

May 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 May 2017 trestle-board!** Greetings from South Seminole Lodge. There is much going on in the Lodge this year. Hopefully this trestle-board is helping you stay up with the updates and events in our lodge. I understand that many people are out of the area with this as their home lodge and some are unable to get out to see us, however, for those of you who are close and still able, please come see us at one or more of our meetings or join us as we fellowship in other areas. We would love to see you all again. Also, please let us know if you have any input! Sometimes it is just great hearing that our writings and ramblings on this board are seen by others and are covering their needs. As always, please don't forget to review our calendar to see this month's happenings.

## Traveling Gavel:

The Traveling Gavel, previously won by South Seminole lodge at the end of April, was taken by our brothers from Winter Park Lodge No. 239. With 18 in attendance, they secured the Masonic Trophy, which several lodges rivaled for that evening. Excellent showing brothers and congrats!

## Lodge Security Initiative:

Greetings my brothers. As many of you have seen, we have wires installed for cameras. We have finally installed cameras and a DVR to record motion. Currently we have 2 cameras outside of the front door, one installed in the kitchen and one watching the office door. We will soon be adding one to the rear door to overlook the dumpster area. These have been installed for the security of our lodge and the safety of our brothers and family's. I would like to thank brothers James Reed and Stephen Shields for running all wires through the attic. - Fraternally, Murray Martin, Tyler



## 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](http://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,

So far, this year we are off to a great start! The lodge has come together as a team in every way! We have won the traveling cup twice and the traveling gavel twice as well. A reminder that the cup is won at Masters and Wardens, and the Gavel is won by visiting another lodge that has it. Orlando 69 and Winter Park lodge both showed up fighting for the gavel with Winter Park taking it home. At the last Masters and Wardens, the rules for the Traveling gavel were changed so that it can only be won at Stated Communications and can no longer be won at a Degree. Maybe it's time that we have some sort of trophy for coming to degrees in large groups. "Just an idea" Keeping in mind that we got 50 brothers together in lodge for the traveling gavel, I would like to see a degree with that turnout. We are definitely working as a well-oiled machine at South Seminole. From Child I.D. records being set "repeatedly" to our charity efforts and labors, we even took up 2 full tables at the Fellowship ball! A big thank you and congratulations should be given to all the brothers for working so very hard. We are almost out of the little aprons that we give to first time visitors, and we are trying to come up with ideas for a lapel pin that keeps the apron aspect and at the same time shows the influence of South Seminole. Let me give you a sneak peek and say that we have some very creative brothers!

Fraternally,

**W. M. Timothy French**



## The West

Brothers,

Kudos to Chad Oehmke, our Junior Warden, for organizing another great meal. I want to thank all the brothers and their families who went to Duffy's for the Lodge family night last month. It was a huge success with over 30 people in attendance. It was a great time of fellowship and the cleanup was a breeze. I hope we can do another one of these real soon.

A fun time was had by all who attended and assisted with the Bahia Shrine circus. Big thanks to all who gave of their time and weekend to participate in the event!

The next Entered Apprentice degree has been scheduled for June 13th with Ed Dibble in the East. Let's make a consorted effort by practicing for it so that it will be a good one. Thanks to the dedication that all brothers have put into it thus far. Please try to make it to the next few practices so that it can be the best degree ever.

Please remember, for this upcoming Memorial Day, those who served in the military for this great country we live in and for those fallen soldiers who gave their lives so that you and I can enjoy the freedoms that so many take for granted. Our military forces serve in order to keep this country great.

Fraternally yours,

**John Dibble, Senior Warden**



## The South

Brethren,

Although I was unable to attend due to an illness, I have been told by many brothers who were attended the first Stated Communication in May that the meal was truly memorable. While Eva is recuperating, Ashley French has been preparing the meals and refreshments for South Seminole by herself. However, at the beginning of May, Ashley was very busy as she started attending classes at a private university for nursing. If you haven't already, please take a moment to offer your congratulations to someone who does so much for our lodge.

