

November 2017



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 November 2017 trestle board! Greetings from South Seminole Lodge. We're coming up on the end of the year fast and we're busier than ever! With upcoming elections, charity event's, family events and the like, we have lots to do to prepare for the upcoming year. Hang in there as we do our best to make this the best lodge it can be for all of you moving forward.

DDGM Visit Coming up:

The DDGM visit has officially been rescheduled for December 5th. Please mark this on your calendars and set a plan to be at the Lodge for this meeting as we welcome our DDGM. We plan to have a wonderful meal before the meeting. All Brothers and their families are welcome to join us!

Circumscribe:



A CONTINUED REMINDER—The new Circumscribe Web application has been improved upon since go-live last year. The Lodge membership data migration is now complete, and you should all now have access to the new system. The Grand lodge wants everyone to become part of this new membership initiative quickly. 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.

To log in to Circumscribe, simply follow these instructions:

1. Open your internet browser. NOTE: Be sure to enable cookies, and disable private browsing.
2. Navigate to: <https://gfl.circumscribe.net>
3. Enter your initial Username: "FL" + "Your Grand Lodge Number" + "@changeyouremail.info" (example: FL1234567@changeyouremail.info) - NOTE: your Grand Lodge Number is printed on the top/middle of your current dues card.
4. Enter your temporary Password: "FL" + "Your Grand Lodge Number" (example: FL1234567@changeyouremail.info).
5. You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password - Your NEW username can be any email address you frequently use, or have regular access to and your NEW password must contain 8 characters and 1 number, you must enter this password twice.
6. Upon successfully entering both, you will be required to logout, and then back in with the new credentials.
7. Once you have successfully logged back in, navigate to your Masonic profile by selecting 'Profile' from the menu items on the left side of the screen. Review your profile and make any appropriate changes to your contact information, and upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card. - When uploading your picture, use as high a resolution as possible, and your face should be positioned to take up as much of the photo square as possible. You should avoid hats, sunglasses, other individuals or animals in the picture.
8. Select 'Save Profile' to complete the process.

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. 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.



A few Words from...



The East:

Brothers,



Are we running out the hardest working brothers in our own lodges? It seems that we all see the trend every year. As a new brother starts coming to lodge an older brother stops showing up. Sometimes it's just a little less, gradually the space in-between visits grow longer, until we realize that we haven't seen Bro. Hiram in quite some time. This theme is replayed in every lodge, over and over, and it is with disastrous effects when it is the past masters who drift away. We as a lodge get together and nominate to office, the brothers who we believe are going to work the hardest for us. The type of people that garner respect, the ones who get people motivated! Then somewhere between Junior Steward and Worshipful Master; we either work them too hard or expect too much in a fleeting time. Maybe some think they should have been miracle workers, therefore they are down on themselves. Only one thing is certain, the lodge thought so much of you that they agreed to follow you. This beehive cannot operate with only one queen. No single person is so well rounded that he can take on all of our projects alone. The building you had embarked on isn't finished. Lastly, I only have one more thing to say.



Fraternally,

W. M. Timothy French



Brothers,

I'd like to thank all of the brothers that stepped up and made our Lodge Family Fun Day event in October a success. I have a feeling it will not be our last. It was great seeing the families come together for fellowship; especially the kids with the bounce house and other activities which were set up for them. I'm still thinking about that barbeque which was served! Be sure to check out some of the pictures on the Bits & Pieces page at the bottom of this communication.



So What's next? We are once again approaching the end of the year. This means that there is a lot of planning for the upcoming year to become a success. We have upcoming elections, several more charity events, toy drive, and the Christmas party for underprivileged children. And all of this leads up to our installation of new offices in January 2018. My point

here is that we still have a lot to do in the upcoming months. Also, don't forget that the month of November symbolizes thanks and the best way to celebrate it is by fellowship with friends and family and by giving a little back. Please feel free to bring your families to the events and to the Stated Communications dinners. Let's work together and end the year well!

Fraternally yours,

John Dibble, Senior Warden



Brethren,



Hello, my Brothers, on October 7th, we had a Child Id event at Eola Lodge #207. We completed ten Child Id's at #207. I appreciate Brother SW Sam Glover for allowing us to come and participate at their cookout event. Thank you to Brothers, Arvin

Meyer, Joseph Morse, Tom Erskine, and my wife Kellie Tellez in assisting me in that event. Then on the 21st of October at our Lodge for the Fun Day event, I did another three Child Id's. Finally, on October 28th, we were at O2B Kids Pre-school doing another event at their Spooktacular Event from 5PM to 9PM. With the assistance of Brothers Arvin Meyer, Joseph Morse, Tom Erskine, and Ms. Ashley French we did 37 Child Id's. A special thanks to Ashley for assisting us, she has a busy schedule and took time away from her studies to ensure that we had that extra person and was a tremendous help.

