

April 2017



South Seminole Lodge # 364

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



122 Triplet Lake Drive, Casselberry, Florida 32707

(407) 265-9943

www.southseminole364.com

2BE1 SK1



TRESTLE BOARD

Things Masonic

Welcome to the April 2017 trestle-board! It is the beginning of the second quarter and much is going on. Please don't forget to review our calendar section to see everything that is happening this month.

Traveling Cup:

The Traveling Cup is at South Seminole for the 2nd month running!! Ten South Seminole brothers attended the 4/1 Masters and Wardens meeting at Mokanna Lodge and were able to secure the cup again. Thanks to all who attended. It is now on display in the lodge for all to behold.

Masonic Youth Foster Care Initiative:

The mission of the Youth Foster Child Initiative is to introduce foster children and their foster parents to our great youth organizations which strengthen our youth and help them to become excellent leaders. These organizations, while well known to us as Masons, may not be as well known to those outside of our Fraternity.

We will accomplish this mission by using our contacts within the Central Florida Foster care program to introduce youths, which meet the criteria, to our Masonic Youth Organizations. Please visit our Web page to discover how we plan to accomplish this.

(<http://www.southseminole364.com/index.php/charitable-events>)

Contact Information:

To server 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 on the South Seminole Website at www.southseminole364.com.

Circumscribe:

To server as a continued 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 ASAP, review your profile, make changes to your contact data, and upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card.

This was posted on the October 2016 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.

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...



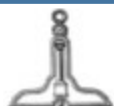
The East

Brothers,

So far, this year the lodge has many accomplishments. I am lucky to be in this position at just the right time. With a large group of motivated, dedicated, and caring people. Everyone is working hard to ensure that we meet and then exceed our obligations that we made to the charities that we currently support. The youth groups are getting more support than ever. The foster care project is growing quickly, and the entire lodge, not just the officers, is taking Masonic education seriously, and all are working on advancing in the areas that best represent what they are looking for. The lodge was united together and not only took home the Traveling cup, we turned around and took home the traveling gavel! The gavel has since gone to Hiram's daylight lodge, who we would like to thank for showing up to our FC Degree. Now that the lodge has more family activity's we have noticed that babies had nowhere to be changed. We have now added a baby changing station in the women's restroom. Thank you to the ladies of the lodge for letting us know about the issue.

Fraternally:

W. M. Timothy French



The West

Brothers,

I wanted to thank all the brothers in our lodge for the participation we have been getting at our Masonic events such as Masters and Wardens, Masonic Leadership Training, and charity events such as UCF concerts and Child ID events. This especially goes out to the new brothers who have been joining us at these events. I am happy to see them getting off on the right foot with their Masonic journey. To our more established brothers, I'd like to encourage you to join us at these events as we not only make money to help the community but get together for a time of fun and fellowship.

We are told that as Masons we need to Travel... Travel... Travel. This is not only something that occurs when a brother visits another lodge in their own district for a stated communications, but also for other lodge related events such as those exemplified above. It is so that we can build comradery and friendship amongst ourselves as brothers and as family when we bring our individual families together. I also want to encourage you that as you travel to other cities, states and countries as some may have plans to do over the summer or by the end of the year, that our brethren extend beyond our lodge or district. There are many things to be experienced and many other brothers to meet by looking up another lodge in some other location. Then bring back your stories and share them with us as we would love to hear them.

Again... As for those of you whom are already traveling and making your presence known at our multitude of events, kudos to you. Keep it up!

Fraternally yours,

John Dibble, Senior Warden



The South

Brethren,

Brothers, although 2017 has only just begun, it's already shaping up to be a great year for Masonic Education at South Seminole. At our second meeting in March (21st), R. H. Eli Ellich gave an informative and comprehensive lecture on the Master Mason Degree, its history, rituals, and symbols. With all the help he's given South Seminole in the past and his continued contributions both to our Lodge and our district, he has shown himself to be an exemplary man and Mason, and we were, as always, thankful to have him in attendance at our Stated Communication.

Another reason 2017 is shaping up to be a year focused on Masonic Education is an extraordinary opportunity to get all fifteen Masonic Leadership Training modules done in a single year by attending only four MLT sessions. The first session was on March 29th, and South Seminole had a strong showing with twelve brothers in attendance. Weren't there? Don't worry, there's still three more that you can take advantage of and, if after attending those, you're only missing a few modules, W. M. Jay Cebollaro has graciously offered to help brothers finish them off during open books at Winter Park Lodge so long as he's given sufficient notice and is available.

Lastly, for those brothers who have not had a chance to complete their Master Mason I, II, and III exams, our Senior Deacon, Luis Tellez, will be conducting a group study session on Saturday, April 15th, at 9 AM at South Seminole. There's a lot of interesting and useful Masonic information that can be learned so, if you haven't already completed them, please join us that Saturday for fellowship and education.

