

March 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**

# Things Masonic

**Welcome to the March 2017 trestle-board!** With the new year we have had many things going on, from several UCF charitable events, district events such as our free Family and Friends Appreciation Breakfast on March 11th. Please review the calendar in this communication and join us at these upcoming events. We would love to see you. Let's all work together to make this an even better year for the lodge!

## **South Seminole Youth:**

Please don't forget to support the South Seminole DeMolay and Rainbow groups! From time to time we tend to forget that these groups meet on a regular basis at our lodge. The youth are our future and need your help and presence to continue running. These groups exist so that our young ones can grow into upstanding citizens and leaders for tomorrow. They love when Master Masons join them just to show our thanks and let them know that they matter to us. Please feel free to come to their events.

## **Weekly Church Assistance Needed:**

**Brothers Needed!** - This is a call of assistance for Sunday church services at the lodge. It is easy work... All you have to do is sit there while the church people are there from 9AM to 1PM. If we have enough brothers doing it, there will be enough rotation that you will only need to do it once a month or so. Please reach out to brother Juan Palmer if you would like to help out. Thanks!

## **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 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](http://www.southseminole364.com).

## **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 software application named Circumscribe was presented and implemented during this Masonic year. The Lodge membership data migration is now complete, and you now have access to the new system. It is important for you to log in ASAP, review your profile, make changes to your contact data, and upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card.

This was posted on the October trestle-board and was followed with step-by-step instructions on how to login to Circumscribe. Please find the October Trestle-board on our Web site at <http://southseminole364.com/images/Trestleboard/2016/SSL%20TBoard%20Oct%2016.pdf> where you will find the instructions after the "Welcome" section of the Trestle-board.

Also, 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.

**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,

## **“Urgent!” (Past Masters and Master Mason’s needed)**

Brother’s, we are growing our lodge every year, with this growth comes a certain responsibility. Among these are to become mentors to the new brothers. It seems as if when we make new Brothers we have that same amount stop showing up. Just as we get excited that we are about to be able to fully implement the mentor program “the correct way”, those of you who would make fantastic mentors stop coming. If this is because you don’t want to step on the toes of us now running the lodge, or you feel as if you’re just going to be sitting on the sidelines, nothing could be further from the truth! We need your help. Please step on my toes. Bring your knowledge and love of the fraternity back! Help with the degrees. Help with U.C.F. Help with Child I.D. Help at the church that has made a home at South Seminole by renting it for so many years. Many hands make light work, since there must be one of us at the lodge to open and close after church; either 4 brothers can take turns and show up once a month, or 12 brothers can take turns and show up once every 3 months. We have several opportunities at U.C.F to make a lot of money for charity. If you are unable to make the times and dates or physically cannot do the demanding labor at U.C.F then do some of what I mentioned above; giving the younger brothers a break so that they do not get burned out doing everything. This is my plea. Twenty new Brothers and still the same number showing up in lodge year after year... This needs to change! So please come back we really do need you, we are at the point that our lodge can now do many great and important things.

We are now a power house in the charity dept. We give out two Ed Henderson scholarships per year. We help dozens of school teachers. We feed hundreds of children on a constant basis all year long. We are building our youth groups. We have a foster care project that is getting underway. We have set a record with our Child I.D. program. Our dinners have never been better with the fantastic Eva Martins in charge of the kitchen. Her helper Ashley French has learned so much that she has been able to take over when needed. Wives and children are showing up for dinner as well! Then add to that the fact that the families now enjoy the flag ceremony, sickness and praise reports, and on occasion legal Masonic facts, public bible ceremonies, some presentations with their husbands and fathers; all before asking the non-Masters to leave. Every day our lodge feels more and more like home. Only one thing would make it better. **You!** Yes, I know, great tag line. But it isn’t a tag line. I am serious Brothers If you live here and are able bodied we really do need you. Finish this sentence. **I am a Freemason; therefore, I have a responsibility to \_\_\_\_?** To do what? What could the answer be? If it’s not to show up, or to do charity, if it’s not to give back to the lodge, if it’s not to give back to your community, if it’s not to help raise the next generation of youth, if it’s not to help with the medical needs of children, if it’s not to become a better man, husband, father, then what is it? Break time is over. And lodge isn’t just about the minutes anymore.

Fraternally:

**W. M. Timothy French**



*The Secretary*

Brothers,

A master mason degree was performed on February 11th when our new Master Masons were raised. Congratulations to our new Master Masons, Bro’s Aaron Haire, Arthur Erskine, Michael Rice, Joseph Morse, Eric Charles, James Reid, Stephen Shields.

My brothers just a reminder for those that haven’t paid their dues for 2017, please forward them as soon as you can. Again, if any member is in need of assistance, please contact the Secretary or any elected officer.

