

November 2019



## 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**

# A few Words from...



*The East*

Brothers,

My brothers as the year ends to a close I would like to thank each and everyone of you for helping me make this yet another special and fantastic year. Once again South Seminole Lodge 364 has surpassed every expectation that could be sent our way. When some of us were working charity events we still made sure that we had a presence at schools of instructions and vice versa. A lot of time has been put into redoing the inside of the lodge, the dining room has been done and now we're going to start working on the main entrance so that when you walk in the building you have a sense of pride. We have supported 9 School food pantries that are quietly tucked away at our elementary schools to help those kids that are homeless and don't have a permanent address in order for the families to receive Food Stamps. We've been helping out three Foster associations and the number of foster children that we have personally helped is not even calculable. The membership development program that we told all of you we were going to start has been working absolutely fantastic. We will hit two and a half times, possibly three times our average number of petitions. We have kept the cream of the crop and gotten rid of those that we don't think meet our standards. I see really big things for this Lodge in the near future. Our fundraising efforts blows away anything that I have seen so far come out of other areas and as long as we continue to give of our hearts we will continue to make South Seminole 364 the lodge that everyone can be proud of, from the brother who's cable tow is short yet he still Pays His dues so that we can keep our lights on, all the way to the brother who has a long cable tow and he is the type that we see at every event. Thank you!

Fraternally,

**W.: M.: Timothy D. French**



*The West*

Hello Brothers,

As we get towards the end of the year with the holidays around the corner, we have so much going on. There are only three Stated Communications left as we are dark the second meeting in December. There will be another Entered Apprentice Degree on November 20th, 6:30 P.M. snacks and 7:00 P.M. the Degree will begin. Our last UCF game is on November 29th, the day after Thanksgiving, we will need as much help as we can get as the Crash Team from the Bahia Shrine will be at the Tour of Destruction and several of our Brothers will be driving in that event. I want to wish them good luck and be safe. Then our elections for 2020 officers will be on the 3rd of December please attend to show your support for the process and get to know your future officers. Then we will be having a party for the Foster Children sometime in the middle of December, date and time TBA. Finally, our 2020 Officer Installation will be on the 4th of January, breakfast at 8:00 A.M. and the installation to start promptly at 9:00 A.M.. As always, I look forward to seeing all our Brothers.

Fraternally,

**Luis A. Tellez, Senior Warden**



*The South*

Salutations from the South to all my Brothers!

Here's to the month of November from the South! The year of 2019 is close to complete... but, we still have much to do before we are done.

We have one more Charity event for UCF Football. Our last game will be on 11/29, with time to be determined as this is a televised event. We will have ended our year with Spectra and expect to be paid our BONUS!! It has been a tough year, but we made it!!! And to all the Brothers and volunteers who helped make it Happen, THANK YOU!!!!

We are in the process of having two more EA Degrees this year with the first set this month on Wednesday, 11/20 at 7:00 pm. There will be a Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degree with dates to be determined. This has been and will be a Great year for our Lodge by Initiating, Passing and Raising of our Brothers to this Great Fraternity!!

Congratulations is given to all our Brothers returning their Proficiencies moving them to their next level!

A Great Job done by South Seminole Lodge no. 364!!! I hope all are hungry for our first Stated Communications! Come in for Great Fellowship and a killer Pot Roast!!! It will be a great evening!!!

Thanks again My Brothers!!!

**Robert E. Dibble, Junior Warden**

*"TELL ME AND I FORGET. TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER. INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN."*

*-Benjamin Franklin*



# A few Words from... Cont'd

My Brothers,



*The Secretary*

By now you should have received your dues notices for 2020. Before we get into the busy holiday season please take a minute to complete this important obligation. Please don't wait until the last minute in December and risk being delinquent. Also, if you are a Perpetual, especially if you locked in when our dues rate was low, please consider adding an extra donation to your return check. Lodge operating costs have grown significantly since you became perpetual due to inflation in energy, insurance, and the increases in our community and Masonic activities. The return on a Perpetual purchased only a few years back would barely buy a cup of coffee a week in today's dollars. Also the \$7.30 for the Masonic Home is technically "voluntary" to you, but Grand Lodge expects your Lodge to pay it for every member. So, if you decide to skip that portion, your Brothers will have to make up that difference out of operating funds.

