

May 2021



## 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...



Hello My Brothers,

Greetings from the East!!!

Welcome to the month of May. We are on our way with another busy one for the Brothers of South Seminole Lodge. As we start and continue our charity events working in booths for Orlando City Soccer or Degree work for Fellow Crafts and Master Masons, we stand strong and with purpose.

I am proud that we are able to assist other Lodges through courtesy work for new Brothers and they in turn helping us. This month we have also given out the Ed Henderson Scholarship Award to a Lyman High School Graduate on his way to Embry Riddle University this fall. Congratulations to Steven Corson, and Good Luck!!!

At the end of this this month and the beginning of June we will be taking part in the 192nd Grand Lodge Communication at the Rosen Plaza Orlando Resort Hotel. We will have a new Grand Master, Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master and a new Rite Honorable District Instructor. Congratulations to R.:.H.:. Eric Romano, and W.:. Patrick Uphold on their coming new posts.

A reminder that we will have our New RWDDGM official Visit on June 15th and our Gran Master official visit on June 26th. I am Looking forward to a great turnout from South Seminole on the part of the Craft.

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to RWDDGMs Homecoming event taking place on Sunday the 23rd at the Bahia Shrine. The gathering will take place from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Lets come and show our support for our outgoing DDGM. Dress is casual. Thank You!

Keeping focused and On The Level!!!

Fraternally,

**W.:. M.:. Robert E (Ed) Dibble, Worshipful Master**

*"The Aim of life is self-development. To realize one's nature perfectly – that is what each of us is here for."*

~ Bro. Oscar Wilde



*The West*

My brothers,

Another month has passed as we continue to get back to normal. I am so proud that we have been able to continue to make new brothers even during this challenging year. I would like to take the time to thank everyone involved in the various degree teams that I have assembled at South Seminole. I look forward to our lodge performing the second section of the Master Mason degree very soon. There are opportunities in this next year for growth and I cannot be more excited to see what it offers.

Fraternally,

**Nathan Wilson, Senior Warden**



*The South*

Brethren,

My Brothers, we have our official visit coming up. I am planning a work day at the Lodge to get things cleaned up. We will be doing general cleaning on the inside of the Lodge as well as the outside. I will keep everyone posted on the date through Facebook. I also want to thank all who have been able to help with the games so far. We have many more coming up and are going to need help with them. Please try and make time in your schedules to help out with these. This is how we continue to do our great charity work with our community and our brothers in distress.

Fraternally,

**Murray Martin, Junior Warden**



# Additional Words From...



*The Secretary*

My Brothers,

Last chance to pay your dues, if you don't contact us we will be forced to notify the appended bodies and notify them of the NPD status. Especially past masters, please don't make me do this. Yet make no mistake I will.

Fraternally:

**W. . Tim French, Secretary**



*The Treasurer*

My Brothers,

I am pleased to report that our Lodge is well on the road to financial health and stability. We are maintaining our building to protect that asset, and continue to grow membership. With that said, we continue to struggle with dues collections and the ever-widening gap between older Perpetual dues returns, and the continual increases in the costs associated with operating the Lodge.

If you are a Perpetual, thank you! If you locked in when dues were very inexpensive, please consider a small annual donation to help bridge the gap. Also, Grand Lodge expects the "voluntary" \$7.30 LYPMGC for each member of the Craft on the rolls, and to benefit the Masonic Home. If you choose not to donate that in your annual dues, regular or perpetual, your Lodge pays the difference out of operating funds.

If you are in hardship on dues or any other challenge, help is available from any Officer. If you overlooked the dues notice, it is never too late to catch up. Please don't give up all the work you put into your Masonic career over a non-payment issue. And, don't suffer in silence when your Brothers are here to help.

Fraternally,

**W. . David Yonchik, Treasurer**



*The Chaplain*

Brothers,

Greetings, Brethren!

It's been a busy couple of months, but we made it out alive with the help of the Great Architect of the Universe. The support for our concession stand crew has been greatly appreciated, but if we had more hands it would ease the burden on those who are carrying the whole Lodge. For sure, it's getting done but we're beating up the few Brothers who are always there! You don't have to come all the time, but now and again would be a huge help.

