

April 2016

# South Seminole Lodge # 364

**STATED COMMUNICATIONS:** 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of  
Every Month at 7:30pm with Dinner at 6:30pm

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**TRESTLE BOARD**



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# April 2016 Trestle Board



*South Seminole is going electronic.* Please make sure the secretary has your most up to date email address so that he can send you instructions on how to sign up for your new circumscribe lodge ID/membership cards.

You can now also receive our new enhanced trestle board via email which includes things not included in our mailer trestle board version. Or download a QR code reading app and go straight to the trestle board on our Web site to read it on your mobile devices. Just scan the QR code to the right.



## *Masons Under Instruction:*

Entered Apprentice with Chad  
Oemke:

James Reed

Stephen Shields

Fellow Craft with Luis Telez:

Nathan Wilson

Murray Martin

More to come!



# A Few Words From...



## The East

Brothers,

February and March were busy months at South Seminole beginning with hosting our first DDGM visit. The kitchen crew (Eva, Kim & Ashley) along with J.W. John Dibble put on a meal that was nothing short of fantastic. With many of our Brothers in attendance supporting the Lodge, we can be proud of where we are headed. Our second meeting in March was centered on Masonic education and was a big success, thanks to W: Petronio Martins for a great power point presentation to the craft. We also had Bible and Apron presentations to our newer Master Masons by W: Bill Ellis and W: Tom Hoopes. What a great evening. We ended March by hosting a movie night for the youth organizations in our district. Despite the nasty weather we still had a great turn out and have plans to do this again. Maybe even start planning an adult movie night for the members and families of our Lodge.

We are continuing to grow our fraternity with upcoming Master Mason and Entered Apprentice degrees to be conferred very soon. I urge all members to come to a Lodge meeting and to attend these degrees, as we have worked hard to improve our ritual work and make these evenings special to these newer Masons. On April we hosted a very successful Masters and Wardens starting with a great breakfast put together and served by W: Skip Yonchik, W: Greg Rushing and J.W. John Dibble. We are also hosting two District Schools of Instruction on 4/12/16 & 4/27/16. These are sure to be another great way to sharpen our skills and improve ourselves in Masonry. South Seminole continues to work hard in supporting Masonic education as well as our effort to improve community support with helping furnish much needed food and supplies to the Casselberry Care Cabin. We have also been blessed with being able to help several teachers through the Adopt a Teacher Program. Our Community support would not be possible without much need funds earned through our work at UCF events. We are always in need of good help when it comes to supplying the necessary people to be successful. In closing my Brothers, I am humbled by all the hard work and dedication I continue to witness from my Masonic family. Keep up the good work, and I hope to see you in the Lodge!

Sincerely,

**W: M: Gary Bouton**



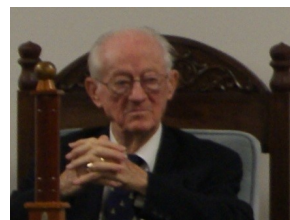
## The West

My Brothers

As we enter into the second quarter of the year I urge you my brothers to reach out to us and let us know how things are going. While your officers believe they are doing what is in the best interest of your lodge and our fraternity, the only way we know if your concerns are being met is from feedback from the craft. That being said, starting in April I will be calling all of the brothers on the Trestle board email list. There are many reasons for doing this. First and foremost is to make sure that everyone is doing ok. Additionally my goals are: 1. Validate contact information 2. Inform you of the upcoming events 3. Solicit feedback for the electronic Trestle board I wanted to inform these brothers that we are working hard to improve their lodge, and lower costs. One way of lowering costs is by sending out the trestle board electronically.

### *In honor of Worshipful Edwin C. Henderson*

*Throughout the annals of time, Freemasonry has embodied much to many good and upright men.*



*Supporting brothers and their families, nurturing and guiding the young, being a model citizen, and providing charity to the destitute are but a few of the cornerstones of our great Fraternity. Worshipful Ed Henderson's life as a Mason and a man is a shining illustration of these ideals, always striving to teach the importance of becoming a better Father, Husband, and Brother than the day before. Through his labor, he has shown how Freemasonry illuminates and guides the path of those seeking light. From his work with the youth to his selfless dedication to his brethren and to all who sought his aid, whether it be esoteric or physical, none were turned down, nor a complaint uttered. We the Brothers of South Seminole Lodge #364 acknowledge Worshipful Edwin C. Henderson's unswerving decades of service to Freemasonry and wholeheartedly thank him for the inspiration he has provided as a teacher, mentor, friend, and brother. In his name, it is our honor to give the everlasting gift of charity. March 15th, 2016, marks the founding of the "Edwin C. Henderson" scholarship program at South Seminole Lodge #364. So that his legacy will light the way for future generations to come.*

*South Seminole Lodge # 364  
Casselberry, Florida*

Fraternally,

**Timothy French, Senior Warden**

# Additional Words From...



## *The South*

Brothers,

This month we will be having an Entered Apprentice degree during our second bi-monthly stated communications on April 19th. Please join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship at 6:30pm then help us welcome our two newest candidates; James Reed and Stephen Shields as brothers to the craft. The meeting and degree will begin promptly at 7:30pm.

