

May 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 May 2018 trestle-board!** Greetings from South Seminole Lodge. It's hard to believe we are already in May. The Year is going by quickly and there is still much to accomplish. Join us on our Masonic journey!

## Upcoming Grand Master's Official Visit:

On June 23rd, the Grand Master will be here for his official visit. This year it will be held at the VFW in Apopka and dinner will be served. South Seminole will be responsible with assisting the youth who will be serving on the food line and assisting with desserts. All brothers and significant others are asked to join in fellowship for the evening with no cost to them. There will be no Lodge communications this year as there have been in the past, which should shorten the evening significantly. We hope to see you all there.

## District Degree Competition:

Big Congratulations to the Proud 16th Degree Team on their completion of the annual Degree Competition! So far the results have still to be announced at Grand Communications but it has already been noted that they did very well with very few mistakes made during the competition.

## 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.

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](http://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*

Brethren,

Please take a look at our calendar this month. We have a very busy month and there is much to do from youth events, Shrine Circus, degrees, Orlando City Soccer Charity events, to Grand Lodge Communications at the Rosen Hotel here in Orlando. Feel free to join us as we proudly continue to celebrate our fiftieth year of Freemasonry at South Seminole Lodge.

Every brother has a part to do in this Lodge and serves the Fraternity in his own special way. If you feel you haven't yet found your niche, keep trying until you discover your own special purpose among the brethren. Keep learning and continue growing. Travel with the other brothers and see how things are done in other Lodges in order to discover better ways to do things here at home. Your contributions, creativity, and talents are welcome. Remember, you are all here because you have something to offer. Bring it in and let's make this a better Lodge with the other Brothers working as a team. Let's all work together for the betterment of our community and humanity as a whole.

Fraternally Yours,

**W. · · M. · · John D. Dibble**



## *The West*

Brothers,

May is a busy month for us, there is a lot going on. We have an EA degree on the 16th and a Master Mason Degree on the 21st. The M.M degree will be at Mokanna Lodge, South Seminole will be doing the 1st part with Mokanna doing the 2nd.

For our 2nd meeting W.M. Reg Lyle will be visiting our lodge and besides entertaining us with the bagpipes, will be reciting Robbie Burns poetry ( A famous Scottish poet and Mason) and its masonic significance.

Also, congratulations to our new EA's Giovanni David, Martin Cornish and Mike Wagner. All 3 of our new EA's are helping out at the soccer games in support of our charitable efforts.

On May 9th there is a legislative meeting at Pine Castle No.368 beginning at 7:00pm to discuss the upcoming legislation that will be presented at Grand Lodge.

May 28th the Annual Grand Communication will be at the Rosen Plaza Hotel. If you are planning to attend, please contact the Secretary to get pre-registered which will save you a lot of time.

Fraternally,

**Anthony Edwards, Senior Warden**



## *The South*

Hello Brothers,

So much has transpired this past month. We have had a couple of Degrees. In the next few weeks, we will have another EA Degree which Brother Murray Martin will sit in the East for the first time. Please come and show your support for a Brother that has given so much to this Lodge. There will be an Master Mason Degree coming soon as well, watch your calendars for the date, and I will be sitting in the East for that Degree. We have taken big steps in cleaning, organizing, and restructuring the Lodge. Soon, we will see more improvements, from having more cameras and better system to a new A/C unit for the Library Room so we don't have to run the Lodge's A/C to feed the room, costing us more money. We also had two more fundraisers at the Orlando City Soccer games. Thank you to all those that volunteered for both games, and special thanks for Worshipful Skip Yonchik for his tireless dedication to keeping this fundraising going.

