

December 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

Things Masonic

Welcome to the December 2016 trestle-board! With the year coming to a close we have had many things going on, from several UCF charitable events, district events, our Youth and Family Dinner, to upcoming elections this month. Thanks to all the members of South Seminole who made this year a success. Lets carry this momentum into 2017 and make it an even better year!

Upcoming Elections and Installation:

For the elections, as mentioned in the previous two trestle-boards, it is required that all candidates, including sitting officers seeking advancement, be nominated prior to the first Stated Communication in December 2016, which for us is December 6. Any Brother can be nominated, or self-nominate, for any elected chair. If you wish to run for an office, get in touch with our Secretary prior to the first stated communications in December. Elected officers will be announced after the December 6th elections meeting.

Please join us for the 2017 Officer's Installation at South Seminole Lodge on January 28, 2017. An unforgettable breakfast will be served at 8:00am. We promise you will not go away hungry. The installation ceremony begins at 9:30am.

Contact Information:

Brothers, in this day and age it is becoming more important than ever to maintain the lines of communication. As such it is becoming increasingly important that we can communicate electronically and at the very least have your latest telephone numbers and addresses. Please remember that, especially if you move, to ensure that your contact information is up-to-date. We have many brothers on our member list who have missing or incorrect telephone numbers, email addresses and even physical addresses. There are many communications which only go out via email that many of our brothers are missing, such as, electronic trestle boards, newsletters, event reminders, and other important communications. Please reach out to our secretary to update these as soon as possible via email address or telephone in order to better streamline our line of communications with you all. His information can be readily found on the South Seminole Website at www.southseminole364.com.



Circumscribe:

To server as an additional reminder:

At the 186th Annual Grand Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida, a new software application named Circumscribe was presented and implemented during this Masonic year. The Lodge membership data migration is now complete, and you now have access to the new system. It is important for you to log in as soon as possible, review your profile, make any appropriate changes to your contact information, and upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card.

This was posted on the October trestle-board and was followed with step-by-step instructions on how to login to Circumscribe. Please find the October Trestle-board on our Web site at <http://southseminole364.com/images/Trestleboard/2016/SSL%20TBoard%20Oct%2016.pdf> where you will find the instructions after the "Welcome" section of the Trestle-board.

Also, online help is always available at <http://help.circumscribe.net>, or by clicking the question mark icon on the top right of the Circumscribe system once you are logged in. For additional support, please contact the Lodge Secretary.



South Seminole has gone electronic. Please make sure the secretary has your most up to date email address so that he can send you email correspondence on things such as membership updates, events, our new trestle-board, etc.

Wanting to go digital? Download a QR code reader app on your smartphone or other smart devices and go straight to the trestle-board area of our Web site to read it and our past trestle-boards.



A Few Words From...



The East



The West

My Brothers,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year my Brothers!

As I reflect on my year in the East, many things come to mind. The grief we had to bear as we said goodbye to loved ones, and enduring the sickness and distresses of our Brothers and their families. The praise reports as family members were healing or great accomplishments were happening to members of our families. We have shed tears of great sadness and tears of great joy together. We treat each other as family because we are family. When Brotherly love prevails we all win.

I have watched us grow as a Lodge in our membership, and watched these new brothers join the work of the Craft, helping out at our UCF events to raise money to help those in need within our communities. I've seen our Brothers continue to grow in Masonry by attending district schools of instruction, ME/MLT training and open books. Our ritual and degree work continues to improve as we continue to initiate, pass and raise Masons to the sublime degree. I continue to see the Brothers of our Lodge stepping up to make a difference, and inviting their families to our dinners to strengthen our bonds as brothers. Our family and youth dinner was a highlight this year and shows our commitment to our youth programs.

In Closing I want everyone to know what an honor it has been to serve you as Worshipful Master this year. I am excited to see what the future holds for South Seminole.

Sincerely,

May God Bless You,

Wor. Gary Bouton, SSL Worshipful Master



Brethren,

It is that time of year once again, election time, and I as your Senior Warden would like to offer a bit of advice to any brother who is an officer, or that wants to be an officer in the future. You are not ready, nor do I know you ever will be! A bit of humor but seriously, I keep learning important things everyday and I have come to the conclusion that this will continue for years to come. So do your M.M 1, 2, and 3 exams but don't stop! Continue on to your L.O.T.C 1, 2, and 3 along with doing these; go to D.S.I, and get your M.L.T done.

