

November 2018



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 November 2018 trestle-board! Greetings from South Seminole Lodge. As we are bringing 2018 to a close, let's give thanks to all we have and for all we have accomplished this year.



OBS Assistance Needed:

Calling for assistance!... We need a few brothers who can step up on Sundays to be present for the Sunday church services. Remember, the church cannot be in the Lodge without at least one brother present. As such, we have a team of brothers who have come together to share this time sliced duty. The more brothers who participate, the fewer hours will be needed for each brother to actually take a shift. Currently there are only a few brothers participating in this making them have to take more of these shifts than they should. More brothers are needed in order to minimize this load. It is actually pretty easy to do. All you need to do is be there to open the doors for them and stay until they are done—Very easy work. Please let us know if you can be available to take a shift or two. Reach out to our Tyler, Tom Erskine, who is in charge of this effort, the Worshipful Master, or our Secretary if you'd like to join in on this. The church group is very important to the Lodge as it brings in much needed rental income. Please help us.

Upcoming Foster Kids Christmas Parties:

There are a couple of parties coming up in December to support our Foster Child Initiative. Keep your ears to the Trestle and watch your calendars for the upcoming dates! We want to make this year very special for them. It will take many hands to make this successful. Thanks for your support.

Big Thanks!

Big thanks to Murray Martin, James Reed and Stephen Shields for selflessly assisting those in need in Panama City as well as to those who donated supplies that were taken up for the relief effort! All of you exemplified who Masons are.

South Seminole is electronic. 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 make sure the secretary has your most up-to-date email address and phone number so that he can send you email correspondence on things such as membership updates, newsletters, events, our new trestle-board, and other Lodge communications. 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.



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A few Words from...

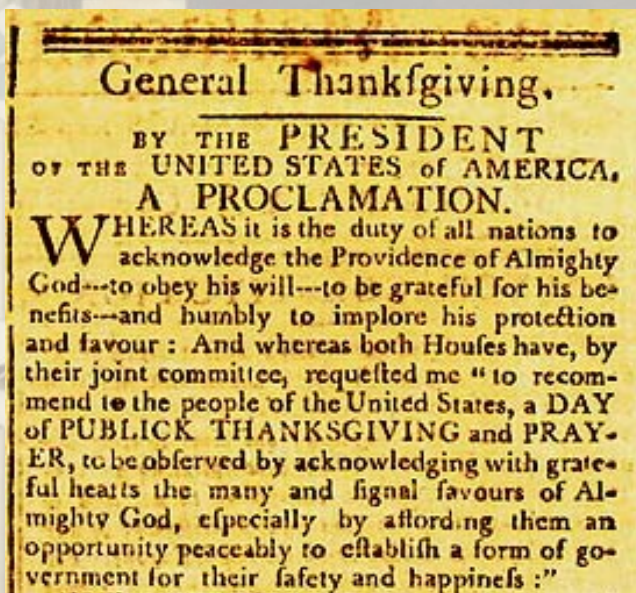


The East

Brethren,

November is seen by many as a time of retrospection and a time for thanks; a time to look back upon the year's accomplishments in order to obtain a sense of closure and to appreciate the labors previously set forth. For us as Mason's and more especially for members of South Seminole Lodge this becomes extremely important as we have all labored so much to accomplish our goals of building a better Lodge and aspiring to offer charitable contributions to the deserving.

This was all important, even in the year 1789 while George Washington was President of the United States. That year his first official Presidential Proclamation made was on Thanksgiving. This Thanksgiving Proclamation defined not only the official day of observance for Thanksgiving, but to declare it as a day of prayer to acknowledge the divine providence of God and all that was bestowed upon us and to be grateful for all that occurred in the preceding year.



Being persuaded that a just application of the principles, on which the Masonic Fraternity is founded, must be promoted of private virtue and public prosperity, I shall always be happy to advance the interests of the Society, and to be considered by them as a deserving brother.

-[GEORGE WASHINGTON]

Brethren, let us now give thanks for all that we have and for allowing us to be able to give back to our communities. For many of us, what we give is our time and sweat-equity. I, for one, appreciate what you all do and have done this year and in years past. We have accomplished much towards our charitable efforts this year. I am happy we can end the year on an upward note.

