

February 2018



South Seminole Lodge # 364

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



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TRESTLE BOARD

Masonic Highlights

Welcome to the February 2018 trestle-board! Greetings from South Seminole Lodge. Please come visit us and welcome our new line of officers. January was a busy month with installations and all, so here we are, already in February. We plan on making this a memorable year, so stand by for much action!

2018 Membership Dues:

Please remember to pay your dues for 2018. As we do not use charity collections for capital expenses, your dues are what keeps our doors open to do the things we do for our community. Finally... if you are set up on Circumscribe, you may now pay your dues online with a credit card.

Circumscribe:



At the 186th Annual Grand Communication of The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Florida, a new online software application named Circumscribe was presented and implemented. Everyone now has access to the new system. It is important for you to log in as soon as possible, review your profile, make changes to your contact information, and upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card which you will receive in the mail.

Navigate to: <https://glfl.circumscribe.net>

If you are having problems, 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.**

Note: For more detailed instructions on how to set up an account on Circumscribe, please visit previous versions of our trestle-board on the South Seminole Web site: www.southseminole364.com/trestle-board

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

My Brothers,

We are well on our way with a great start for our 50th year as South Seminole!! I am happy and honored to be here with you as your Worshipful Master. Let's work together to make this year one to remember and set our future Lodge Brothers up for success on those years yet to come.

This year I want to set our youth up for success as well. Please show your support for them by traveling to their meetings from time to time, which can be seen on the calendar. It is up to us to help them grow, not only in membership numbers, but into fine young adults by seeing our example. Both the DeMolay and the Rainbow groups will be having their installations this month. Both groups supported us during our installations. Let's give it back and have a good Masonic showing at theirs.

As our officers are learning their newly installed positions, please encourage and build them up as they lead us through the year. All of us, as Lodge Brothers, need to work together as an integral part of the South Seminole Team to make our Lodge the best it can possibly be.

Fraternally,

W. M. John D. Dibble



The West

Brethren,

First let me say it is an honor and a privilege to serve as your senior Warden for 2018. Masonic education can be a challenge, however, besides the required digest education I am looking to bring guest speakers to lodge to speak for 10 to 15 minutes on various subjects. Our first guest speaker will be at our next stated communication February 6th. I would like to be able to do this once a month depending on the availability of guest speakers.

Education is key to our path to more light. I also welcome your suggestions/questions. I would also like to set up a monthly discussion group to discuss a preordained topic regarding freemasonry, how it effects are daily lives and what it means to you. I welcome your input as to the topics to be discussed and will post a synopsis in the next trestle board.

Travel is another important part of our education as masons. Depending on our availability it would be nice to visit lodges not only in our district but other districts, not for gavel hunting but to broaden our horizons and seek more light. To this end our group would be called "The Light Seekers".

Finally, congratulations to all our officers, we truly have a great team and look forward to serving with you

Fraternally yours,

Anthony Edwards, Senior Warden



The South

Brethren,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Brothers for having the confidence in me to serve this year as your Junior Warden. I am both humbled and honored. Now that the 16th district installations are over it's time to get down to business. First, over the past few years, Eva Martins and Ashley French have helped us out in the kitchen, we are so grateful for their love and care in taking care of us. This year, Brothers Murray Martin and Stephen Shields will be assisting me in the kitchen. Thank you Brothers in advance.

Second, after years of dedicated service, our Lodge has acquired many items that it does not need or use anymore. Therefore we need to set a date where we can better repurpose the space in our closets available to the craft. Besides a Spring Cleaning, we need to have some of the younger Masons (age wise), start helping in the maintenance of the Lodge, especially cleaning the Lodge. Our Past Masters have and still do maintain the bathroom for us, it is time for younger Masons to give these Brothers a break. Last year, I started helping Worshipful Hoopes with this task and would like others to help.

I look forward to seeing you, my Brothers, at the Lodge. Supper at 6:30, followed by our Stated Communication at 7:30. Come for the suppers, enjoy our meetings, and afterwards join us for great conversations and fellowship.

