

November 2016



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 November 2016 trestle-board! With the year coming to a close we have many things going on, from several UCF charitable events, district events, our Youth and Family Dinner, to upcoming elections. The lodge is in a growth spurt right now and needs your input, guidance and presence in all that we do in order to become successful.

Youth and Family Dinner:

You are all cordially invited, along with your family, to attend the annual Youth and Family dinner. This will be a pot luck event. The lodge will supply the main course of turkey and ham and several sides such as stuffing among other items. We wish for the rest of you to bring your favorite dishes and join us in this celebration of thanks. A special Web site has been set up so that everyone can login and RSVP with the number of people you plan to bring as well as to sign up for the dish you would like to share. The link to this site is as follows: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4DAFAE2CAAFF2-youth/>. The date and time for the event will be on November 15 at 6:30pm. We would really love to have a big showing to this event. Please pass the word and this link on to others who may not have it so that they can join us as well. We would really love to see all those from the Demolay and Rainbow chapters along with our new EA and FC brothers and their families. Please ensure they all get the word.

Contact Information:

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.

Circumscribe:



To server as an additional 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 as soon as possible, review your profile, make any appropriate changes to your contact information, 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.

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,

As the year continues to fly by, November always seems to ask us to slow down and count our blessings and to give our Creator thanks for all things good in our lives. I reflect back on the first 10 months of the year and there have been trials and tribulation, times of sorrow and sadness. But when weighed against all the good that has occurred, I can count myself among the very blessed. One of the blessings I would like to mention is our Lodge. South Seminole has been a working Lodge all year, with Brothers coming together to create some amazing degree teams and improving their ritual work; brothers attending open books to increase their knowledge in Masonry, and working together at our UCF events to enable us to achieve our charitable goals.

The attendance at our dinners has been great with many of our newer Brothers and our families coming to enjoy the fellowship. My Brothers, we are on the right track for continued success in growing our Lodge with good and sound men who want to improve themselves as Fathers, Husbands, Brothers and men in Masonry. I am proud of our success, and thank those Brothers who continually work to improve our Lodge. The year is winding down and the holidays are soon upon us, so I urge you to take time to reflect on your life and thank God for the many Blessings he has bestowed on each of us. I will count you my brothers as one of those Blessings.

Just a quick note that we will be having our Youth/Family pot-luck dinner on 11/15/2016 with a program put on by our youth groups. All Masons and their families are invited. Please let John Dibble, our Junior Warden, know how many are coming as well as what you will be bringing to the event so he will make sure we have plenty of food. I look forward to seeing everyone there and may God Bless You and Yours!

May God Bless You,

Wor. Gary Bouton, SSL Worshipful Master



The West

Brethren,

Come meet your new brothers. You will be very pleased to see that we have had one great group of new members after another! They are jumping right into charity work and esoteric works with both feet. The atmosphere is that of true brotherhood and comradely. All we are missing is you.

I would also like to take the time to say what a great job our degree team is doing, I think the EA degree we just had was one of the finest I have seen. Keep in mind that our new brothers are so interested in everything Masonry that they are joining the degree team and the seats are sometimes filled by brothers who never sat in an officers chair before, yet after the degree members from other lodges will tell us that they thought these brothers had been doing the seats for years. So my brothers, as you can see I love to brag about the lodge and its members. We are a hard working lodge. Whether it be labor at U.C.F for charity, or fun playing musical chairs, you should also be as proud as I am because this is your lodge. All of the children that eat when we fill up the food banks, the scholarships that we give out, the light that is given, all belongs to you. Not just us, but if you moved too far away, or for whatever reason can't make it to lodge, you are still part of these honorable projects and educational endeavors.

So that you can keep up with the mailed Trestle board, the digitally emailed Trestle board, and now our new endeavor of the newsletter that will keep you up to date with certain lodge activity, please update your information for our records. We have too many brothers with bad addresses or phone numbers! Please send us your email address! Do not assume we have it. If you are not getting the emailed Trestle board you must assume that we do not have a working email address for you. Do not be afraid that we only use email if you give it to us. We will still send the Trestle boards that get mailed, but that is not all of them, you are missing out on a lot of content. PLEASE UPDATE ALL OF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION!

