

December 2019



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

Masonic Highlights

Welcome to the December 2019 trestle-board! It's finally December but the year is not over yet! Lots of activities are happening this month. See our calendar for all the wonderful events we have going on.

W.: John D. Dibble, Marshal 

Circumscribe:

To serve as a continued reminder - At the 186th Annual Grand Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida, a new online software application named Circumscribe was presented and implemented. Everyone now has access to the new system. It is important for you to log in as soon as possible, review your profile, make changes to your contact information, and upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card which you will receive in the mail.



1. Open your internet browser, and be sure to disable private browsing
2. Navigate to: <https://gfl.circumscribe.net/>
3. On the login screen, enter your temporary username & password:



4. You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password a. your NEW user name should be an email address that you use regularly b. your NEW password must contain 8 characters and 1 number, and you must enter it twice
5. Upon successfully changing your email and password, you will be required to logout, and then log back in with your new username and password. **MAKE SURE TO WRITE THIS DOWN SOMEWHERE.**
6. Once you have successfully logged back in, you will be taken to your Profile Page. Please verify all of your information on this page, and make any appropriate changes. You will also have the option to upload a current picture for your permanent ID card. **NOTE:** You must upload your picture within 30 calendar days of your first successful login, and no more than 60 days past your Lodge on-board date. Do's of uploading your picture:

- As high a resolution as possible (can be picture taken with smartphone/digital camera)
- No hats or sunglasses
- No other individuals in the picture
- No animals in the picture
- Your face should be positioned to take up as much of the photo square as possible

7. You may immediately begin to record your Masonic attendance, and take Master Mason I, II, III exams ONLINE

- **For additional support, please contact the Lodge Secretary.**



South Seminole is electronic. 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 make sure the secretary has your most up-to-date email address and phone number so that he can send you email correspondence on things such as membership updates, newsletters, events, our new trestle-board, and other Lodge communications. We will not be doing any more physical mailings any more except for special cases.

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.



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A Few Words from...



The East

Brothers,

I would like to thank each and every brother of the lodge for making this yet another wonderful year. With health many brothers and children all across our community and we have added to our charitable efforts just like in every year past. I'm happy we were able to keep all of those goals, add new ones, and in general be able to keep our obligations. This was all made easier by working with a group of dedicated Brothers that I truly respect. Thank you very much

Fraternally,

W.: M.: Timothy D. French



The West

Hello Brothers,

This year has gone by so fast. I have enjoyed serving as your Senior Warden and look forward to 2020 as your Worshipful Master. We have grown as a lodge this year thanks to our Worshipful Master Timothy French with our Membership Development. He has tirelessly vetted each profile of every inquiry on our Facebook add and has conversed with so many people to ensure that the brothers coming in are a proper fit with not only our lodge, but with Masonry. I would like to give a heart felt thanks to him for taking on this daunting task. We had an outstanding year with our Child Id Program. Brother Murray Martin took over as the Chairman of the program and has done a terrific job completing 203 Id's with our brothers and me. The lodge has taken on a new look from the dining room being updated, to the new layout of the commons area with the addition of the Missing Solider Table. Which was put together and donated by the Brothers from Hiram's Daylight Lodge. I have seen tables like this done before at other lodges and find it to be such a great and respectable way to honor our military service members. I love the table and hope our brothers have a chance to see the elegant way Hiram's put the table together. My hope and wish is to have more of my brothers show up and enjoy our time together and get to know these great brothers that have come into our craft. Great job this year, lets keep the ball rolling.

Fraternally,

Luis A. Tellez, Senior Warden



The South

Holiday Greetings from the South my Brothers!

Here we are rounding third and are on are way home!! Congratulations to our Worshipful Master Elect Luis Tellez and his Officer elects and appointed officers for 2020!

