

August 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 August 2017 trestle board!** Greetings from South Seminole Lodge. There is much going on in the Lodge this month. Don't blink you might just miss it!

## DDGM Visit:

We will be having a visit from the DDGM in September during our second stated communications meeting. This would be a great meeting to see a lot of the brothers in attendance. Please make yourselves available and join us. It will be great to have everyone we can to come for that visit. Spread the word!

## Congrats!

We would like to congratulate Eric Charles, Michael Rice, Tom Erskine, Aaron Haire, and Stephen Shields on a job well done for delivering their Master Mason proficiency on August 15th. Awesome Job!!

## 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 on the South Seminole Website at [www.southseminole364.com](http://www.southseminole364.com).



**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,

As many of you have heard, one of the food banks that we have supported for years has been closed. Not by us! Not by the volunteers! They were closed by the county. The volunteers were given just two days to get off school property. A channel 13 news reporter said it best, "This reporter could not get a reasonable answer as to why The Care Cabin was forced to close". Many of you know the blood, sweat, and tears that went into this project, you know that we labored for real to stock the shelves! You are aware that South Seminole prides itself on the amount of charity that we not only support, but also on what we keep building. I have pushed everyone hard this year, with a supportive hand being extended back to me. We will find a way to help those that are going to be devastated by the closing. They may just be elementary school children, but they were in our lodge area, under our care. My heart goes out to those families. Please take solace that we are not stopping our help, we will keep looking for a suitable answer, and we shall not take our eyes off the final reward. Thank-You!

Fraternally,

**W. M. Timothy French**



Brothers,

We are thrilled beyond belief to announce that we will still continue working with UCF on fundraising activities for concerts and athletic events. For a while there, we weren't sure if we would be included under the new concessions contract as it was discovered that Center Plate will no longer be working for UCF events. Now that we are part of the new contract we have ensured that we will be able to continue raising money for our future charitable endeavors. Thank you Worshipful Yonchik for securing a foothold at UCF for us! Let's all do the right thing now and continue supporting this program by working the events.

Coming in September, we will be having another EA degree. Ed Dibble will be in the East and the degree team will consist mainly of the same team which did the last one. Please join us as we bring these new brothers into the lodge. This will happen on the second Tuesday of September. Please clear your calendars for that night as it is good for new brothers to know that they have our support.

For those who have not already heard, and we are also building a newly enhanced Web site which will not only bring us more up-to-date, but give us a platform from which we can better represent ourselves as Masons to the rest of the community. As we go live with it in the days ahead please share your input. Your comments, content and input are not only welcome, but crucial to its success. If you notice anything at all that might have been forgotten or see something that needs improvement, please let me or anyone else on the technology committee know. My goal is to benefit from the many creative minds in the lodge so that we can represent South Seminole and Masonry as a whole with the best Web site possible.

Fraternally yours,

**John Dibble, Senior Warden**



Brethren,

Since Conclave was last month, I thought it appropriate to provide a little history about DeMolay International and its close ties to Masonry. In January of 1919, a Mason by the name of Frank Land was contacted by the then Senior Warden of Ivanhoe Lodge regarding Elmer Lower, a Fellow Craft, who had died the previous year and his eldest boy, Louis Gordon. Louis Gordon, at age 17, wished to get a job to support his family while going to school. It was hoped that Frank would be able to provide that job.

After meeting Louis, Frank found him to be of particular moral character with good aspiration and scholarly habits. Not only did Frank offer Louis a job at his office but he later encouraged him to gather several likeminded individuals to form a club, a club that would later span the globe and be known as DeMolay International. Perhaps Dad Land's greatest contribution to the founding of DeMolay is the telling of inspirational stories on which the boys could build the foundation of their club to provide ideals to strive for. One of the stories was about Jacques DeMolay, the last grand master of the Order of the Templar.

Throughout the last near century, DeMolay has been closely associated with Masonry, including, perhaps least of all, the use of Masonic property to hold their meetings. More importantly, Masonry and Masons have provided advice and guidance while the young men decided the directions of their DeMolay chapters while learning how to become young men and leaders of outstanding moral character just like DeMolay's nine founding members.

Louis Gordon would go on to become a well-regarded city official as the Director of the Municipal Auditorium in Kansas City before his life was tragically cut short in 1943. Famous DeMolays include Walt Disney, Neil Armstrong, Dan Rather, John Wayne, Walter Cronkite, and President Bill Clinton.