You may have heard brothers say that Masters and Wardens is only for Worshipful Masters and Lodge Wardens, but that isn't true. It is for all of you! You can learn a great wealth of information from these events and exams. The largest misconception is that, since you have already been to one of these classes, they are boring and therefore you don't learn anything, or that you already know what they are teaching. I am the type of person that reads the digest. I also call and sometimes "bug" the R.W. or R.H. when I need something explained; yet I always learn something when I go to these events. A huge mistake would be for me to assume that I either knew it already or that I could learn it on the fly. Sometimes it has nothing to do with what is being taught and it is through the fellowship that I learn how another lodge is doing something that we never thought of, or what problems another lodge is having and how they are fixing that issue.

Some things aren't book taught! You experience them as it can be for the very first time you sit in the east, or you could have already had experiences with it by watching, listening, and asking in the years that you have in front of you.

Fraternally yours,

Tim French, Senior Warden



The Treasurer

Brothers,

Thanks to careful budgeting and planning, South Seminole is on a sound financial footing this year. Expanded fundraising has allowed us to be a driving Charity force in the community. Only one area continues to cloud our future, those Brothers that have chosen to not pay their annual dues. The officers and Craft have made every effort to aid and assist Brother in need so they can continue in Masonry. Whatever your situation or contribution level, this revenue is vital to maintaining a healthy Lodge into the future. Notices will be coming out soon for 2017 dues...which are due by December 31, 2016 per the Digest. Please help us keep our Lodge strong!

Thanks,

Skip Yonchik, Lodge Treasurer

Additional Words From...



The South

Brethren,

I wanted to extend a great big thanks to those who came out to our annual Youth, Family, and Widows night dinner! You all helped make the meal a success by bringing your special dishes and sides. About 85 people were fed. What a great showing. It was wonderful being able to fellowship with everyone who came.

Several awards were given out during our dinner event. If you have not done so already, please congratulate Rachel McClure of our Rainbow chapter for receiving our 2nd Ed Henderson Scholarship Award. Also, if you happen to be in the Longwood Dollar General, store number 14389, thank Susanne Vilardi, who is the manager there and received the Community Partner Award for selfless donations made to our charities.

It has been an honor serving as your 2016 Junior Warden. I hope as you look back on this year you will remember our dinners with fondness having had good food and great fellowship.

In closing I wanted to thank all those who made this a memorable and special year at South Seminole Lodge. Please remember those who volunteered their time in the kitchen such as Eva Martins, Ashley and Kim French, Sandra MacKenzie, Luis and Kellie Tellez, and Ed Dibble who took the initiative to run kitchen events and help out when I was in the hospital and unable to be there. Another big deserved thanks goes out to Luis Tellez Sr. and Luis Tellez Jr. for keeping our lodge clean. Don't forget that the month of December is a month of reflection, thanks and remembrance of the year that is coming to a close. Thank the people who made it special for you.

Fraternally,

John D. Dibble, Junior Warden



The Secretary

Brothers,

My brothers, as the year comes to an end, we have many responsibilities and duties which we have to accomplish during the month of December.

Firstly, there are still several brothers which have not paid their 2016 dues yet. Final letters have been sent to these delinquent brothers advising that if we do not receive their 2016 dues, or receive a request for assistance by St John's Day, December 27th 2106 they will be suspended for non-payment of dues. The last thing the lodge wants to do is lose a brother for NPD. Please, if you are one of these brothers or know of a brother that needs assistance, call the Worshipful Master or Secretary and we will gladly offer assistance. Dues notices for 2017 have been mailed. My brothers please note that if your circumstances change and you do have difficulty, do not hesitate to call the Secretary or any of the elected officers for relief.

Secondly, the first stated meeting in December (December 6th) we hold our elections for the elected chairs for 2017. Nominations for these positions should be handed to the secretary no later than 6:00 PM December 6th 2016. Nominations will not be accepted after that time.

Thirdly, I want to extend a thanks to all who have made our lodge a success during 2016 and to wish you all a Merry Christmas or Happy Chanukah. Please be safe during the holiday season and if you haven't been to lodge in a while, we hope to see you on the 6th to break bread with us and enjoy your brothers.