To help give Ashley a break, four brothers, Worshipful Tim French, Senior Warden John Dibble, Murray Martin, and Steven Shields, stepped up to provide a very traditional and delicious American meal. Brother Martin smoked some of the best barbecue I've ever had. (I know this because, wasn't able to attend, I'd been looking forward to the meal for weeks and begged Worship French to save me some!) Worshipful Tim and his wife Kim brought the potato salad, Senior Warden Dibble, the baked beans, and Brother Shields the coleslaw. Thanks to three lodges joining us for our Stated Communication in an attempt to win the Traveling Gavel, there were fifty Masons in attendance as well as family members so it was a an excellent opportunity for fellowship and to show our district just how well South Seminole is fed at our functions.

Lastly, if you haven't been to lodge in some time, please join us for some excellent food and fellowship with your brothers. The next Stated Communication is on Tuesday, May 16th, dinner served at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM. And remember, not only is your family invited, we encourage them to attend, and they eat free!

Fraternally,

**Chad Oehmke, Junior Warden**

# Up & Coming

## *Masons Under Instruction:*

### **Fellowcraft 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:*

Albert Bernard Olsen - 65 Years

John Raby Armstrong - 61 Years

Samuel Marigny Lewis Jr PGM - 56 Years

William Earl Townsend Jr - 46 Years

Gary Wayne Lashley 45 - Years

Kenneth Olen Johnson - 40 Years

William Robert Ellis - 39 Years

James Reynolds Cunningham - 39 Years

Samuel Joseph Weiss - 39 Years

Fredrick Broughton Griswold - 37 Years

Edwin Calvin Henderson - 37 Years

Michael Alan Kramer - 26 Years

Roger Charles Richards - 26 Years

Ronald Leroy Brewington - 26 Years

Kevin Patrick Rabun - 13 Years

Herman David Yonchik 12 Years

John Henry Rumpel - 4 Years

Andrew Francis Dever - 4 Years

Jesse Allen Uribe Jr - 3 Years

Paul Russell Blanton - 3 Years

James Hollis Strawser - 3 Years

## *Masonic Birthdays This Month:*

5/1 - Scott Douglas Bishop

5/1 - Eric Monroe Raspberry

5/3 - Chad Jason Oehmke

5/5 - Anthony RJM Huster

5/6 - Clarence Edward Crager

5/8 - David Carrero

5/10 - Sprague Owings

5/16 - John Alden Campbell Jr

5/18 - Armando Fuentes

5/20 - Drake Arnold Grable

5/23 - Victor Antonio Rivera

5/29 - Jeffrey Wayne Gerlitz

# Community Outreach

## *Child ID:*

Brothers,

What a great event at the Bahia Shrine Circus. We had a district record breaking 189 Id's in two days, 99 for the first day and 90 for the second. We had a great showing from our own Lodge. We also had great support from the Bahia Shrine RV Club and their wives. My own wife assist both days as well and was a big help. I couldn't be prouder, not only of our accomplishment, but of our Brotherhood. Thank you to everyone that volunteered, we would not have been able to achieve this without you guys.

Fraternally,

**Luis A. Tellez, Senior Steward**



# Masonic Charity



*from The Treasurer - For the Children.*

Greetings Brethren,

As previously discussed, UCF is currently under negotiations for a new concessions contract. What this means for us is that if Center Plate, who currently runs the concessions for all UCF events, loses that contract and another company wins it, we may no longer be able to assist them with future events as we have for so long. If that happens our charitable donations will falter as we have depended on UCF events as the mainstay for much of the money we have raised. So now we wait and hopefully Center Plate will win the new contract and continue running the UCF event concessions. Currently we have no UCF events planned until that has been settled. Hopefully Centerplate gets a new contract for 2017/18. We have the right group to handle more events and can all make a lot of money and do a lot of good charity work with it. Our future at UCF will be written by July 4...stay tuned and thanks for all you have done for this important program over the past 5 years.

How did our last two events go? If this was it for UCF, we went out in high style. On the 25th of April at UCF we were joined by our Brothers and Sisters representing our Lodge, Shrine Motorcycle, LOS, SSL Demolay, and Hope Rainbow. Despite all the challenges....training lots of new people, lack of product, expanded menu, broken credit machines....we merged into a tight productive team. Total sales were about \$14K, with several hundred in tips. Everyone did an awesome job at UCF for the football event on the 22nd of April. Brothers Chad Oehmke and Stephen Shields rocked the kitchen; even with the new menu items. Clans Dibble/MacKenzie/Dunlap, Brothers Erskin, Valentino, and Spangenberg, all were stellar as usual. Thanks to all and great job!