For those that are having difficulties with the new Circumscribe system, please be patient as it is a work in progress right now. It will eventually be a good tool for all to use to update their information and to pay their dues. You can pay your dues on circumscribe by credit card or check. Your account will be automatically credited.

Fraternally Yours,

**Anthony Edwards, Lodge Secretary**

# Additional Words From...



## *The West*

Brothers,

Welcome back to a new year at South Seminole Lodge! This year we have a great lineup of officers and hope to bring great things to the craft. Please support them so that they can succeed in their particular roles. As Worshipful French said in his part... "Many hands make light work."

We have two upcoming degrees, first a Fellowcraft degree on the 15th of March followed by an Entered Apprentice degree of which the date is currently unknown at the creation of this Trestleboard. I will be in the East for the Fellowcraft degree and Brother Ed Dibble will be in the East for the Entered Apprentice Degree. Please come out and support our new brothers and candidates as they travel the path to becoming Master Masons.

One of the focuses this year is going to be lodge growth and as the Worshipful Master eluded to earlier, it isn't just about bringing in new Master Masons but maintaining the lodge with it's existing members and family. As this is a "home" lodge to so many, we want to make everyone feel at home. Dictionary.com defines home as a place where a person can feel at ease in a situation familiar to one's self or a place of refuge in which one's domestic affections are centered. We wish our lodge to become that special place where brothers can depend on one another and feel comfortable sharing time together. Let's all do our part to make that happen! Please bring your families to the meals and events so that we can celebrate our brotherhood together.

Fraternally yours,

**John Dibble, Senior Warden**



## *The South*

Brethren,

It's a new year and South Seminole started off strong with forty-five members, their family, and visiting brothers present for the meal prior to South Seminole's first stated communication since the installation of the 2017 officers. Those attending were served spaghetti and meatballs with salad and dessert graciously and expertly prepared by Ashley and Eva. If you haven't been to lodge in a while, please come out and join us for one, or better yet, both of our stated communication in March. Prior to the first meeting in March, (Mar 7th), the meal will be chicken fajitas with rice and salad. For the following meeting (Mar 21st), we'll be having Shepherds pie, salad, and chocolate cake. Please join us and, remember, family members aren't just welcome; we encourage every brother to bring their family to enjoy the meal and any public segments of our activities for the night.

Fraternally,

**Chad Oehmke, Junior Warden**



## *The Chaplain:*

Brothers,

Greetings from the Chaplin's Corner!

Our first meeting of the year was a great, there were many friends and family in attendance, presentations were made and the masonic air was full of hope and enthusiasm for the New Year! No reports of any sickness and/or distress which is good! If you know of any brother or their family that is sick or distressed, please let me know. We want to include them in our prayers and a possible masonic visitation. Until next month!

**Wor. JG Ayala - PM, South Seminole #364 Chaplin**



# Up & Coming

## *Masons Under Instruction:*

### **Entered Apprentice with Bruce Carter:**

Douglas Matern

Jason Schneider

### **Master Mason with Daniel Taylor:**

Eric Charles

Michael Rice

Tom Erskine

Joseph Morse

Aaron Haire

### **Master Mason with Chad Oehmke:**

James Reed

Stephen Shields

## *Masonic Anniversaries This Month:*

Harry Berenger - 14 Years

Roy Campbell - 16 Years

David Collins - 14 Years

Vincent Cosmai - 14 Years

Ralph Cruz - 8 Years

Tom Embree - 39 Years

Drake Grable - 28 Years

Philip Landers - 14 Years

Pierre Mascia - 14 Years

Terry Mau - 28 Years

Jerry Morey - 8 Years

Sprague Owings - 36 Years

Roger Reynell - 28 Years

Dylan Saile - 2 Years

Richard Swanner - 14 Years

Leon Van Varenberg - 37 Years

## *Masonic Birthdays This Month:*

3/5 - Harry Joseph Berenger Jr

3/19 - Patrick Roy Charles

3/28 - Howard Warren Dole

3/7 - Phillip Craig Dozier

3/23 - Charles Thomas Dunty

3/21 - William Robert Ellis

3/3 - Ottis Robert Erickson

3/5 - Paul Warren Freeman Sr

3/19 - Carlos Gomez Sr

3/13 - John William Holian Jr

3/18 - Gary Wayne Lashley

3/24 - Michael Gregory Lautenburg

3/18 - Juan Rafael Lopez

3/26 - William Thomas Morris

3/24 - Roger Charles Reynell

## *Petitions Received*

A petition was received for Mr. Richard Sawyer. After investigation, Mr. Sawyer was elected to receive the 3 degrees in Masonry, a date for the degree has not yet been set.