Fraternally,

**Chad Oehmke, Junior Warden**

# Up & Coming

## *Masons Under Instruction:*

### **EA with W. Gary Bouton:**

Raymond Santiago

Richard Sawyer

### **Master Mason with Bruce Carter:**

Douglas Matern

Jason Schneider

### **Congratulations for Proficiency:**

Eric Charles

Aaron Haire

Michael Rice

Stephen Shields

Tom Erskine



## *Masonic Anniversaries This Month:*

John Eugene Peterson - 53 Years

Jack Fulton Carr - 48 Years

Robert Swope Stevenson - 43 Years

Max Roudolph Jones - 42 Years

Benjamin Franklin Ellis - 22 Years

Douglas Brent Guthrie - 19 Years

Juan Rafael Lopez - 7

Patrick Glen Proudfoot - 5 Years

Logan G Cody - 4 Years

Chad Jason Oehmke - 4 Years

Anthony Edward Edwards - 4 Years

Jordan Christian Hiers - 3 Years

Robert Edward Dibble - 3 Years



## *Masonic Birthdays This Month:*

8/2 - Juan Lopez Palmer

8/3 - Jeffrey Curtis Pierson

8/8 - Ralph Cruz

8/8 - Jesse Allen Uribe Jr

8/11 - Timothy Dexter French

8/13 - John Henry Rumpel

8/17 - Billie James Thornton

8/18 - John Richard O'Brien

8/19 - James Allen Gibson

8/19 - Thomas D Roberts

8/20 - John Perry Yon Jr

8/23 - Fredrick Broughton Griswold

8/25 - Vincent Cosmai

8/28 - James David Dickenson

8/29 - John Charles Haley

# Community Outreach & Charity



## *From The Treasurer - For the Children:*

Brothers,

Care Cabin has lost their Casselberry Elementary School sponsorship. We are already trying to help them find a new home...build it back bigger and better than ever....stay tuned. Click on this link to see what they are all about. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eYTFxUI5O0U>

Fraternally,

**Wor. David Yonchik, Treasurer**

Dear South Seminole Masonic Lodge #364,

Thank you for helping us with this project. I know my students are going to be excited when I tell them that we will have 2 wobble chairs in our classroom. These chairs will be an excellent addition. I also know these chairs will help my students to focus and work better. Thank you again!

With gratitude,

Mrs. Torres

# Poem of the Month

## The Aged Mason - By: Unknown

He sits on the sidelines

His hair has turned gray.  
We pass him by, as if to say,  
Sorry, Old Brother, you've had your day.

If we would stop and shake his hand  
And tell him we are glad he came,  
It would mean so much to a tired old man  
Just to feel the warmth of a friendly hand.

He lays no claim to renown or fame.  
Only a few remember his name.  
We may not know from whence he came,  
But he's our brother just the same.

He sowed the seeds for us to reap,  
He paved the way so we could meet.  
Ever humble yet somewhat proud,  
Ever alert to keep his vows.

His stored up wisdom of many years  
He leaves to us if we could only hear.  
We are Brothers Let's act as such,  
For the years of the aged have seen much.



***This goes out to Ed Henderson and all the other brothers who are unable to make it to the lodge as often as they'd like. Don't forget that we all love you!***



# South Seminole Masons

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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	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

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



Deceased \*

## 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	Master & Wardens
Sickness & Distress	Arvin Meyer
Remembrance	Arvin Meyer
Publicity	Dan Taylor
L.Y.P.M.G.C.	Anthony Edwards
Lodge Property	Wor. Ellis & Wor. Yonchik
Event Scheduling	Juan Lopez-Palmer

# Upcoming Events

## August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>SSL Stated Comm.</b> - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm	2	3	4	5 <b>Masters &amp; Wardens</b> - 8:00am Breakfast
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 <b>EA Exemplification WP Lodge</b> - 9:00am
13 <b>Rainbow Hope Assembly Chapter Meeting</b> - 4:30pm	14	15 <b>SSL Stated Comm.</b> - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm	16	17	18 <b>SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting</b> - 7:30pm	19
20	21	22	23 <b>District School of Instruction at Oviedo Lodge</b> - 6:30pm	24	25	26 <b>Open Books at WP Lodge</b> - 8:30am
27	28	29	30 <b>UCF Concert</b> - Call Time 5:00pm	31 <b>UCF Football Game</b> - Call Time 3:00pm <b>MLT at Oviedo Lodge</b> - 6:30pm		

### Upcoming Selectables From the Kitchen:

#### 1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 8/1:

Meat Loaf, Rice with Gravy, Potato Salad, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

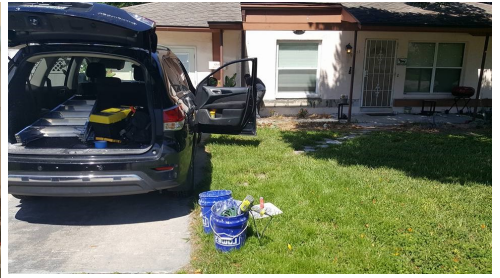
#### 3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 8/15:

Spaghetti and meatballs, Homemade Potato Salad, Cake, Apple Pie, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee



# Bits & Pieces

## Project "E" Still Moving Along



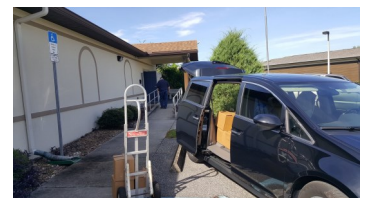
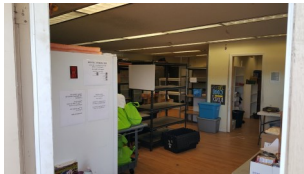
We Have the  
Traveling Cup!!



## School Supply Drive



## Brothers Assist Moving of Food Bank Collections



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

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