Please don't forget to consider meal time prior to our stated communications meeting as a family fellowship time. Bring your spouses and even your children to enjoy it as a time to spend with friends and family. Everyone is welcome to join in on it.

From the kitchen... I hope that everyone has enjoyed our meal choices we have had during our most recent stated communications meetings. If you have a favorite dish which we have already served or even one we haven't that you would like to see, please let me know. Also, and even more importantly, please let Eva know, along with the others who help out in the kitchen such as Ashley and Kim French that you are thankful for their contributions. We couldn't pull this off without them.

If you haven't been to lodge in a while, you are missing out on some fantastic dinners, they are the envy of the 17th district. Eva continues to amaze with her culinary skills.

Another note on kitchen cleanliness... Don't forget to clean up after yourselves when using the kitchen please. More than once we have found that dishes have been left out, or even worse, still dirty and put away. There is nothing worse than pulling dirty dishes, utensils, and cookware out to use them, only to have to wash them all first. This also goes for the microwave, refrigerators, stoves and floors. It isn't fair to have Eva clean up after us.

Fraternally yours,

**John D. Dibble, Junior Warden**

### *Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen:*

#### **1st Tuesday Meeting—4/5:**

Skillet Chicken Thighs and Zucchini with Mozzarella , Served with Pasta, Salad, Cake, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

#### **3rd Tuesday Meeting—4/19:**

Roasted Pork Chop Over Pasta, Bread, Salad, Cake, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee



## *The Secretary*

My Brothers,

The first Circumscribe membership cards have now been distributed to the brothers that have signed up on the website. Once our initial 60 day sign up period has elapsed, those members that have not visited the website and signed in, and are in good standing will receive their cards, sans photo. At this time if you wish to make any changes or add a photo, there will be a \$5 charge to replace your card. Next year you will be able to pay your dues online as well as take masonic courses and log your activity. My brothers, it is your responsibility to ensure that your information is up to date. If your information changes, please update the website as soon as you can. If you need help signing in please call the Secretary.

It is now April and we have many brothers who have not paid their annual dues. Please submit them as soon as possible. If any brother is in need of assistance, please contact the Worshipful Master or the Secretary we will gladly help any brother in need.

We have received to petitions for the 3 degrees in masonry which were balloted on at our last Stated Communication and elected to receive the degrees. They are Mr's James Lee Reed and Stephen Michael Shields. Their Entered Apprentice degree will be conferred on April 19<sup>th</sup> at our next Stated Communication. If you haven't been to a degree in a while, now would be an ideal time to see your excellent degree team in action. Supporting our new masons as they begin their journey towards more light is one of the most fulfilling things we can do.

Bro's Murray Martin and Nathan Wilson returned their Fellow-craft proficiencies and will be raised to Master Mason very soon. We will email the date as soon as possible.

New to our revamped trestle board are Masonic anniversaries and Brothers birthdays, reach out and wish your brothers a happy birthday.

My brothers we endeavoring to put as much information as possible into our new trestle board, please feel free to make suggestions or changes to the format, after all this is YOUR trestle board.

Fraternally,

**Anthony E. Edwards, Secretary**

*"People forget what you say, and forget what you do, but forever remember how you make them feel!"*

# SSL Upcoming Events

## April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Masters & Wardens <b>8:00am</b>
3	4	5 Stated Communications <b>7:30pm</b>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 District School of Instruction <b>7:30pm</b>	13	14 UCF Concert—Pentatonix <b>6pm</b>	15	16
17	18	19 SC/EA Degree <b>7:30pm</b>	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 District School of Instruction <b>7:30pm</b>	28	29	30

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### *April Birthdays*

Anthony Rossi 4th

Max Jones 5th

Gary Hussian 7th

John Dibble 15th

Clarence Snyder 21st

Douglas Guthrie 25th

Jordan Hiers 26th

James Cunningham 27th



# South Seminole Masons

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## South Seminole Past Masters:

Curtis F. Blow *	U.D & 1968	Marty Nash APM *	1998
Verbun A. Jones *	1969	Donald Maurizio *	1999
Frank Bingham *	1970	Joseph Cordeiro	2000
Louis Kirby *	1971	Randy L. Vess	2001
Francis P. Oddo *	1972	B. Franklin Ellis	2002
Troy Tatum *	1973	E. Neal Tish	2003
William P. Byles *	1974	Samuel A. Tish	2004
Carl E. Strom *	1975	Douglas B. Guthrie	2005
J.C. Valentine *	1976	John J. Walsh *	2006
Rodger T. Peterson, Sr *	1977	William D. Dieringer	2007
William B. Ritter *	1978	Robert T. Billoni	2008
Phillip G. Marriott *	1979	Herman (Skip) Yonchik	2009/10
Max R. Jones	1980	Thomas Hoopes	2011
Samuel M. Lewis DDGM, Past Grand Master	1981	Greg Rushing	2012
Thomas E. Embree DDGM	1982	Jose Ayala	2013
Ottis R. Erickson DDGM	1983	Petronio Martins	2014
William R. Ellis	1984	Christopher Wall	2015
William E. Johnson	1985	<b>Affiliated Past Masters</b>	
Carl E. Lloyd *	1986	Ellis Hormats, New York *	1969
John F. Schroth, Sr.	1987	Don Grable, Spain	1969/70
Edward K. Herr *	1988	Victor Rivera	1982
James D. Dickenson DDGM	1989	Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin	1983
John W. Bornman	1990		
Jay W. Leffert*	1991		
Billy M. Mew	1992		
Roger C. Reynell	1993		
John A. Melanson *	1994		
Thomas D. Roberts	1995		
Edwin C. Henderson	1996		
Paul W. Freeman, Sr.	1997		
Kenneth N. Holladay *	1998		

**Deceased \***

**Unaffiliated +++**

## Masonic Anniversaries This Month:

Paul Freeman Sr.	Michael Lautenberg	John Russell
Jeffrey Gerlitz Sr.	Arvin Meyer	Clarence Snyder
John Hamilton	Ray Norman	Luis Tellez
Lawrence Kelly	Christopher Rivera	Christopher Wall

# Other Bits and Pieces

## Child ID

South Seminole Lodge #364 began a very successful 2016 with our Child ID program. On January 29th we had 2 Child ID sessions. The first one was at Cypress Springs Elementary where we did 39 Child ID Kits and second was at Eastbrook Elementary where we did 21 Child ID kits for a grand total of 60! We wanted to extend a special thanks to all who assisted from the Oviedo Lodge. This serves as an example of multiple lodges from the Proud 17th Masonic District working together to achieve goals for our community children. I would also like to thank SSL Brothers Arvin Myer and Luis Tellez and his lady, Kellie for volunteering their time for this worthwhile and important program. I encourage our Brothers to spread the word about our Child ID Program to appropriate schools, daycare programs, churches other child related institutions or organizations. Thank you for your continued support.



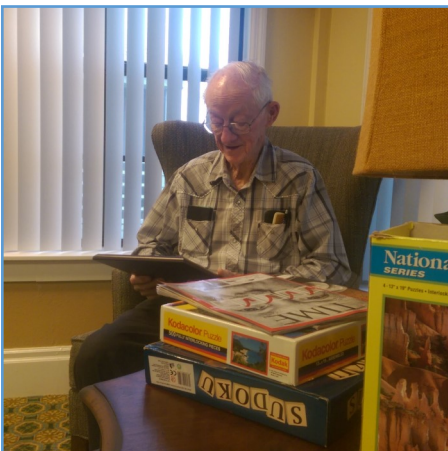
Andrew Dever

South Seminole Child ID Chairman

## Youth Night at the Lodge



## Br. Henderson Receives His Plaque



## Central Florida Food Bank... Feeding the Children



Anything to add?

Please send us your pictures and we'll post them here!



# Secretary's Poem of the Month



## MASONIC RINGS

by Michael R. Strampe

*Those men who help my dad each day,  
They wear those mason rings.  
A Square and Compass set in gold,  
The praise of which I sing.*

*My dad, he hurt his back you know,  
One cold and wintery day.  
He slipped and fell upon the ice,  
The insurance would not pay.*

*And since that time those rings I see,  
On hands that help us much.  
With mowing lawns and hauling trash,  
Each day my heart they touch.*

*They even built a house for me,  
Amid our backyard tree.  
Where all the neighbor kids,  
Would play with laughter full of glee.*

*My Mom she cried from happiness,  
The time the Masons came.  
To aid our family in distress,  
Without a thought of gain.*

*And when I'm big, just like my dad,  
Of this it must be told.  
I want to wear a ring like his,  
A Square and Compass gold.*

*Long years have passed since when  
My dad was in that plaster cast.  
And since I swore that Solemn Oath,  
Which unites us to the last.*

*But more than that I'm proud to say,  
I wear his Mason ring.  
The one dad wore for many years,  
Until his death this spring.*

*And one last time his comrades came,  
To aid my weeping mother.  
They praised and bid a fond farewell,  
To our fallen Brother.*

*And after which MY son did ask,  
About their Aprons white.  
And of the rings upon their hands.  
Of gold so shiny bright.*

*With tearful eyes I said with pride,  
They're men of spirit pure.  
Those men who wear those Mason rings,  
Of that you can be sure.*

*And before he went to bed that night,  
The family he foretold.  
Someday I'll wear a ring like dad's,  
A Square and Compass gold.*

