

February 2020



## 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**

# A few Words from...



The East

Hello My Brothers,

It has been an interesting beginning with my journey in the East. I had the honor and quite enjoyed installing two of my officers. We already had a Master Mason proficiency as well as two Bible and Apron ceremonies where five brothers received both. I want to send out a special thanks to Worshipful Tom Hoopes for presenting the aprons and to Worshipful Bill Ellis for presenting the bibles for their passionate and well delivered presentations. If you have never seen either of these Brothers present those items, you simply have no idea what you are missing. We have also used the ballot box a few times already, had an Entered Apprentice Degree where EIGHT Brothers were Initiated into the craft in one night. It wasn't your normal Entered Apprentice Degree, we had to break them up at some point to Initiate them properly. Brother Senior Warden Ed Dibble sat the East for that Degree and did a fantastic job on this difficult task.

We also draped the Altar and Charter for Most Worshipful Glenn W. Phillips. Then, not soon after draping the Altar for Most Worshipful Philips, Brother Thomas E. Embree passed away. Brother Embree, was a Past Master of our Lodge, Past Potentate of Bahia Shrine, a 33° Mason, and a Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Proud 17th Masonic District. With new things that I looked forward to doing, a Masonic Funeral was not one of them. The importance of giving any Brother a proper Masonic Funeral is stressful. This was not my first time in a Masonic Funeral, but it was my first time doing one as Worshipful Master. I want to thank my Masonic Brothers for their assistance and compassionate support in assisting South Seminole Lodge and District 16 Memorial Lodge in performing a Masonic Funeral for Brother Embree. Right Worshipful James Dickenson assisted the Embree family in their time of need and kept me in close contact with what was going on. It is not an easy task and I greatly appreciate Right Worshipful Dickenson for assisting with everything. Thank you to the Brothers that guided, helped, and advised me on what to do in giving Brother Embree the proper reverence that he deserved and a special thanks to Right Worshipful Chester A. King for an amazing ceremony, Worshipful Master of Memorial Lodge 16 Sam Glover for his quick actions, Right Worshipful Mike Griffin and Right Worshipful Ryan Kilmartin for their guidance and Worshipful Timothy French for helping me prepare the certificates. This stressful time was greatly lessened by the support of all these Brothers. I could not have done it without them and could not be more proud to be a Mason. This first month has been a bit jammed packed and I look forward to tomorrow to see what is in store for me and my Brothers.

Fraternally,

**W.: M.: Luis A. Tellez, Worshipful Master**



The West

Greetings from the West!!!

I want to Congratulate our newest Entered Apprentice Brothers and wish them well as they begin their Masonic journeys.

As we continue forward, we will concentrate our efforts on mentorship and training. There will be a Fellowcraft Degree scheduled for the beginning of March, followed soon after by a Master Mason Degree. We will be ready for an EA Degree in late March with proficiencies being returned by existing EA's, Fellowcrafts and Master Masons. A great job is being done by our catechism instructors.

Masonic Education will be brought by myself, coming from Grand Lodge training manuals and visitors from about our District and beyond. They will be bringing special educational presentations coming from Masonic history to our present. We will be visited by our Grand Lodge musician, Brother Mike Seeley, who will be bringing a presentation on Civil War General George B. McClellan on our 3/03, Stated Communication, which will be open for the public after dinner beginning at 6:30 pm. We will also be visited by our District Deputy Grand Master Jerry Clark on this same evening.

There will be District 16 Open Books at Winter Park Lodge from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm on 2/22. District School of Instruction will be taking place this month at Pine Castle Lodge on 2/26. Discussion and education of opening and closing of Lodge, and miscellaneous ceremonies, including stepping down to refreshment, Lower Degrees and putting Lodge at ease. Masters & Wardens will be at Mokanna Lodge, No. 329 on 3/07. All are invited to have breakfast with South Seminole Brothers and be a part of the meeting with Memorial Lodge, No.16 following the meeting.

I'm looking forward to this month and all that we will accomplish! See You There!!!

...Keeping focused and On The Level!!!

