

September 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**

# A Few Words From...



The East

Brothers,

We've done some amazing things so far this year and there are only a few months remaining until the dawn of a new year. The good news is, that we have only a couple of hard days the rest of the year should be relatively smooth. We need to come together and make it through the few hard days so that South Seminole Masonic Lodge 364 can once again end on a super high note! Let us not forget how fun it is going to be to throw the parties for the foster children this Christmas season. Let us not forget the hungry children we feed. The list goes on and on much too long for a Trestle board part. From children to teachers we are definitely making our communities much better, building much better men out of our members, then we should all be very proud of our accomplishments. I know I am extremely proud of each and every one of you.

Fraternally:

**W.: M.: Timothy D. French**



The West

Hello Brothers,

As we grow this great fraternity, our lodge, so comes the growing pains of having enough brothers to help usher our young brothers on their new journey. We can use mentors that have a solid understanding about Masonry and wish to guide our young brothers. We would like to have more participation in performing the Degrees. I enjoy being in the Degrees and will be in the next two that are up and coming. We have an Entered Apprentice Degree on the 19th of September and a Master Mason Degree on the 24th of September where I will be sitting as the Senior Deacon in both degrees. Lastly, there is a demand for Catechism Instructors to help lightened the load on others. If interested, please contact Worshipful Master Tim French or I immediately so we can get you set up. Brother Bruce Carter would take multiple classes and with him still out, anyone that has the time to take a class, it would be greatly appreciated. On the same note about Brother Carter, he has completed his Chemotherapy and now is focusing on building his strength back up. Bruce was my Catechism Instructor, but more than that, when we really didn't have the Mentor Program, Bruce was my guidance counselor, my mentor, the one I would confide in, MY ROCK. He has a special place in my heart that can never be touched and that is special. I hope that we all have someone in Masonry that has a Bruce Carter in their lives, because we all need that. Not only in Masonry, but for our lives. I wish Bruce and Carol the best and our continued support.

Fraternally,

**Luis A. Tellez, Senior Warden**



The South

Salutations from the South to all my Brothers!

Great Salutations at High Twelve from the South my Brothers!

Fall is around the corner and Hurricane Dorian is knocking at our door. We will manage through this and continue to help those in need.

In keeping with the Charity tradition of South Seminole Lodge, we are almost completed with our soccer events and 5 football games remaining for the year. Thank You to all who have been a part of our team and to all those that will be a part of the completion of these successful charity events this year!

A special Thanks to all who took part in our Family Night event last month. We had over one-hundred fifteen people in attendance which included Brothers and their families. There were a few that we haven't seen in a while and I got to meet a few new possible candidates to our Lodge. More of these events will be in line; a fun time was had by all.

Get ready! We have a couple Entered Apprentice Degrees, followed by Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees. I'm looking forward to seeing our Brothers filling the seats and being a part of welcoming and joining in at the start of new Masonic journeys!

**Robert E. Dibble, Junior Warden**

*"The journey in between what you once were and who you are now becoming is where the dance of life really takes place."*

-Barbara De Ange

# A few Words from... Cont'd.

My Brothers,



As we begin to prepare our 2020 dues notices, we still have about 15 Brothers that haven't paid for 2019. This will be a huge NPD list and loss for the Lodge. Are you one of them? Are you done being a Mason?? Help is available for those in need, but YOU must ask for it. Contact the Wor. Master before it is too late.

Fraternally:

**W.: Skip Yonchik, P.M. Secretary**

## For The Children

### Charity

We have enjoyed a slow start demand for our school food pantry operations due to many PTAs stepping up fundraising over the summer. That has allowed us to grow our reserves in advance of the coming increased needs for the holiday season. It is more important than ever to take advantage of any opportunities to grow the war-chest. That said, we have had a very tough start to the UCF football season. Without more manpower and Craft support, the program will die. Only twelve volunteers showed up for the game... against a minimum need of 16-18 per event. Those that did show killed themselves to generate about \$1500 in Charity revenue. We will also probably lose our position at UCF and at Soccer for future games and seasons. EVERY booth at UCF has a non-profit working it...and there is a WAITING LIST of groups hoping for a way in. Does South Seminole want to retain our leadership in Charity work or fall back into the pack of Lodges that do very little for their communities? There is Soccer on Sept 7 and a dual Soccer and UCF day on Sept 14. DECIDE NOW.... does South Seminole Charity LIVE OR DIE???