Fraternally Yours,

W.°. M.°. John D. Dibble



A few Words from...

Hello Brothers,



I have enjoyed being your Junior Warden this year. I would like to give a bit of advice to all of the new brothers that are coming into Lodge now as well as those who have only been a member for a few years. Start your Masonic education right away. You would be surprised at how much the youngest brother all the way up to the oldest brother can learn from the district schools of instruction. If you have already done your Master Mason 1, 2, and 3, do it again, I have recently done so, and it is no longer as easy as the old test was but you do stand to learn from it. Lastly, if you have a brother that tells you something is in the Digest, how are you going to know if he is correct unless you have taken the time to learn it for yourself. Remember... Only you can take yourself to the next level of Masonic Education.

Fraternally,

Luis Tellez, Junior Warden



My Brothers,



The lodge is having a wonderful November so far. We wish everybody a happy and wonderful Thanksgiving. We all know that we're about to have a super busy month preparing for Christmas and all the Foster children parties! Orange Blossom 80 has agreed to lend us their Lodge so that we can throw a foster children's party for the foster children in Osceola County. A big thank you to the members of Orange Blossom #80 for the respect and trust of letting us use your building. As all of you are just getting your dues notices in the mail please keep in mind that our youth groups could use a few donations no matter how small. They have worked very hard to regrow their chapters, so much so, that we ought to step up and help them put the polishing features on their organizations.

Fraternally,

W.°. Timothy D. French, P.M. Secretary

Brethren,



Charity and Youth—We continue our amazing success at fundraisers with UCF Football and Orlando City Soccer this year. The tens of thousands of dollars have fed hundreds of hungry, provided life necessities, and provided massive hurricane relief to our Brothers and others in the Florida Panhandle. South Seminole leads all other Lodges in Florida performing Charity relief. We are also supporting Rainbow and DeMolay in their efforts to grow and prepare for adulthood. This is ONLY possible because we have the funds and volunteers to make it happen. We do so much, with far too few volunteers. With more, we could do so much more. Help your Lodge and your fellow man by getting involved in our good works...volunteer for a parking event, or soccer, or UCF football, or even just help with coverage for our Church partners. We also will need help with the upcoming Christmas parties for the Foster Parents Associations. Out of 140 members, we only have about 30 Brothers and friends pulling the entire load. Watch the Facebook closed Lodge page for chances to help...or just ask for information. Get involved... You will be amazed how good it feels!

Fraternally,

W.°. Bro. David Yonchik, Treasurer

For The Children

Child ID, OOL

Brothers,

We have Child-ID events, which will be upcoming in December and January. We will announce them as soon as more information is available. Watch for future Trestle Board updates!

Fraternally,

Luis Tellez, Junior Warden



Up & Coming

Masons Under Instruction:

Entered Apprentice with Bruce Carter:

Dwayne Hayes
Josh Singer
Frank Hutto

Fellow Craft with Chad Oehmke:

Mikey Wagner Michael Ruiz
Martin Cornish
Giovanni David

Master Mason with Luis Tellez:

Robert Milsted

Masonic Anniversaries For November:

Billie James Thornton - 52 Years
John William Holian Jr - 52 Years
Cleveland Paul Perdue - 45 Years
Doron Bronshtein - 32 Years
David Robert Harden - 28 Years
Jeffrey Curtis Pierson - 28 Years

Timothy Bruce Ellis - 19 Years
Anthony W Rossi - 12 Years
Brian Paul Huttner - 3 Years
Daniel Joel Taylor - 3 Years
Steven Michael Smith - 3 Years

Birthdays For November:

11/11 - Jeffery Karl Gerlitz
11/11 - Aaron M Peck
11/12 - Gregory Kent Rushing
11/13 - Arvin Jay Meyer
11/14 - Rodney Earl Cavin
11/14 - Steven Michael Smith

11/15 - Dylan Alexander Saile
11/20 - James Hollis Strawser
11/23 - Luis Alfredo Tellez
11/23 - Douglas Sherman Tomlinson
11/29 - Pierre Mascia

South Seminole Masons

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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