Fraternally yours,

Tim French, Senior Warden



The Secretary:

The Secretary was unable to post a section this month as he had family in town but asked that we mention a few things in his stead:

Please remember to update your contact information as has been exemplified in the pages above so that you can be kept up to date on all lodge happenings. Also, please login to Circumscribe and update your membership profile so that you can get your new membership cards.

Anthony Edwards, Lodge Secretary



Additional Words From...



The South



The Junior Deacon

My Brothers,

Thank you to all who came out and participated in the three degrees we performed last week. I was very happy to see the new brothers come through the degrees; especially with the proficiency with which they were executed by the degree teams themselves. Job well done to all and congratulations to our new brethren! Good luck on your journey to becoming a Master Mason.

Concerning the Youth and family night on November 15, 2016; we very much look forward to a great showing of our brothers and their loved ones. There will be a lot of good food and fellowship to be had by all. As mentioned earlier in the trestle board, this will be a pot luck event. I will be cooking the turkeys and Eva will be cooking the ham and we will both handle some of the side items. What will make this event really special is the fact that everyone else will be able to share some of their own food dishes and special family recipes with everyone that evening. In order to ensure that there is enough food for everyone and that we all don't bring the same things, I set up a special Website where everyone can RSVP and sign up for specific dishes. The link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4DAFAE2CAAFF2-youth/>. Please visit the site and RSVP today. Don't forget to pass this link on to other brothers or youth who may not have gotten it so that they can join us with their loved ones. Let's make this a special night to remember!

Fraternally,

John Dibble, Junior Warden



Brothers,

Currently, we have seven FCs and three new EAs making their journey through the three degrees of Freemasonry. I am impressed by their level of dedication and participation in lodge activities, which is far greater than I remember myself contributing on my way to becoming a Master Mason. As a catechism instructor of several years, I have been privileged to work side by side with my fellow instructors and have learned much from both them and those I assisted in their proficiencies. While I have found that each instructor has their own unique style, one thing I have found to be universally beneficial, regardless of the instructor or those they're teaching, is to encourage EAs and FCs to either participate in upcoming degrees or, at the very least, to attend the degrees alongside their instructors. Participating in the degrees gives the new brothers a chance to learn by doing and an opportunity to ask questions during degree practices. It also affords additional opportunities for fellowship and to get to know some of their brothers that are not part of their catechism classes or mentors. While attending the degrees may not afford as many benefits, doing so nevertheless provides new brothers with a better comprehension of what they went through during their own degrees. In every case where a new brother has either participated in or attended a degree, I have noticed afterwards an immediate improvement in their ability to learn their catechisms and, more importantly, a greater understanding of what the words actually mean. For the last few years, South Seminole has done an outstanding job in actively engaging new brothers in upcoming degrees and I hope this will become a new tradition that will continue for many more to come.

Fraternally Yours,

Chad Oehmke, Junior Deacon

New Officer Election Procedures

Final Reminder:

Big changes during the 2015 Grand Communication as to the nomination of officers that apply to the coming year. It is **REQUIRED** that all candidates, including sitting officers seeking advancement, be nominated PRIOR to the First Stated Communication in December 2015. ANY Brother can be nominated, or self-nominate, for ANY elected chair. Being in the line is NOT a guarantee of automatic advancement, nor should you feel the need to advance if you are not ready or circumstances do not allow you to commit to it. IF you wish to run for ANY office, get in touch with our Secretary during the month of November. Failure to do so could force a seat to go unfilled and require a special election later.