Fraternally,

Chad Oehmke, Junior Warden

Up & Coming

Masons Under Instruction:

Fellowcraft with Bruce Carter:

Douglas Matern

Jason Schneider

Master Mason with Daniel Taylor:

Eric Charles

Michael Rice

Tom Erskine

Joseph Morse

Aaron Haire

Master Mason with Chad Oehmke:

James Reed

Stephen Shields

Masonic Anniversaries This Month:

Arvin Jay Meyer - 2 Years

Christopher Rivera - 2 Years

Luis Alfredo Tellez - 2 Years

John Alexander Hamilton - 29 Years

Ray Earl Norman - 63 Years

Michael Gregory Lautenburg - 13 Years

Clarence Leslie Snyder - 59 Years

Jeffrey Wayne Gerlitz - 37 Years

Christopher Michael Wall - 5 Years

Paul Warren Freeman Sr - 32 Years

Lawrence David Kelley - 32 Years

John Anthony Russell - 18 Years

Masonic Birthdays This Month:

04/04 - Anthony W Rossi

04/15 - John David Dibble

04/05 - Max Roudolph Jones

04/07 - Gary Richard Hussian

04/21 - Clarence Leslie Snyder

04/25 - Douglas Brent Guthrie

04/26 - Jordan Christian Hiers

04/27 - James Reynolds Cunningham

Community Outreach

Child ID:

Brothers,



For the upcoming event at the Bahia Shrine Circus in May, we still need more volunteers to assist in the process. Anyone that would like to help, need to have a background check done by the Grand Lodge as soon as possible. You don't have to be able to work on the computers, we have that covered. We need people that can draw in and explain the program to everyone. You do not have to be a Mason to participate in the Child Id program as my wife is one of the people that has gone through the process and helps in these events. Any questions, please contact me as soon as you can. I would appreciate any and all help that we can get. Thank You.

Fraternally,

Luis A. Tellez, Senior Steward

Masonic Charity



from The Treasurer - For the Children.

Greetings Brethren,

We continue to extend our charitable donations to the ones who need us most. Thanks to all whose selfless vigilance and efforts have helped make it all happen! As always, those underprivileged families receiving food bank donations are still in need, more than ever and need us to continue our charity work. The two area elementary schools through Donors Choose: Sterling Park Elementary, and Casselberry Elementary. Part of what makes this all happen is our UCF events. Our Katt Williams concert was a blazing success. Please assist us in attending future events. Our next one is going to be the Spring Football event on April 22nd with a 3pm set up, followed by Daniel Tosh on April 25th with a 5pm call. Thanks again to all!



Fraternally,

Wor. Skip Yonchik, Treasurer



Dear South Seminole Masonic Lodge #364,

Thank you so much for the new resources in my classroom. The students LOVE all of the new sensory activities. We have the giant pillow on the floor in the sensory corner with pillows. The students are able to go into that corner and take a break when they become overstimulated. Also, a student likes to use this space for rest time and sleep on the giant pillow.

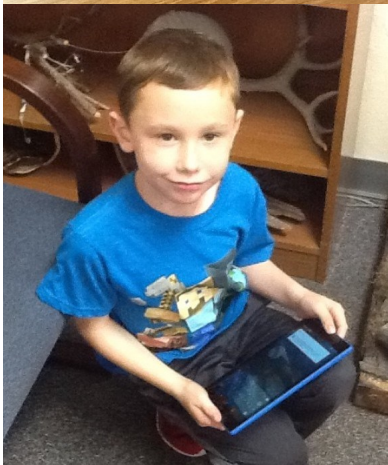
The students love the theraputty and the sensory beads. I put the sensory beads and the sensory sticks in the sensory table with different things and they have to dig for them. Right now I have the sticks in the table with magnetic letters. THEY LOVE IT!!

When I first showed them the new activities they were over excited and were all into it. The pillow was an instant area where they loved to be. All of the students touched the theraputty which surprised me. Most of the time they are hesitant to try new things but when they saw how fun the theraputty looked, they were excited to try.

My next step in my classroom is to just add to my sensory area. I just want to make sure all of my students have a safe place to go and take a break when they need it. There are many times they become overstimulated and just need a moment to take a break and play with something they like. We all really appreciate all of you have done for us by donating these items. The students use them daily and I can't thank you enough for that!!!

With gratitude,

Ms. Booth



Dear South Seminole Masonic Lodge #364,

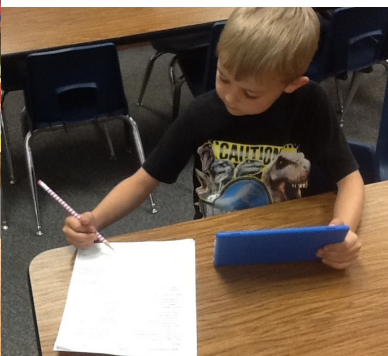
Thank you so much for your kind generosity! I greatly appreciate your willingness to make a donation to help fund our Donors Choose project. My students were extremely excited about receiving four Kindle Fire HD8 tablets to use in the media center.