Fraternally,

**Luis Tellez, Junior Warden**



# Additional Words From...



Brothers,

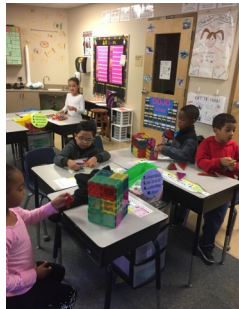
Grand Lodge is almost here, and we are lucky enough to have it here in Orlando! It is always nice when you don't have to drive and get a hotel room. I had a list of everyone who asked me to Pre-Register them, and I am happy to report that just like last year, the W. M. along with the S. W. and J. W. are all going to make it to the event! We have Past Masters going and other officers, it is fantastic that we have so many Brothers interested in the direction of our Fraternity. I can't wait to give you an update on the legislation! A few things being decided are the ability to rent our banquet rooms to parties that may give a toast "like a wedding" if that passes, I suspect that we should earn a little extra in rental income per year. That could help with maintenance needs. Not all of the new proposals affect us much, like the need to have certain cards and certificates to advance through the line of officers, as almost everyone takes their lodge duties seriously, and most already have the cards that they are proposing. We have seen an uptick in membership that we hope keeps growing. The Officers have been hard at work with a membership development plan and within a years' time I hope to report that it will become a regular item that our Lodge can count on. Lastly please remember that I am new at this job, and if there is anything that I can help you with PLEASE reach out to me.

Fraternally,

W. M. Bro. Secretary Timothy French

## For The Children

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



Dear South Seminole Masonic Lodge #364,

There are not enough words to express my gratitude for your generosity. Your donation has made my students so happy and engaged in their morning STEM time.

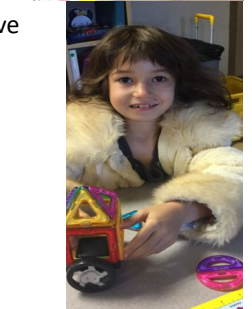
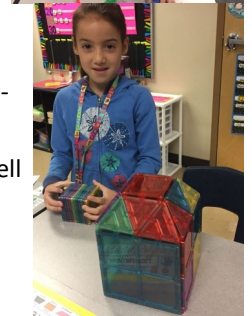
When they walk in the classroom in the morning, they cannot wait to see which morning STEM bucket is at their table. The magnetic blocks are by far the class favorite right now, but the interlocking blocks are starting to make come back. I have seen my students make the most amazing creations in the last few weeks and overcome difficulties when their idea doesn't work out and they have to redesign.

I recently received a new student to my classroom. On her first day, she used the magnetic blocks to build a very large structure and told me, with a huge smile on her face, all about her "6 story dream house". It was a wonderful bonding moment for us, as well as giving her a chance to really shine at something, allowing everyone to be in awe of her.

Thank you for making my classroom a better place for my students and helping to expand their imaginations and prepare for the job of tomorrow that require them to have lots of STEM experience.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Fife



Brethren,



In April we welcomed Longwood Elementary into our "feed the kids" program. With help from Casselberry Care Cabin stocks...our first donation of food filled their empty shelves. Longwood Elm is coming back on line after a year of being closed. With a very limited budget they are going to really need our help come school supply time. Be proud my Brothers ....tonight 41 families will have something nutritious on the table for dinner thanks to your fundraising labors at Soccer and UCF football concessions.

Our April Charity Food event served 40+ hungry people, and stocked 4 elementary school backpack programs. Thanks to Bros. Erskine, Shields, Tellez, Reed and Wor. Rushing, Bouton, Hoopes, LOS Kellie Tellez, and volunteers from Care Cabin for making this a success and giving up your Saturday.

**W. Bro. David Yonchik, Treasurer**

*Child ID, OGBL*



Brothers,

We just finished up with the Shrine Circus. A total of 126 child IDs were completed for this event. When I first started helping with this program, there were only four active Brothers doing the program. Today, we have about 17 Brothers including a few of their wives. I am so proud of the support that our Lodge has in a great program.

