

October 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 October 2018 trestle-board!** Greetings from South Seminole Lodge. We're almost to the end of the year but there is still much to be done. Keep up the good fight brothers.

## Upcoming Masters and Wardens & SSL District Events:

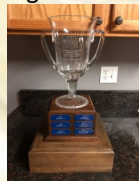
This month is South Seminole's month for Masters and Wardens on October 6. Of course this also means that there will be other district events such as Masonic School of Instruction and Ritual Observance. For Ritual Observance our District Instructor, Right Honorable Eric Romano, will come to our Lodge during October on a Stated Communication meeting night. This has been moved to October 16th, where Right Honorable Romano will observe our ritual work in an effort to offer suggestions for continuous improvement. Masonic School of Instruction will be held at South Seminole Lodge on October 24th. Please come and support your brothers and your Lodge for these events. See our calendar below for details on these and other events.

## District Island Degree:

The 2nd annual Island Degree is only a month away! It will be held on November 10th on Makinson Island, 69 Lakeview Dr., Kissimmee at 5:00pm. Get there early for a seat and fellowship. It is truly a special event and definitely a must-go-to event. Show your support to the district, your Lodge, and definitely for the brother who will be raised on that evening. There will also be good food and fellowship with additional activities to be had while there. It is a unique experience that will remain a lasting memory for all. For additional information, please reach out to Wor. Jeff Battaglia or our Lodge Secretary.

## Ritual Competition Trophy:

The trophy is currently on display at South Seminole Lodge this month. Turns are being taken between Lodges to display the trophy for the Lodges who had contributing brothers in the competition. Come out and see it if you have not already!



## *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.

**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.

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# A few Words from...



The East

Brethren,

We have reached the three quarter mark. The year 2018 is almost over. This brings out several questions from the brothers of our Lodge as well as those across the district. How has our year progressed? Have we reached any of our annual goals? What is left to do? And finally—What can we do in the remaining quarter to end this year in the best way possible? Please allow me to do my best to answer these and other burning questions.

**How has our year progressed?** As with all Lodges in the district, we have been met with our share of bumps in the road but have met them in stride and overcame. Bumps are always to be expected and are to be met as learning experiences with which to build upon and make things better. Overall, we have had a wonderful year. Filled with growth, learning, fellowship, charity, and brotherly togetherness. We have met things head-on and grown together as Masons and have helped many along the way.

**Have we reached any of our annual goals?** First of all let me start by saying that this is more than just being about annual goals. It is about a multi-year initiative, which is meant to bring our Lodge brothers together to ensure that the future of South Seminole Lodge is firmly cemented in place for years to come and to ensure that future generations will benefit from its charitable contributions as well as maintain the foundation of brotherhood we've all come to love and live for. This year we have increased our charity initiatives. From the Foster Care initiative to UCF/Orlando City Soccer fundraising events, Care Cabin, Child-ID and Adopt-A-School initiatives and even helping some of our own brothers in need. We have been successful in not only making sure that we keep up with our capital costs without using money raised for charity but have ensured that our charitable endeavors remain fully funded and even increased. This means more children and families who have less than most of us, have been helped. Our Rainbow and DeMolay youth have both undergone explosive growth this year. The Hope Rainbow Assembly has added many young women and pledges to their group due to the increased support from our Lodge. As the Pledges grow older they will continue to bolster future Rainbow membership. South Seminole DeMolay has also experienced similar growth, filling more chairs than last year and they are now in discussions to start a new Squires program for younger boys to join into. Finally, we are experiencing growth in membership to our own Lodge with our technology enhanced membership initiatives along with the brothers willing to push these initiatives into action. By using things like social media and an enhanced Web site, we are letting good men out there know that we exist, and as a result we are growing. And because of our continued mentorship program, we are giving new brothers the desire for belonging to a great group of men that exists to help others and each other to become better.