Fraternally,

Luis Tellez, Junior Warden

Additional Words From...



The Secretary

Brothers,

The year is starting off just fine. I am settling into my new role as your secretary, but with our trustee junior past secretary helping every step of the way. Many thanks for the help Bro. Anthony Edwards. For the month of February South Seminole Lodge will be helping in "a snacks for soldiers" charity drive. If anyone wants to help get with me right away, as time is of the essence! Mostly peanuts and sunflower seeds and trail mix will be boxed up and give to our youth groups and any youth groups in central FL who want to make care packages for our troops. We will give to any lodge who asks for supplies! So, if you want any of these snacks so that your group can mail some just ask! We need the help. Anything left will be trucked over to support the troops in Tampa. I am expecting our lodge to collect around 30 pallets of snacks, so I am not joking about needing help. I would love for as many care packages to have a Square and Compasses on them as possible. Or the DeMolay and Rainbow emblems. Remember do not ask for more than you think you can afford to mail, keep postage in mind.

Fraternally Yours,

W. . Bro. Secretary Timothy French



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Child ID

Brothers,

On January 20th, Brothers Nathan Wilson, Murray Martin, Stephen Shields, and Nick Conner had a Child ID at the Oviedo Mall during the Cops 'N Cars for Kids Event. They we were to do 48 ID's, way to go my Brothers.

Fraternally,

Luis A. Tellez, Junior Warden



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 This Month:

Hollis Boyd Johnson - 66 Years

Charles Curtis Friel - 48 Years

John Perry Yon Jr - 36 Years

Marshall Ellis Hinson - 10 Years

Jeffery Karl Gerlitz - 4 Years

Joseph Micah Morse - 1 Year

Eric Anthony Charles - 1 Year

Tom Erskine - 1 Year

Aaron Michael Haire - 1 Year

James Lee Reed - 1 Year

Michael Gerard Rice - 1 Year

Stephen Shields - 1 Year

Birthdays This Month:

2/4 - Hollis Boyd Johnson

2/5 - Larry Ross Hickman

2/7 - Jose Gabriel Ayala

2/8 - Thomas Warren Hoopes III

2/9 - William Junior St John

2/11 - Doron Bronshtein

2/14 - Charles Raymond Crouch

2/14 - Roger Charles Richards

2/15 - Gary Michael Bouton

2/15 - Benjamin Franklin Ellis

2/17 - Jerry Scott Morey

2/19 - Michael Parke Fisher

2/25 - Robert Swope Stevenson

2/25 - Leon Raymond Van Varenberg



Poem of the Month

The Emblems of the Craft - By: Rob Morris

Who wears the Square upon his breast
Does in the face of God attest,—
And in the face of man,—
That all his actions will compare
With the divine, the unerring Square,
That squares great virtue's plan.
And he erects his edifice
By this design, and this, and this.

Who wears the Level says that pride
Does not within his soul abide,
Nor foolish vanity
That man has but a common doom,
And from the cradle to the tomb
An equal destiny.
And he erects his edifice
By this design, and this, and this.

Who wears the Plumb, behold how true
His words and walk! and could we view
The chambers of his soul,
Each hidden thought, so pure and good,
By the stern line of rectitude
Points up to Heaven's goal
And he erects his edifice
By this design, and this, and this.

Who wears the G,—that mark divine,—
Whose very sight should banish sin,
Has faith in God alone
His Father, Maker, Friend, he knows
He vows and pays to God his vows
Before the eternal throne
And he erects his edifice
By this design, and this, and this.

Thus life and beauty come to view
In each design our fathers drew,
So glorious and sublime
Each breathes an odor from the bloom
Of gardens bright beyond the tomb,
Beyond the flight of time
And bids us ever build on this,
The walls of God's own edifice.