Up & Coming

Masons Under Instruction:

Entered Apprentice with Bruce Carter:

David Bennet
Douglas Matern
Jason Schneider

Fellow Craft with Daniel Taylor:

Eric Charles Joseph Morse
Michael Rice Aaron Haire
Tom Erskine

Fellow Craft with Chad Oehmke:

James Reed
Stephen Shields

Masonic Charity

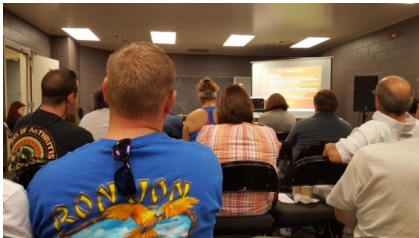
For the Children:



South Seminole Lodge continues our support of the Casselberry Elementary Care Cabin Food Bank and Sterling Park Elementary Food Pantry into 2016. Due to our UCF fundraising success, we will also be expanding the program to cover the food outreach at English Estates Elementary. All of these schools have a large percentage of their students classified as "high poverty". Over 175 families are currently served, in our community, thru these schools.



Funds for this effort come from our fundraising at UCF events. We can only do these events when we have participation from Brothers, spouses and friends who selflessly give of their time to participate in the football and concert events. The giving of your time is valuable to the success of this effort and for the charity programs which benefit from the monies earned. We are very thankful for those who actively participate in these events. Please watch the calendar and help us do more.



This is a big month for these events. Please see the calendar below for specific days. We have football events on almost every weekend and at least one concert this month. It will be tough to fill all of these events without your assistance. Please help us make this our best charitable fundraising month of the year.

Bits & Pieces:

One EA and Two FC Degrees in One Week! NOT BAD!!



Community Outreach

Child ID:

My Brothers,

We have a Child Id Event coming up on November 19th at Scott's Maze Adventures in Mt. Dora from 1pm to 5pm. I would like to thank Brother Nathan Wilson and his wife Christina for putting this event together. Also, when South Seminole had its DDGM visit on October 4th, we unveiled our new Child Id Banner that Brother John Dibble and I created. We look forward to this upcoming event.

Fraternally,

Luis A. Tellez, Senior Steward



Poem of the Month

Fall Reunion — By: Arthur R Herrmann

Now that the summer days are past,

O, brothers of the Mystic Tic,

The call to Labor comes at last,

So many tasks before us lie

And parted brothers, in the Fall,

Ere war and strife on earth doth cease

Assemble for the Lodge roll-call.

And Brotherhood brings joy and peace.

Once more the gavel sounds the cue

So let us labor-let us strive

For friends and brothers, tried and true,

To keep our Mason's way alive;

To meet on Level, Plumb and Square –

Ours is the duty-ours the right

Their joys and sorrows each to share.

To help shed darkness, spread the Light!



South Seminole Masons

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Past Masters:

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| 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 |

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| 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 |

Affiliated Past Masters

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| Ellis Hormats, New York * | 1969 |
| Don Grable, Spain | 1969/70 |
| Victor Rivera | 1982 |
| Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin | 1983 |



Deceased *

Unaffiliated +++

2016 Committee Chairmen:

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| Finance | Tim French |
| Masonic Vigilance | John Dibble |
| Petitions | Tim French |
| Charity, Wills & Gifts | Master & Wardens |
| Lodge Rental | Wor. Tom Hoopes |
| Masonic Education | John Dibble |
| Mentoring | Wor. Petronio Martins |
| Youth Activities | Wor. Skip Yonchik |

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

Upcoming Events

November 2016

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Stated Comm. 7:30pm | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 UCF Football Charity Event 2pm |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 UCF Football Charity Event 9am |
| 13 | 14 | 15 - Youth and Family Night Potluck Dinner at 6:30pm - Stated Comm. 7:30pm | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 - Child ID - 1pm-5:00pm At Scott's Maze Adventures - - UCF Football Charity Event 9am |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Zone ME/MLT 6:30pm at Winter Garden Lodge #165 | | | |
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Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen.

1st Tuesday Stated Communications —11/1:

Fettuccini Alfredo with Chicken or Sausage, Mixed Vegetables, Garlic Bread, Salad, Chocolate Cake, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

3rd Tuesday Stated Communications and FC Degree —11/15:

Youth and Family Night. Welcome everyone! We will be having a potluck dinner. The lodge will supply the main course, which will be turkey, ham and stuffing. Everyone please feel free to bring your favorite dishes. You may sign up and RSVP online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A4DAFAE2CAAFF2-youth/>.