They love using them to do research, to play educational games, and to take Accelerated Reader tests. They are able to collaborate with their peers on special projects that not only spark their creativity but also help prepare them to be successful digital citizens.

I am so thankful for organizations such as yours who see the value in helping children achieve their potential!

With gratitude,

Mrs. Jackson



Poem of the Month

Remember You're A Mason - By: Unknown

When the pressures of recession
Make us concentrate on greed,
Take heed, a worthy Mason
Cares about another's needs

Don't let pressures of the moment
Make your obligation sway,
Stop and help a fallen brother
Or another by the way

What you give is like a bubble
Whenever you assist,
What it costs in time and trouble
Is, soon after, never missed

Brother, bear that obligation
You accepted on your knee,
It's in direct relation
To your own security

Never hesitate, my brother
Square your actions now and say,
I'll remember I'm a Mason,
And behave like that today

With regard to human kindness
And the 'Golden Rule', I pray,
I'll remember I'm a Mason...
And behave like that today.



South Seminole Masons

2016 Officers:

Worshipful Master – W. Tim French

407-252-4939 reupman@cfl.rr.com

Senior Warden – John Dibble

407-756-0675 john-dibble@cfl.rr.com

Junior Warden – Chad Oehmke

813-995-4321 coehmke@newportgroup.com

Treasurer – W. Skip Yonchik

407-491-1679 dyonchik@beaconmail.com

Secretary – Anthony Edwards

407-782-8195 secretaryssl364@gmail.com

Marshal – W. Gary Bouton

gbouton412@msn.com

Chaplain – Joe Ayala

ibcarisma@aol.com

Senior Deacon – Luis Tellez

magnus_wolf_1@hotmail.com

Junior Deacon – Robert E. Dibble

robertedibble@yahoo.com

Senior Steward – Daniel Taylor

dantaylor84@gmail.com

Junior Steward – Nathan Wilson

robertedibble@gmail.com

Musician – W. Frank Ellis

wmpastmaster@yahoo.com

Tyler – Murray Martin

mhmartin76@aol.com

Past Masters:

Curtis F. Blow * U.D & 1968

Verbun A. Jones * 1969

Frank Bingham * 1970

Louis Kirby * 1971

Francis P. Oddo * 1972

Troy Tatum * 1973

William P. Byles * 1974

Carl E. Strom * 1975

J.C. Valentine * 1976

Rodger T. Peterson, Sr * 1977

William B. Ritter * 1978

Phillip G. Marriott * 1979

Max R. Jones 1980

Samuel M. Lewis DDGM,
Past Grand Master 1981

Thomas E. Embree DDGM 1982

Ottis R. Erickson DDGM 1983

William R. Ellis 1984

William E. Johnson 1985

Carl E. Lloyd * 1986

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

Kenneth N. Holladay * 1998

Marty Nash APM * 1998

Donald Maurizio * 1999

Joseph Cordeiro 2000

Randy L. Vess 2001

B. Franklin Ellis 2002

E. Neal Tish 2003

Samuel A. Tish 2004

Douglas B. Guthrie 2005

John J. Walsh * 2006

William D. Dieringer 2007

Robert T. Billoni * 2008

Herman (Skip) Yonchik 2009/10

Thomas Hoopes 2011

Greg Rushing 2012

Jose Ayala 2013

Petronio Martins 2014

Christopher Wall 2015

Gary Bouton 2016

Affiliated Past Masters

Ellis Hormats, New York * 1969

Don Grable, Spain 1969/70

Victor Rivera 1982

Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin 1983



Deceased *

Unaffiliated +++

2016 Committee Chairmen:

Finance John Dibble

Masonic Vigilance Chad Oehmke

Petitions John Dibble

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

Sickness & Distress

Remembrance

Publicity

L.Y.P.M.G.C.

Lodge Property

Event Scheduling

Master & Wardens

Joe Ayala

Joe Ayala

John Dibble

Anthony Edwards

Wor. Ellis & Wor. Yonchik

Juan Lopez-Palmer

Upcoming Events

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Masters & Wardens - Mokanna 8:00am Breakfast
2	3 District SOI - Mokanna 7pm	4 SSL Stated Comm. 7:30pm with a 6:30pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Scottish Rite Legislation Meeting - SR WP - 7pm	13	14	15 Fish Fry - Eola Lodge
16	17	18 SSL Stated Comm. - CANCELLED Instead - Family Night at Altamonte Springs Duffy's - 6:30pm	19	20	21	22 UCF Event Spring Football - 3pm Set up Open Books - Winter Park Lodge - 8am
23	24	25 UCF Event Daniel Tosh 5pm Call	26 District SOI - Mokanna 7pm	27	28	29 Shriner Golf Tournament - All Day Event
30						

Upcoming Selectables From the Kitchen:

1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 4/4:

Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garlic Bread and Salad, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 4/18 - **CANCELLED**:

Family Night at Lake Mary Duffy's - 6:30pm



Bits & Pieces

We have the Traveling Cup!!



Traveling Gavel Taken by Traveling Hiram's Lodge Brothers.



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

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