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, please come see what you are missing. We have a beautiful building, great dinners, and wonderful fellowship. We need your wisdom and welcome your company. If you can't drive at night, consider attending Hiram's Day Lodge, they meet at South Seminole.

Fraternally:

**W.: Skip Yonchik, P.M. Secretary**

## for The Children

*Charity*

Brothers, family & Friends,

We are finally seeing the end of the 2019 fundraising season. These monies will now help support the holiday activities to feed the needy, help more local teachers, and provide support to area foster children. We do a lot, but again this year are leaving money on the table. With a few more volunteers in 2020 we could do so much more. IF you can't physically help at UCF and Soccer, consider being a shuttle driver to help us save on parking costs. IF you can't do that, consider becoming a Mentor or Catechism instruction for new Brothers to free up others to work fundraisers. There are many ways to contribute to our Charity program at any age or level of fitness.

Our last event is Nov 29 at UCF football. This will be very challenging to staff due to other events that day. IF you can help, please contact any officer as soon as possible. Failing to staff this event will cost the program over \$2500 and may cause us to lose our booth for next year.

Thank You!

**W.: Skip Yonchik, P.M. Secretary**



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

Dear South Seminole Masonic Lodge #364,

There are no words for how these items have started to impact the students here at Red Bug Elementary. Our students have been hard at work creating. They are so imaginative with geometric shapes and build the best structures all while identifying 2D and 3D shapes. This will certainly help them visualize the attributes of the shapes during class instruction as well. Our 3rd-5th graders used the Edison robots to develop a robot that could deliver an item to a new location. This required planning and constructing a robot, coding the robot to move through a designated path, and revising their code. Our K-2nd-grade students have used the Code-and-Go Mice to create directional code. They even built bridges that the robots could drive over. Watching their problem-solving skills and communication skills develop with the use of these materials has been incredible. I am excited to see the impact that these materials will continue to make for years to come. Thank you again!

With gratitude,  
Mrs. Greek

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# A Few Words from... Cont'd

*Child ID, OS&L*

Brethren,

There are no Child ID updates at this time. Please check back on the next Trestle Board.

Sincerely,

**Murray Martin, Junior Deacon**



*From the Chaplain:*



Brethren,

As we draw close to the end of the year we can look back with pride on many fine accomplishments. We have rocked the Charity portion of our commitment to helping the kids in the Seminole County community. We have brought much needed awareness to the needs of the local children. Many of the residents had no idea how desperately they needed basic food and clothing issues. We've gone beyond that to provide school supplies that they would otherwise have had to do without - brand new laptop computers being one example.

They can be assured that they can ALL enjoy a Christmas party and a visit from Santa!

We don't do these things because we want recognition but rather because there is a need for love and decency and we are in a position to provide it through the mercy of The Great Architect of the Universe. It is a blessing to be able to help these children and their families. Everyone can use a hand up now and then. Besides, the kid you help through school now may one day be your heart surgeon!

Won't you please donate a weekend once in a while so we can keep these programs going?

Fraternally,

**Tom Erskine, Chaplain**

## Notice for the Craft

*Officer Election Procedures*

It is **REQUIRED** that all candidates, including sitting officers seeking advancement, be nominated prior to opening of the first Stated Communication in November. Any Brother can be nominated, or self-nominate, for any elected chair. Please note - 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 before the first Stated Communication in November.

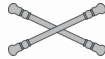




# Masonic Highlights

**Welcome to the November 2019 trestle-board!** The year is almost over but we're not done yet! Don't forget... November is the month for elections. See our calendar for other things going on this month.

**W.: John D. Dibble, Marshal**



## 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.



1. Open your internet browser, and be sure to disable private browsing
2. Navigate to: <https://glfl.circumscribe.net/>
3. On the login screen, enter your temporary username & password:

FOR USERNAME TYPE WHAT YOU SEE HERE, BUT REPLACE THE % WITH YOUR MEMBER NUMBER

FOR PASSWORD, TYPE FL & YOUR MEMBER NUMBER example: FL9999999

4. You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password a. your NEW user name should be an email address that you use regularly b. your NEW password must contain 8 characters and 1 number, and you must enter it twice
5. Upon successfully changing your email and password, you will be required to logout, and then log back in with your new username and password. **MAKE SURE TO WRITE THIS DOWN SOMEWHERE.**
6. Once you have successfully logged back in, you will be taken to your Profile Page. Please verify all of your information on this page, and make any appropriate changes. You will also have the option to upload a current picture for your permanent ID card.  
**NOTE:** You must upload your picture within 30 calendar days of your first successful login, and no more than 60 days past your Lodge on-board date. Do's of uploading your picture:

- As high a resolution as possible (can be picture taken with smartphone/digital camera)
- No hats or sunglasses
- No other individuals in the picture
- No animals in the picture
- Your face should be positioned to take up as much of the photo square as possible

7. You may immediately begin to record your Masonic attendance, and take Master Mason I, II, III exams ONLINE

- **For additional support, please contact the Lodge Secretary.**



**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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QR READER APP  
TODAY!**

# Up & Coming

## *Masons Under Instruction:*

### Entered Apprentice with Luis

#### Tellez:

John Shiver  
Charles Entress  
Travis Mulligan  
Josant Pichardo

### Entered Apprentice with Jeff Battaglia:

Kenneth Spalthoff  
Bryan Brescia  
Hector Gonzalez III

### Entered Apprentice with Joseph Morse:

Jonathan Rincon  
Stephen Towery

### Master Mason with W.:M.: Jeff Battaglia:

Gary Campbell  
Bryan Mason  
Noah Hinson



## *Masonic Anniversaries for October & November:*

### - October

Charles Raymond Crouch - 59 Years  
Michael Parke Fisher - 51 Years  
Juan Lopez Palmer - 46 Years  
Hal Benjamin Donahey Jr - 45 Years  
Joseph Raymond Valdes - 39 Years  
Phillip Craig Dozier - 36 Years  
Christopher Porter Johns - 23 Years  
William Taylor Litton - 23 Years  
Paul Warren Freeman Jr - 23 Years  
Thomas Sidney Kaffenberger - 21 Years  
Jeffery Dean Battaglia - 8 Years

### - November

John William Holian Jr - 53 Years  
Billie James Thornton - 53 Years  
Cleveland Paul Perdue - 46 Years  
Jeffrey Curtis Pierson - 29 Years  
David Robert Harden - 29 Years  
Timothy Bruce Ellis - 20 Years  
Anthony W Rossi - 13 Years  
Daniel Joel Taylor - 4 Years  
Brian Paul Huttner - 4 Years  
Steven Michael Smith - 4 Years  
Robert Earl Milstid - 1 Year



## *Birthdays for October & November:*

### - October

10/5 - Raymond Santiago  
10/6 - Daryl Franklin Spangenberg  
10/8 - Edwin Calvin Henderson  
10/11 - Marshall Ellis Hinson  
10/12 - Paul Warren Freeman Jr  
10/13 - Hal Benjamin Donahey Jr  
10/14 - Thomas Earl Embree  
10/17 - John Scott Meyer  
10/17 - Daniel Joel Taylor  
10/20 - John Eugene Peterson  
10/21 - James Vincent Johnson  
10/21 - Robert John Havlicek  
10/22 - Maurice Winsor  
10/24 - Giovanni Lee David  
10/27 - Francis Adelbert Hiser Jr  
10/31 - Gary Wayne Boyce

### - 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  
11/19 - Jeffrey Scott Herron  
11/20 - James Hollis Strawser  
11/23 - Luis Alfredo Tellez  
11/23 - Douglas Sherman Tomlinson  
11/29 - Pierre Mascia

# South Seminole Masons

## 2019 Officers:

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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
Thomas D. Roberts	1995

## Deceased \*

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
John Dibble	2018

## Affiliated Past Masters

Ellis Hormats, New York *	1969
Don Grable, Spain	1969/70
Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin	1983
Jeff Battaglia, Orlando	2017

## 2019 Committee Chairmen:

Finance	Bro. Luis Tellez
Masonic Vigilance	Bro. Robert E. Dibble
Petitions	Wor.: Skip Yonchik
Masonic Education	Bro. Luis Tellez
Board of Relief	W.M.: Tim French
Charity, Wills & Gifts	W.M.: Tim French
Lodge Property	Wor.: Skip Yonchik
Corporate Relations	W.M.: Tim French

