

October 2017



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 October 2017 trestle board! Greetings from South Seminole Lodge. In the blustery aftermath of hurricane Irma we hope everyone is well. The Lodge lost a phase of its electrical power service for a time but all is back up and running again. This also caused us not to be able to put out a September Trestle board, so I added extra stuff to this one. We hope to see you all for our next stated communications.

DDGM Visit Postponed:

Due to hurricane Irma, the DDGM visit which was originally scheduled on September 19th will be rescheduled. The new date for this visit is to be determined. We will make an announcement once that date is decided upon.

Circumscribe:



The new Circumscribe Web application has been improved upon since go-live last year. The Lodge membership data migration is now complete, and you should all now have access to the new system. The Grand lodge wants everyone to become part of this new membership initiative quickly. 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. - 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. 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:

Brothers,

First, I hope that everyone made it through the storm as best as could be expected. There was no damage at the lodge that would raise any cost concerns. Second, I would like to thank the Scottish Rite for the new dining room chairs. They saved us the cost of recovering the old ones, and they are very comfortable. Lastly, I would like to invite all our Brothers and Past Masters to our next stated communication. We have invited the DeMolay of South Seminole to join us as well. This is a great time to discuss how we as a fraternity can help our youth groups. We will also have a discussion on other lodge items including thanksgiving plans and membership development issues. Our Senior Warden has discussed some of his plans for next year, and one idea I liked so much I asked him to talk about it at the next stated communication. More to come on that later, if the craft agrees with it as I do. We will also have some updates on our child I.D. program which is currently being run by our Senior Deacon Luis Tellez.

At this time, I would like to thank him for taking the child I.D. program to this very professional level. Not just our lodge, but many lodges in the district have contacted us and we have assisted them in a child I.D. program. It is rare to find a Brother so committed to an issue that he helps not just his own lodge, but every lodge in the district. So, let this serve as a public thank you for a job well done.

Fraternally,

W. M. Timothy French



The West:

Brothers,

I'm proud to see how the brothers came to aid for those who were affected during and after hurricane Irma. After the hurricane our degree team pulled together to perform our last EA degree, even though the air conditioning had been knocked out due to the storm. That showed dedication and a sense of duty. Now that Irma has passed please don't forget that our brothers as well as our community may also need help throughout the year as things happen in their lives.

The newly renovated South Seminole Web site is now live! I hope everyone finds value in it throughout the upcoming months and years ahead. Much time and work was spent in improving the new look and feel along with updated content of our new site and we are now up and live with it. There will still be a few areas which will be under construction and/or improved throughout the site but I hope to have those up and running very soon. Your comments and suggestions are more than welcome and will be read and entertained when sent to the technology committee. Creative input and contributions are welcome. We want to make this your site! The URL has not changed. It is: - <http://southseminole364.com>

Fraternally yours,

John Dibble, Senior Warden



The South:

Brethren,

Please help me in passing on a great big thanks to Eva Martins, Ashley French, Kim French, and Stephen Shields for such a great job in the kitchen. We really couldn't do it all without your assistance and selfless dedication.

Fraternally,

Chad Oehmke, Junior Warden



Additional Words From...



The Secretary:

Brothers,

2017 has been an eventful year in more ways than one. Hurricane Irma ravaged our state and many of our brothers suffered substantial damage and power outages. Throughout it all, the outpouring of help from all our brothers in the 16th District, not just our lodge, has really warmed my heart and reaffirmed my commitment and faith in our fraternity.

The year has also brought some changes and challenges with regards to the new Circumscribe system. It has been a challenge to try and bring this new system on line and many challenges still remain. It had been hoped that we would be using the new ID cards by now, unfortunately that has not happened. We will still use our old system for the coming year. However, next month the new plastic dues cards are being mailed to me and everyone in good standing will receive a new card. If you have not uploaded your picture on Circumscribe you will receive a card with no picture. If you want to update your card and upload a picture then you will be charged \$5.

Our next meeting we will be having a bible and apron presentation for seven of our new Master Mason who have returned their Master Mason proficiency. If you haven't been to lodge in a while and would like to congratulate and meet your new brothers, now would be a good time to welcome your new brothers into the fraternity.

Dues notices will be sent out in the next 1-2 weeks for 2018. There is no increase in dues for 2018, however I stress again that if there is any brother that is having difficulty in affording their dues, please, please contact either myself or the Worshipful Master for relief. The last thing the lodge want to do is to suspend a brother for non-payment of dues.

We have also recently initiated two new Entered Apprentices who we welcome into the fold.

Also our elections will be the first meeting in December. Any nominations for elected office have to be received by the Secretary by November 1st 2017.

I hope brothers you are all recovered or recovering from hurricane Irma, I know personally I had experienced power outage for about one week and damage around my home, but we are all safe and that is the most important thing. Without the help from many of you I could not have recovered as quickly as I did, for that I am profoundly thankful.