**What is left to do? — And— What can we do in the remaining quarter to end this year in the best way possible?** Some might say that we have already reached our goals this year; but I implore to you that we can still do better. Remember, we live to serve as an example to the new brothers joining our endeavors. We aren't done yet because there is always more that can be done. We still have a few more charity events left this year and with that, more money to be made to assist those in need. Christmas is right around the corner and with that we have kids in need. Last year we brought back an old tradition, previously lost in the fire, of having a Christmas party to help needy children get a Christmas. That was combined with the Foster Care Initiative so that foster kids, whom are sometimes forgotten, can feel special again and to realize that there really are people out there who care about them. Let's make this year even more special for them. Also, keep supporting our youth! The Rainbow and DeMolay kids need to know that we are there to support them and care for them. As Masons we can do this just by showing up to an occasional meeting. They love to see us there. It shows them that they aren't forgotten. Remember that the youth of today become our leaders and Masons of tomorrow. When it comes to membership development, everyone knows someone who might become a great Mason. Invite them to dinner with us. When you see a new person come for dinner, introduce yourself and make them feel comfortable. It's all about bringing in good men and making them better. Everyone has a part in that. Let's share what we have to offer with all the new people coming into our Lodge.

In closing—Thank you Brothers for your continued support! Because of your support, we have been here for fifty years now. Nothing can keep us down; not storm nor fire. This has been accomplished with the sweat equity of the brothers from our Lodge. Let's keep this going for yet another fifty years and beyond. Together we will accomplish many things. I am proud to be a Mason and more importantly, I am proud to be your Brother.

Fraternally Yours,

W. · M. · John D. Dibble





# A few Words from...

Hello Brothers,



Last month, I mentioned about us attending School of Instruction and Open Books. On the 24th of this month, South Seminole will be hosting School of Instruction (SOI) and I believe the topic is on Conducting. Conducting is an important part of any degree, if the conductors aren't in unison, the degree looks sloppy, but most importantly, the degree itself suffers. Our lodge has had seven degrees this year and with a couple more to come, we need to have good attendance at this SOI to help the flow and integrity of our degrees. Also, our lodge is starting to have our own SOI. Brother Dan Taylor will be running these SOI with my assistance. The next three SOI's will be on the second section of the Master Mason (MM) degree. Since I have been a MM, we have discussed doing the second section, the time is now my Brothers. A good start to learning the second section of the MM degree is by attending Open Books. I will be at Open Books on the 20th of this month and hope to see a strong showing. Any Brother that has not been to Open Books and would like more information, please contact me. Open Books is from 8am to 12pm, I will be there at 8am.

Fraternally,

**Luis Tellez, Junior Warden**



My Brothers,



I am happy to announce that any problems of a clerical nature that we have had in the past have been dealt with over the last couple of years and finalized this year. Any issues that you have experienced in the past should be gone, as far as the secretary's office at South Seminole Lodge 364. Of course we have Circumscribe which we do not control, but all of your information has been uploaded to it. I see progress being made on the Circumscribe front. Please feel free to email the secretary with any updated phone numbers, addresses and email addresses. We also have the ability to add appendant bodies that you belong to into your permanent Masonic record! I am more than happy to do this if you will send me an email letting me know which bodies you belong to. If you add the year that you joined that appendant body I will add that in the comment section as well.

Fraternally,

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

Brethren,



Charity and Fundraising: After a few more events in October and November, we will close out an historic fundraising year. Thanks to the hard work of thirty of our Masonic Brothers, Sisters, Youth, and families, we will have raised almost \$30,000. We have used this money to fully support Rainbow, DeMolay, multiple youth scholarships, and help several brothers in dire need. We also support backpack programs which provide school supplies, food, and life necessities to needy school children and their families. Local teacher projects have been funded through the DonorsChoose.com organization. Our Lodge also provides extensive support to the local Foster Parents Associates and their children. Partnership with Casselberry Kidz charity has helped us conserve our funds, while continuing to expand our charity reach. In the future we want to support the Russell Home for Children and Veterans in need living near the Lodge. Special thanks to Wor. Tim French and his family for establishing the charity "barrel" program at twenty Dollar General locations. This program not only provided school supplies and food to the needy in our area, but generated enough donations to let us share with our Brother Lodges in Oviedo and Kissimmee. If we could get more volunteer participation, the sky is the limit on what could be accomplished.