Fraternally,

**Robert E. Dibble, Senior Warden**

*"Masonic labor is purely a labor of love. He who seeks to draw Masonic wages in gold and silver will be disappointed. The wages of a Mason are in the dealings with one another; sympathy begets sympathy, kindness begets kindness, helpfulness begets helpfulness, and these are the wages of a Mason."*

-Benjamin Franklin

# Additional Words From...



 *The South*

Brethren,

As we move into another great year, I can't help myself from wondering what awesome things we will be able to accomplish. The possibilities are truly endless, and we are only limited by our imagination and determination. Taking over another booth at soccer is a major commitment that we are more than ready to tackle. I have always loved a good challenge, and this is no different. Every year we continue to make a larger impact on our community.

The youth groups are growing, and the addition of the Squires program is another positive thing for South Seminole in 2020. Bringing these young men into an environment where they can be supported by like minded people is very important. As these children grow, they will remember how people acted towards them and around them. Let us remember that we are always being watched by little eyes and be ever mindful. As a Lodge I know that the support for this group will be unwavering as it has always been for our youth groups. Feel free to bring forward ideas on how we can improve our interactions with the youth groups.

As Masons we owe it to those around us to have clear open and honest communications. While we should always be careful in what we are saying we must be honest and open. It will not do us any good to hide our feelings because we are afraid of the outcome. We should never suffer in silence to appease others. If anyone has any ideas how to make anything better at the lodge, I beg you to bring it forward.

Fraternally,

**Nathan Wilson, Junior Warden**



 *The Secretary*

My Brothers,

I was asked to include something for the Trestle Board, but I think it's more important this month to remind everybody that if you have not paid your dues, please do so immediately. If you have any problems getting on to circumscribe to pay your dues call me, if you have any problems with your check not clearing and you think we should have already gotten it call me. If you already paid your dues and did not receive your dues card call me. The officers and the majority of the brothers, in my opinion, have been working their tails off to turn this Lodge into something extremely special. We need your support and most importantly, we need that support to come in at the beginning of the year.

Fraternally:

**W.: Timothy D. French, Secretary**



 *The Treasurer*

Welcome to 2020 my Brothers,

Please check to see that you have a current dues card in your possession. We still have dues outstanding for some Brothers that were past due as of Dec 28, 2019. If this is you, please contact the secretary and let him help you to get current. It also helps both you and your Lodge if you have a personal log on for Circumscribe. Any officer can help you with that if you have questions. Create a password, upload a picture, and correct any personal information. This helps us keep you current and allows dues payment by credit card with no fee.

Fraternally,

**W.: David Yonchik, P.M., Treasurer**



# Additional Words From... Cont'd.



*The Chaplain*

Brothers,

In the last few weeks our Memorial Lodge has conducted several funerals for Brothers who have passed. It is an honor to be able to perform this service in honor of the work they have performed and to bring some small relief to their families. One thing we have overlooked though, is a bit of recognition for their work while they are still alive. As our Brothers get older it often becomes difficult for them to get out and about. They can't travel to Lodge or they simply may not have the energy. Part of our duty to these men is to visit with them and spend a little time; letting them know that we're still thinking about them. I have done this myself and I can tell you it brightens their day to have a Brother come by to talk. It also makes a big difference to the significant other to give them a break for even a short period. It's stressful to be cooped up in the house with a loved one in declining health. Just a short visit means a lot to both of them. Imagine being stuck in a bed, not being able to get out and about after years of helping others and feeling ignored by the Brothers you've worked with for so long. It would ease their mind to know somebody still cares.

I told a good friend that I was going to start doing this a few months ago and he told me, "That's a great idea, but be ready to listen to some stories." He was right, but these wonderful stories are the history of our Fraternity. Lessons learned — people are lifted up in our travels to other places. Let's make it happen together.

Give up one afternoon or a morning and go listen to some stories!

When they're gone, it's too late!

Fraternally,

**Tom Erskine, Chaplain**

## Up & Coming

### *Masons Under Instruction:*

#### **Entered Apprentice with Bruce**

##### **Carter:**

Scott Doll	Justin Kraft
Kenneth Huddleston	Alex Rosa
Killian Hiltz	John Coates
William Irizarry	Chris Stencil

