

December 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...



The East

Greetings from the East!!!

Welcome to the month of December for South Seminole Lodge No. 364!

This will be my final entry for 2021 and I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and happy Holiday Season.

Thank You for the opportunity for allowing me to serve as your Worshipful Master this year. It has been a great experience with the pleasure of getting to know and work with all of my Brothers in our Lodge. It has been an amazing year, filled with many events, that included ten degrees which brought new Brothers in as Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, and Master Masons. We repainted the Lodge and added a new seating area outside the building. We were able to help a Boy Scout earn his Eagle Scout rank with his project. We gave out two W. Ed Henderson Scholarship awards and helped many teachers with their classroom needs. Finally, we started off the year with charity events using your assistance. Thank You!!!

A couple of reminders to all: We are hosting Masters and Wardens and Memorial Lodge on Saturday the 18th. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 am with our meeting at 9:00 am. And with Memorial Lodge starting immediately after. Thank you Worshipful Skip Yonchik and to the many Brothers assisting with breakfast set up.

Congratulations to incoming Worshipful Master Elect Nathan Wilson and our line of Officers for 2022. Installation of Officers will take place on Saturday morning of the 8th in January. I hope to see everybody there in support of our transition of leadership.

Thank you again for your support this year.

Keeping focused and on the Level!!!

Faternally,

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

"We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility of our future."

~ George Bernard Shaw



The West

My brothers,

I am so humbled and honored to be part of South Seminole Lodge. We have accomplished so many great things in 2021. I can't wait to see what 2022 has in store for us. I want to take moment to thank the members for their vote of confidence. I look forward to serving the members as Worshipful Master for 2022.

Faternally,

Nathan Wilson, Senior Warden



The South

My Brothers,

It has been a great year and it was my honor to serve as you Junior Warden. I am excited to continue this journey as your Senior Warden next year. I want to thank everyone for all the help that was given to me in the kitchen and in the Lodge. I also want to thank everyone for having confidence in me to continue to be a leader in our great fraternity. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and happy holidays. I look forward to see you all again next year.

Faternally,

Murray Martin, Junior Warden



Additional Words From...



My Brothers,

Everyone please remember that your Lodge dues are expected by December 27th 2021, not next year! If you have any problems, please get in touch with me and don't leave us in the dark.

Fraternally:

W.:. Tim French, Secretary



My Brothers,

As we approach the end of the Masonic year on December 31, please check your records and make sure you have sent in your 2022 dues. At this point in time, we have received approximately 50% of our annual Lodge dues. Please keep in mind that 2022 dues are considered late after the end of December. If you are experiencing hardship, there is help available from the Worshipful Master or Secretary. Your Lodge cannot function in the new year without this vital income.

Worshipful French and I attended the Secretary/Treasurer training on December 4th. As usual Most Worshipful Lynn did an excellent job of instruction and provided a lot of Masonic insight. Your Lodge is way ahead of the curve in compliance and financial responsibility. He cautioned all Lodges to better "guard the West gate" and worries that we are "giving Masonry away". Our dues and fees, when compared to other fraternal organizations, are extremely low. This makes maintaining our buildings and programs very difficult as costs continue to rise. Most Worshipful Lynn told us of some college aged applicants at Grand Lodge who commented that, "What could we possibly do with such little funding?". They were expecting to pay an amount equal to our annual dues....on a MONTHLY basis. Two of the three involved decided to go elsewhere for fraternal membership. Most Worshipful Lynn also cautioned us about the dangers of not evaluating and investigating candidates fully. Putting membership quantity in front of quality has led to many Masonic trials this year to deal with "bad apples".

Fraternally,

W.:. David Yonchik, Treasurer



Greetings Brothers,

This is the part of the year to celebrate the many blessings we have received throughout the year and to rejoice in all that Our Creator has given us! I realize that the year has been a test for us, but that's how I think we should look at it; a chance to look at what is good in our lives and to find ways to improve what needs work. As I look around and see how so many of our newer Brothers are stepping up and finding their place in the Lodge, it brings me great joy! You make us proud! You're taking up the mantle of our senior Brothers and bringing their work into the future. At this rate, our legacy will last for many years to come and in our golden years it will be seen as a source of great pride that we have set the bar a little higher for the next generation. We can only guess how that's going to go. Improve the community and guide our children by example!

On a side note, I like to take this time of year to appreciate the time I now get to spend as time with my family. There have been many times I spent the holidays on the other side of the world, as a part of our armed forces, on watch or standing night duty alone in the dark so the younger guys and gals could be with their loved ones. I've done my time, and I am proud to have done so! I am more grateful now than many who don't know the sacrifice these people have made and are making for us now. May the Great Architect of the Universe lay His warm Hand upon their shoulders in their hour of doubt and discomfort and let them know that He is with them! Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah, Joyous Kwanzaa and Peace On Earth to all Mankind! AMEN!

