

July 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 July 2017 trestle board! Greetings from South Seminole Lodge. July marks the beginning of the second half of the year. Let's make the rest of this year great!

DDGM Visit:

We will be having a visit from the DDGM in September. This would be a great meeting to see a lot of the brothers in attendance. We will speak more of this in the upcoming months but wanted to give everybody a quick and early heads up so that you can plan accordingly. It will be great to have everyone we can get to come for that visit.

UCF Contract

Just to keep everyone informed... Things are looking positive for Center Plate regaining the contract for UCF concessions, which includes concerts and sports venues. Final word remains to be given on this so keep your ear to the trestle. With this comes the possibility of a busy football season which would mean a lot of charity dollars for the lodge.

Big Congrats!

We would like to congratulate Joseph Morse and James Reed for delivering their Master Mason proficiency and to Jason Schneider and Douglas Matern for delivering their Fellow Craft Proficiency. Great Job guys!!

Hope Assembly

Hope Assembly represented South Seminole well at Florida Rainbow's Grand Assembly in June! Rachel did an amazing job as Grand Worthy Associate Advisor and Sarah was outstanding as Grand Confidential Observer! Celeste and Bella served beautifully as pages. You can be very proud of these girls!

We are also excited to announce that Sarah was appointed to serve as Grand Chaplain and Rachel as co-chair for the Jr. Grand Executive Board for the 2017-18 year -- so we look forward to another exciting year!

Thank you for all your support! - Lisa Valentino



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. His information can be readily found 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 summer has gotten off to a great start! You will no doubt be reading about our busy endeavors all throughout this issue of the Trestle Board. Some of us even went to do charity work on Father's Day! "It had to be done" As many of you are aware we stock a couple of food banks located on elementary school grounds here in Seminole county. One of those food banks lost power, and the school couldn't get anyone to fix it for 4 weeks. We offered to have one of our guys go and install the 50-cent part, but they wouldn't let us. Long story short, we have a new ally. We would like to give a big thanks to Abby Sanchez, she is newer member of the school board and that work order was expedited! The food bank was now open, but without food. Not to worry, the donations that we have been collecting from the Dollar General stores filled those shelves right up. Those stores are now collecting school supplies for us. We found out that the foster kids will need extra school supplies due to a donation that they will not be receiving this year from another group. Organizing and juggling all of our charity's is a real challenge, but we have a great group of brothers who are doing a great job. I can't wait to see what we look like 20 years from now.

Fraternally,

W. M. Timothy French



The West

Brothers,

It's difficult to believe but the year is half over, yet here we are. As we move into the summertime let us reflect on the previous months and think of the wonderful things we've done as brothers thus far. Many of us have given of our time and even with charitable donations to those who need it the most. From our Adopt-A-Family project, fund raising events at UCF to collect money for schools and for the food bank, to food donations and toy donations and by simply giving time back to the craft as we travel to other lodges and events to show support for each other so that we can stand together as a brotherhood to support all those who need us. As Masons we are bound together to support the three principle tenets of freemasonry, which are brotherly love, relief, and truth. Please continue to do so in the months ahead and let's end this year well by surpassing what we did last year. I am proud of all of my brothers; more especially the newer brothers who have taken the time to stand up and take command and control of these events with their time and devotion. Kudos and thank you brothers!

Fraternally yours,

John Dibble, Senior Warden



The South

Brethren,

As we were dark the first meeting in July, the only stated communication this month will be on July 18th. In the summer months, what could be better than barbeque? Please join us at 6:30 PM on July 18th where brother Murray Martins will be providing some of the best smoked barbeque you can get. Of course, if you were at the previous communication where we were fortunate to have some, I don't need to tell you how delicious it is. Alongside the barbeque, we'll be having homemade potato salad and coleslaw. Lastly, we should have several new prospective members that wish to join our lodge that will be in attendance for the dinner so please come out and help us greet them. As always, following the dinner, our state communication will be directly afterwards at 7:30 PM.

Fraternally,

Chad Oehmke, Junior Warden



The Junior Deacon - From the Inner Door

Brothers,

As the Junior Deacon, it is always an interesting night at any of our meetings to be able to move about the Lodge, learning and applying proper ritual and floor work.

A few weeks ago I had the privilege and pleasure of serving as Worshipful Master for an Entered Apprentice degree. It was an awesome opportunity for me and for the Brothers serving on the degree team to be a part of initiating two new Brothers to our Great Fraternity! Most of the Brothers were new to their positions and are ready to move and learn new seats for our degree rituals.

