

October 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 October 2016 trestle-board! It's been a busy last couple of months now that we are back from going dark. We apologize for not getting out a trestle-board sooner. There were a few technical difficulties. Thank you for your patience. Please give us your suggestions concerning this new format as it is a work in progress and we want to put out the best information we can in order to keep you all informed. Please contact the Junior Warden, Senior Warden, or Worshipful Master with your input.

Circumscribe:



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.

To log in to Circumscribe, simply follow these instructions:

- 1) Open your internet browser. **NOTE:** Be sure to enable cookies, and disable private browsing.
- 2) Navigate to: <https://glfl.circumscribe.net>
- 3) Enter your initial Username: "FL" + "Your Grand Lodge Number" + "@changeyouremail.info" (example: FL1234567@changeyouremail.info) - **NOTE:** your Grand Lodge Number is printed on the top/middle of your current dues card.
- 4) Enter your temporary Password: "FL" + "Your Grand Lodge Number" (example: FL1234567@changeyouremail.info).
- 5) You will be immediately prompted to change both your username and password - Your NEW username can be any email address you frequently use, or have regular access to and your NEW password must contain 8 characters and 1 number, you must enter this password twice.
- 6) Upon successfully entering both, you will be required to logout, and then back in with the new credentials.
- 7) Once you have successfully logged back in, navigate to your Masonic profile by selecting 'Profile' from the menu items on the left side of the screen. Review your profile and make any appropriate changes to your contact information, and upload a current picture for your new permanent ID card. - You must upload your picture within 60 calendar days of your Lodge's On-board date. After 60 days, you will be sent a dues card without your picture, and replacement cards are \$5.00 each. - When uploading your picture, use as high a resolution as possible, and your face should be positioned to take up as much of the photo square as possible. You should avoid hats, sunglasses, other individuals or animals in the picture.
- 8) Select 'Save Profile' to complete the process.

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 marches on and our Lodge deals with tragedies and triumphs, may I remind you to focus on how our fraternity continues to love and support one another. To stand beside each other in times of triumph, and more importantly to kneel beside each other in times of tragedy and grief. One of the great foundations of our fraternity is brotherly love and we should practice this both inside and outside the Lodge. I watched as our Brothers came together to support Brothers Bruce Carter & Brother Arvin Meyer as their families lost loved ones this past month. The unselfish volunteerism of our Brother Masons, their families and others in the community during this time and beyond makes me proud to be a Mason! As I think about these things, I also wonder if there are other Brothers that we have not seen in a while that could use this same loving support during times of hardship or despair. My Brothers, I urge you to reach out to Brothers we have not seen in a while or may have never even met, and let them know their Masonic Brothers care about them. Invite them back to Lodge for the fellowship we so enjoy. Let them know we will help get them there any way we can. These Brothers continue to support their Lodge, we should reach out to them.

I am excited to see the growth of new members as we have just passed two brothers to the Sublime Degree of MM, with seven more Brothers studying their EA Catechism. I would like to give praise to those that are providing that foundation for these new Brothers. Luis Tellez, Chad Oehmke & Dan Taylor for the tireless job they do teaching these catechisms.

In closing, I would like urge all our Brothers to practice Brotherly Love, both inside and outside the Lodge. Peace and Harmony can only be achieved by those who love one another with a servants heart.

May God Bless You,

Wor. Gary Bouton, SSL Worshipful Master



The West

Brethren,

To all South Seminole Lodge #364 members and families; I would like to give you all an update on our activities! We have been very busy expanding the food bank operation. Recently we received a commercial partner in our endeavors. Dollar General in Longwood has done something for us and our causes every few months now. This has been a blessing. They collected food for our food pantries for several months, then they collected a large amount of back to school supplies for us to give to the Seminole-Orange Foster Parent Association. They are now telling us that they will be collecting toys for us through the holidays.

Speaking of foster kids, over half of the current Senior Wardens in the proud 17th and I had a meeting. At that meeting, I am excited to say, that we reached a tentative agreement to support any foster or otherwise impoverished child that shows and proves an interest in joining any of our youth groups. The details are still being worked out. If successful, just imagine a positive growth in the youth groups. This is based on the same idea of The Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranch of helping a child learn and grow before they even know that they are at risk children. Please remember brothers, we can not do what we do without you. Come visit your blue lodge, pay your dues on time and help us help others. Thank you for having faith in us to take care of your lodge, run your charities, and thank you for backing our future endeavors.