Fraternally,

Tom Erskine, Chaplain



Additional Words From...



The Senior Deacon

Brothers,

2021 is finally behind us! Wow, it went by quick. I wanted to thank all of those who voted me in to the 2022 Junior Warden position. I promise not to disappoint you as I serve the Lodge with my kitchen and meal duties for the upcoming year. If you have any valuable food suggestions, please feel free to let me know what they are so I can prepare meals that everyone will enjoy.

Fraternally,

Nick Conner, Senior Deacon



Things Remembered

November Degrees

- ♦ 11/23—Entered Apprentice Degree
- ♦ 11/30—Fellow Craft Degree

Celestial Lodge

- ♦ None



Up & Coming

Masonic Anniversaries for December:

Raymond Alfred Ralph - 21 Years
 Scott Douglas Bishop - 23 Years
 Perry Lee Thomas - 24 Years
 Jacob Livingston Pou Jr - 24 Years
 Oscar Augusto Ruiz - 28 Years
 John Richard O'Brien - 36 Years

Larry Ross Hickman - 37 Years
 James Harvey Dunty III - 37 Years
 Bobby Ray Jarrell - 38 Years
 Robert Lee Thompson - 40 Years
 Samuel Edward Culver - 57 Years



Birthdays for December:

12/4 - Petronio Texeira Martins
 12/4 - James Harvey Dunty III
 12/8 - Alex Rosa
 12/6 - Roy Nigel Campbell

12/11 - Valentine Sellati Jr
 12/12 - Bobby Ray Jarrell
 12/19 - Terry William Mau
 12/26 - Thomas Sidney Kaffenberger

Up & Coming/Announcements Cont'd

Officer Elections

Officer Elections were held during the first stated communications of December on the 7th and appointed positions were announced by the Worshipful Master Elect. Installation of Officers will be held at South Seminole Lodge on January 8, 2022 from 9:00am - 11:00am with Breakfast to be served from 8:00am - 9:00am. The 2022 Officer lineup is as follows:

- Worshipful Master Elect - Bro. Nathan Wilson
- Senior Warden Elect - Bro. Murray Martin
- Junior Warden Elect - Bro. Nicholas Conner
- Treasurer Elect - W.: Tim French
- Secretary Elect - W.: Skip Yonchik
- Chaplain - Bro. Tom Erskine
- Senior Deacon - Bro. Michael Smith
- Junior Deacon - Bro. Steven Towery
- Senior Steward - Bro. Daniel McCoy
- Junior Steward - Bro. Edward Madera
- Marshal - Bro. Christopher Johns
- Tyler - Bro. Justin Kraft



"You know, the new line of officers isn't half bad."
"Nope, they're ALL bad!"

Announcements

December 21 - Lodge Will Be Dark— No Meeting—MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



For The Children

Child ID, OOL



My Brothers,

This was an outstanding year for our Child ID program. We were able to create IDs for over a hundred children with the many events we have participated in. I want to thank all who have helped with this and ask that we continue to do the same next year. We will have a new Child ID chairman next year, Brother Nick Conner. Let's all help make his experience as good, if not better than what mine was.

Remember, to be a volunteer for Child ID, everyone participating needs to have their background checks completed with Grand Lodge. This is free and simple. The online fillable PDF Form can be found on the Grand Lodge site. Once filled, follow the instructions on the form to submit it to the Grand Secretary via e-mail.

BACKGROUND Check FORM LINK

Thanks for everyone's continued help!

Sincerely,

Murray Martin, Junior Warden



Charity

Brothers, Family & Friends,

Although we are continually supporting the Orange / Seminole Foster Children's Association, this month we decided to support the Foster Adoptive Caregiver Team as well. For Christmas, we are giving the foster kids twenty-five new bicycles. Starting in the month of January and continuing through the next year, we will be giving out first night bags to the Orange / Seminole Foster Children's Association. These bags will contain things like toiletries, underwear, and socks in order to help these children on their critical first night of transition into new foster care homes. I would like to send out a big thanks to Nathan Wilson and his team of brothers without whom this couldn't be made possible.

I would also like to congratulate Stephen MacKenzie, recipient of the Ed Henderson Scholarship. Thanks for everything you've done for the Lodge during multiple charity events and for your South Seminole Lodge Eagle Scout project!

Thank You!