I look forward to working with our team as we get ready to prepare for another Entered Apprentice degree coming soon.

Robert "Ed" Dibble - South Seminole #364 Junior Deacon

Up & Coming

Masons Under Instruction:

EA with W. Gary Bouton:

Raymond Santiago

Richard Sawyer

Master Mason with Bruce Carter:

Douglas Matern

Jason Schneider

Master Mason with Daniel Taylor:

Eric Charles

Aaron Haire

Michael Rice

Stephen Shields

Tom Erskine

Masonic Anniversaries This Month:

James Allen Grady - 53 Years

John Walter Bornman - 53 Years

Donald Wayne Grable - 53 Years

Gary Richard Hussian - 39 Years

Douglas Sherman Tomlinson - 39 Years

Thomas Allen Zumalt - 31 Years

Billie Marvin Mew - 30 Years

Richard Henry Cerezo Sr - 12 Years

Glen Douglas Walker - 12 Years

Theodore Elsworth Hammond Jr - 12 Years

Aaron M Peck - 12 Years

Dylan Alexander Saile - 2 Years

Masonic Birthdays This Month:

7/7 - Donald Francis Eslinger

7/12 - Samuel Joseph Weiss

7/16 - Lawrence David Kelley

7/17 - Stephen Shields

7/16 - David Scott Williams

7/18 - Truman Parker

7/19 - John Lobban Maynard

7/21 - Phillip Grady Landers

7/22 - Charles Elmer Reed

7/23 - Stanley Eugene Sage

7/24 - Wilfredo Mendez

7/26 - Timothy Bruce Ellis

7/27 - Raymond Junior Jones

7/30 - John Raby Armstrong

Community Outreach

Child ID:

Brothers,

We may have an upcoming event around back to school time at JCPenney in the West Oaks Mall. But in the meantime, I would like to remind everyone that if any Brother would like to have a child id done for their child Or grandchild, please contact me at any time and we can set something up.

Fraternally,

Luis A. Tellez, Senior Steward

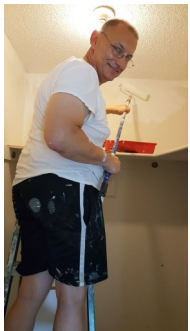


Masonic Charity



from The Treasurer - For the Children.

Greetings Brethren,



For those who are unaware, South Seminole Lodge has adopted a family with special circumstances that was very much in need. Much has already been accomplished in their home with funding donated by several brothers and by the Lodge. Labor assistance has also been donated by many South Seminole brothers for the rebuilding/remodeling project in areas such as kitchen cabinetry, bathroom teardown and rebuild and more. It has truly become a labor of love but there is still much to be done.

Our "Adopt a Family" program continues in earnest. We had hoped to stop with the build out of one abandoned non-functional bathroom and a clean up of the only working one the family has had for some time.

Upon careful inspection, we found a rusted out bathtub, leaking exterior wall with rotted wood, plumbing leaks into the dining area wall, an active carpenter ant nest the size of a grapefruit, and all sorts of vermin living in the rot. The Masonic Courage Award should go to Brother Joseph Mica who bravely demolished the room until we got to clean, solid surfaces. We also helped this family get an exterminator service in and started for regular pest control. As you can see in the pictures below Brother Luis Tellez volunteered to tile the bathroom, he quickly determined it was best to gut the entire room and completely redo the whole thing. Many thanks for a fantastic job. This was truly a all hands on deck project. From the W.M. showing up with floor buffers to scrub the concrete to One of our newest Master Masons taking any job that he could do! In fact the brothers of the entire Proud 16th district came together at the last Masters and Wardens and donated the largest charity basket that I've ever seen to the children of this home. I could go on and on, but in the end all I can humbly say is Thank you.