Deceased *

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

Tim French 2017

Affiliated Past Masters

Ellis Hormats, New York * 1969

Don Grable, Spain 1969/70

Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin 1983

Jeff Battaglia, Orlando 2017

2018 Committee Chairmen:

Finance Bro. Anthony Edwards

Masonic Vigilance Bro. Luis Tellez

Petitions Bro. Dan Taylor

Masonic Education Bro. Anthony Edwards

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Charity, Wills & Gifts W. M. John Dibble

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Corporate Relations Wor. Tim French

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Youth Activities Wor. Skip Yonchik

Public Relations and Publicity Bro. Dan Taylor

Building Rental Wor. Tom Hoopes

Child-ID Bro. Luis Tellez

L.Y.P.M.G.C. Wor. Tim French

By-Laws Wor. Tim French

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Charles Raymond Crouch

Ralph Cruz

James David Dickenson

Charles Thomas Dunty

James Harvey Dunty III

Benjamin Franklin Ellis

Thomas Earl Embree

Michael Parke Fisher

Paul Warren Freeman Jr

Paul Warren Freeman Sr

Jeffery Karl Gerlitz

Jeffrey Wayne Gerlitz

Drake Arnold Grable

Donald Wayne Grable

Douglas Brent Guthrie

Theodore Elsworth Hammond Jr

David Robert Harden

Robert John Havlicek

Edwin Calvin Henderson

John William Holian Jr

Kenneth Charles Jordan

Samuel Marigny Lewis Jr PGM

Pierre Mascia

Billie Marvin Mew

Jerry Scott Morey

Ray Earl Norman

Sprague Owings

Truman Parker

Cleveland Paul Perdue

Raymond Alfred Ralph

Roger Charles Richards

Anthony W Rossi

David Bruce Roy

Gregory Kent Rushing

John Anthony Russell

William Junior St John

Richard James Swanner

Billie James Thornton

Douglas Sherman Tomlinson

Joseph Raymond Valdes

Christopher Michael Wall

Chad Jason Oehmke

Upcoming Events

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 UCF Football - 4:30pm	2 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	3 Masters & Wardens - 8AM Bahia Shrine
4	5	6 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal Heroes of 76 Veteran's Day Flag Presentation	7	8	9 SSL DeMolay Parking Event/ Advisory - 4:30pm	10 Open Books at WP Lodge - 8:00am-12:00pm Annual Island Degree - 3:00pm UCF Football - 9:30am
11 Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting - 7:00pm	12	13	14	15	16 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	17 SSL DeMolay Initiation - 1:00pm UCF Football - 5:00pm
18	19	20 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25	26	27	28 School Of Instruction on Installations at Orl #69 - 7:00pm	29	30	

Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen:

1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 11/06:

Beef Stroganoff, Salad, Cookies, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee



3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 11/20:

Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Carrots, Dinner Rolls, Salad, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Poem of the Month

Thanksgiving - By: Unknown

Thanksgiving time is here once more,
Let's get together and tally the score,
No bombs fell on our homes this year,
No earthquakes or floods to give us a scare.

Our tongues were not swollen because of
thirst,
Our hearts were not broken or like to burst,
No distended bellies with hunger or cramp,
Our feet were not aching because we must
tramp.

No plague or pestilence to spoil our days,
To wipe out our neighbors in devious ways,
No rattle of gun-fire; no cannon roar; No cruel
henchmen to break down the door.

No one to bar or seal up the Church,
To enter our homes and wantonly search,
None to despoil the ones whom we love,
Thanks be to God in Heaven above.

We all are well-cared for,
all are well-fed,
Warm dwellings to live in,
a comfortable teed,
Our daily toil brings an adequate cheque,
The doctor and nurse give a routine check.

There are many today,

outside our land,
Who are seeking and needing a helping
hand,
But we in this country are sitting just right,
Just take a look 'round and see the plight,
The chaos,
the hardship,
the dread and fear,
The poverty,
distress,
the undried tear,
While we have everything of the best,
With this world's goods we're truly blest.