October was a good month, we had three Child Id Events and completed 50 Id's combined. This year has been stellar with a grand total of 239 Id's. Thank you everyone that has supported this program that is near and dear to my heart. I have talked to Brother SW Sam Glover to assist in setting up a Child Id program out of Eola Lodge #207 for next year. I have discussed with Brother SW Patrick Uppole from Pine Castle Lodge #368 the possibility in forming a Child Id program at their Lodge as well. I hope that more Lodges can get involved in such a great program. Thank you again my Brothers for allowing me the honor to run this program for you.

Fraternally,

Luis A. Tellez, Senior Deacon

Additional Words From...



The Secretary:

Brothers,

My brothers, as we speak dues renewal notices are being mailed out. Dues for 2018 remain constant, but it goes without saying that any brother that has difficulty paying can contact any officer of the lodge for relief. We do not want to see any of our brothers leaving for non-payment of dues.

Our elections for the 2018 officers will be on December 5th, which also coincides with our DDGM visit which was postponed because of hurricane Irma. Nominations for elected office should reach the Secretary by November 1st. Any nominations put forward after that date will not be accepted.

Attendance at lodge has not been consistent, we miss you! We have a core group of brothers tackling all challenges before them, but we need more help. There have been many changes at your lodge which if you haven't attended recently have had a positive impact not only on the lodge but are other bodies as well. Did you know that when we have family and friends visit us for dinner we open the lodge in the public forum. Friends and family can then hear about all the fantastic initiatives your lodge is conducting. These include our youth initiatives with DeMolay and the Boy Scouts, the foster care program to name a few. These initiatives are funded in no small part by our efforts at UCF football games where we provide the labor for several booths to earn money for our charities. Wor. Skip Yonchik heads up this effort and is in desperate need for additional brothers to help. If you are able please, please assist us, as this is our primary source of funds to support our charitable and youth initiatives.

Fraternally Yours,

Anthony Edwards, Lodge Secretary



The Chaplain:

My Brothers,

Our thoughts and prayers go out to several of our Brothers:

- Bruce Carter who's wife, Carol is recovering from surgery and doing well.
- Past Master Joe Ayala who is suffering from Multiple Sclerosis.

May the hand of the Lord touch them and give them comfort.

Arvin Meyer 32°, Chaplin



The Tyler:

My Brothers,

We had an outstanding Family Fun Day on October 21. We had some great food and fellowship. There were several games, a bounce house with slide for the kids and some brave adults, as well as a foosball table that South Seminole is now the proud owner of. We plan on having more of these events in the near by future. So if you missed this one, there will be more fun coming soon. I would like to thank Brothers Nathan Wilson, Steve Shields, and James Reed for helping set up. Also a thanks to Brother Luis Tellez for setting up the Child ID as well.

Fraternally,

Murray Martin, Tyler

Noteworthy Communications

Upcoming Officer Election Procedures

FINAL REMINDER—As mentioned last year, during the 2017 Grand Communication as to the nomination of officers that apply to the coming year. It is **REQUIRED** that all candidates, including sitting officers seeking advancement, be nominated PRIOR to the First Stated Communication in December 2017. ANY Brother can be nominated, or self-nominate, for ANY elected chair. Being in the line is NOT a guarantee of automatic advancement, nor should you feel the need to advance if you are not ready or circumstances do not allow you to commit to it. If you wish to run for ANY office, get in touch with our Secretary during the month of October. Failure to do so could force a seat to go unfilled and require a special election later.



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

Contact Information.

To serve as a continued reminder: 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 in the Officers section of this trestle board or on the South Seminole Website at www.southseminole364.com.

Community Outreach & Charity



From The Treasurer - For the Children.

Brothers,

The Lodge continues to have successful fundraising event via concessions at UCF Football. These funds are vital to South Seminole maintaining its leadership position in Charity for our District.

Did you know that South Seminole, YOUR LODGE, contributes more to our community needs than most of the other Lodges combined?! BUT, we are in danger of losing the UCF cash due to a lack of Masonic volunteers to staff the events. WE NEED YOU to get involved and help. We have already had to turn down events at Orlando Soccer, and the CFE Arena due to lack of workers. This cost the Charity fund several thousand dollars... money that would have fed a lot of hungry kids and supported needy families in our area. Our next events are, Nov 11, Nov 24. Check the Facebook page or call an officer for details, but PLEASE GET INVOLVED. This is what we all promised in our obligations.