Fraternally,

**Wor. Skip Yonchik, Treasurer**



Dear South Seminole Masonic Lodge,

Boy Scout Troop 601 has been so blessed with your generosity. The money that was donated has helped the boys in many different ways. From uniform needs to camping trips to deposits on Summer Camp, the boys have been blessed! We have carwashes and other fund raisers that the boys participate in to raise funds as well to help with these needs. Any and all help is very much appreciated to help the boys have fun on their path to Eagle Scout! If there are any community service projects or potential Eagle Scout projects that you can think of where we can give back, please feel free to let me know.

With much gratitude,

**Sandra MacKenzie, Fund Raising Committee Chair - BSA Troop 601**



## Additional Words From...



*The Senior Steward*

Brothers,

At our first stated communication in May, we had an amazing turnout. 50 Master Masons were in attendance, and at least 70 people packed the dining room. Orlando #69 made a valiant attempt to reclaim the gavel with 14 brothers present, but was swiftly thwarted by Winter Park #239 and their 18 "Gavel Hunters." Worshipful Jay Cebollero and Worshipful Jeff Battaglia each sat in a Wardens seat for the meeting, and great fellowship was had by all.

Fraternally,

**Dan Taylor, Senior Steward**

# Poem of the Month

## When Are You A Mason? - By: Wilbur D. Nesbit

When are you a Mason?  
When you go to Lodge  
If there is a meeting  
That you cannot dodge?  
When you wear your button?  
When still up you climb?  
The way to be a Mason  
Is to be one all the time.

When are you a Mason?  
When there's fun and feast,  
Or when you can bolster  
With a word at least  
Some poor devil's spirits!  
The real help you give.  
The way to be a Mason  
Is to be one as you live.

When are you a Mason?  
When some gossip spreads  
Of another brother,  
Are you the one who heads  
Off the hurtful babble,  
And helps make things right?  
The way to be a Mason  
Is to be one day and night.

When are you a Mason?  
Brother, you and I  
Can make great the Order  
As the days go by,  
Through each word and action,  
Through each song and smile:  
The way to be a Mason  
Is to be one all the while!





# South Seminole Masons

## 2017 Officers:

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**Tyler** – Murray Martin

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## Past Masters:

|  |            |                                |         |
|--|------------|--------------------------------|---------|
| 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,<br>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       | <b>Affiliated Past Masters</b> |         |
| 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 \***

**Unaffiliated +++**

## 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

## May 2017

| Sun   | Mon                | Tue   | Wed  | Thu | Fri  | Sat   |
|---|--------------------|---|--|-----|--|---|
|   | 1                  | 2<br>SSL Stated<br>Comm. 7:30pm<br>with a 6:30pm    | 3  | 4   | 5  | 6<br>Masters & War-<br>dens -<br>8:00am Breakfast |
| 7   | 8                  | 9   | 10   | 11  | 12   | 13  |
| 14<br>Rainbow Hope<br>Assembly Chap-<br>ter Meeting -<br>4:30pm | 15                 | 16<br>SSL Stated<br>Comm. - 7:30pm<br>with a 6:30pm | 17<br>Lodge EA Ex-<br>emplification<br>(SIC221) -<br>7:00pm - 9:00pm | 18  | 19<br>SSL Demolay<br>Chapter Meet-<br>ing - 7:30pm | 20  |
| 21  | 22                 | 23  | 24<br>District SOI -<br>7:30pm                                       | 25  | 26   | 27  |
| 28<br>Rainbow Hope<br>Assembly Chap-<br>ter Meeting -<br>4:30pm | 29<br>Memorial Day | 30  | 31   |     |  |   |
|   |                    |   |  |     |  |   |

### Upcoming Selectables From the Kitchen:

#### 1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 5/2:

Murray Martin's Famous Barbeque Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, and Cole Slaw, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

#### 3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 5/16:

To Be Determined





# Bits & Pieces

Family Night at Duffy's!!



Traveling Gavel Taken by Winter Park Lodge Brothers.



Bahia Shrine Circus—Come One... Come All!!



Child ID at it's Best!



I always said RH Kilmartin  
was funny looking!



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

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