Fraternally,

**W. . Bro. David Yonchik, Treasurer**

# For The Children

*Child ID, OOL*

Brothers,

I have nothing to report on Child-ID this month but check back again on future Trestle Boards for updates!

Fraternally,

**Luis Tellez, Junior Warden**



## Up & Coming

*September Petitions Received*

Noah Hinson

Jeffrey Herron

Jonathan David Torres

Josh Singer

*Masons Under Instruction:*

**Entered Apprentice with Bruce Carter:**

Dwayne Hayes

Josh Singer

Frank Hutto

**Fellow Craft with Chad Oehmke:**

Mikey Wagner

Martin Cornish

Giovanni David

Michael Ruiz

**Fellow Craft with Luis Tellez:**

Robert Milsted

*Masonic Anniversaries For October:*

Charles Raymond Crouch - 58 Years

Michael Parke Fisher - 50 Years

Juan Lopez Palmer - 45 Years

Hal Benjamin Donahey Jr - 44 Years

Joseph Raymond Valdes - 38 Years

Phillip Craig Dozier - 35 Years

William Taylor Litton - 22 Years

Paul Warren Freeman Jr - 22 Years

Thomas Sidney Kaffenberger - 20 Years

*Birthdays For 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

10/27 - Francis Adelbert Hiser Jr

10/31 - Gary Wayne Boyce

# 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

## 2018 Committee Chairmen:

Finance Bro. Anthony Edwards

Masonic Vigilance Bro. Luis Tellez

Petitions Bro. Dan Taylor

Masonic Education Bro. Anthony Edwards

Board of Relief W. M. John Dibble

Charity, Wills & Gifts W. M. John Dibble

Lodge Property Wor. Bill Ellis

Corporate Relations Wor. Tim French

Mentoring Wor. Tom Hoopes

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

Security Bro. Nathan Wilson

## Perpetual Members:

Joseph Cordeiro

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

## October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	3	4	5 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meet- ing - 7:30pm	6 Masters & War- dens - 8AM SSL #364 Lodge UCF Football - 4:30pm
7	8	9	10 Membership Town Hall - Pine Castle 6:00pm	11	12 SSL DeMolay Parking Event/ Advisory - 4:30pm	13
14 Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting - 7:00pm	15	16 SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30 Meal	17 Orlando City Soccer - 5:00pm	18	19 SSL DeMolay Chapter Meet- ing - 7:30pm UCF Football - 5:00pm	20 Open Books at WP Lodge - 8:00am-12:00pm Annual GM Steak Dinner at OB #80 - 6:00
21 Orlando City Soccer - 1:00pm	22	23	24 School Of Instruction at SSL #364 - 7:00pm	25	26	27
28 Rainbow Pledge Formal - 3:00pm	29 ME/MLT at Eola #207 - 6:00	30	31 Halloween Trunk or Treat at Orlando #69 - 6:00pm			

### Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen.

#### 1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 10/02:

Pasta with Marinera Sauce, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Iced Tea,  
Lemonade, Coffee



#### 3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 10/16:

Breakfast - Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Tater Tots, Iced Tea,  
Lemonade, Coffee