Congratulations and Welcome to all the new Brothers, Brothers that have returned proficiencies and Entered Apprentices ready for their passing to the Fellow Craft Degree. Our next FC Degree will take place on Tuesday 12/17 at 7pm. We will serve fried chicken at 6:25.

In keeping with the Charity tradition of South Seminole Lodge, we have been invited and requested to a downtown Soccer game on Saturday afternoon of the 21st. We will get an additional bonus for this game. We want Thank to all who have been a part of our team achieving a Great year of Charity support for many children and Teachers, including Foster children events bringing the end of the year to a close. You made this year a success in giving!

Our next event will be Masters and Wardens meeting on the morning of Saturday the 21st which South Seminole is Hosting, We will be making and serving breakfast for the visiting Brothers of the Proud 16th Masonic District. We will need assistance in making this come together from the Brothers of our Lodge.

The next and last event will begin the 2020 year with Officer installations on the 4th of January. We will be preparing and serving breakfast with the ceremony following.

Congratulations and Great Job to South Seminole Lodge completing 2019!!! I will Looking Forward to serving from the West!!!

Fraternally,

Robert E. Dibble, Junior Warden

"In order to deserve, we must pay our dues and steadily work for perfection. We must relish in struggle and relinquish pride. We must dispel fear and seek enlightenment. We must shun division and honor love. We must know our hearts and seek to understand others. We must try, live, create. feel, grow and love.

-Bryant McGill, Stanford Lectures on Poetry, 1990



A Few Words From... Cont'd.

My Brothers,

 *The Secretary*

Dues notices for 2020 were mailed to you at the end of August. Before we get into the busy holiday season please take a minute to complete this important obligation. Please don't wait until the last minute in December and risk being delinquent. Also, if you are a Perpetual, especially if you locked in when our dues rate was low, please consider adding an extra donation to your return check. Lodge operating costs have grown significantly since you became perpetual due to inflation in energy, insurance, and the increases in our community and Masonic activities. The return on a Perpetual purchased only a few years back would barely buy a cup of coffee a week in today's dollars. Also the \$7.30 for the Masonic Home is technically "voluntary" to you, but Grand Lodge expects your Lodge to pay it for every member. So, if you decide to skip that portion, your Brothers will have to make up that difference out of operating funds.

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, please come see what you are missing. We have a beautiful building, great dinners, and wonderful fellowship. We need your wisdom and welcome your company. IF you can't drive at night, consider attending Hiram's Daylight Lodge, they meet at South Seminole.

Fraternally:

W.: Skip Yonchik, P.M. Secretary

For The Children

Charity

Brothers, family & Friends,

We are finally seeing the end of the 2019 fundraising season. This year we raised a record amount for charity thanks to the hard work of a small handful of Brothers, Sisters, and friends. These monies will now help support the holiday activities to feed the needy, help more local teachers, and provide support to area foster children. We do a lot, but again this year are leaving money on the table. With a few more volunteers in 2020 we could do so much more. IF you can't physically help at UCF and Soccer, consider being a shuttle driver to help us save on parking costs. If you can't do that, consider becoming a Mentor or Catechism instructor for new Brothers to free up others to work fundraisers. There are many ways to contribute to our Charity program at any age or level of fitness. Happy Holidays and Good Bless.

Thank You!

W.: Skip Yonchik, P.M. Secretary



Skip and the members of the South Seminole Masonic Lodge #364,

Thank you for supporting Seminole County classrooms through DonorsChoose for another school year! Your support over the years has been so amazing that we wanted to reach out and personally thank you. Because of your generosity this school year, we're now one step closer to a nation where every student has the tools and experiences they need for a great education. With your help, we can make this mission a reality.

You seem to have a good handle on finding and supporting projects on the site, but if you ever have any questions or feedback, I'm all ears! And, if you're ever in New York City, I'd love to invite you to visit our headquarters and thank you in person.

Warmly,

Susan and the Donor Relationships Team at DonorsChoose-

Susan Yassky

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Child ID, OS&L

Brethren,

There are no Child ID updates at this time. Please check back on the next Trestle Board.