Fraternally,

**Brother Luis A. Tellez**

## Up & Coming

*Masons Under Instruction:*

**Entered Apprentice with Chad Oehmke:**

Giovanni David  
Martin Cornish  
Michael Wagner

**Entered Apprentice with Luis Tellez:**

Robert Milstid

**Fellow Craft with Bruce Carter:**

Raymond Santiago  
Nick Conner  
James Johnson

 *Masonic Anniversaries This Month:*

Albert Bernard Olsen - 66 Years

Samuel Marigny Lewis Jr PGM - 57 Years

Gary Wayne Lashley - 46 Years

William Robert Ellis - 40 Years

James Reynolds Cunningham - 40 Years

Fredrick Broughton Griswold - 38 Years

Edwin Calvin Henderson - 38 Years

Michael Alan Kramer - 27 Years

Roger Charles Richards - 27 Years

Herman David Yonchik - 13 Years

John Henry Rumpel - 5 Years

Paul Russell Blanton - 4 Years

James Hollis Strawser - 4 Years

Murray Hubert Martin III - 2 Years

Nathan Robert Wilson - 2 Years

 *Birthdays This Month:*

5/1 - Scott Douglas Bishop

5/3 - Chad Jason Oehmke

5/5 - Eric Anthony Charles

5/8 - David Carrero

5/10 - Sprague Owings

5/16 - John Alden Campbell Jr

5/20 - Drake Arnold Grable

5/27 - Aaron Michael Haire

5/29 - Jeffrey Wayne Gerlitz

# Poem of the Month

## What Makes A Mason? - By George H. Free

What makes you a Mason, O brother of mine?

It isn't the dueguard, nor is it the sign,  
It isn't the jewel which hangs on your breast,  
It isn't the apron in which you are dressed,  
It isn't the step, nor the token, nor grip,  
Nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip,  
Nor yet the possession of that mystic word,  
On five points of fellowship duly conferred.  
Though these are essential, desirable, fine,  
They don't make a Mason, O brother of mine.

That you to your sworn obligation are true-  
Tis, that, brother mine, makes a Mason of you.  
Secure in your heart you must safeguard your trust,  
With lodge and with brother be honest and just,  
Assist the deserving who cry in their need,  
Be chaste in thought, in your word and deed,  
Support him who falters, with hope banish fear,  
And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.  
Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,  
And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try,  
The gavel to vices with courage apply  
Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,  
On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come  
The book of your faith be the rule and the guide,  
The compass your passions shut safely inside  
The stone which the Architect placed in your care  
Must pass the strict test of His unerring square,  
And then you will meet with approval divine,  
And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.



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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	<b>Affiliated Past Masters</b>	
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	1983
John A. Melanson *	1994		
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

## May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>Stated Comm.</b> 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	2	3	4 <b>SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting</b> - 7:30pm	5 <b>Masters &amp; Wardens</b> - 8AM St Cloud Lodge <b>Shrine Circus</b> - Silver Spurs Arena
6 <b>Rainbow Hope Assembly 82</b> Pledge Meeting - 4:00pm <b>Shrine Circus</b> - Silver Spurs Arena	7	8	9 <b>Legislation Discussion</b> 7:00pm Pine Castle Lodge	10	11 <b>Youth SSL Parking Event</b> - 5:00pm <b>DeMolay Advisory Meeting</b> - 7:30pm	12
13 <b>Mother's Day</b> <b>Orlando City Soccer</b> - 3PM	14 <b>Care Cabin Board Meeting</b> - 6:00pm at South Seminole	15 <b>Stated Comm.</b> 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	16 <b>South Seminole Lodge</b> EA Degree - 6:30pm - At SSL Lodge	17	18 <b>SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting</b> - 7:30pm	19
20 <b>Rainbow Hope Assembly 82</b> Pledge Meeting - 4:00pm <b>Rainbow Advisory</b> - 6:00pm	21 <b>Mokanna/SSL</b> EA Degree - 6:00pm - Mokanna Lodge	22	23	24	25	26 <b>Orlando City Soccer</b> - 4:30PM
27 <b>Grand Communications</b> - Sign-up/Check-in	28 <b>Grand Communications</b> - 8AM Rosen Plaza Hotel	29 <b>Grand Communications</b> - 8AM Rosen Plaza Hotel	30	31		

### Upcoming Delectables from the Kitchen:

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

Beef Stroganoff, Peas, Salad, Rolls, dessert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

#### 3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 5/15:

Hamburgers and Hotdogs, chips, dessert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee



# Bits & Pieces

Food Bank Giveaway



Welcome Our Newest Entered Apprentices



Lodge Cleanup



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

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