**ORLANDO LODGE #69 PRESENTS**  
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**6:00–8:00 PM**

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# Poem of the Month

What Came We Here To Do? - By: J. M. Jenkin

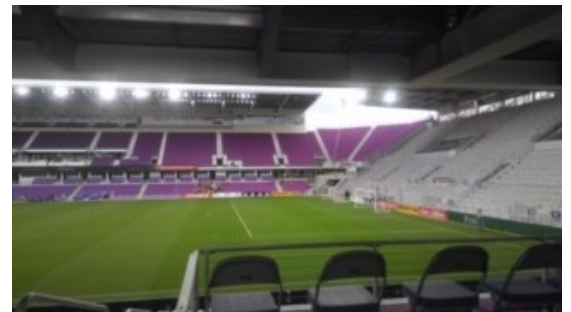
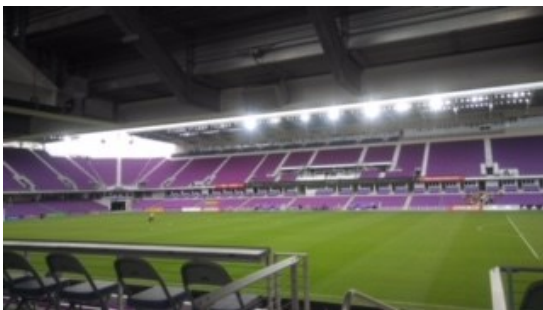
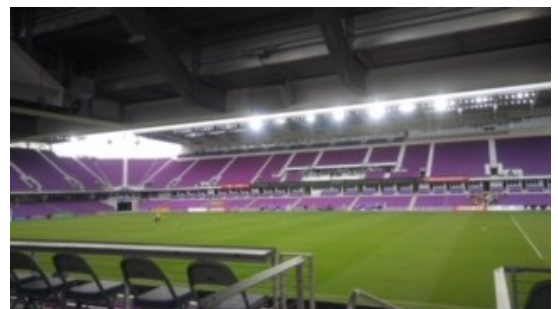
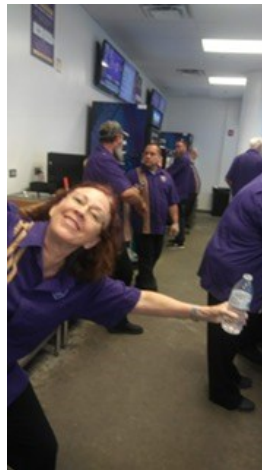


Foot to foot, no matter where,  
Though far beyond my destined road,  
If Brother needs a Brother's care,  
On foot I'll go and share his load.  
Knee to knee, no selfish prayer  
Shall ever from my lips ascend,  
For all who act upon the square,  
At least, henceforth, my knee shall bend.  
Breast to breast, and this I swear,  
A Brother's secrets here shall sleep,  
If told to me upon the square,  
Save those I am not bound to keep.  
Hand to back, Oh type of love!  
Fit emblem to adorn the skies,  
Be this our task below, above  
To help poor falling mortals rise.  
Cheek to cheek, or mouth to ear,  
We all like sheep have gone astray,  
May we good counsel give and bear,  
'Til each shall find the better way.



# Bits & Pieces

## Orlando City Soccer / UCF Football Charity



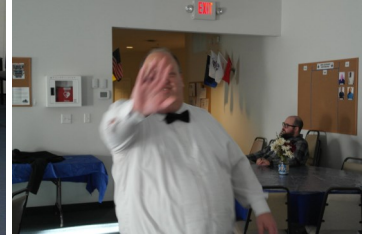
## Care Cabin / School Supply Drive





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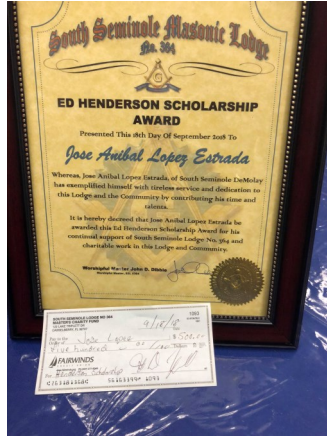
## Entered Apprentice Degree



## Fellow Craft Degree



# Bits & Pieces



**Congratulations to Jose  
Lopez—Ed Henderson  
Scholarship Award Recipient**



**Rainbow Installation—Big Congrats Emi!!**



**Do you have pictures you'd like to share?**

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