Fraternally yours,

Tim French, Senior Warden



The Treasurer:

My Brothers,

Are you current on your 2016 Lodge Dues? Please check. We lost several Brothers due to NPD in 2015. Although the due date for 2016 has passed, you can still get current and remain in good standing. If you are unable to meet this obligation, help is available. Please contact the Worshipful Master for relief. In 2014, with much discussion, the Craft raised dues to a proper level to sustain the Lodge. But the system only works if all Brothers remember their obligation. Per the Digest, these funds were due before Dec 27, 2015. Please help your Lodge by paying as soon as possible.

Wor. Skip Yonchik, Treasurer

Additional Words From...



The South



The Secretary

My Brothers,

What does it mean to be a brother? There are so many things that are encompassed with our Brotherhood. It warms my heart to see the outward love and support that we have been able to share with Brother Arvin and Brother Bruce with the passing of their loved ones. As part of this love, we were happy to provide the location for the memorial service for Arvin's wife with a luncheon following. Many stepped up to help with set-up for the service, prepare the meal and clean-up. It is with pride that I call myself a brother. It is times like this which exemplify the meaning of brotherly love by being there for each other.

I have noticed from our last few meals that more and more family members and friends are joining us for our stated communications dinners. This is wonderful... please keep this going. Family and friends are always welcome as this promotes a tighter family bond between us all. It makes me happy to see that many of the brothers feel comfortable enough to bring family and friends to share this time with us all.

Please join us for our upcoming degrees this month. Luis Tellez will preside in the East for the Entered Apprentice degree and I will preside in the East for the two Fellow Craft degrees. Ice cream and snacks will be served at the EA degree on the 25th and full meals will be served with both FC degrees; with dinner for the first one during our normal stated communications on the 18th and lunch for the second on Saturday the 22nd, so come hungry.

Fraternally,

John Dibble, Junior Warden



The Chaplain:

Brothers,

I'd like to thank the Brothers and especially Worshipful Ayala for the love and support they have given me during the passing of my wife, and the memorial that they prepared afterwards. That kindness will be appreciated for the rest of my life.

Sincerely,

Arvin Meyer, Chaplain

Brethren,

At the top of this Trestle Board are detailed instructions on how to log in and create your membership account in Circumscribe, the new program that will help Brothers keep track of their membership data. THIS IS IMPORTANT! Please log in as quickly as you can through the Grand Lodge website (www.grandlodgefl.com) so that you can get your new permanent dues card from the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Upcoming degrees:

Our degree teams will be putting on three degrees in the near future.

- There will be a FC degree on October 18th following a brief stated communication.
- An additional FC degree will be presented on Saturday, October 22nd beginning at 10:00 am.
- A called EA degree will be on Tuesday, October 25th commencing at 7:00PM. We will also be performing courtesy work for Oviedo 243.

Brothers, your degree teams work very hard on their ritual work and I can categorically state that we put on the best degrees in our district, so if you haven't seen a degree in a while, please come and support your brothers and enjoy some awesome ritual work.

October 8th and 9th will be the fall reunion for the Scottish Rite. For those brothers that are not Scottish Rite masons and would I like a petition, please contact the secretary at 407 782 8195.

The fall ceremonial for Bahia Shrine will be held from October 21st thru the 23rd. Again if there are any brothers that wish to become Shriners, please contact the secretary.

Fraternally,

Anthony Edwards, Lodge Secretary

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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
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

Affiliated Past Masters

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



Deceased *

Unaffiliated +++

2016 Committee Chairmen:

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

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

Up & Coming

Masons Under Instruction:

Entered Apprentice with Daniel Taylor:

Eric Charles Joseph Morse
Michael Rice Aaron Haire
Tom Erskine

Fellow Craft with Chad Oehmke:

Congrats to James Reed and Stephen Shields on completing the FC Proficiency! Only one left. Good luck!

Master Mason with Luis Tellez:

Congrats to Nathan Wilson and Murray Martin on completing the MM proficiency!! Great Job!

Petitions Received

Balloting on two people for the three degrees—Mr. David Bennett and Mr. Douglas Matern

New Officer Election Procedures

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.

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.



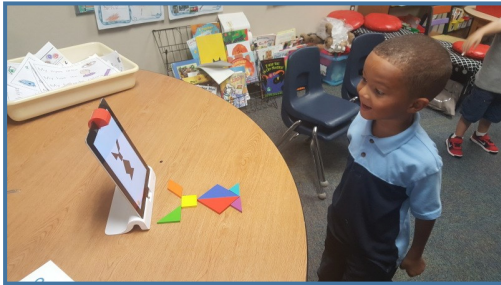
Funds for this effort come from our fundraising at UCF events. We can only do these events when we have participation from Brothers, spouses and friends who selflessly give of their time to participate in the football and concert events. The giving of your time is valuable to the success of this effort 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.



Community Outreach

Donors Choose.