#### **Entered Apprentice with Luis**

##### **Tellez:** John Shiver

Charles Entress

#### **Entered Apprentice with**

##### **John Dibble:** Travis Mulligan

#### **Fellow Craft with Rick**

##### **Swanner:**

Dan McCoy  
Edward Madera  
Michael Perez  
Michael Smith

#### **Fellow Craft with Bruce Carter:**

Brian Brecia  
Hector Gonzalez  
Jonathan Rincon  
Steve Towery



### *Masonic Anniversaries for February:*

Christopher Ryan Schuck - 2 Years  
Richard Craig Sawyer - 2 Years  
Joseph Micah Morse - 3 Years  
Arthur Thomas Erskine - 3 Years  
Eric Anthony Charles - 3 Years  
Aaron Michael Haire - 3 Years  
James Lee Reed - 3 Years

Michael Gerard Rice - 3 Years  
Stephen Shields - 3 Years  
Jeffery Karl Gerlitz - 6 Years  
Marshall Ellis Hinson - 12 Years  
John Perry Yon Jr - 38 Years  
Charles Curtis Friel - 50 Years  
Hollis Boyd Johnson - 68 Years



### *Birthdays for February:*

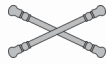
2/4 - Hollis Boyd Johnson  
2/5 - Larry Ross Hickman  
2/7 - Jose Gabriel Ayala  
2/8 - Thomas Warren Hoopes III  
2/9 - William Junior St John  
2/14 - Roger Charles Richards  
2/14 - Charles Raymond Crouch

2/15 - Gary Michael Bouton  
2/15 - Benjamin Franklin Ellis  
2/17 - Jerry Scott Morey  
2/19 - Nicholas Shane Conner  
2/19 - Michael Parke Fisher  
2/25 - Leon Raymond Van Varenberg  
2/25 - Robert Swope Stevenson

# Masonic Highlights

**Welcome to the February 2020 trestle-board!** We are off to a great start this year with much going on as usual. See our calendar for everything happening this month.

**W.: John D. Dibble, Marshal**



## Circumscribe:

**To serve as a continued reminder** - 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.



1. Open your internet browser, and be sure to disable private browsing
2. Navigate to: <https://glfl.circumscribe.net/>
3. On the login screen, enter your temporary username & password:

4. You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password a. your NEW user name should be an email address that you use regularly b. your NEW password must contain 8 characters and 1 number, and you must enter it twice
5. Upon successfully changing your email and password, you will be required to logout, and then log back in with your new username and password. **MAKE SURE TO WRITE THIS DOWN SOMEWHERE.**
6. Once you have successfully logged back in, you will be taken to your Profile Page. Please verify all of your information on this page, and make any appropriate changes. You will also have the option to upload a current picture for your permanent ID card.  
**NOTE:** You must upload your picture within 30 calendar days of your first successful login, and no more than 60 days past your Lodge on-board date. Do's of uploading your picture:

- As high a resolution as possible (can be picture taken with smartphone/digital camera)
- No hats or sunglasses
- No other individuals in the picture
- No animals in the picture
- Your face should be positioned to take up as much of the photo square as possible

7. You may immediately begin to record your Masonic attendance, and take Master Mason I, II, III exams ONLINE

- **For additional support, please contact the Lodge Secretary.**



**South Seminole is electronic.** 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 make sure the secretary has your most up-to-date email address and phone number so that he can send you email correspondence on things such as membership updates, newsletters, events, our new trestle-board, and other Lodge communications. 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.



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SMARTPHONE  
QR READER APP  
TODAY!**

# for The Children

## Charity

Brothers, Family & Friends,

We are about to embark on the 2020 Charity fundraising season at Orlando City Soccer. If you can help with the games, please get on the closed South Seminole Facebook page for event details, or just ask any Officer. If you physically can't help with Soccer, please consider one of our car parking fundraisers at the Lodge. These are low exertion, and short in duration. The visitors to the community events gladly donate to have close parking to the park behind Casselberry City Hall. These are usually on Friday evenings. If either of these don't fit, you can supervise a Church event on Sunday morning. This group brings valuable revenue to SSL and only requires you to unlock the Lodge and be the Mason on the premises for a few hours. There are many ways to help your Lodge continue our extensive Charity works. Come out, enjoy the fellowship, and get involved... we need you!

Thank You!

W.: Skip Yonchik, Treasurer



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

Dear South Seminole Masonic Lodge #364,

I am so excited to share with you about the huge impact you have had on our classroom. It was such a surprise for the students when they came back from winter break to see that their chairs had been replaced with yoga balls. We spent the first few weeks reviewing rules and procedures on how to use the balls appropriately, and now they are complete experts at it.

