



Sutherland eNews



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BY-LAW CHANGES APPROVED

The two By-Law changes proposed by resolution and accepted at our March 2007 meeting were approved by the required 75 percent (%) majority of members present at our Stated Communication on May 15, 2007. These By-Law changes increased, 1) the dues to \$100 annually, and 2) the fees for the Three Degrees to \$225. They must now be approved and then signed by the Grand Master. We'll probably know the results of his decision sometime in July or August.

The increase in our dues, if the Grand Master approves, will take effect for the 2008 Masonic year (2008 dues notices are mailed in mid October 2007). For those who may wish to buy a perpetual membership, you may do so at the current dues as long as the application is made prior to December 27, 2007.

The increase in the fees for the Three Degrees will go into effect as soon as the Grand Master approves and signs the By-Law change. All petitions accepted by the lodge prior to that time will go through at the old fee amount unless the petitioner has to be balloted upon again; for example, if he does not advance through the degrees in the allotted time.

The Lodge maintains a "Help A Brother Fund" for brothers who need assistance from time to time. This includes assistance with all or part of a members dues. No member of Sutherland Lodge will be dropped from membership for lack of ability to pay dues, if it has been brought to the Lodge's attention.

CALENDAR – MASONIC EVENTS

JUNE EVENTS:

June 14 Flag Day - Events start at 4:00 PM at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 5500 Memorial Highway, Tampa, with flag waving on Memorial Highway in front of the building. Most Masonic organizations will be in attendance along with special guest Mel Tillis, 33^o Grand Cross. Additionally, the Bayshore & Lutz Patriots, American Legion, VFW, Florida Blood Services (yes, you can give blood), Salvation Army, and other organizations will also be in attendance. There is a free BBQ dinner beginning at 4:45 PM & entertainment in the lobby beginning at 5:00 PM. A patriotic program will start at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.

June 19, 2007 (7:30 PM) - Sutherland Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner will be served starting at 6:30 PM. Spaghetti & meatballs is the main course. **CHANGE NOTICE** – The District Deputy visitation previously announced for June is changed to the August Stated Communication. Please note this change.

June 26, 2007 (7:30 PM) – Masonic education night. All Master Masons from all lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Florida are invited. The Master Mason exams I & II will be given. An evening of fellowship & education.

JULY EVENTS:

July 3, 2007 (7:30 PM) - East Gate Lodge No. 355 Stated Communication at Sutherland Masonic Center. Dinner will be served starting at 6:30 PM. **Special note: East Gate will be dark in August.**

July 7, 2007 (Saturday morning 10:00 AM) – Entered Apprentice Degree at Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252.

July 10 (11:30 AM) – North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club meeting at Kally-K's Restaurant located at 1600 Main Street, Dunedin, FL. Call Ken James, Sr. at 727.784.3858 for reservations. All Scottish Rite masons and their guests welcome.

July 10, 2007 (7:30 PM) – Sutherland Lodge member’s workshop. The main topic of conversation will be the upcoming 100 year anniversary (January 21, 2009). The officers are soliciting ideas of what type of celebration we want to have, so that planning and budgeting can proceed. All members are invited to attend this important initial planning session.

July 17, 2007 (7:30 PM) - Sutherland Lodge is dark, but a Masonic Education workshop will be held. The Master Mason exam III will be given. A fun evening as well as an educational one. All Master Masons from all lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Florida are invited.

Other Future Masonic Events:

September 15, 2007 – M.: W.: Robert P. Harry, Grand Master, makes his official visit to the 20th and 21st Masonic Districts. The visit will take place at the Masonic Home of Florida in St. Petersburg. Registration begins at 5:00 PM. More information to follow in future eNews.

October 13, 2007 (1:00 – 5:00 PM) - BBQ Fundraiser at Sutherland Masonic Center. Ken James, Sr. famous BBQ. We’ll post more about the BBQ in future eNews & in the Trestleboard.

CALENDAR – COMMUNITY EVENTS

July Events:

July 21 & 22, 2007 – 9th Annual Downtown Palm Harbor Craft Festival

PETITIONS & DEGREES

Anyone having any information about any petitioner they believe should be known by the lodge should contact the Worshipful Master or Secretary.

Petitions ready for balloting:

Jason R. Schultz (son-in-law of W.: Don Scofield), Ozona, for the Degrees

Brothers Rae Hoopes and Leslie W. Blakley were elected to honorary membership in Sutherland Lodge at our stated Communication in May.

SUTHERLAND MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Sutherland Lodge is drafting a Mission & Vision Statement. A copy is included herein for comments. Please feel free to contact the Worshipful Master at wm@sutherlandlodge.org or any officer using their contact information on the website "Contact us" page (<http://www.sutherlandlodge.org/pages/contact.htm>). Your comments are important to us.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Sutherland Lodge is to inspire men of good character to conduct their lives according to the philosophical tenants of Freemasonry, which are: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth; and which are expressed outwardly by service to God, country, family, brother and friend; and to follow the core values of the fraternity, which are:

Personal growth: We strive to develop and improve as human beings.

Tolerance: We value and respect diversity of opinion; and the religious, ethnic, cultural, educational and social differences in mankind.

Integrity: We endeavor to live our lives in a just and upright manner, leading by example and based on honor and trust.

Freedom: We value the liberties outlined in the founding documents of the United States; and promote freedom of speech and expression and freedom of religion by the individual. We believe it is our duty to be good citizens of our country and to exercise all our liberties within due bounds.

VISION STATEMENT

To create a strong and viable Fraternity made up of men who practice the philosophical tenants and core values of Freemasonry and who have a strong desire

for self-improvement, thereby making a positive difference in the quality of life in our lodge, our community and the world.

SUTHERLAND eNEWS

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G.I. CARE PACKAGES

We are still collecting items for the G.I. Care Packages we are sending to Iraq & Afghanistan. Batteries, hand wipes, small sealed food items (beef Jerky, etc.) are most appreciated. Also donations to the postage fund for the G.I. Care Packages is appreciated. This is an ongoing Sutherland Lodge project we have been doing for several years. One of our lodge members is stationed in Iraq (Army).

We have sent nine Care Packages so far this month.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Anyone having comments or suggestions about Sutherland eNews, or the Sutherland Lodge website, may email the eNews Editor at eNews@sutherlandlodge.org, or the webmaster at webmaster@sutherlandlodge.org.

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