Fraternally,

Wor. David Yonchik, Treasurer



Up & Coming

Masons Under Instruction:

EA Bruce Carter:

Nick Carter
James Johnson

EA with W. Gary Bouton:

Raymond Santiago
Richard Sawyer

Master Mason with Bruce Carter:

Douglas Matern
Jason Schneider

Masonic Anniversaries for September and October:

Billie James Thornton - 51 Years

John William Holian Jr - 51 Years

Cleveland Paul Perdue - 44 Years

Doron Bronshtein - 31 Years

David Robert Harden - 27 Years

Jeffrey Curtis Pierson - 27 Years

Timothy Bruce Ellis - 18 Years

Britt Townsend Austen - 11 Years

Anthony W Rossi - 11 Years

Anthony R J M Huster - 11 Years

Brian Paul Huttner - 2 Years

Daniel Joel Taylor - 2 Years

Steven Michael Smith - 2 Years



Masonic Birthdays for November:

11/11 - Jeffery Karl Gerlitz

11/11 - Aaron M Peck

11/12 - Gregory Kent Rushing

11/13 - Arvin Jay Meyer

11/13 - Andrew Francis Dever

11/14 - Rodney Earl Cavin

11/14 - Steven Michael Smith

11/15 - Christopher Rivera

11/15 - Dylan Alexander Saile

11/19 - Jeffrey Scott Herron

11/20 - James Hollis Strawser

11/23 - Luis Alfredo Tellez

11/23 - Douglas Sherman Tomlinson

11/29 - Pierre Mascia

Poem of the Month

THE TRESLEBOARD By: Donald Weisse Sr.

The chies are softly striking
Twelve high is the hour they tell
When we call the Craft from their labors
A time to meditate well.

Look into your sanctum sanctorum
That place there beyond your mind
Where on the trestleboard of your soul
Your life has made its design.

Is it really a beautiful picture?
Are its lines and angles all true?
Does it show the life you are living?
Are you proud of the picture you drew?

If you had the chance, would you change it?
By the better deeds to be done,
Through applying the lessons taught you
By the square, the compass, and plumb?

This road we travel, my brother,
Is one way, to the east from the west.
Therefore, the designs on your trestleboard
Should never be less than your best.

So when the Supreme Architect greets you
Your trestleboard in his hand,
You can stand there just and upright
As a Mason and as a man.



South Seminole Masons

2017 Officers:

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Junior Steward – Nathan Wilson

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Tyler – Murray Martin

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Past Masters:

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| 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 | Gary Bouton | 2016 |
| John F. Schroth, Sr. | 1987 | | |
| Edward K. Herr * | 1988 | | |
| James D. Dickenson DDGM | 1989 | | |
| 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 | | |

Affiliated Past Masters

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| Ellis Hormats, New York * | 1969 |
| Don Grable, Spain | 1969/70 |
| Victor Rivera | 1982 |
| Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin | 1983 |



Deceased *

2017 Committee Chairmen:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Finance | John Dibble | Board of Relief | Master & Wardens |
| Masonic Vigilance | Chad Oehmke | Sickness & Distress | Arvin Meyer |
| Petitions | John Dibble | Remembrance | Arvin Meyer |
| Charity, Wills & Gifts | Master & Wardens | Publicity | Dan Taylor |
| Lodge Rental | Wor. Tom Hoopes | L.Y.P.M.G.C. | Anthony Edwards |
| Masonic Education | John Dibble | Lodge Property | Wor. Ellis & Wor. Yonchik |
| Mentoring | Wor. Petronio Martins | Event Scheduling | Juan Lopez-Palmer |
| Youth Activities | Wor. Skip Yonchik | | |

Upcoming Events

November 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm | 4 Masters & Wardens - 8:00am Breakfast |
| 5 Rainbow Hope Assembly Chapter Meeting - 4:30pm | 6 | 7 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Dinner | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 UCF Football Game - Call Time 4:00pm |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm | 18 |
| 19 Rainbow Hope Assembly Chapter Meeting - 4:30pm | 20 | 21 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Dinner | 22 District School of Instruction at Oviedo Lodge - 6:30pm | 23 | 24 UCF Football Game - Call Time 4:00pm | 25 Open Books at WP Lodge - 8:30am |
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Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen:

1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 11/7:

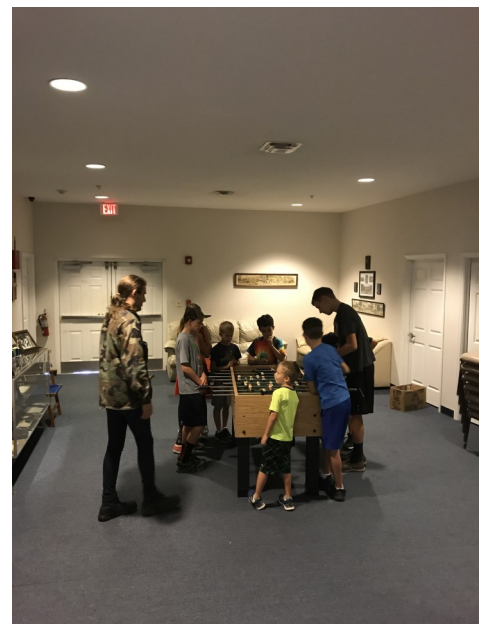
Chicken & Rice, Salad, Dessert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 11/21:

Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Bits & Pieces

Family Fun Day Event



Hirams has the Traveling Cup. Congrats!!



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

Please send them to us and they will be posted in the next