We had a couple of scares recently. R. . W. . Jimmy Dickinson and W. . Bill Ellis had short stays in the hospital as well as W. . Tom Hoopes. They are all safe at home now and acting like nothing was ever wrong. If you feel like you're pretty tough, take some time to know these Brothers. They can teach us all a few things about how to do that right! These men are treasures to our Craft and still have a lot to teach those who will listen! Ask them where they've been and what they've done. They have some great stories to tell. And it shows respect to some of the men who have made our Lodge the great institution that it is! Find out how they did it. It might make your journey a little easier.

Fraternally,

**Tom Erskine, Chaplain**





# Up & Coming



## *Masonic Anniversaries for May:*

Nicholas Shane Conner - 3 Years

James Vincent Johnson - 3 Years

Raymond Santiago - 3 Years

Murray Hubert Martin III - 5 Years

Nathan Robert Wilson - 5 Years

Paul Russell Blanton - 7 Years

James Hollis Strawser - 7 Years

John Henry Rumpel - 8 Years

Herman David Yonchik - 16 Years

Michael Alan Kramer - 30 Years

Roger Charles Richards - 30 Years

Fredrick Broughton Griswold - 41 Years

Edwin Calvin Henderson - 41 Years

William Robert Ellis - 43 Years

James Reynolds Cunningham - 43 Years

Gary Wayne Lashley - 49 Years

William Earl Townsend Jr - 50 Years



## *Birthdays for May:*

5/1 - Scott Douglas Bishop

5/3 - Chad Jason Oehmke

5/5 - Eric Anthony Charles

5/8 - David Carrero

5/10 - Richard Craig Sawyer

5/10 - Sprague Owings

5/14 - Dwayne Leon Hayes

5/16 - John Alden Campbell Jr

5/17 - Joshua Harmony Singer

5/18 - Jeffery Dean Battaglia

5/20 - Drake Arnold Grable

5/27 - Aaron Michael Haire

5/29 - Jeffrey Wayne Gerlitz



# For The Children

*Child ID, SSL*

My Brothers,

There are no child ID events scheduled. When they come up I will update you!

Sincerely,

**Murray Martin, Junior Warden**



*Charity*

Brothers, Family & Friends,



We continue to be blessed with the opportunity to work Major League soccer events to raise funds for our Lodge Charity efforts. A small group of your Brothers have operated this program now for over 12 years. At times this means personal and family sacrifices when the events fall on inconvenient dates and times. The funds allow South Seminole continue to be the leader in helping Brothers and our Community when needs arise. But, be aware, that we have come very close to losing this vital funding source several times over a lack of manpower. With the Covid re-opening, It takes about 17 workers to do a 5-hour event. There are 16-18 matches in a season. We are wearing out the core team, and must have a larger pool of volunteers so that this responsibility doesn't fall on the same individuals every time. We already had to quit doing a similar program at UCF football over this issue, and that cut our fundraising revenue in half. We cannot afford to fail at Orlando Soccer. The events are listed on the SSL closed Facebook page. If you prefer, any Officer will be happy to tell you personally how and when you can participate. We all became Masons to help our fellows and Brothers. Please think about getting involved as soon as possible.



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



**Mrs. Tessier** responded

I am beyond speechless and humbled that you would choose to fund my project! These sensory items will be a huge blessing in my classroom for my students with Autism! My class and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts! :)

Thank You!

**W. Skip Yonchik, Treasurer**

# Masonic Highlights

**Welcome to the May 2021 Trestle Board!** Brothers... We have a busy few months ahead of us. Watch that calendar!!

Fraternally,

**W. John D. Dibble**



## 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:

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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SMARTPHONE  
QR READER APP  
TODAY!**

# South Seminole Masons

## 2021 Officers:

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## Past Masters:

## Deceased \*

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

Gary Bouton 2016

Tim French 2017

John Dibble 2018

Tim French 2019

Luis Tellez 2020

## Affiliated Past Masters

Ellis Hormats, New York \* 1969

Don Grable, Spain 1969/70

Jeff Gerlitz, Wisconsin 1983

Jeff Battaglia, Orl. 69 2017/2019

## 2021 Committee Chairmen:

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

Mentoring	W.: John Dibble
Youth Activities	Bro. Nathan Wilson
Public Relations and Publicity	W.: Tim French
Building Rental	Bro. Nathan Wilson
Child-ID	Bro. Murray Martin
L.Y.P.M.G.C.	W.: Skip Yonchik
By-Laws	W.:M.: Robert E. Dibble
Outreach	Bro. Nathan Wilson