W. John Dibble

Charity of the Month



Twenty-Five bicycles were given to the Foster Adoptive Caregiver Team for Christmas. Our hope is to help make the lives of these children a little brighter for the holidays. They just need to know there are people out there who do care for them! Thank you FACT for supporting these children in their time of need.

Masonic Highlights

Welcome to the December 2021 Trestle Board! As we close the year out, let's make sure we stand together and assist our newly elected officers as they transition into the new year.

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, re-view 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. We look forward to continuous improvements in the software.

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 and 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.

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South Seminole Masons

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Treasurer – W.: Skip Yonchik

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Marshal – W.: Luis Tellez

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Chaplain – Tom Erskine

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Musician – None

N/A

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Junior Steward – Steve Towery

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Tyler – Killian Hiltz

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Past Masters:

Deceased *

Curtis F. Blow *	U.D & 1968	Paul W. Freeman, Sr.	1997
Verbun A. Jones *	1969	Kenneth N. Holladay *	1998
Frank Bingham *	1970	Marty Nash APM *	1998
Louis Kirby *	1971	Donald Maurizio *	1999
Francis P. Oddo *	1972	Joseph Cordeiro	2000
Troy Tatum *	1973	Randy L. Vess	2001
William P. Byles *	1974	B. Franklin Ellis *	2002
Carl E. Strom *	1975	E. Neal Tish	2003
J.C. Valentine *	1976	Samuel A. Tish	2004
Rodger T. Peterson, Sr *	1977	Douglas B. Guthrie	2005
William B. Ritter *	1978	John J. Walsh *	2006
Phillip G. Marriott *	1979	William D. Dieringer	2007
Max R. Jones	1980	Robert T. Billoni *	2008
Samuel M. Lewis * DDGM,		Herman (Skip) Yonchik	2009/10
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	Tim French	2017
Edward K. Herr *	1988	John Dibble	2018
James D. Dickenson DDGM	1989	Tim French	2019
John W. Bornman	1990	Luis Tellez	2020
Jay W. Leffert*	1991		
Billy M. Mew	1992		
Roger C. Reynell	1993		
John A. Melanson *	1994		
Thomas D. Roberts	1995		
Edwin C. Henderson *	1996		

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.: Luis Tellez
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	Richard Sawyer
Jeffrey Wayne Gerlitz	Billie Marvin Mew	John Anthony Russell	
Drake Arnold Grable	Jerry Scott Morey	William Junior St John	

WISHING ALL OF
MY BROTHERS



Merry Christmas



Upcoming Events

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6  SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	7  SSL Stated Comm. - 7:30pm with a 6:30pm Meal	8	9	10 Parking Fund-raiser - SSL 4pm -9pm	11  Zone MLT - Winter Park #239 9am
12  Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting - 4:00pm	13	14	15	16	17	18  Masters & Wardens - SSL #364 - 8am
19	20  SSL DeMolay Chapter Meeting - 7:30pm	21  SSL Stated Comm. - Dark - No Meeting	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day 
26  Rainbow Hope Assembly Meeting - 4:00pm	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve	

Upcoming Delectables From the Kitchen.

1st Tuesday Stated Communications - 12/7:

Ham, Beans, Potatoes, Corn, Cookies, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee



3rd Tuesday Stated Communications - 12/21:

Lodge is DARK—No Meal

Poem of the Month

The Bottle of Masonry - By: Robert E Main

THE BOTTLE of MASONRY

Some Masons say, "It is time for the new.
The old bottle of Masonry simply won't do!"
The youth gasp for flavour that's fresh to the bud,
Not something they spit back into the jug.

So, is it out with the old and in with the new?
Is replacing the bottle the right thing to do?
Do we cork the fluid that stood the test of time?
And pour out a new brand of Masonic Wine.

I have seen the dissatisfied look on their face.
Many taste - but only a few will embrace.
Is this proof that the ancient bottle we all share
Has lost all its addictive flavour and flair?

No, Brethren! The bottle was a gift from the start,
Its contents designed to re-kindle the heart.
All ingredients were plucked from the Garden Divine,
So the fruits within cannot spoil with time.

The problem dwells in the way that we serve.
Are we not Stewards, told to observe?
We are serving our youth a diluted wine,
The goodness is the sediment, built up with time.

Brethren, let's not cast out our bottle in haste.
Stewards, shake it well, to bring back the taste.
Once shaken, its true flavour will nourish and satisfy.
Once tasted, the demand for more will amplify!

BY ROBERT E MAIN

Bits & Pieces



EA and FC Degrees - Congrats Brothers!!



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Ed Henderson Scholarship Award—Congrats!



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Certificate Presentations



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Child-ID



Keeping out the Cowans & Eavesdroppers



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