Mentoring	W.M.: Tim French
Youth Activities	Wor.: Skip Yonchik
Public Relations and Publicity	W.M.: Tim French
Building Rental	Wor.: Tom Hoopes
Child-ID	Bro. Murray Martin
L.Y.P.M.G.C.	Wor.: Gary Bouton
By-Laws	Wor.: Tim French

## Perpetual Members:

Joseph Cordeiro	Jeffery Karl Gerlitz
Charles Raymond Crouch	Jeffrey Wayne Gerlitz
Ralph Cruz	Drake Arnold Grable
James David Dickenson	Donald Wayne Grable
Charles Thomas Dunty	Douglas Brent Guthrie
James Harvey Dunty III	Theodore Elsworth Hammond Jr
Benjamin Franklin Ellis	David Robert Harden
Thomas Earl Embree	Robert John Havlicek
Michael Parke Fisher	Edwin Calvin Henderson
Paul Warren Freeman Jr	John William Holian Jr
Paul Warren Freeman Sr	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 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <b>Master's &amp; Wardens - Shrine 8:00am</b> <b>UCF Football - UCF Arena - 7:30am</b> <b>Island Degree - Kissimmee - Time 4:00pm</b>
3	4 <b>SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm</b>	5 <b>SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal</b>	6	7	8 <b>SSL DeMolay Parking Event/ Advisory - 4:30pm</b>	9
10 <b>Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting - 4:00pm</b>	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 <b>SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm</b>	19 <b>SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal</b>	20 <b>EA Degree - 7:00pm with a 6:30 Snacks</b>	21	22	23 <b>Open Books - Winter Park #239 8:00am</b>
24 <b>Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting - 4:00pm</b>	25	26	27 <b>District SOI - Orlando #69 7:00pm</b>	28	29 <b>UCF Football - UCF Arena - Time 5:00pm</b>	30

### Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen.

#### 1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 11/5:

Pot Roast, Dinner Rolls, Salad, Desert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Soft Drinks, Water



#### 3rd Tuesday - Family Fun Day - 11/19:

Turkey Dinner, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Rolls, Salad, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, Sodas, Water



# Poem of the Month

## A Freemasons Poem - By: Tony Hamilton

Quite simply one pillar to another was as wide as my brother's smile  
It was the day of the great one's child in the west and a geometric day in the east  
We have taken many steps and followed many signs; for society we go the extra mile  
Whilst often invisible we apply endless love, considerable charity and intellectually required guile

We are freemasons and proud, offering each of our communities so much  
The silent brother and morale man acts as Santa Claus all year round  
Giving to those we love and those who are in need, ours is rarely seen, a silent touch  
The eagle soars above silently, rarely seen, but its grip has a definite touch.

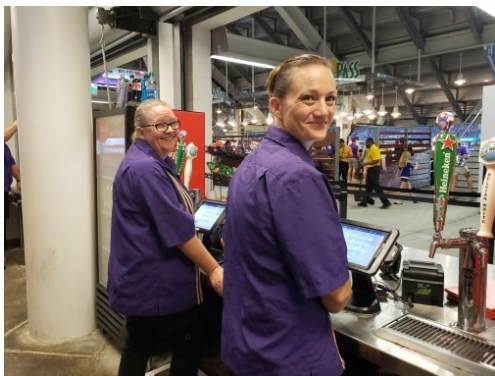
Through time itself our brotherhood has stood the trials and test of time  
Because the pages of history and future world events requires it should exist  
As a desert needs water and day needs night, one of the wonders of the most divine  
But never be complacent as the world revolves on a constant changing axis

Now a Virtual Lodge exists and carries love and brotherhood across the globe  
But is humble and recognises the view of the intellectual man outside of the square  
Because one man's rags are indeed another man's robe  
And all enquiry, criticism and rejection of our humane beliefs are just, true and fair

We are told a penny is all you need to enrich another's world, is it just cry and hue?  
I implore you to listen to those that believe that our existence is quite simply evil  
We are nothing but equal to every other man on this planet, we just follow a path that is true  
Maybe one day they will give us a break and recognize that our generous activity is on the level.



# Bits & Pieces



**SOCCER CONCESSIONS**





# Bits & Pieces



Congrats W. Guthrie!

Kona Ironman



Adopt-a-Teacher Certificates

Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

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