

August 2018



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 2018 trestle-board! Greetings from South Seminole Lodge. We had a big month in July but we are back from going dark and are gearing up for another big month. Please visit our calendar and help us support our upcoming youth and charity initiatives. We will also be conducting our 1st Lodge School of Instruction on Saturday 8/11. Several topics of interest will be covered including balloting and Lodge Officer Training. Masonic instruction is foremost on the minds of those in grand Lodge this year as well as those in our district. It would be great to have lots of Lodge Brothers in attendance. Please take a few minutes and join us.

Upcoming DDGM Visit:

On August 21st, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Ryan Kilmartin will be visiting South Seminole Lodge for his annual visit. Help us show Lodge support for this event. As usual, a wonderful dinner will be served at 6:30pm and Stated Communications will begin at 7:30pm. We hope to see you all there.

Tennessee Cave Degree:

The Tennessee Cave Degree will begin on August 17th and end on the 18th. All brothers are welcome to attend. A great time and lots of fellowship will be had by all. If you are interested in this event, please reach out to W. M. John Dibble or W. M. Tim French, our Secretary for details, if you don't already have them. There will be many brothers from our Lodge and from the district who will be going. It would be wonderful to see as many brothers as possible join us in the festivities.



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.

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

Brethren,

We went dark for the 1st meeting in July but we had a very busy month; with 3 charity events at UCF and the Orlando City Soccer stadium to an EA degree and the Grand Master's visit. It's great to see funds raised by our concessions events actually going to charity. I want to send out a great big kudos and thanks to all of those who participated and continue to participate in all of the events South Seminole has sponsored, especially the newer brothers who give of their time to make the events successful. I also want to thank Wor. Skip Yonchik, who puts so much into these events and with whom none of it would be possible without him. We also cannot do these events without the assistance of the brothers who attend and I am very proud to say I am part of a great group of men who selflessly give of their time so that others can have more, because of our charitable dollars. For those of you who have never been to, or don't regularly attend them, it is a great time to be had. Even though there is some work involved, it is great to be with likeminded people maintaining the same goal of charity and fellowship. I would like to encourage more people to attend and if possible, bring friends or family with you.

With lots of attending brothers and family, our Grand master's visit was a blazing success. I want to send out a great big thank you to Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master Ryan Kilmartin for planning and sponsoring this event for our district. It exemplified what we, as Masons, should live and show to others, with respect to fellowship, brotherly love and generosity. We had many Lodge brothers in attendance, along with the many other brothers who came from around the district. South Seminole Lodge, along with Pine Castle Lodge were responsible for motivating and assisting the Masonic youth with serving the meal. Several of our up-and-coming Master Masons attended and assisted the DeMolay youth in this regard, including, Robert Milstid and Michael Ruiz. Thank you brothers for your help!

This month will be equally busy with the DDGM Visit, degree practices, Charity events, Lodge School of Instruction, and many other district activities. Please reference our calendar and attend as many of our events as possible. By doing so, you will be showing your continued support of our Lodge and assisting in its growth. I also want to encourage you to bring your family to our bimonthly Stated Communications dinners. Our Junior Warden Brother Tellez, his wife Kellie, and our stewards, Murray Martin and Stephen Shields work very hard to bring us wonderful meals enabling great fellowship to be had by all. I look forward to seeing you all there. We will also be having an upcoming Family Day very soon. Please send me your suggestions in order to make this a great event.

Fraternally Yours,



W. ∴ M. ∴ John D. Dibble



The West

My Brothers,

What an awesome lodge we belong to. It has been a long hot summer, but our charitable efforts have been even hotter. Our crews that have been staffing the booth at Orlando City Soccer have been outstanding. We have received help from Orlando 69, but still need many more bodies to help. Our regular crew needs some relief!! If you are able to assist even for one or two events, that would be a great help. South Seminole No.364 has no equal in Central Florida with regards to the amount of charitable dollars we contribute to the community.