South Seminole Masons

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Past Masters:

Curtis F. Blow *	U.D & 1968		
Verbun A. Jones *	1969	Kenneth N. Holladay *	1998
Frank Bingham *	1970	Marty Nash APM *	1998
Louis Kirby *	1971	Donald Maurizio *	1999
Francis P. Oddo *	1972	Joseph Cordeiro	2000
Troy Tatum *	1973	Randy L. Vess	2001
William P. Byles *	1974	B. Franklin Ellis	2002
Carl E. Strom *	1975	E. Neal Tish	2003
J.C. Valentine *	1976	Samuel A. Tish	2004
Rodger T. Peterson, Sr *	1977	Douglas B. Guthrie	2005
William B. Ritter *	1978	John J. Walsh *	2006
Phillip G. Marriott *	1979	William D. Dieringer	2007
Max R. Jones	1980	Robert T. Billoni *	2008
Samuel M. Lewis DDGM, Past Grand Master	1981	Herman (Skip) Yonchik	2009/10
Thomas E. Embree DDGM	1982	Thomas Hoopes	2011
Ottis R. Erickson DDGM *	1983	Greg Rushing	2012
William R. Ellis	1984	Jose Ayala	2013
William E. Johnson	1985	Petronio Martins	2014
Carl E. Lloyd *	1986	Christopher Wall	2015
John F. Schroth, Sr.	1987	Gary Bouton	2016
Edward K. Herr *	1988	Tim French	2017
James D. Dickenson DDGM	1989	Affiliated Past Masters	
John W. Bornman	1990	Ellis Hormats, New York *	1969
Jay W. Leffert*	1991	Don Grable, Spain	1969/70
Billy M. Mew	1992	Victor Rivera	1982
Roger C. Reynell	1993	Jeff Gerlitz,	Wisconsin
John A. Melanson *	1994	1983	
Thomas D. Roberts	1995		
Edwin C. Henderson	1996		
Paul W. Freeman, Sr.	1997		

Deceased *

2018 Committee Chairmen:

Finance	Anthony Edwards
Masonic Vigilance	Luis Tellez
Petitions	Anthony Edwards
Charity, Wills & Gifts	Wor. Skip Yonchik
Lodge Rental	Wor. Tom Hoopes
Masonic Education	Anthony Edwards
Mentoring	Wor. Tom Hoopes
Youth Activities	Wor. Skip Yonchik

Board of Relief	Anthony Edwards
Sickness & Distress	Dan Taylor
Remembrance	Dan Taylor
Publicity	Dan Taylor
L.Y.P.M.G.C.	Wor. Skip Yonchik
Lodge Property	Wor. Ellis & Wor. Hoopes
Event Scheduling	Juan Lopez-Palmer
Child-ID	Luis Tellez

Upcoming Events

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	3 Masters & Wardens - 8AM St. Cloud #211
4	5	6 Stated Comm. Elections-7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	7	8	9	10
11 Rainbow Hope Assembly 82 Pledge Meeting - 4:00pm	12	13	14	15	16 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	17
18	19	20 Stated Comm. 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	21	22	23 Installation - SSL DeMolay - 7:30pm	24 Open Books - WP Lodge - 8AM - 2PM
25 Installation - Rainbow Hope Assembly 82 Pledge Meeting - 4:00pm	26	27 Called Comm. - FC Degree - 7:00pm with a 6:30 Snacks	28 SOI Deacon Ritual School - WP Lodge - 7:00pm	29	30	31

Upcoming Delectables from the Kitchen:

1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 2/6:

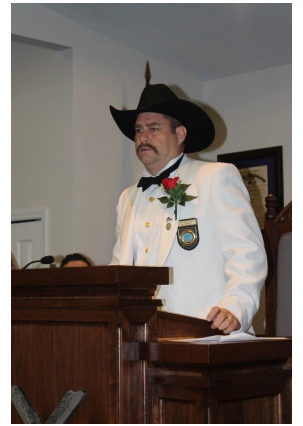
Chicken and potatoes casserole, salad, dessert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 2/20:

Sausage and chicken Gumbo with white rice, vegetable, and dessert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Bits & Pieces

2018 Installation of Officers



Don't Anger RH Kilmartin



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2018 Installation of Officers, Cont'd



Child ID at it's Best!



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