## Perpetual Members:

Joseph Cordeiro	Donald Wayne Grable	Ray Earl Norman	Richard James Swanner
Charles Raymond Crouch	Douglas Brent Guthrie	Sprague Owings	Billie James Thornton
Ralph Cruz	Theodore Elsworth Hammond	Truman Parker	Douglas Sherman Tomlinson
James David Dickenson	David Robert Harden	Cleveland Paul Perdue	Joseph Raymond Valdes
Charles Thomas Dunty	Robert John Havlicek	Raymond Alfred Ralph	Christopher Michael Wall
James Harvey Dunty III	John William Holian Jr	Roger Charles Richards	Chad Jason Oehmke
Michael Parke Fisher	Kenneth Charles Jordan	Anthony W Rossi	Skip Yonchik
Paul Warren Freeman Sr	Samuel Marigny Lewis Jr	David Bruce Roy	Tim French
Jeffery Karl Gerlitz	PGM Pierre Mascia	Gregory Kent Rushing	
Jeffrey Wayne Gerlitz	Billie Marvin Mew	John Anthony Russell	
Drake Arnold Grable	Jerry Scott Morey	William Junior St John	



A wooden suspension bridge stretches into a dense forest. The bridge is made of wooden planks and has ropes on either side. The forest is lush and green, with trees and foliage visible on both sides of the bridge. The bridge leads towards a bright light at the end of the path, creating a sense of depth and perspective.

**BE STRONG  
BUT NOT RUDE.**

**BE KIND BUT  
NOT WEAK.**
















**BE HUMBLE,  
BUT NOT TIMID.**

**BE PROUD BUT  
NOT ARROGANT.**



# Upcoming Events

## May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b>  <b>Masters &amp; Wardens - WG #165</b> - 8am
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting</b> - 7:30pm	<b>4</b>  <b>SSL Stated Comm.</b> - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Meal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>Orlando City Soccer</b> - 7:30pm
<b>9</b>  <b>Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting</b> - 4:00pm  <b>Orlando City Soccer</b> - 4:30pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting</b> - 7:30pm	<b>18</b>  <b>SSL Stated Comm.</b> - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Meal	<b>19</b>  <b>MM Degree</b> - 6:00pm with a 7:00pm Meal 8pm 2nd Section	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>MM Degree</b> - 9:00am  <b>Orlando City Soccer</b> - 7:30pm
<b>23</b>  <b>Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting</b> - 4:00pm  <b>DDGM Homecoming</b> — Shrine at 1:00pm – 5:00pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  <b>MM Degree St. Cloud Lodge #207- Courtesy</b> - 6:00pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>  <b>Grand Communication</b> - Check-in Only—All Day	<b>31</b>  <b>Grand Communication</b> - 9am-5pm	<b>1 JUNE</b>  <b>Grand Communication</b> - 9am-5pm	<b>2 JUNE</b>  <b>Grand Communication</b> - 9am-1pm			

### Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen:

#### 1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 5/4:

Ziti, Salad, Snack Packs, Candy, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee



#### 3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 5/18:

Sausage & Rice, Desert, Salad, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee

# Poem of the Month

A MASONIC - By: Unknown

## A MASONIC DUTY.

F. to F. that we should go  
When sickness brings a brother low,  
To cheer him on his bed of pain,  
And nurse him back to health again.

K. to K., when e'er we pray,  
At early morn, or close of day,  
A brother's name should claim a share  
In every thought and every prayer.

B. to B., thee still to keep  
A brother's secret hidden deep,  
To all the world but us unknown,  
And hold them sacred as our own.

H. to B., with firmest grasp,  
Encircling arms and friendly clasp,  
We should be found at duty's call,  
To stay a brother's tottering fall.

M. to E., when e'er we find  
To eer a brother is inclined,  
We'll counsel give in gentlest tone  
And breathe it to his ear alone.

Then F. to F., and K. to K.,  
True brothers we should ever be ;  
With H. to B., and B. to B.,  
Each striving still to do his best,  
We'll whisper word of hope and cheer  
With C. to C., and M. to E.



# Bits & Pieces

In Memory of W.:. Benjamin Franklin (Frank) Ellis



Passed to  
the  
Celestial  
Lodge at  
the age of  
84

Frank you  
will be  
missed by  
many!



W.:. Benjamin Franklin Ellis

February 15, 1937 - March 2, 2021



# Bits & Pieces

Hang'n with the homies!



Do you have pictures you'd like to share?  
Please send them to us and they will be posted in the next Trestle-board!!