Fraternally Yours,

Anthony Edwards, Lodge Secretary



The Chaplain:

Brothers,

My brothers, As the year draws to conclusion. I'd like to take a moment to reflect on my position as your chaplain. I was honored to be asked to fulfill this duty. I took my obligation seriously and did not miss any Stated Communications or meetings. In keeping with the goals of Freemasonry I have become a "better man". I pray that I've performed to your satisfaction as well.

This year was, and still is, one of the most difficult in my life. The sickness and death of the person I loved the most, my wife, has taken a toll on me; my sorrow would not have been bearable had it not been for all of you, my brothers, who called me daily, often multiple times daily, to help me cope. For that, I thank you all. I love you all more than you can imagine.

May the Great Architect of the Universe cause his countenance to shine upon you, and give you peace.

So mote it be!

Arvin Meyer, Chaplain

Up & Coming

Masons Under Instruction:

Entered Apprentice with Bruce Carter:

David Bennet
Douglas Matern
Jason Schneider

Fellow Craft with Daniel Taylor:

Eric Charles Joseph Morse
Michael Rice Aaron Haire
Tom Erskine

Fellow Craft with Chad Oehmke:

James Reed
Stephen Shields

Masonic Anniversaries This Month:

12/15/1964	Samuel Edward Culver	12/10/1985	John Richard O'Brien
12/13/1997	Howard Warren Dole	12/13/1997	Jacob Livingston Pou Jr
12/11/1984	James Harvey Dunty III	12/03/2000	Raymond Alfred Ralph
12/14/1982	David Durrett Guildford	12/13/1997	Perry Lee Thomas
12/11/1984	Larry Ross Hickman	12/22/1981	Robert Lee Thompson
12/13/1983	Bobby Ray Jarrell	12/13/1997	Robin Scott Thorn

Masonic Birthdays This Month:

10/12 - Paul Warren Freeman Jr	9/12 - Samuel Marigny Lewis Jr PGM
6/12 - David Robert Harden	11/12 - Gregory Kent Rushing
12/12 - Bobby Ray Jarrell	6/12 - Christopher Michael Wall

Masonic Charity

For the Children:

This year, and thanks to the tireless efforts of a handful of Brothers, Youth, parents, and friends, we have raised thousands of dollars for Charity. These funds have supported food banks for underprivileged families at two area elementary schools. Our Youth are no longer forced to peddle low return funding goods like cookies, wrapping paper, etc, to the public, in order to fund their Charity projects. We have helped fund over a dozen special learning projects at area schools in need. An example is at Casselberry Elementary, where we funded the start of a "cooking club". Volunteer staff teaches the older children how to turn low cost ingredients into nutritious meals for their families. These types of enrichment programs receive no government funding or support. To those who worked so hard...THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart. For those who have watched from the sidelines, please join us in labor and fellowship. You will get back a lot more than you put.—Wor. Skip Yonchik

Dear South Seminole Masonic Lodge #364,

When my students first received the Scholastic News Magazines they were thrilled with all of the exciting adventures that were contained in each issue. Weekly they look forward to learning the fun and interesting facts that are contained within each article. Scholastic News is the highlight of their week as well as my own, as I get to watch each of their faces light up when they open each issue and dig into a deeper understanding of both current and past events. This year with our project we also received funding for a small group set of Boogie Boards. These have been such a fun and unique tool to aid learning within my classroom. The students are always excited to use them and are more engaged in small group instruction than ever before!

My students are using the Scholastic News weekly. Each time we open up an issue we are able to absorb new content through a variety of multi-media. Each issue of Scholastic News contains video links available on the Scholastic News Website that allow the students to connect to and visualize the content in which they are reading. My students favorite part is the interactive website which also contains a jeopardy style quiz game and debate it articles that allow them to share their viewpoints on events important to them!

This project allows my students to become excited about content that may not normally be included in the curriculum. The project has boosted my teaching by allowing me to make connections to the content we are learning (text features, text structures, historical events etc.) in a unique way. Thank you so much to all who donated!

