

# South Seminole Lodge #364 F. & A. M. Stated Communications 1st & 3rd TUESDAYS

Dinner @6:15 PM , Meeting @ 7:30 PM 122 Triplet Lake Drive, Casselberry, Florida

#### From the East

#### Dear Bros. of SSL 364.

Greetings to everyone and warm wishes for a healthy 2015. Spring is almost upon us, and as the Grand Architect awakens Mother Nature, and the earth and all her bounty begin to green and flourish, we, too, look ahead to 2015 with renewed energy and vigor.

South Seminole Lodge has made many important strides in recovering from the devastating fire years ago. Membership will always be part of a healthy lodge, and beyond new membership development, we will continue to enhance keeping in touch with <u>current</u> members. The sheer amount of knowledge and experience in our membership is vast, and it goes mostly unrealized. For those that are able, please consider stopping by the lodge for a Stated Communication, or even just for the dinner beforehand. The ancient tradition of breaking bread holds as true today as it did in the building of King's Solomon's temple.

This Trestle Board is important to many members to receive updates on what's new with the lodge and also our brothers. Aside from the expense and time to print and mail, we are also limited in space to meet the post office weight requirements. Please see the insert to this mailing for all the pertinent information to ensure that you stay informed.

Our main charity in 2014 was the Casselberry Food Cabin that helps feed undernourished elementary children at Casselberry Elementary School. Most of us would be amazed at the need that is right in front of us, especially with children who are especially vulnerable. This support was made possible through our fundraising efforts by volunteering at the University of Central Florida arena, in total we donated almost \$1,700. This charity will continue to be our focus in 2015. Please consider a contribution to this worthy cause. If you do have the means, you may send in a check to the secretary.

The most discussed topic from 2014 was the dues increase. This was a discussion that was held over the course of four months and with much deliberation. Our goal is to retain every single brother who has a need and requests assistance. So far the response has been *overwhelmingly positive*. We have utilized the Board of Relief for several members, but unfortunately a handful have elected to no longer be part of South Seminole Lodge. Most gave no reason, so I cannot ascertain why, and I will not guess. South Seminole Lodge is a good lodge, and is worth this investment.

To our Perpetual, Emeritus, and Regular and paid members, I say THANK YOU. As a reminder, dues are to be paid by Dec 27<sup>th</sup> of the prior year (2014 in this case), after which they are late. We have work to do to finalize collecting duesif you are unpaid, please remit your dues or contact the Secretary for more information, if necessary.

My brothers, whether you have been to lodge lately or not, please have the confidence that South Seminole Lodge continues to be a healthy lodge. As in the past, the lodge is full of good men. We will continue to work to improve the lodge- being financially responsible and healthy, performing charity, maintaining esoteric work that is of the highest quality by any standard, and focusing on the development of existing and new members.

With Brotherly Love and Affection, Wor. Chris Wall

## From The West

#### Brothers,

The year is off to a fast Start at South Seminole 364! We are 2 meetings in and I see great participation in our regular members. We have had great showings at Masters and Wardens, District school of instruction & Zone 7 ME/MLT Training. We hope to have upcoming degree teams in place and proficient in all degrees so we will always be ready to help our brothers along.

I would be remiss if I did not compliment our awesome instillation team for yet another well done degree.

These next few weeks will be very busy as we finalize the budget for the year. We also want to take time to contact those Brothers we have not seen for some time and who many of us may have never met and invite them back. I am excited to be your Senior Warden this year and I am also excited to see what this year brings for our lodge.

Sincerely,

Gary Bouton Senior Warden

# Rews of the Lodge

#### From the Treasurer

Did you forget to pay your Lodge Dues this year ? Please check as we have many Brothers whose Dues are still outstanding. If you are unable to meet this obligation, there is help available. Please contact the Wor. Master for relief. If this was a small lapse or clerical oversight, please come to the next meeting, or contact the secretary and he will assist you in getting current again.

Last year, with much discussion, the Craft raised this year's dues to a proper level to sustain the Lodge. But the system only works if all members remember their obligation. Per the Digest, these funds were due to the Secretary before Dec 27, 2014.

#### News of our Youth Groups

March is Masonic Youth Month ... a great time to attend their meeting and events...and GET INVOLVED.

The Demolay Chapter had a successful Installation of Matt Sherwin to the East. Dad Ed Henderson was awarded a Medal of Appreciation for his work as Treasurer for a number of years. Mom Anne Dunlap was presented with a Hats Off Award. Alex Ghiglieri was presented with the 2014 Grand Masters Youth Award. The Chapter is headed to Cocoa Beach on March 14. We have been invited to Mokana Lodge Youth night for March 23.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

3/03/15 SSL Stated Mtg. Dinner @ 6:15 pm 3/07/15 Masters/Wardens @ SSL 364 3/11/15 District School @ SSL 364 7:30pm 3/12/15 Hiram's Day Lodge DDGM visit 10:30am 3/17/15 SSL Stated Mtg. Dinner @ 6:15 pm 3/25/15 District School @ SSL 364 7:30pm 3/26/15 Hiram's Day Lodge @ SSL 10:30 AM 3/27/15 Scottish Rite Dinner/Mtg 6:30pm 3/28/15 Open Books @ Winter Park 9am 4/04/15 Masters/Wardens @ Pinecastle 4/07/15 SSL Stated Mtg. Dinner @ 6:15 pm 4/08/15 District School @ Pinecastle 7:30pm 4/21/15 SSL Stated Mtg. Dinner @ 6:15 pm 4/22/15 District School @ Pinecastle 7:30pm 4/25/15 Open Books @ Winter Park 9am

#### **2015 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

Finance	(
Masonic Vigilance	•
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Lodge Rental	
<b>Masonic Education</b>	1
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Remembrance	]
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Lodge Property	
Event Scheduling	]

Gary Bouton Tim French Gary Bouton Master & Wardens Wor. Tom Hoopes Andrew Dever Wor. Petronio Martins Wor. Skip Yonchik Master/Wardens Richard Cerezo Sr. Richard Cerezo Sr. Tim French Anthony Edwards Wor. Ellis/ Yonchik Juan Lopez-Palmer

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Jr. Steward - Jesse Uribe

Tyler - Darryl Spangenberg

#### IN REMEMBRANCE

**Deceased Past Masters of SSL** 

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
Carl E. Lloyd	1986
Edward K. Herr	1988
Jay W.Leffert	1991
John A. Melanson	1994
Kenneth N. Holladay	1998
Marty Nash APM	1998
Donald Maurizio	1999
John J. Walsh	2006

#### Masonic Education/Advancement

Brothers Luis Tellez, Arvin Meyers, and Chris Rivera will return their FC proficiency at the March 3 Stated Mtg

#### **Masonic Charity**

South Seminole Lodge continues our support of the Casselberry Care Cabin food bank into 2015. Over 75 families are currently served, right in our community. Funds for this effort come from our fundraising work at UCF events.

