

December 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 December 2017 trestle board! Season's Greetings from South Seminole Lodge. The year is now coming to a close but once again... Our job is never done! The month of December is full of things to do, from youth events to charitable events. Please join us and become a part of making 2017 a year to remember. Thanks to all who helped make this a great year!

Circumscribe Membership Cards:



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://glfl.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 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.

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, 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.

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,

This year has been great! We have continued with all our traditional charities, and added a few. As many of you know, we have been making a relationship with the foster children's organization. If you think about where Masonry came from and the orphanages that we used to support, it kind of has a nostalgic feel. This relationship has added children to the roles of our youth groups and renewed that sense of purpose that a few, might have been missing. I have asked brothers to labor hard this year, with the guarantee that all charity dollars raised would go to charity. The lodge has been a good steward with your dues. A few years ago, you agreed to raise the dues so that they reflected the actual cost of running a lodge. That single move (looking back) was one of the most important decisions that we have had to make. Gone are the days of working a charity event and putting some of the money earned into operating costs! Now when we ask a brother to work for charity, it means just that! Every dollar helps a child eat, go to school and learn, or have a Christmas. We have done so much. In fact I would say it is too much to list; From a little girl who went without eye glasses for two months after the hurricane broke hers, to giving a hand to a Brother in need. We have, in fact, met our obligations this year. I see in our brother's eyes, pure satisfaction with a job well done. For all of you that live too far away to come to lodge, or for those that can't drive at night anymore, we couldn't have accomplished any of this without the foundation that you laid. The votes of years past to do the right thing and spend every dime where it was intended to be spent, to duly and truly make a difference in the community, and hold all truths of the Supreme Architect of the Universe (first and foremost) and before entering into any works, has made us all better men, husbands, and fathers. Thank you for a wonderful year! Yet make no mistake, we are not done! This is just the beginning! We have plans to achieve the impossible, and the way we are going, we will do just that! Keep reading your Trestle Boards for updates in the year to come.

Fraternally,

W. M. Timothy French



The West:

Brothers,

We are once again at the end of another year. Reflect now on the past year upon all of our accomplishments. We've done so much in such a short period of time and it brings me great satisfaction knowing that we did it together. It proves that many people who are of one mind about something can come together as a unit to make a difference; both in our Lodge and in our community.

Thanks to all the brothers who have made a huge difference in the Lodge this year. This especially goes out to the newer brothers who have stepped up to do the degree work, charity events, youth activities, and family events. I've seen a lot of positive personal growth in the lives of many brothers this year and I'm glad to have you all by my side and above all, proud to refer to you all as my brothers.

Now, as the new year is coming upon us I implore you to keep it up and make this next year even better. 2018 will mark the fifty year celebration of the inception of our lodge. Our lodge was founded by a multitude of great brothers from years past, many of which have passed to the Celestial Lodge with the same mindset that we try to encourage and pass on to brothers today. I promise to do my part as the upcoming Worshipful Master to ensure that we make this next fifty years as eventful and as meaningful as the previous. I'd like to build on the progression of continuous improvement in the hopes of not only having greater membership growth but also for our charitable endeavors which we have already established and for those which are newly introduced. Let's continue to do what we do best and make the name of South Seminole Lodge a name people know and respect.

Fraternally yours,

John Dibble, Senior Warden



The South:

Brethren,

Hello, my Brothers, I could not be prouder of the achievements that we have had this year as a Lodge. For instance, two Brothers that received their MLT pins for completing their MLT courses. As well as seven Brothers that completed their Master Mason I, II, and III Exams. There were three Brothers from our Lodge that were District Committee Men. Two Brothers received their Silver Card, of which one received his White and Green card as well. One Brother received his 25 Year pin in Masonry. There were two recipients of the Ed Henderson Scholarship. The Brothers came together to fix a house for a family in dire needs. We collected numerous school supplies and toys for the Foster Children's Association. We made several donations to our charities, the Care Cabins that we assist. We did a staggering 321 Child Id's. We participated in our first Christmas Parade for Longwood. We had a Christmas Party for foster children that came into the system too late and would not have been able to get a Christmas wish list in, a special few Brothers did an outstanding job not only putting the party together, but getting the children the gifts that they had asked for. And if you haven't been on our website lately, the site has a new and fresh look that I recommend viewing. This year has been such a success for us all. As a Mason, I have formed stronger bonds with my Brothers than I could ever have with my friends. I have met men (MY Brothers) that inspire me to be a better husband, father, man, and Mason. What I am asking of you my Brothers is simple. Start coming back to the Lodge that you once came to love, give me the chance to meet and know you my Brothers, as well as meeting the newer Brothers that have joined this great Fraternity.

With all the Respect and Fraternally,

Luis A. Tellez, Senior Deacon



Additional Words From...



The Secretary:

Brothers,

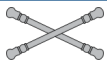
My brothers 2017 is drawing to a close and so is my tenure as Secretary. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as lodge secretary these past four years. I now pass the torch to Wor. Tim French who I know will do an outstanding job. Having been elected Senior Warden for 2018 is also a great honor, having the trust and confidence of my brothers to assist in leading the lodge during its 50th year. This past year has seen our lodge become the paramount lodge in Central Florida for our charity work, no mean feat!! The efforts spearheaded by Wor. Master Tim French and Wor Skip Yonchik and their tireless band of brothers has made us the envy of our District. Let us strive to build on those efforts during this coming year. Our newest master masons have really been invaluable this year and are EA's are also helping in our efforts.

As we continue to improve and expand our charitable endeavors, it would be nice to see more of our brothers and past masters at our meetings and events. Our past masters are especially important in mentoring and assisting our newest brothers in their masonic journey.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish my brothers all, a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and especially a happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally Yours,

Anthony Edwards, Lodge Secretary



The Marshal:

My Brothers,

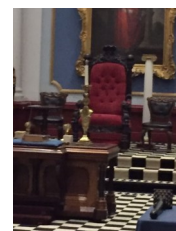
I felt compelled to share my recent Masonic traveling adventure. I hope it encourages you to visit Masonic locations of historical significance as you travel abroad.

While in Ireland vacationing with my family, I went to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The whole place was being renovated, but as a curious traveler, I had to explore. There was a large general room open to the public which housed so many artifacts and history of Freemasonry in Ireland. As I ventured into the off limits areas up stairs, there was the Grand Lodge Room and many smaller lodge rooms used by the appendant bodies. As I tried to sneak back downstairs I was stopped by quite an engaging Irish Mason, who after scolding me for my adventurous ways, asked me if I had a few minutes so he could properly relay the history of true Irish Freemasonry. He went into great detail about the reformation of Freemasonry and included the historical figures who were instrumental in the transformation. These figures were immortalized in large ornately framed pictures that covered the walls of the Lodge Room. To say this Mason was a passionate about the historical significance of Freemasonry was an understatement, as he had my attention from the start. He told the story in such a way that was just mesmerizing. That accompanied with the beauty of the Lodge Rooms and the vast history of Freemasonry in Ireland made this trip one I will remember forever. The chair in the picture is in the East and every Installed Worshipful Master in Ireland will sit in it for their installations each year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

Thank You,

W.° Gary Bouton



Noteworthy Communications

Officer Elections

Officer Elections were held during the DDGM visit and first stated communications on December 5th and appointed positions were announced by the Worshipful Master Elect. Installation of Officers will be held at South Seminole Lodge on January 13, 2018 from 9:00am - 11:00am with Breakfast to be served from 8:00am - 9:00am. The 2018 Officer lineup is as follows:

- Worshipful Master Elect - John Dibble
- Senior Warden Elect - Anthony Edwards
- Junior Warden Elect - Luis Tellez
- Treasurer - W.: Skip Yonchik
- Secretary Elect - W.: Tim French
- Chaplain - Dan Taylor
- Senior Deacon - Robert (Ed) Dibble
- Junior Deacon - Nathan Wilson
- Senior Steward - Murray Martin
- Junior Steward - Stephen Shields
- Marshal - Chad Oehmke
- Tyler - Tom Erskine
- Musician - W.: Frank Ellis



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

Community Outreach & Charity



From The Treasurer - For the Children.