With gratitude,

Ms. Kennedy

Community Outreach

Child ID



Brothers,

On November 19, 2016, we conducted a child id event at Scott's Maze Adventure through the Foster Children's Association. At the event, we unveiled our new banner. We ran 17 id's and were asked to come back for two more upcoming events, one of which will be in December. Thank you to my wife Kellie Tellez, Brother Arvin Meyer, Brother Nathan Wilson, and Nathan's wife Christina for assisting me in the event. Also, special thanks to Brother Timothy French and Brother Nathan Wilson for setting up this contact with the Foster Children's Association.

Fraternally,

Luis A. Tellez, Senior Steward



Poem of the Month

The Ragged Old Flag — By: Red Skelton

I walked through a county courthouse square.
On a park bench, an old man was sitting there.
I said, Your courthouse looks kind of run-down.
He said, Nah, it'll do for our little town.
I said, Your old flagpole's leaned a little bit,
And that's a ragged old flag you've got hanging on it.
He said, Have a seat, and I sat down.
Is this the first time you've been to our little town?
I said, I believe it is.

He said, I don't like to brag,
But we're kind of proud of that ragged old flag.
You see, we've got a little hole in that flag there
from when Washington took it across the Delaware.
And it got powder burns the night Francis Scott Key
sat watching it, writing, Oh Say Can You See.
And it got a bad rip down in New Orleans
with Packerham and Jackson tugging at its seams.
She almost fell at the Alamo,
Next to the Texas flag, but she waved on, though.
She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville,
and she got cut again at Shiloh Hill.
There were Robert E. Lee, Beauregard, and Bragg,
and the south winds blew hard on that ragged old
flag.

On Flanders Field, in World War I,
She got a big hole from a Bertha gun.
She turned blood-red in World War II.
She's hung limp and low a time or two.
She was in Korea and Viet Nam,
and she went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam.
She waved from our ships on the briny foam,
but they've about quit waving her back here at home.
In her own good land, she's been abused,
she's been burned, dishonored, denied, and refused,
and the government for which she stands
is scandalized throughout the lands.
She's looking threadbare and wearing thin,
But she's in good shape for the shape she's in.
'Cause she's been through the fire before,
and I believe she can take a whole lot more.
So we raise her up every morning and bring her down
every night.
We don't let her touch the ground, and we fold her
up right.....

On second thought, I do like to brag ...
'Cause I'm mighty proud of that Ragged Old Flag.



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Past Masters:

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



Deceased *

Unaffiliated +++

2016 Committee Chairmen:

Finance	Tim French
Masonic Vigilance	John Dibble
Petitions	Tim French
Charity, Wills & Gifts	Master & Wardens
Lodge Rental	Wor. Tom Hoopes
Masonic Education	John Dibble
Mentoring	Wor. Petronio Martins
Youth Activities	Wor. Skip Yonchik

Board of Relief	Master & Wardens
Sickness & Distress	Arvin Meyer
Remembrance	Arvin Meyer
Publicity	Tim French
L.Y.P.M.G.C.	Anthony Edwards
Lodge Property	Wor. Ellis & Wor. Yonchik
Event Scheduling	Juan Lopez-Palmer

Upcoming Events

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Stated Comm. Elections-7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Masonic School of Instruction - 7pm St. Cloud #211	15	16	17 Masters & War- dens - 8AM St. Cloud #211 - Child ID - 1pm- 5:00pm At 1st Alliance Church 3800 Lake Un- derhill Rd, Orlan- do, FL 32803
18	19	20 Stated Comm. 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Upcoming Delectables from the Kitchen:

1st Tuesday Stated Communications —12/6:

Ham Potato Casserole, Bread, Salad, Cake, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

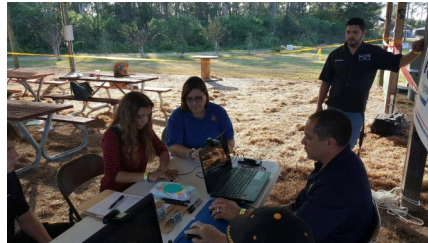
3rd Tuesday Stated Communications and FC Degree —12/20:

Chicken Yakisoba (Teriyaki Cabbage, Carrots, Broccoli, Green Beans on Pasta), TBD Dessert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee



Bits & Pieces

Child ID In Action



Family, Youth and Widows Night Dinner

