapter of the Royal Arch in the York Rite of Freemasonry. However, we must also consider the one or more Brothers who "blackballed" the newspaperman, David C. Miller, from moving past the Entered Apprentice degree, causing him to ultimately aid Morgan in negatively impacting Freemasonry. Therefore, in guarding the West gate, we should consider not only being careful about not allowing into our ranks those who are not worthy but also being sure that we are not turning away those who could be deserving without cause.

Regarding Masonic education, we must consider that if, as is often suspected, Freemasons did kidnap Morgan to some unknown end, they surely did not understand the core tenets of our Fraternity, especially the penalties of our obligations. Remember, my Brothers, that we bind ourselves under those penalties, which are wholly symbolic, and have no province to enforce them upon another.

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

Brad Partridge

Roy Hernandez III

Charles Field

Carl Arfa

Edward Dolins

Lionel Brice

Dennis Hartenstine

Irwin Suna

Mark Bogert

David Scheirich



Investigations

Amit Patel Stephen Bernat

Awaiting Degrees

E.A.: Christopher Ellis , Michael Chapnick

F.C.: Barry Arfa, Erwin Gondesens, James St. Juste,

M.M.: JC Villar, Carlos Perdomo, Kelvin Tolentino, Angel Abrego, David Felker

Upcoming Events

Sep 9: Stated Communication—7:30pm

Sep 18: MM Degree—9am

Sep 18: Open Books and Proficiency Cards- Harmonia Lodge No. 138—9am-12pm

Sep 23: Stated Communication-7:30pm

Oct 23: GMOV—District 25

Boosters

R.: W.: Michael Gambarrotti

Raymond O'Connell

WM Scott Schwartzberg

Howard Gotkin

W. Bruce Leffler