# Masonic Charity



*from The Treasurer - For the Children.*

Greetings Brethren,

It's a new year with which to build and extend our charitable donations to the ones who need to most. Thanks to the tireless efforts of a handful of Brothers, Youth, parents, and friends, we have raised thousands of dollars for Charity in the past but we need to continue being vigilant in our efforts. Those underprivileged families receiving food bank donations are still in need, more than ever. We also currently support two area elementary schools through Donors Choose: Sterling Park Elementary, and Casselberry Elementary. Part of what makes this all happen is our UCF events. Please assist us in attending them. Our next one is going to be the Katt Williams concert on March 18th. Thanks again to those who have worked so hard. You will get back a lot more than you putting in... I promise!

Fraternally,

**Wor. Skip Yonchik, Treasurer**

Dear South Seminole Masonic Lodge #364,

We cannot thank you enough for making this generous donation to our classroom! My students were thrilled that we would have our own Kindles in our classroom to use on a daily basis. You should have seen the expression on their faces when I surprised them!

We have already started using the Kindles for many different activities in our classroom. For example, recently we used our Kindles to do a research project on Greek Mythology Gods and Goddesses. All students got the opportunity to research, take notes, and read Greek Mythology stories on their Gods and Goddesses thanks to these devices! We have also recently used the Kindles to do Blended Learning in the classroom. While I am working with students in small groups, the students are completing an online lesson independently using their Kindle Fire. This allows the students to become more independent with their learning as well as allows me more time to meet with the students in small groups. Finally, one last exciting thing we have used the Kindles for in just the few short weeks we've had them is for our literature circle groups. I have downloaded our first novel and the students have been SO excited to be able to read the book on the Kindles!! This works great in our small groups as well.

We plan to do many more research projects using our Kindles as well as use them for academic games for review such as Kahoot. These devices have amped up the enthusiasm for stations and blended learning in my classroom. The kids love them and are excited for any activity we do that means they will get to use them.

I cannot thank you enough. This is the best thing to happen to my classroom for my students.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

With gratitude,

Mrs. McBriarty

Dear South Seminole Masonic Lodge #364,

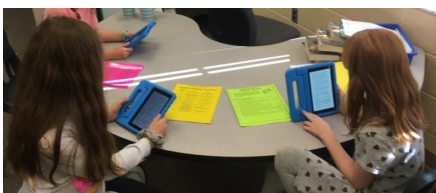
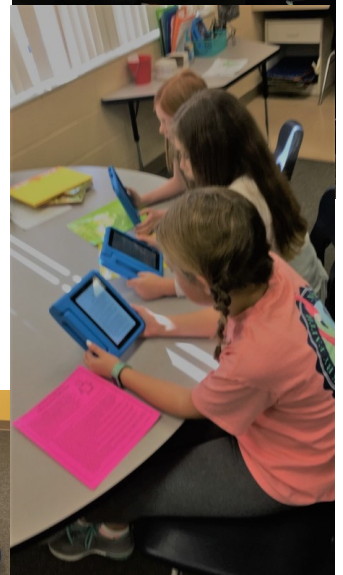
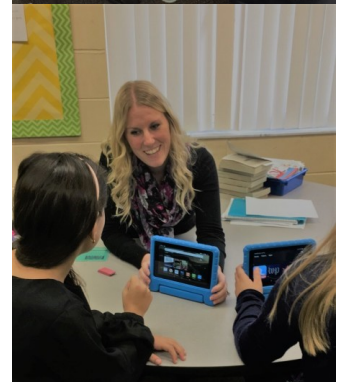
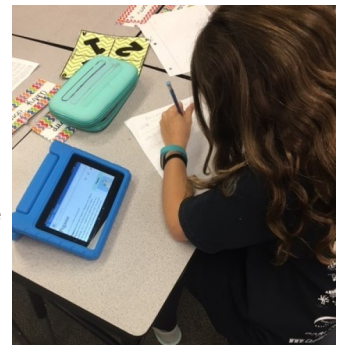
This letter represents my sincere gratitude for your thoughtful and generous donations to my classroom.

These new Boogie Boards have made a huge impact in my classroom. Too many times, students tear paper out to just write a few ideas down and then discard. This tablet allows students to do that and not waste any paper. Working out math problems can be done without the constant use of different sheets of paper. Some students need the practice of doing various problems over and over again, and this tablet allows students to do that without the waste.

Myself, along with my students, are using them daily to continually engage ourselves in the curriculum. I have been using the Boogie Boards for various activities and games within the classroom. Students can write their answers down and share, without having to stop to get more paper, or replace dry erase markers that run out, or look for erasers etc. These tablets can be used in many different creative ways. I can't wait to see what else my students can come up with as the year goes on.

Again, I cannot begin to express how amazing you all are for donating and that you have contributed to my student's future!

With gratitude,



# Community Outreach

## *Child ID.*

Brothers,

Back on the 7th of January, we did a record breaking eighty child ids at the Three Kings Day Event in Kissimmee. A special thanks to Brothers Arvin Meyer and Nathan Wilson in making this event successful.