I see kids all day long making teeny tiny bounces or wiggling back-and-forth a little bit. I can see that their focus has improved greatly. I have many students who have told me how excited they are to come into the classroom, and much fewer who are getting in trouble for being off task or distracted.

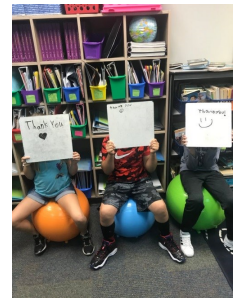
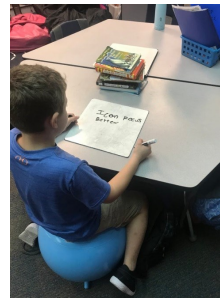
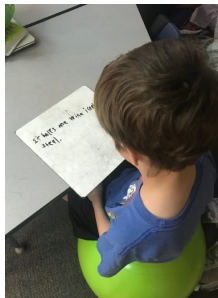
The kids and I can't even begin to

thank you enough for these amazing yoga balls. I honestly thought it was just a pipe dream when I put these up on the donors choose website. I had no clue that anyone would be so generous as to provide them to our classroom. I am so blessed to have you as my donor, and please know that you have made a lasting difference in my classroom.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Thompson

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



## Child ID, SSL

Brethren,

We have several child ID events coming up. On February 21-22, we will be at the Pioneer Days at the request of Pine Castle lodge. This was a very successful event last year and looks to be another great event given the cooler weather. On March 14, we will be at the First Annual Bahia 5K Charity Run. Also on March 22, we have been asked to set up for Child ID at the Second Annual Special Needs Easter Party. This is held in St. Cloud. Brothers, if you have not already signed up with Grand Lodge to assist with the Child IDs, please do so and help support a great cause. There are forms on the cork board outside of the dining room if you need copies. Also remember this is open to your family members as well. You do not need to be a Mason to participate, just registered with Grand Lodge. Again, Thank you Brothers for all your help.

Sincerely,

Murray Martin, Senior Deacon



# 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
Thomas D. Roberts	1995

## Deceased \*

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
John Dibble	2018
Tim French	2019

## Affiliated Past Masters

Ellis Hormats, New York *	1969
Don Grable, Spain	1969/70
Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin	1983
Jeff Battaglia, Orlando	2017

## 2020 Committee Chairmen:

Finance	Bro. Robert E. Dibble
Masonic Vigilance	Bro. Nathan Wilson
Petitions	W.: Tim French
Masonic Education	Bro. Robert E. Dibble
Board of Relief	W.:M.: Luis Tellez
Charity, Wills & Gifts	W.: Tim French
Lodge Property	W.: Skip Yonchik
Corporate Relations	W.:Tim French

Mentoring	W.:M.: Luis Tellez
Youth Activities	W.: Skip Yonchik
Public Relations and Publicity	W.: Tim French
Building Rental	W.: Tom Hoopes
Child-ID	Bro. Murray Martin
L.Y.P.M.G.C.	W.: Skip Yonchik
By-Laws	W.:M.: Luis Tellez
Charity	W.:M.: Luis Tellez

## Perpetual Members:

Joseph Cordeiro	Jeffery Karl Gerlitz
Charles Raymond Crouch	Jeffrey Wayne Gerlitz
Ralph Cruz	Drake Arnold Grable
James David Dickenson	Donald Wayne Grable
Charles Thomas Dunty	Douglas Brent Guthrie
James Harvey Dunty III	Theodore Elsworth Hammond Jr
Benjamin Franklin Ellis	David Robert Harden
Thomas Earl Embree	Robert John Havlicek
Michael Parke Fisher	Edwin Calvin Henderson
Paul Warren Freeman Jr	John William Holian Jr
Paul Warren Freeman Sr	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
Chad Jason Oehmke

# Upcoming Events

## February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <b>Masters &amp; Wardens</b> - Pinecastle #368 - 8am
2	3  <b>SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting</b> - 7:30pm	4  <b>SSL Stated Comm.</b> - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Meal	5	6	7 <b>SSL DeMolay Parking Event/Advisory</b> - 4:30pm	8
9  <b>Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting</b> - 4:00pm	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17  <b>SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting</b> - 7:30pm	18  <b>SSL Stated Comm.</b> - 7:30pm 6:30pm Dinner	19	20	21	22 <b>Open Books</b> - Winter Park #239 8:00am
23  <b>Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting</b> - 4:00pm	24	25	26 <b>District SOI</b> - Pinecastle #368	27	28	29  <b>Orlando City Soccer Event</b> - Exploria Stadium 3:30pm

### Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen:

#### 1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 2/4:

Chicken & Rice Casserole, Desert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee



#### 3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 2/18:

Sandwiches, Desert, Salad, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

# Poem of the Month

## I Knelt Where Hiram Knelt - By: Unknown



### **I KNELT WHERE HIRAM KNELT**

LAST NIGHT I KNELT WHERE HIRAM KNELT  
AND TOOK AN OBLIGATION.  
TODAY I'M CLOSER TO MY GOD  
FOR I'M A MASTER MASON.  
THOUGH HERETOFORE MY FELLOW MEN  
SEEMED EACH ONE LIKE THE OTHER,  
TODAY I SEARCH EACH ONE APART.  
I'M LOOKING FOR MY BROTHER,  
AND AS I FEEL HIS FRIENDLY GRIP  
IT FILLS MY HEART WITH PRIDE.  
I KNOW WHILE I AM ON THE SQUARE  
THAT HE IS BY MY SIDE.  
HIS FOOTSTEPS ON MY ERRAND GO  
IF I SHOULD SUCH REQUIRE.  
HIS PRAYERS WILL LEAD IN MY BEHALF  
IF I SHOULD SO DESIRE.  
MY WORDS ARE SAFE WITHIN HIS BREAST  
AS THOUGH WITHIN MY OWN,  
HIS HAND FOREVER AT MY BACK  
TO HELP ME SAFELY HOME.  
GOOD COUNSEL WHISPERS IN MY EAR  
AND WARNS OF ANY DANGER.  
BY SQUARE AND COMPASS, BROTHER NOW  
WHO ONCE WOULD CALL ME STRANGER,  
I MIGHT HAVE LIVED A MORAL LIFE  
AND RISEN TO DISTINCTION  
WITHOUT MY BROTHERS HELPING HAND  
AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF MASONS.  
BUT GOD, WHO KNOWS HOW HARD IT IS  
TO RESIST LIFE'S TEMPTATIONS,  
KNOWS WHY I KNELT WHERE HIRAM KNELT  
AND TOOK THAT OBLIGATION.



# Bits & Pieces

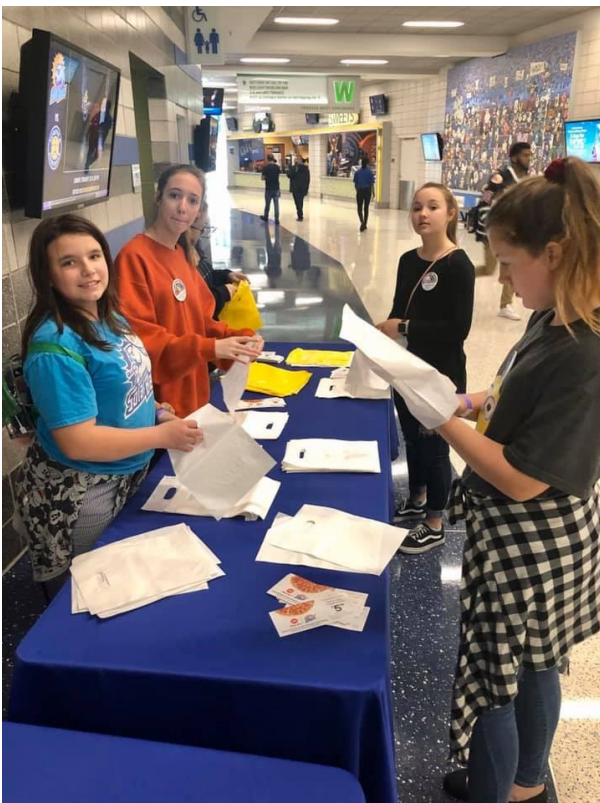


**Advent Health Stress Presentation  
with Ashley French**



# Bits & Pieces

## Solar Bears Chuck-A-Puck Youth Event!



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?  
Please send them to us and they will be posted in the next Trestle-board!!