We are well into the second half of the year and I am preparing my agenda for next year. For this my brothers I need your input and help. What are we doing well? Where do we need to improve? What ideas do you have to have more fun and participation at lodge? I have met with many Past Masters to discuss my agenda for next year if elected and plan to meet with them again in the coming weeks. I cannot do this alone and I strongly encourage you to contact me and I will be happy to listen to your input and discuss plans for next year.

Fraternally,

Anthony Edwards, Senior Warden

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Additional Words From...

Hello Brothers,



The South

With summer vacation ending for the kids, it got me thinking about our families. Our families do so much to not only support each of us, but our fraternity as well. While Masonry is a male fraternity, our organization could not survive without a strong foundation from our families. Our families back us, assist us, helps us organize, participate... the list goes on and on when it comes to their sacrifice to our masonic community. My family is deeply involved, and I couldn't thank them enough. To all the families out there, thank you for supporting our great fraternity.

Fraternally,

Luis Tellez, Junior Warden

Brethren,



The Treasurer

We just completed the mid-year financial analysis and review. For the most part we are at, or under, budget on expenses. Insurance and energy continue to be our largest outlays. Your help with controlling the waste of electricity and water is greatly appreciated.

Charity: South Seminole Lodge Charity outreach is at a record level...and growing. Fundraising revenue is the fuel that is driving those efforts. With more Craft involvement we could rise to even greater heights of community service. Our Lodge has partnered with Orlando 69 to share out fundraising access at both UCF and Orlando City Soccer. South Seminole has also partnered with Dollar General. Barrels and signage in each store encourage patrons to purchase extra items, which they then donate. At various times of the year, this program focuses on school supplies, hygiene and nutrition, Christmas gifts, etc. We estimate that the value of these donated items was in excess of \$30,000 last year. Some of the items are also shared with our partner Kids in Support of Soldiers (KISS). They send small packages of hope to our troops deployed overseas. SSL 364 has also joined forces with Casselberry Kidz. This is the organization that operated the now closed Care Cabin at Casselberry Elementary. With our combined strength we are refocusing on the Support Backpack programs at Sterling Elm, English Estates Elm, Longwood Elm, South Seminole Middle School, Covenant House, Foster Parents Assn., and the Russell Home. We also expend significant Charity funds to support individual teachers' projects via the DonorsChoose.com program. The need in our community is great. Over half the kids are in families below the poverty line. Via the backpack program we give these children needed school supplies, nutrition, and other basics from shampoo to socks, shoes, and underwear. South Seminole Lodge, our Youth Groups, friends, and Brothers in Masonry are trying to help this next generation to grow up healthy, educated, and ready to face the challenges of adulthood. Unfortunately due to lack of volunteers, we have to turn down about 1/3 of the fundraising events offered to us. With more manpower, we could easily double our outreach programs. We would like to expand our program to serve elderly shut-ins and needy Veterans in our community this year if more funds become available.

Fraternally,

W. Bro. David Yonchik, Treasurer

My Brothers,



The Secretary

What if?

What if we knew who all of you were? Or you knew who we were when you crossed paths with us on the street. I hear from our own brothers all too often that they met a Mason, that they had noticed the car medallion on the rear of their car so they decided to ask "what lodge are you from?" The story usually ends with the brother finding out that they also belong to South Seminole Lodge 364! The lesson here is, if you live nearby stop in for one meeting, just one dinner, if you can't stay for the meeting then you have our permission to go home after dinner. Just stop by. Let's take the what if's away.

Fraternally,

W. Timothy French, P.M. Secretary

From the Tyler: 

Brothers - if you were at the meeting on Tuesday, July 17, you heard Worshipful Yonchik say that he has been running the concession stand project for four and a half years! He has only missed one game in that time. If you've worked the concessions you know that it can take a toll on your body. It's time somebody takes over or at least helps lighten the load. I'm sure if you talk to him he will be quite willing to teach you what he knows. It doesn't have to be one person - in fact, the more Brothers that step up the lighter the load will be. It's too late to get interested after he goes into the hospital! This is our biggest fundraiser and we need to have a plan in place to keep it rolling.