Fraternally Yours,

Anthony Edwards, Lodge Secretary



The Chaplain:

My Brothers,

We have lost several brothers during the past several months. Most of those hadn't been to a lodge meeting in quite some time. We need to reflect upon our responsibilities as Masons to those of us who are too weak or infirm to attend our stated communications and visit those brothers at their residences so they will continue to be reinforced in their Masonic identity.

To that end, I urge all our more active brothers to get together in small groups of two to maybe three or four and plan visits to our older brothers places of residence. That way we can truly live up to those words in our closing prayer:

"May we love one another in the bonds of union and friendship"

Arvin Meyer 32°, Chaplin

The Tyler:

Brothers,

We are proud to announce our family fun day will be held at South Seminole Lodge on October 21, 2017. We will be having pulled pork, grilled chicken and a variety of sides. We will also have a bounce house set up for the children and games for the adults and children. Bring your family, a hearty appetite and get ready to have some fun and good fellowship.

Fraternally Yours,

Murray Martin, Tyler

Noteworthy Communications

Upcoming Officer Election Procedures

As mentioned last year, 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 2017. 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 October. Failure to do so could force a seat to go unfilled and require a special election later.

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. His information can be readily found in the Officers section of this trestle board or on the South Seminole Website at www.southseminole364.com.

Community Outreach & Charity



From The Treasurer - For the Children.

Brothers,

After now working thru game #4 at UCF for the new company Spectra, we are finally beginning to settle in. On September 31st at Game #4 a small group of Brothers and Youth parents earned over \$1000 for our charity funds. We have also been offered a booth at Orlando City Soccer for two upcoming dates, due to our excellent performance. Over the last few years, this program has raised tens of thousands to feed needy in our community, support scholarships, and fund other charity and Youth programs. Our pool of volunteers continues to shrink and stands at a critically small level. We need YOU to get involved if physically able. You can find dates and details on the South Seminole Lodge closed Facebook group page or by calling any of your Lodge officers. It is time to remember why you became a Mason, enjoy this time of fellowship with your Brothers, and make a difference in our community.

Fraternally,

Wor. David Yonchik, Treasurer



Child ID.

Brothers,

Hello, my Brothers, on Saturday October 7th, we will have a Child ID at the Eola Lodge #207. Eola Lodge will be having a Tailgate Party Event from 3:00P.M. to 7:00P.M. During this event, we will be doing a Child ID. I also have talked with Eola's S.W. Sam Glover to set up a time when I can come in and assist them in establishing a child id program. I look forward to working with Eola Lodge.

Fraternally,

Luis A. Tellez, Senior Steward



Up & Coming

Masons Under Instruction:

EA Bruce Carter:

Nick Carter
James Johnson

EA with W. Gary Bouton:

Raymond Santiago
Richard Sawyer

Master Mason with Bruce Carter:

Douglas Matern
Jason Schneider



Masonic Anniversaries for September and October:

Charles Raymond Crouch - 57 Years

Phillip Craig Dozier - 54 Years

Michael Parke Fisher - 49 Years

Kenneth Orten Smith - 47 Years

Juan Lopez Palmer - 44 Years

Hal Benjamin Donahey Jr - 43 Years

William Junior St John - 39 Years

Joseph Raymond Valdes - 37 Years

Gary Wayne Boyce - 36 Years

Jose Gabriel Ayala - 33 Years

Ronald Eugene Ferguson - 32 Years

Raymond Junior Jones - 32 Years

Robert John Havlicek - 25 Years

Joseph Cordeiro - 23 Years

Brian Lee Tolbert - 21 Years

William Taylor Litton - 21 Years

Paul Warren Freeman Jr - 21 Years

Thomas Sidney Kaffenberger - 19 Years

Valentine Sellati Jr - 17 Years

Carlos Gomez Sr - 11 Years

Ronald Lee Puskarich - 11 Years

Gregory Kent Rushing - 11 Years



Masonic Birthdays for September and October:

9/3 - Joseph Raymond Valdes

9/3 - William Taylor Litton

9/5 - Robert Lee Thompson

9/8 - Paul Russell Blanton

9/8 - Anthony Edward Edwards

9/9 - Jody Ray Addington

9/9 - Charles Curtis Friel

9/12 - Samuel Marigny Lewis Jr PGM

9/17 - Kenneth Charles Jordan

9/18 - Theodore Elsworth Hammond Jr

9/21 - William Earl Townsend Jr

9/22 - Donald Wayne Grable

9/25 - Billie Marvin Mew

9/30 - Gary Lynn Zimmerman

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 - Daniel Joel Taylor

10/20 - John Eugene Peterson

10/21 - Robert John Havlicek

10/22 - Maurice Winsor

10/24 - Ronald Lee Puskarich

10/27 - Francis Adelbert Hiser Jr

10/31 - Gary Wayne Boyce

Poem of the Month

Ten Master Masons - By: Unknown

Ten Master Masons, happy, doing fine;
One listened to a rumor, then there were nine.
Nine Master Masons, faithful, never late;
One didn't like the "Master," then there were eight.
Eight Master Masons, on their way to heaven;
One joined too many clubs, then there were seven.
Seven Master Masons, life dealt some hard licks;
One grew discouraged, then there were six.
Six Master Masons, all very much alive;
One lost his interest, then there were five.
Five Master Masons, wishing there were more;
Got into a great dispute, then there were four.
Four Master Masons, busy as could be;
One didn't like the programs, then there were three.
Three Master Masons, was one of them you?
One grew tired of all the work, then there were two.
Two Master Masons with so much to be done;
One said "What's the use," then there was one.
One Master Mason, found a brother – true!
Brought him to the Lodge, then there were two.
Two Master Masons didn't find work a bore;
Each brought another, then there were four.
Four Master Masons saved their Lodge's fate;
By showing others kindness, then there were eight.
Eight Master Masons, loving their Lodges bright sheen;
Talked so much about it, they soon counted sixteen.
Sixteen Master Masons, to their obligations true;
Were pleased when their number went to thirty-two.
So we can't put our troubles at the Lodge's door;
It's our fault for harming the Lodge we adore.
Don't fuss about the programs or the "Master" in the East;
Keep your obligation by serving even the very least !!!



South Seminole Masons

2017 Officers:

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Past Masters:

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| Curtis F. Blow * | U.D & 1968 | Kenneth N. Holladay * | 1998 |
| Verbun A. Jones * | 1969 | Marty Nash APM * | 1998 |
| Frank Bingham * | 1970 | Donald Maurizio * | 1999 |
| Louis Kirby * | 1971 | Joseph Cordeiro | 2000 |
| Francis P. Oddo * | 1972 | Randy L. Vess | 2001 |
| Troy Tatum * | 1973 | B. Franklin Ellis | 2002 |
| William P. Byles * | 1974 | E. Neal Tish | 2003 |
| Carl E. Strom * | 1975 | Samuel A. Tish | 2004 |
| J.C. Valentine * | 1976 | Douglas B. Guthrie | 2005 |
| Rodger T. Peterson, Sr * | 1977 | John J. Walsh * | 2006 |
| William B. Ritter * | 1978 | William D. Dieringer | 2007 |
| Phillip G. Marriott * | 1979 | Robert T. Billoni * | 2008 |
| Max R. Jones | 1980 | Herman (Skip) Yonchik | 2009/10 |
| Samuel M. Lewis DDGM, Past Grand Master | 1981 | Thomas Hoopes | 2011 |
| Thomas E. Embree DDGM | 1982 | Greg Rushing | 2012 |
| Ottis R. Erickson DDGM * | 1983 | Jose Ayala | 2013 |
| William R. Ellis | 1984 | Petronio Martins | 2014 |
| William E. Johnson | 1985 | Christopher Wall | 2015 |
| Carl E. Lloyd * | 1986 | Gary Bouton | 2016 |
| John F. Schroth, Sr. | 1987 | Affiliated Past Masters | |
| Edward K. Herr * | 1988 | Ellis Hormats, New York * | 1969 |
| James D. Dickenson DDGM | 1989 | Don Grable, Spain | 1969/70 |
| John W. Bornman | 1990 | Victor Rivera | 1982 |
| Jay W. Leffert* | 1991 | Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin | 1983 |
| 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 | | |



Deceased *

2016 Committee Chairmen:

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|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Finance | John Dibble | Board of Relief | Master & Wardens |
| Masonic Vigilance | Chad Oehmke | Sickness & Distress | Arvin Meyer |
| Petitions | John Dibble | Remembrance | Arvin Meyer |
| Charity, Wills & Gifts | Master & Wardens | Publicity | Dan Taylor |
| Lodge Rental | Wor. Tom Hoopes | L.Y.P.M.G.C. | Anthony Edwards |
| Masonic Education | John Dibble | Lodge Property | Wor. Ellis & Wor. Yonchik |
| Mentoring | Wor. Petronio Martins | Event Scheduling | Juan Lopez-Palmer |
| Youth Activities | Wor. Skip Yonchik | | |

Upcoming Events

October 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Dinner | 4 | 5 | 6 Orlando City Soccer Game - Call Time 3:00pm | 7 Masters & War- dens - 8:00am Breakfast Child ID at Eola #207 - 3:00pm |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 UCF Football Game - Call Time 4:00pm EA Exemplification |
| 15 Orlando City Soccer Game - Call Time 3:00pm Rainbow Hope Assembly Chap- ter Meeting - 4:30pm | 16 | 17 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Dinner | 18 | 19 | 20 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meet- ing - 7:30pm | 21 Family Fun Day At SSL Lodge - 2:00pm |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 District School of Instruction at Oviedo Lodge - 6:30pm | 26 | 27 | 28 UCF Football Game - Call Time 4:00pm Open Books at WP Lodge - 8:30am |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
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Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen:

1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 10/3:

Burgers, Pasta Salad, Dessert, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 10/17:

Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

Bits & Pieces

EA Degree After Hurricane Irma



Tom Visiting Wor. Ed Henderson



UCF Concessions



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?

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