Sincerely,

Murray Martin, Junior Deacon



From the Chaplain:



Brethren,

Brothers - as we draw to a close for 2019 we can look back with pride on our accomplishments as a lodge. We are helping 9 schools in our community to make ends meet and keep our kids prepared to meet the world.

They have meals, clothes and school supplies that they would not have had without our help.

We don't do this for a pat on the back, many don't even know it was us. We see a need and we try to help. That's what Masons do. It never seems to end, but we make a bigger dent all the time. For this we can be proud.

Give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for the chance to do His work. And as you go through your daily routine stay alert for additional areas where a hand up or a kind word might make a difference. You never know how far those ripples will spread.

Merry Christmas, Brothers!

Fraternally,

Tom Erskine, Chaplain



Up & Coming

Officer Elections

Officer Elections were held during the first stated communications of December on the 3rd and appointed positions were announced by the Worshipful Master Elect. Installation of Officers will be held at South Seminole Lodge on January 4, 2020 from 9:00am - 11:00am with Breakfast to be served from 8:00am - 9:00am. The 2020 Officer lineup is as follows:

- Worshipful Master Elect - Bro. Luis Tellez
- Senior Warden Elect - Bro. Robert (Ed) Dibble
- Junior Warden Elect - Bro. Nathan Wilson
- Treasurer Elect - W.: Skip Yonchik
- Secretary Elect - W.:M.: Tim French
- Chaplain - Bro. Tom Erskine
- Senior Deacon - Bro. Murray Martin
- Junior Deacon - Bro. Stephen Shields
- Senior Steward - Bro. Nick Conner
- Junior Steward - Bro. Chris Johns
- Marshal - W.: John Dibble
- Tyler - Bro. Giovanni David



"You know, the new line of officers isn't half bad."
"Nope, they're ALL bad!"

Masons Under Instruction.

Entered Apprentice with Luis Tellez:

John Shiver
Charles Entress
Travis Mulligan
Josant Pichardo

Entered Apprentice with Jeff Battaglia:

Kenneth Spalthoff
Bryan Brescia
Hector Gonzalez III

Entered Apprentice with Joseph Morse:

Jonathan Rincon
Stephen Towery

Master Mason with W.:M.: Jeff Battaglia:

Gary Campbell
Bryan Mason
Noah Hinson

Masonic Anniversaries for December.

Raymond Alfred Ralph - 19 Years
Scott Douglas Bishop - 21 Years
Perry Lee Thomas - 22 Years
Jacob Livingston Pou Jr - 22 Years
Oscar Augusto Ruiz - 26 Years
John Richard O'Brien - 34 Years

Larry Ross Hickman - 35 Years
James Harvey Dunty III - 35 Years
Bobby Ray Jarrell - 36 Years
Robert Lee Thompson - 38 Years
Samuel Edward Culver - 55 Years

Birthdays for December.

12/4 - Petronio Texeixeira Martins
12/4 - James Harvey Dunty III
12/6 - Roy Nigel Campbell
12/11 - Valentine Sellati Jr

12/12 - Bobby Ray Jarrell
12/19 - Terry William Mau
12/26 - Thomas Sidney Kaffenberger

South Seminole Masons

2019 Officers:

Worshipful Master – W.:M.: Tim French
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Treasurer – W.: Gary Bouton
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Secretary – W.: Skip Yonchik
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Marshal – W.: John Dibble
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Junior Deacon – Murray Martin
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Senior Steward – Stephen Shields
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Junior Steward – Giovanny David
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Tyler – Nick Conner
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Past Masters:

Curtis F. Blow *	U.D & 1968	Edwin C. Henderson	1996
Verbun A. Jones *	1969	Paul W. Freeman, Sr.	1997
Frank Bingham *	1970	Kenneth N. Holladay *	1998
Louis Kirby *	1971	Marty Nash APM *	1998
Francis P. Oddo *	1972	Donald Maurizio *	1999
Troy Tatum *	1973	Joseph Cordeiro	2000
William P. Byles *	1974	Randy L. Vess	2001
Carl E. Strom *	1975	B. Franklin Ellis	2002
J.C. Valentine *	1976	E. Neal Tish	2003
Rodger T. Peterson, Sr *	1977	Samuel A. Tish	2004
William B. Ritter *	1978	Douglas B. Guthrie	2005
Phillip G. Marriott *	1979	John J. Walsh *	2006
Max R. Jones	1980	William D. Dieringer	2007
Samuel M. Lewis * DDGM,		Robert T. Billoni *	2008
Past Grand Master	1981	Herman (Skip) Yonchik	2009/10
Thomas E. Embree DDGM	1982	Thomas Hoopes	2011
Ottis R. Erickson DDGM *	1983	Greg Rushing	2012
William R. Ellis	1984	Jose Ayala	2013
William E. Johnson *	1985	Petronio Martins	2014
Carl E. Lloyd *	1986	Christopher Wall	2015
John F. Schroth, Sr.	1987	Gary Bouton	2016
Edward K. Herr *	1988	Tim French	2017
James D. Dickenson DDGM	1989	John Dibble	2018
John W. Bornman	1990		
Jay W. Leffert*	1991		
Billy M. Mew	1992		
Roger C. Reynell	1993		
John A. Melanson *	1994		
Thomas D. Roberts	1995		

Deceased *

Affiliated Past Masters

Ellis Hormats, New York *	1969
Don Grable, Spain	1969/70
Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin	1983
Jeff Battaglia, Orlando	2017

2019 Committee Chairmen:

Finance	Bro. Luis Tellez
Masonic Vigilance	Bro. Robert E. Dibble
Petitions	Wor.: Skip Yonchik
Masonic Education	Bro. Luis Tellez
Board of Relief	W.:M.: Tim French
Charity, Wills & Gifts	W.:M.: Tim French
Lodge Property	Wor.: Skip Yonchik
Corporate Relations	W.:M.: Tim French

Mentoring	W.:M.: Tim French
Youth Activities	Wor.: Skip Yonchik
Public Relations and Publicity	W.:M.: Tim French
Building Rental	Wor.: Tom Hoopes
Child-ID	Bro. Murray Martin
L.Y.P.M.G.C.	Wor.: Gary Bouton
By-Laws	Wor.: Tim French

Perpetual Members:

Joseph Cordeiro
Charles Raymond Crouch
Ralph Cruz
James David Dickenson
Charles Thomas Dunty
James Harvey Dunty III
Benjamin Franklin Ellis
Thomas Earl Embree
Michael Parke Fisher
Paul Warren Freeman Jr
Paul Warren Freeman Sr

Jeffery Karl Gerlitz
Jeffrey Wayne Gerlitz
Drake Arnold Grable
Donald Wayne Grable
Douglas Brent Guthrie
Theodore Elsworth Hammond Jr
David Robert Harden
Robert John Havlicek
Edwin Calvin Henderson
John William Holian Jr
Kenneth Charles Jordan

Samuel Marigny Lewis Jr
PGM Pierre Mascia
Billie Marvin Mew
Jerry Scott Morey
Ray Earl Norman
Sprague Owings
Truman Parker
Cleveland Paul Perdue
Raymond Alfred Ralph
Roger Charles Richards
Anthony W Rossi

David Bruce Roy
Gregory Kent Rushing
John Anthony Russell
William Junior St John
Richard James Swanner
Billie James Thornton
Douglas Sherman Tomlinson
Joseph Raymond Valdes
Christopher Michael Wall
Chad Jason Oehmke