Yes,
Thanksgiving time is here once more,
Did you sit right down and tally the score? If
you did,
like good Masons you'll start from here And
practice your teachings without let or fear,
The distinguishing marks of a Mason,
you know,
Is to give of his best in a charitable flow; For
God in all His benignity Has given so much to
you and to me,
Now give 'till it hurts,
then start to pray,
With Real,
True Sincerity,
THANK GOD TODAY.





MASONIC YOUTH NIGHT!

SUN., DECEMBER 2, 2018 – 1:30PM
TICKETS only \$14!

The Masonic Youth Proud 16th District invites you to take advantage of an exclusive offer for Sunday, December 2 as the Orlando Solar Bears take on the Norfolk Admirals! The Masonic Youth will also be the beneficiary of the Chuck-A-Puck fundraiser.

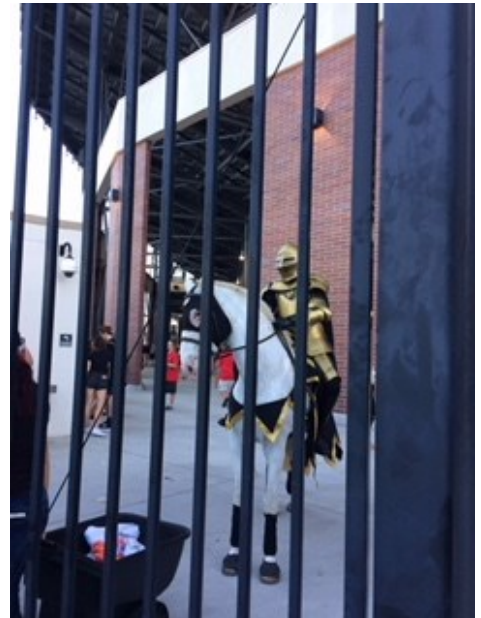
TO PURCHASE TICKETS VISIT:
OrlandoSolarBearsHockey.com/MYG
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For more information, please contact the
Orlando Solar Bears
at 407.951.8200

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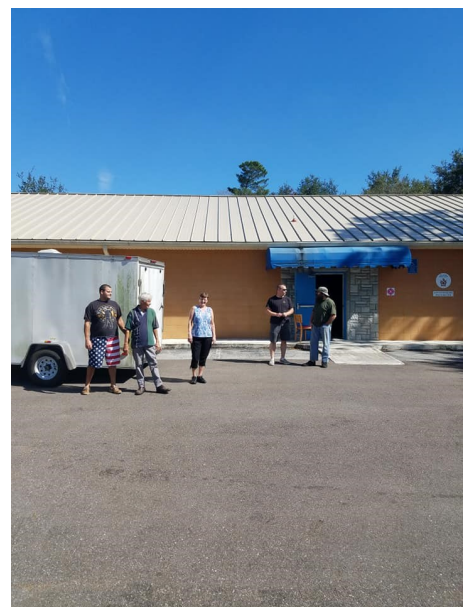
UCF Football



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Hurricane Disaster Relief Donations



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More Donations for Panama City

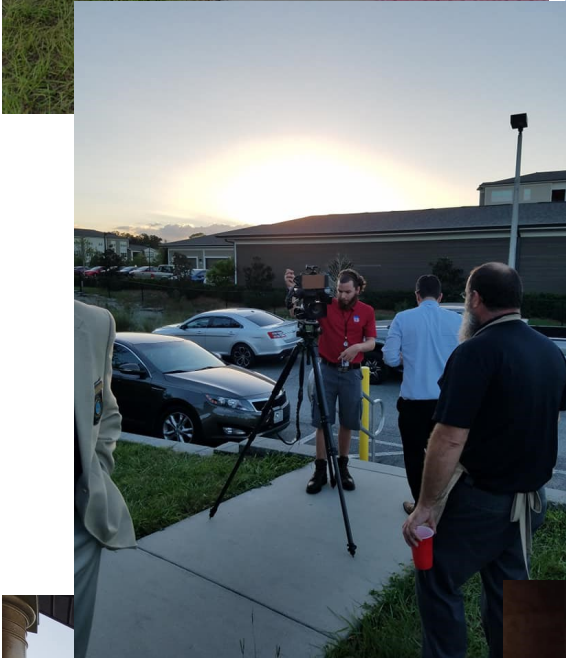


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SSL on
the
News!!



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

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