Fraternally,

Tom Erskine, Tyler

For The Children

Child ID, OOL

Brothers,

Seminole County Sheriff's Office is collecting school supplies for struggling families and will be giving them out on the 8th of August. At this event, we will assist in doing a Child ID for them. It will be in the middle of the week, which makes it a bit more difficult to get workers for this event but would love to see a strong showing from our Brothers. Thank you in advance.

Fraternally,

Brother Luis A. Tellez



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

Skip,



This school year has been another one for the history books, and we have you to thank!

As a long-term member of the DonorsChoose.org community, you've helped us rally support for classrooms affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, supply students with enough books to stack twice as high as Mount Everest during the #FillEveryShelf book match, and celebrate 1 million funded projects on DonorsChoose.org (and the projects keep coming!).

We'll be sharing our official annual report about the past year in the coming weeks, and because you've been such a consistent member of our community over the years I wanted to take this opportunity to highlight the notable impact that you've had on teachers and students.

So far this school year you've:

- ◆ Supported 9 projects,
- ◆ Championed requests focused on Books, and
- ◆ Shown a lot of love to Casselberry, FL classrooms.



When a project comes to life, teachers express their gratitude for the resources and experiences they receive for their students. Here's an excerpt from one of our team's favorite teacher letters this year:

"...a final unexpected benefit comes to me when I'm having a rough moment and feel discouraged. I look around at the blessings of my donors, I realize that I have people I don't even know rooting for me and it encourages me! I love knowing my students are valued and that others are also invested in their education. How awesome is that?"

Truly there are really no words to describe the joy these gifts have brought to my students and our classroom. Further, there is really no way to truly determine the outcome of my students because the improvements they make today have already given them a much stronger foundation to be built on in future years. Then, when you realize a new group of students will have access to these tools next year, you grasp the concept that the impact is truly exponential."

Ms. Remzi, a Texas elementary school teacher who requested flexible seating and pencil grips for her classroom

We couldn't have said it better. Thank you for all that you've done to as a member of our community this school year! We can't wait to see what's in store for next year.

With gratitude,

Danielle Curtis Donor Relationships Team Associate | DonorsChoose.org

Up & Coming

June/July Petitions Received

The following petitions have been received:

Jeff Battaglia
Joshua Singer
Dwayne Hayes

Raymond Lisle
Daniel Bridegroom
Gabe Herrera-Burgos

Masons Under Instruction:

Entered Apprentice with Bruce Carter:

Michael Ruiz

Entered Apprentice with Luis Tellez and Chad Oehmke:

Robert Milstid
Giovanni David
Martin Cornish

Michael Wagner

Master Mason with Bruce Carter:

Raymond Santiago
Nick Conner
James Johnson

Masonic Anniversaries For July & August:

James Allen Grady - 54 Years
Donald Wayne Grable - 54 Years
John Eugene Peterson - 54 Years
Jack Fulton Carr - 49 Years
Robert Swope Stevenson - 44 Years
Max Roudolph Jones - 43 Years
Gary Richard Hussian - 40 Years
Douglas Sherman Tomlinson - 40 Years
John Walter Bornman - 34 Years
Billie Marvin Mew - 31 Years
Benjamin Franklin Ellis - 23 Years

Douglas Brent Guthrie - 20 Years
Theodore Elsworth Hammond Jr - 13 Years
Aaron M Peck - 13 Years
Juan Rafael Lopez - 8 Years
Patrick Glen Proudfoot - 6 Years
Logan G Cody - 5 Years
Chad Jason Oehmke - 5 Years
Anthony Edward Edwards - 5 Years
Robert Edward Dibble - 4 Years
Dylan Alexander Saile - 3 Years

Birthdays For July & August:

7/1 - Michael Gerard Rice
7/4 - Nathan Robert Wilson
7/16 - David Scott Williams
7/16 - Lawrence David Kelley
7/17 - Stephen Shields
7/18 - Truman Parker
7/18 - Brian Paul Huttner
7/19 - Murray Hubert Martin III
7/21 - Phillip Grady Landers
7/26 - Timothy Bruce Ellis
8/2 - Juan Lopez Palmer
8/3 - Jeffrey Curtis Pierson
8/8 - Ralph Cruz

8/11 - Timothy Dexter French
8/13 - John Henry Rumpel
8/17 - Billie James Thornton
8/18 - Douglas Austin Matern
8/18 - John Richard O'Brien
8/19 - Thomas D Roberts
8/19 - James Allen Gibson
8/20 - John Perry Yon Jr
8/23 - Fredrick Broughton Griswold
8/23 - Jason Robert Schneider
8/28 - James David Dickenson
8/29 - John Charles Haley

South Seminole Masons

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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

Deceased *

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

Tim French 2017

Affiliated Past Masters

Ellis Hormats, New York * 1969

Don Grable, Spain 1969/70

Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin 1983

2018 Committee Chairmen:

Finance Bro. Anthony Edwards

Masonic Vigilance Bro. Luis Tellez

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Masonic Education Bro. Anthony Edwards

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By-Laws Wor. Tim French

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James David Dickenson

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James Harvey Dunty III

Benjamin Franklin Ellis

Thomas Earl Embree

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Paul Warren Freeman Sr

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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

Upcoming Events

August 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	4 Masters & Wardens - 8AM Winter Park Lodge Orlando City Soccer - 4:30pm
5	6	7 Stated Comm. 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	8 Child ID Event - 4pm at PNC Bank in Lk. Mary	9	10 Youth SSL Parking Event - 5:00pm DeMolay Advisory Meeting - 7:30pm	11 Lodge SOI - 10am
12 Rainbow Hope Assembly 82 Pledge Meeting - 4:00pm	13	14	15	16	17 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm Cave Degree	18 Cave Degree
19	20	21 Stated Comm. 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal ** SSL DDGM Visit	22	23	24 Orlando City Soccer - 4:30pm	25 DeMolay Installation Dinner - 6:30pm Installation - 7:30pm
26 Rainbow Hope Assembly 82 Pledge Meeting - 4:00pm	27	28	29	30 Deacons & Wardens Planning Meeting 6:30—Mokanna	31	

Upcoming Delectables from the Kitchen.

1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 8/7:

Shepard's Pie, Salad, Rolls, Dessert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 8/21:

Fajitas, Rice, Beans, Dessert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Poem of the Month

Grandpa's Wooden Chest - By Jack Sutton

I hated to hear the lawyer say
The things my grandpa gave away.
Like his old truck to Dad and Mom
And world war medals to Uncle John

My name was called
And something was said
About an old wooden box
Underneath his bed.

Just a worn out chest
With a rusty hinge
But I knew Grandpa kept
Something special within.

When I opened the lid
All I could see
Were some unused tools
And a letter to me.

A large fancy cloth
With two long strings
A small wooden hammer
Among other things

He wrote a man's job
Is to be a good husband father and a friend.
I built my life as best I could
By the tools laid here within.

He said the compasses remind me that life has bounda-
ries

So live your life within
The square proves true and so should you
When dealing with all your friends.

Be an honorable man and walk uprightly
According to the plumb.
The level teaches us treat all men equal
Instead of only some.

And now it's your turn
To start your journey for knowledge, love and faith
So live your life by the Square and Compasses
And tools of your trade

Many years have passed by since I first opened
Grandpa's wooden chest
The tools he gave me, the words he wrote
The challenge to be my best.

Today I'll visit Grandpa
At the place where he was laid
To let him know he can be proud
I'm a Master of my trade.



Bits & Pieces

Orlando City Soccer Charity Events



Grand Master's Visit



Care Cabin



School Supply Drive

Bits & Pieces

Rainbow Grand Assembly



Memorial Tree Setup



Be the tree!!!



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

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

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