In addition to the Charity work we perform supporting the hunger outreach at Casselberry and Sterling Park schools, your Lodge has also made several donations in our Adopt a Teacher 2016 program via Donors Choose. Local teachers received reading and classroom supplies to enrich their educational efforts. All this outreach is funded by our work at the UCF event fundraisers. Brothers wishing to help beyond the Lodge contributions can find other teachers in need at www.donorschoose.org.



Hi Skip,

Mrs. Greek and her students are about to get a special delivery, thanks to your support for their classroom project: [Firing Up ELA In 3rd Grade](#)

To help teachers and to ensure absolute integrity, we purchase the resources for every project funded through our site. We just got word from our vendors that the materials for your project are en route to Red Bug Elementary School!

You'll receive thank-yous and photos from the classroom, but in the meantime, we can just imagine their excitement* when they open the new materials you've made possible.

Thank you for making a classroom dream come true!
- The DonorsChoose.org Team

*In case you were wondering, it generally looks something like this:



Dear South Seminole Masonic Lodge #364,

Thank you so much for your generous giving. This iPad has been used in whole group instruction as well as in small groups for my class of 5 year olds. It has been used to teach problem solving skills (using tangram puzzles), make words and use teamwork.

I have paired this iPad with a technology called OSMO. Students use hands on materials like tan-gram pieces and letter tiles to solve puzzles and create words. I love watching their little minds work. The best thing about it is that it encourages perseverance and teamwork. These qualities are so important to instill at a young age as they become lifelong learners. Using the iPad allows for me to differentiate instruction so that the needs of all my students are being met.

My most challenging student has become a rock star using the iPad. The other students look to this student to help solve problems. She loves using the iPad and works harder in her classwork and behavior to earn this privilege.

With gratitude,

Mrs. Pummel

Community Outreach Cont'd.

Child ID.



Thanks to Brothers Dever, Tellez, and other concerned Brothers and friends, South Seminole Lodge is back in a leadership position for the Masonic Child ID program. With more help, many more children could be protected. Child ID provides parents with important identification information should a child ever be lost or become the victim of foul play. This information can help authorities save critical time and avert tragic outcomes in emergency situations. Please get involved.

-Wor. Skip Yonchik

My Brothers,

Back in July we had a Child Id Event at Little Pros Academy. It was a great success, all in total, we did 17 Child Ids. I would like to thank Little Pros Academy for their continuous support in our efforts and a special thanks to Brother Arvin Meyer for assisting me in that event. I have mentioned it before, but I will mention it again, any Brother that would like to have an Id done for a child or grandchild, please contact me anytime and we can make one for them.

Fraternally,

Luis A. Tellez, Senior Steward

Poem of the Month

Lingering Notes — By: Rob Morris

Lingering notes the echoes stir,
Soft and sweet, these walls along
Softly, sweetly they concur
In the pleasant tide of song
Night birds cease their plaintive lays
Listening to the hymn of praise.

Angels gliding through the air,
On celestial mission bent,
Pause, the sacred hymn to hear,
Fold their wings in soft content,
Join their notes divine to these,
Hymning Masons' mysteries.

Now the solitary room,
Peopled with a countless throng, —
Now the stillness and the gloom
Kindled with the tide of song,
Filling our delighted ears
Music of three thousand years!

Every Emblem pictured there,
On the ceiling, wall or floor,
Gavel, Trowel, Apron, Square,
Column rent or open Door,
Blends a light and yields a tongue,
To this softly lingering song.

Now the anthem dies away
One by one the voices cease
Birds resume their wonted lay
Angels on their mission press
But the latest note that moves
In the mystic song is Love's!



Upcoming Events

October 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Stated Comm. DDGM Visit 7:30pm	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 UCF Football Game 5:00pm Call Time
16	17	18 Stated Comm. FC Degree 7:30pm	19	20	21	22 FC Degree 10:00am
23	24	25 EA Degree w/ Oviedo Courtesy 7:00pm	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen:

1st Tuesday Stated Communications —10/4:

Meatloaf & Chicken Tenders with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Salad, Fresh Bread, Carrot Cake, Cookies, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

3rd Tuesday Stated Communications and FC Degree —10/18:

Chili, Salad, Bread, Cake, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Called Communication for FC Degree (Saturday Lunch)—10/22:

Cold Cut Sandwiches, Potato Salad, Desert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Called Communication for EA Degree (Tuesday Snacks)—10/25:

Ice Cream, Cookies, Chips, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Bits & Pieces:



Huge congrats to Ashley French for winning the Ed Henderson Masonic Scholarship Award!

Thanks for all that you do to help with our lodge and UCF events.