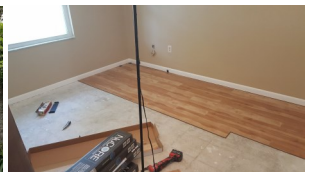
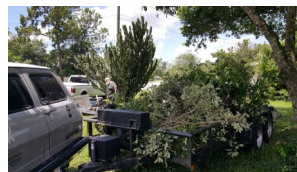
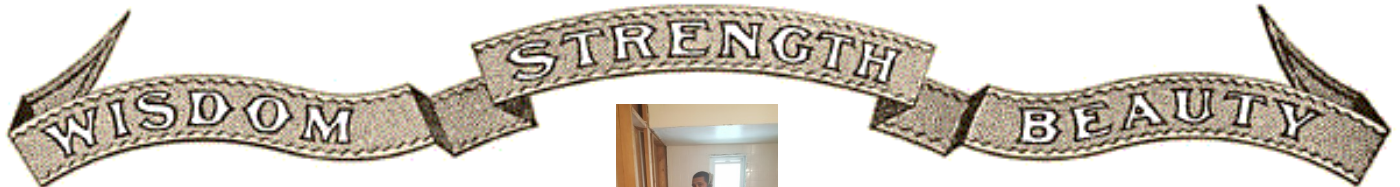
Most of the damage issues have been addressed thanks to Bob Mack Plumbing and Jeff Westfall remodeling. Now we need to finish and tile somehow.



Thanks to the hard work and kindness of Brother Martin and his daughter, Brothers Shields, Erskin, and some help from our adopted Mom, the collapsed dangerous slab and porch are gone and a safe solid deck is rising in its place. This family is very big on having the kids outdoors and not vegging in from of a TV or video game. They do lots of nature crafts. The back area will now be safe for all that positive activity. Special thanks to Murray's daughter. She has worked with Mom at our UCF events and gave her and the kids a lot of good support and companionship during construction. This young lady is a credit to herself and her fine parents.

Fraternally,

Wor. Skip Yonchik, Treasurer



Poem of the Month

The Candidate - By: Alan R. Heath

It was his dream to become a Mason,
Though he wasn't sure quite why.
So he made an application,
Then waited months for a reply.

No committee came to pay a call,
To meet him and his wife,
No invitation to Mason's hall
Nor offer of advice.

Finally a postcard in the mail,
Said, come Monday night at six,
And bring us twenty dollars,
If you want to see our tricks.

He made that solitary journey,
And entered by the door,
But not one hand was offered,
As he slowly crossed the floor.

They fed him beans and hot dogs,
And a piece of apple pie,
Then lead him to a little room,
With no explanation why.

The work was done with care and skill,
No one could argue that.
But, the candidate was forgotten,
As they patted themselves on the back.

He came to the lodge hall two more times,
And was raised to the third degree.
That was the last time they saw him.
What could the trouble be?

They scratched their heads and wondered,
As again they cried and moaned,
Our time has all been wasted!
We should have stayed at home.

It seems to me that they've missed the point,
But they need to understand.
It's not just how well you do the work,
It's how you treat the man.

Because you can only be a Mason,
When you're a Mason in your heart
And along with his jacket seams,
They had burst his dream apart.

So, if you get an application,
Please, call on that man at once.
Invite him and his family,
To tour your hall and share some lunch.

Answer all his questions,
Let him share your pride.
A Mason's work, is honest work
That's not a secret to hide.

And when it's time to present him,
With the gift of a degree,
Remember, genuine friendship is,
The true gift of masonry.

Pick him up and take him home.
Isn't he worth the trip?
No candidate should come alone.
Please, don't ignore this tip.

All should rush to greet him,
As he enters by your door.
Extend your hand in friendship,
That's what a Mason's grip is for.

And remember your obligation,
As you lead him to the gate.
It's up to you to guide him through,
Not to hurt or humiliate.

Now armed with proper instruction,
Masonry's door will open wide,
Thanks to you, his best example,
Of what a Mason should be inside.

And thank him sincerely for coming.
Invite him back to his new home.
For a brother will not be a brother,
If he feels unwelcome and alone.



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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 *

2016 Committee Chairmen:

Finance	John Dibble	Board of Relief	Master & Wardens
Masonic Vigilance	Chad Oehmke	Sickness & Distress	Joe Ayala
Petitions	John Dibble	Remembrance	Joe Ayala
Charity, Wills & Gifts	Master & Wardens	Publicity	John Dibble
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

July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Masters & Wardens - 8:00am Breakfast
2	3	4 SSL Stated Comm. Dark for Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Open Books at WP Lodge - 8:30am
16 Rainbow Hope Assembly Chapter Meeting - 4:30pm	17	18 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm	19	20	21 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 MM Degree at Oviedo Lodge - 10:00am
30	31					

Upcoming Delectables from the Kitchen:

1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 7/4:

No Meal—Lodge is dark for Independence Day

3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 7/18:

Murry's Famous BBQ, Homemade Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee



Bits & Pieces

June EA Degree at South Seminole



MM Degree at Orange Blossom - 80



Lots of Food Bank Collections!!!



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

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