Upcoming Events

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	3 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	4	5	6	7
8 Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting - 4:00pm	9	10	11 SSL Foster Kids Christmas Party - 6:00pm	12	13 SSL DeMolay Parking Event/ Advisory - 4:30pm	14 Off-Site - Foster Kids Christmas Party - 5:30pm
15	16 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	17 SSL Stated Comm. - DARK FC Degree - 7:00pm with a 6:30 Snacks	18	19	20	21 Master's & Wardens - SSL 8:00am Orlando City Soccer - DT Arena - Time 2:00p
22 Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting - 4:00pm	23	24	25 Christmas 	26	27	28 Open Books - Winter Park #239 8:00am
29	30	31 New Years Eve				

Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen.

1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 12/3:

Pulled Pork, Dinner Rolls, Salad, Desert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Soft Drinks, Water

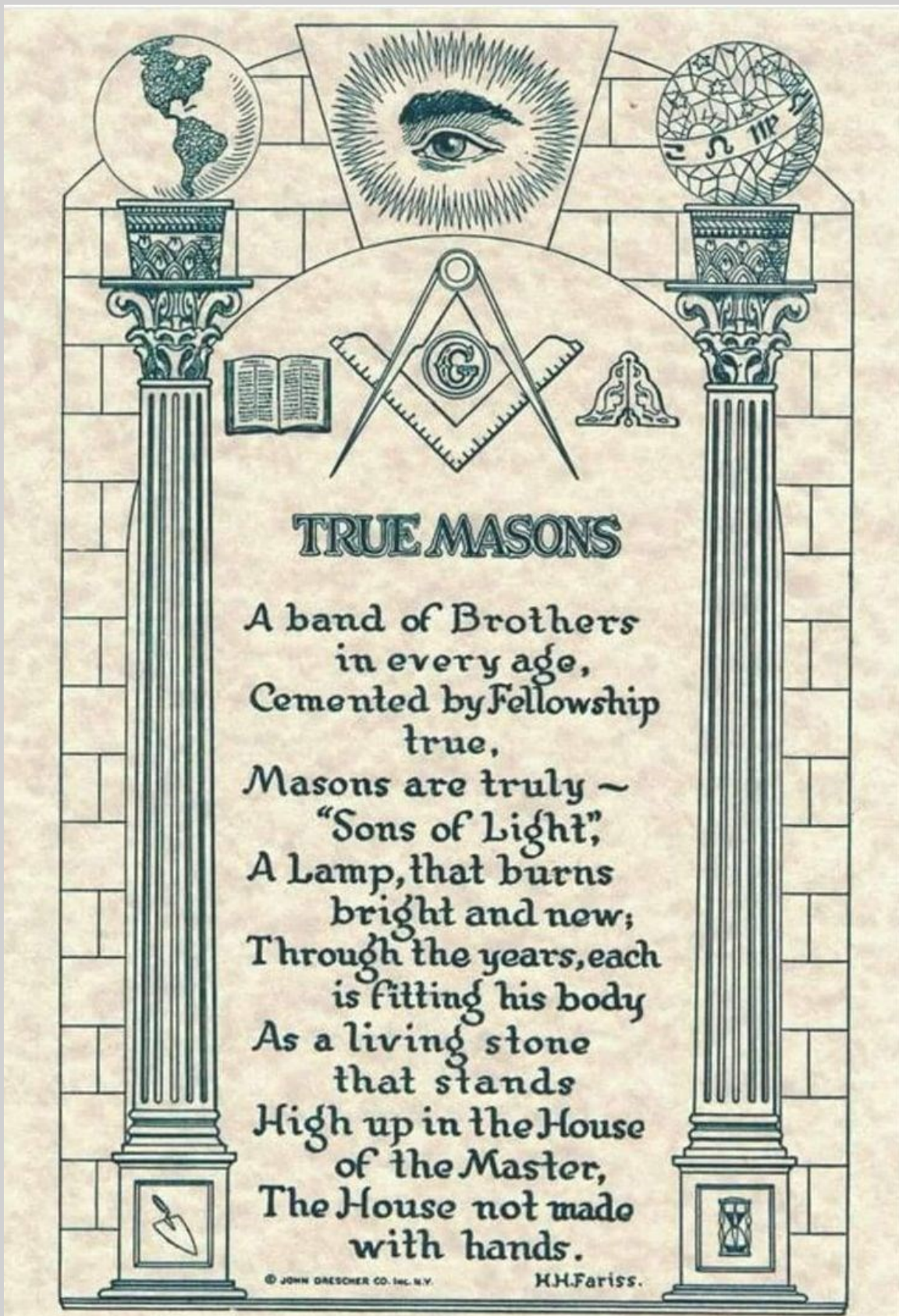


3rd Tuesday - Fellowcraft Degree - 12/17:

Fried Chicken, Mac-n-Cheese, Chips, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Sodas, Water

Poem of the Month

True Masons - By: H. H. Fariss



Bits & Pieces

November EA Degree

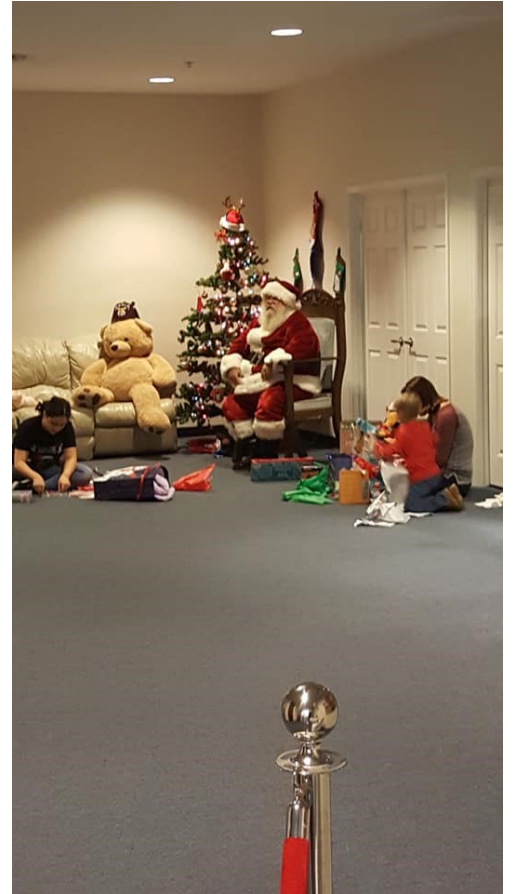


Congrats to Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden Elect!!



Bits & Pieces

SSL Foster Kids Christmas Party

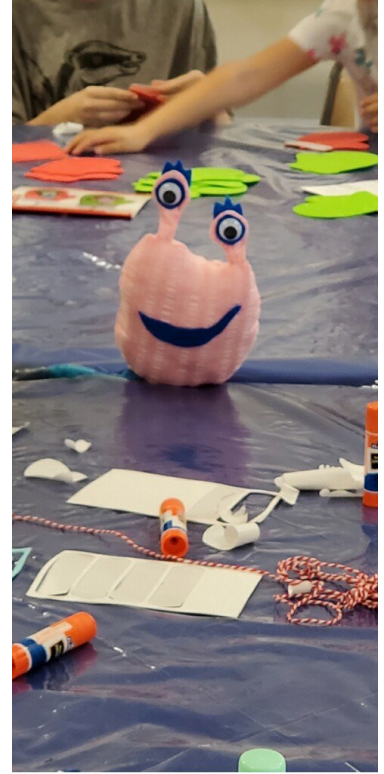


Weary Santa

Bits & Pieces



Rainbow Arts & Crafts



Rainbow Christmas Party



Bits & Pieces



Foster Kids
Association Christmas
Party
Food Prep
And
Service



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

Please send them to us and they will be posted in the next Trestle-board!!