**W.: Skip Yonchik, P.M. Secretary**



The following letter is a response from a teacher we helped through Donors Choose:

Dear South Seminole Masonic Lodge #364,

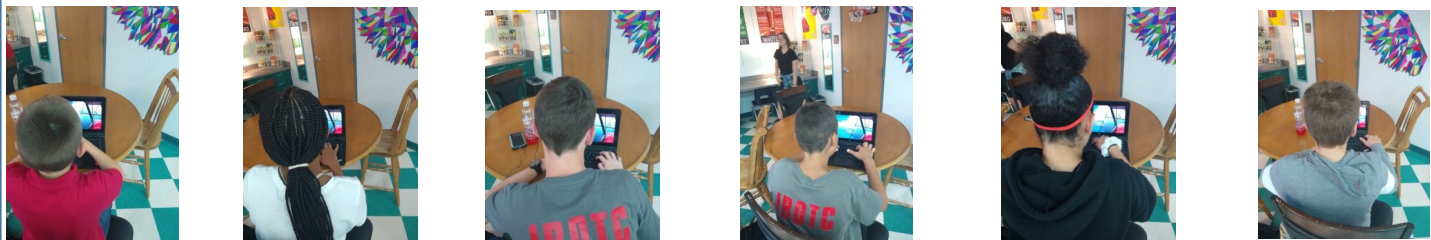
Thank you so much for your generous donations. Now that I have the additional laptops, many of my smaller classes have one-to-one laptops. This has allowed me to assign hyperdocs and to assign assignments online. This has made my stations much more enriched. Instead of printouts, the kids have a digital presentation. It has been a complete 180 degree change. Several students have shown increased interest in my assignments as evidence by their increased engagement. They were so surprised that I had 2 additional laptops. They were astonished by how I acquired them.

Thank you all so much. This is amazing! My students will really benefit from your wonderful generosity! I couldn't have done this without you! I can't wait to start the new school year with all of the new laptops! Thanks again from the bottom of my heart and have a great summer!

With gratitude,

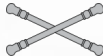
Ms. Noll

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# Masonic Highlights

**Welcome to the September 2019 trestle-board!** Things are progressing nicely this year and it has all been due to the assistance of our brothers! If you haven't already, please join us in one or more of our many events. See the calendar below.

**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://gflf.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.



**DOWNLOAD A  
SMARTPHONE  
QR READER APP  
TODAY!**

*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**



## *Up & Coming*

### *Masons Under Instruction:*

**Entered Apprentice with Jeff Battaglia:**

Kenneth Spalthoff  
Bryan Brescia  
Hector Gonzalez III

**Entered Apprentice with Joseph Morse:**

Jonathan Rincon  
Stephen Towery

**Fellow Craft with W.:M.:**

**Jeff Battaglia:**  
Gary Campbell  
Bryan Mason  
Noah Henson

**Master Mason with Luis Tellez:**

Dwayne Hayes  
Josh Singer  
Frank Hutto

### *Masonic Anniversaries for September:*

Carlos Gomez Sr - 13 Years  
Gregory Kent Rushing - 13 Years  
Valentine Sellati Jr - 19 Years  
Joseph Cordeiro - 25 Years  
Robert John Havlicek - 27 Years

Ronald Eugene Ferguson - 34 Years  
Jose Gabriel Ayala - 35 Years  
Gary Wayne Boyce - 38 Years  
William Junior St John - 41 Years

### *Birthdays for September:*

9/3 - Joseph Raymond Valdes  
9/3 - William Taylor Litton  
9/5 - Robert Lee Thompson  
9/8 - Paul Russell Blanton  
9/9 - Jody Ray Addington  
9/9 - Charles Curtis Friel

9/11 - Robert Earl Milstid  
9/17 - Kenneth Charles Jordan  
9/18 - Theodore Elsworth Hammond Jr  
9/21 - William Earl Townsend Jr  
9/22 - Donald Wayne Grable  
9/25 - Billie Marvin Mew

# South Seminole Masons

## 2019 Officers:

**Worshipful Master** – W.:M.: Tim French  
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## Past Masters:

Past Masters:		Deceased *	
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	<b>Affiliated Past Masters</b>	
Billy M. Mew	1992	Ellis Hormats, New York *	1969
Roger C. Reynell	1993	Don Grable, Spain	1969/70
John A. Melanson *	1994	Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin	1983
Thomas D. Roberts	1995	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. Luis Tellez
L.Y.P.M.G.C.	Wor.: Gary Bouton
By-Laws	Wor.: Tim French