Brothers,

The Lodge has had great success with its fundraising events with concessions at UCF Football and UCF concerts. I want to send out a special thanks to everyone who participated in them as these funds are vital to South Seminole maintaining its leadership position in Charity for our District. This year we went above and beyond. Lets keep up this momentum through 2018 so that we can fund all future charity events. Please don't forget that we have one more event on New Year's Eve - Kevin Hart Concert with a call time of 5:30pm. It should prove to be a great event if we can gather enough headcount to staff the booth. Please feel free to call me on my mobile if you have any questions (954-684-5147).

Fraternally,

Wor. David Yonchik, Treasurer



Hi Skip,

We've said it before, but once more can't hurt! Thank you for being one of our strongest supporters this school year.

You give public school teachers and students the greatest gift we can think of: the knowledge that someone cares.

Happy Holidays, from our family to yours.

Warmly,

Danielle Curtis Donor Relationships Associate | [DonorsChoose.org](https://www.donorschoose.org)

P.S. We're always happy to help! As a reminder, you can reach our donor support phone line at (646) 791-4121

Up & Coming

Masons Under Instruction:

EA Bruce Carter:

Nick Conner

James Johnson

Congrats on Completing EA Proficiency!

Raymond Santiago

Richard Sawyer

Master Mason with Bruce Carter:

Douglas Matern

Masonic Anniversaries for December:

Samuel Edward Culver - 53 Years

Robert Lee Thompson - 36 Years

David Durrett Guildford - 35 Years

Bobby Ray Jarrell - 34 Years

Larry Ross Hickman - 33 Years

James Harvey Dunty III - 33 Years

John Richard O'Brien - 32 Years

Perry Lee Thomas - 20 Years

Howard Warren Dole - 20 Years

Jacob Livingston Pou Jr - 20 Years

Robin Scott Thorn - 20 Years

Scott Douglas Bishop - 19 Years

Raymond Alfred Ralph - 17 Years



Masonic Birthdays for December:

12/4 - Petronio Texeira Martins

12/4 - James Harvey Dunty III

12/6 - Roy Nigel Campbell

12/11 - Valentine Sellati Jr

12/12 - Bobby Ray Jarrell

12/17 - David Durrett Guildford

12/19 - Terry William Mau

12/19 - David Graham Collins

12/26 - Thomas Sidney Kaffenberger

Poem of the Month

A Freemason's Christmas Wish By: Brother Andrew Bradley

It is the time of year when the Brethren rejoice,
and sing carols of praise in resounding voice.
Days of merriment and long nights of cheer,
as we all await the "Happy New Year!"
It is a time of family and life long friends,
a time of happiness and to make amends.
Roast turkey and baubles and the Nutcracker Suite,
we each have our own way to make Christmas complete.

As we stroll through this happy month of December
find time to pause and take time to remember
that distinguishing sign of a Freemason's heart -
those acts of Charity. How great they are.
As your family gathers 'round your Christmas tree,
and the children play with giggles of glee,
spare a thought for the poor, the man with no shoes,
whose daily meal is less than your dues.

Remember also the Grand Lodge above,
and the Supreme Great Architect's act of love.
And practise those virtues we hold so true.
Have some fun! But let Temperance chasten you.
And during this season of peace and joy
look well to our future - the girl and boy.
Then wonder what lessons you may them teach,
and with your guidance what heights they may reach.