The first weekend in May, Bahia Shrine will have their annual Circus weekend event. South Seminole Lodge and Brother's from Winter Garden Lodge will provide the services of our child id program throughout the weekend. With an event this size, I am asking for volunteers from our lodge to assist in this endeavor. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact me via my number that is provided in the 2017 officers information section.

Fraternally,

**Luis A. Tellez, Senior Steward**



## *Poem of the Month*

### The Lodge Where I Belong - By: Unknown

Though my lodge may lack the splendor  
Of a Temple or a Shrine,  
Or possess the gaudy fixtures  
That are classed as superfine,  
Yet the fellowship it offers  
Is a price beyond compare.  
And I wouldn't trade it ever  
For life's treasures, rich or bare!  
The handclasp firm, the word of cheer,  
Oh, such meanings they impart,  
The mystic ties of brotherhood  
That link us heart to heart!  
You'd really have to travel far,  
For the friendships quite so strong  
As those one always finds right here  
In the Lodge where I belong.  
When all my earthly travels end,  
And at last I'm borne to rest,  
Where mortal hands no longer toil,  
And I cease life's endless quest,  
Why, there's nothing I'd like better,  
Should I join the heavenly throng,  
Than to meet with all the Brothers  
Of the Lodge Where I Belong.



# South Seminole Masons

## 2016 Officers:

**Worshipful Master** – W. Tim French

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**Treasurer** – W. Skip Yonchik 407-491-1679

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**Secretary** – Anthony Edwards 407-782-8195

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**Marshal** – W. Gary Bouton

**Chaplain** – Joe Ayala

**Senior Deacon** – Luis Tellez

**Junior Deacon** – Robert E. Dibble

**Senior Steward** – Daniel Taylor

**Junior Steward** – Nathan Wilson

**Musician** – W. Frank Ellis

**Tyler** – Murray Martin



## 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

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

## Affiliated Past Masters

Ellis Hormats, New York \* 1969

Don Grable, Spain 1969/70

Victor Rivera 1982

Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin 1983



Deceased \*

Unaffiliated +++

## 2017 Committee Chairmen:

Finance	John Dibble
Masonic Vigilance	Chad Oehmke
Petitions	John Dibble
Charity, Wills & Gifts	W. M. & Wardens
Lodge Rental	Wor. Tom Hoopes
Masonic Education	John Dibble
Mentoring	Wor. Bill Ellis
Youth Activities	Wor. Skip Yonchik

Board of Relief	W. M. & Wardens
Sickness & Distress	Joe Ayala
Remembrance	Joe Ayala
Publicity	W. M. Tim French
L.Y.P.M.G.C.	Anthony Edwards
Lodge Property	Wor. Ellis & Wor. Yonchik
Event Scheduling	Juan Lopez-Palmer



# Upcoming Events

## March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <b>Masters &amp; Wardens</b> - OB 80 8:00am Breakfast
5	6	7 <b>Stated Comm.</b> 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Meal	8 <b>District SOI</b> - OB 80 7pm	9	10	11 <b>Family &amp; Friends Appreciation Breakfast</b> - 8am
12 <b>Rainbow Meets</b> - SSL Lodge 4pm	13	14 <b>100 Masonic Night</b> - Winter Park Lodge	15 <b>Fellowcraft Degree</b> - SS 364 7pm	16	17 <b>DeMolay Meets</b> - SSL Lodge 6pm	18 <b>UCF Event</b> - Katt Williams 5pm Call Time
19	20	21 <b>Stated Comm.</b> - Symbols and Meanings by RH Eli Ellich 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Meal	22	23	24	25 <b>Open Books</b> - Winter Park Lodge 8am
26 <b>Rainbow Meets</b> - SSL Lodge 4pm	27 <b>District SOI</b> - OB 80 7pm	28	29 <b>MLT</b> - at OB 80 6:30pm	30	31 <b>DeMolay Meets</b> - SSL Lodge 6pm	

### Upcoming Selectables From the Kitchen:

#### 1st Tuesday Stated Communications —3/7:

Chicken Fajitas with Rice and Salad, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

#### 3rd Tuesday Stated Communications and FC Degree —3/21:

Shepherds Pie, Salad, Chocolate Cake, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee



# Bits & Pieces

Child ID In Action



2017 Officer Lineup



Welcome Our 7 New Master Masons!!



South Seminole has the Traveling Cup!



Working with Foster Kids





# Announcement

South Seminole Lodge#364

~FREE BREAKFAST~



Join us **Saturday March 11th** for a family and friends appreciation breakfast. Served by our new officers. This is an ideal opportunity to meet with brothers old and new, and to meet with our families and friends at no cost to you! Great time to catch up with whats happening at YOUR lodge. If you haven't been in a while we would love to see you. Breakfast will be served from

**8am - 10:30am**