## Perpetual Members:

Joseph Cordeiro	Jeffery Karl Gerlitz	Samuel Marigny Lewis Jr	David Bruce Roy
Charles Raymond Crouch	Jeffrey Wayne Gerlitz	PGM Pierre Mascia	Gregory Kent Rushing
Ralph Cruz	Drake Arnold Grable	Billie Marvin Mew	John Anthony Russell
James David Dickenson	Donald Wayne Grable	Jerry Scott Morey	William Junior St John
Charles Thomas Dunty	Douglas Brent Guthrie	Ray Earl Norman	Richard James Swanner
James Harvey Dunty III	Theodore Elsworth Hammond Jr	Sprague Owings	Billie James Thornton
Benjamin Franklin Ellis	David Robert Harden	Truman Parker	Douglas Sherman Tomlinson
Thomas Earl Embree	Robert John Havlicek	Cleveland Paul Perdue	Joseph Raymond Valdes
Michael Parke Fisher	Edwin Calvin Henderson	Raymond Alfred Ralph	Christopher Michael Wall
Paul Warren Freeman Jr	John William Holian Jr	Roger Charles Richards	Chad Jason Oehmke
Paul Warren Freeman Sr	Kenneth Charles Jordan	Anthony W Rossi	

# Upcoming Events

## September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting</b> - 7:30pm	3 <b>SSL Stated Comm.</b> - 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	4	5	6 <b>SSL DeMolay Parking Event/ Advisory</b> - 4:30pm	7 <b>Master's &amp; Wardens</b> - TBD #TBD 8:00am
8 <b>Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting</b> - 4:00pm	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <b>SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting</b> - 7:30pm	17 <b>SSL Stated Comm.</b> - 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	18	19	20	21 <b>Open Books</b> - Winter Park #239 8:00am
22 <b>Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting</b> - 4:00pm	23	24	25 <b>District SOI</b> - Orlando #69 7:00pm	26	27	28
29	30 <b>MLT</b> - 6:30 at EOLA #207 - Modules 2, 5, 6, 7					

### Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen.

#### 1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 9/3:

None - Unplanned Dark Due to Incoming Hurricane



#### 3rd Tuesday - Family Fun Day - 9/17:

Pulled Pork, Roasted Potatoes, Coleslaw, Apple Pie, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

# Poem of the Month

## The Apprentice Poem - By: Tony Hamilton

We have required light from the beginning of time  
To aid our growth and our flourish  
Some achieve the light as the son of our line  
Others just concentrate on self-nourish

I remember when I was a boy and my dad worked above and below the land  
Always strong and rough but yet comforting to me  
One night a week he would leave the house with briefcase in hand  
Clean shaven, suited and booted, looking good; what a sight to see

Since I could remember, I never had to wonder where he would be that night  
He always made a point of telling me he was going to 'The Lodge'  
As a busy child I just smiled and watched him fade in to the light  
Knowing he was away until late; my curfew I could dodge!

I was growing up and my brain started to work in a slightly different way  
Thinking of girls, money and kicking a ball for my beloved football team  
But I knew they were only my disjointed dreams at the end of another miserable day  
Come to me, I think not, or so at that time it would seem

Many a year passed by and the young and the old bull just clashed in opinion  
Who wants to join 'The Lodge' anyway?, it's just for the old  
But in a flash a surge ran through my veins, yes me, my Father's minion  
I had embraced the question I would need to ask , to become a Freemason I must be bold

Dad, how do I become a mason? Was the question I did ask  
What took you so long was the old man's response, a broad smile hitting his face  
I thought to myself he's smiling so much it looks like he's wearing a jokers mask  
Then it subsided, he dropped his voice and altered his vocal pace

Tony, you've asked the question and as your father I will help you to reveal  
But I ask you one thing before your next step, what path do you see ahead?  
I already knew the answer, not through intellect, but through a pre-determined feel  
Dad, it's really easy, I am only replacing the dead!

The young and old bull became one that day, everything before just seemed daft  
My journey and expectation began and I joined; millions of me my brother  
To be all seeing, full of light and honoured to be a small part of our craft  
Never did I realise that the journey would be as fruitful as my bond with my mother.



# Bits & Pieces



Masons in a Frame!!!



Casselberry Teachers say, "Thank You!"

Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

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

# Bits & Pieces



Family Fun Night Dinner



Happy Birthday Tim!



Youth Awards

Ed Henderson Scholarship  
Recipient—Congrats Emi!



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