So, to all of my Brethren from far and wide,
whether your Christmas be snow, or hot and dry,
may the Architect grant his celestial boon
and keep your good health 'til we meet again soon.
Take care of yourself and those you find dear.
Keep this festive spirit throughout the next year.
Look toward your next date with our happy band.
'Til our next merry meeting. Apron, heart, and hand.



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	Affiliated Past Masters	
Edward K. Herr *	1988	Ellis Hormats, New York *	1969
James D. Dickenson DDGM	1989	Don Grable, Spain	1969/70
John W. Bornman	1990	Victor Rivera	1982
Jay W. Leffert*	1991	Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin	1983
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		



Deceased *

2017 Committee Chairmen:

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

December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	2
3 Rainbow Hope Assembly Chapter Meeting - 4:30pm	4	5 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Supper	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 EA Exemplification - SSL 7:00pm	13 SSL Christmas - SOI Orlando 69 (Installations)- 7:00pm	14	15 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	16 Masters & Wardens - South Seminole - 8:00am Breakfast
17 Rainbow Hope Assembly Chapter Meeting - 4:30pm	18	19 SSL Stated Comm. - Dark	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas	26	27 Installation - Orange #36 - 6pm	28	29	30 Installation - Mokanna #329 - 5pm
31 UCF Concert- Kevin Hart - 5:30pm						

Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen:

1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 12/5:

Steak, Potatoes, Salad, Cake, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 12/19:

Dark

Upcoming Events

January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Supper	3	4	5 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meet- ing - 7:30pm	6 Installations - Pinecastle #368 - 8am, St Cloud #221 - 12pm, OB #80 - 5pm
7 Rainbow Hope Assembly Chap- ter Meeting - 4:30pm	8	9	10	11	12	13 Installations - South Seminole #364 - 8am, Eola #207 - 12pm, Winter Park #239 - 5pm
14	15	16 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Supper	17	18	19 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meet- ing - 7:30pm	20 Installations - Oviedo #243 - 5pm
21 Rainbow Hope Assembly Chap- ter Meeting - 4:30pm	22	23	24	25	26	27 Installations - Winter Garden #165 - 10am, Orlando #69 - 12pm
28	29	30	31			

Bits & Pieces

Cave Degree



Supper at South Seminole



Christmas Party for the Children



Bits & Pieces

Charitable Collections



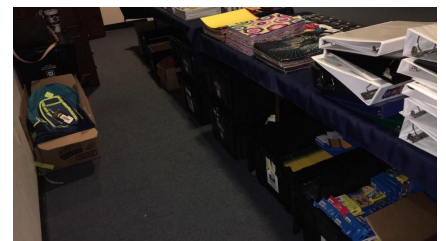
Faithful Driving Companion



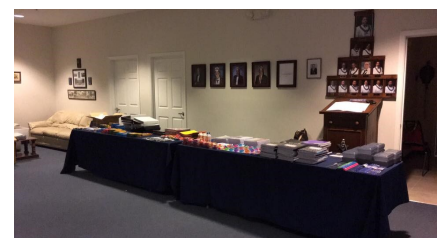
Toy Barrel Pickup



Clothes for Needy Children



School Supply Drive



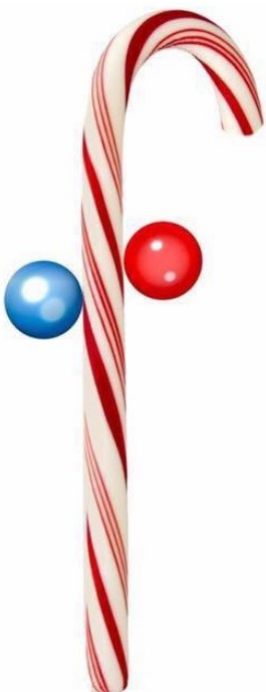
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Longwood Parade



Bits & Pieces

Serving Food for the Orange/Seminole Foster Care Association Christmas Party



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

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