



Sutherland eNews



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RECENT MASONIC EVENTS

An Entered Apprentice Degree was held at Sutherland Lodge on October 13, 2007. One brother from Sutherland Lodge and three brothers from Tampa Bay Lodge were initiated.

Also on October 13, 2007, and after the EA Degree, many of those attending the degree enjoyed the BBQ (domestic pork and wild pig, beans and cole slaw) prepared by Sutherland Lodge and more specifically, by Kenneth R. James, Sr., PM. During the afternoon, other members of the fraternity stopped by for a late lunch or an early supper.

The Annual Shrine Master Mason Night with the Past Masters Unit from Egypt Shrine Chapter was held at Clearwater Lodge on October 30, 2007. Two Fellowcraft, one from Tampa Bay 252 and one from East Gate 355, were raised. R. James Rocha, PM of Tampa Bay 252, is the Potentate of Egypt Shrine.

This isn't a Masonic event per se, but a work party assembled at the Lodge on October 27, 2007, and shared in several hours of fellowship and accomplished a great amount of work. The brothers mowed the grass, trimmed low hanging branches of the trees and cleaned outside. They also accomplished quite a bit inside including vacuuming and changing light bulbs, etc. This was accomplished despite the distraction of coffee and donuts. They then began planning the next workday, to which everyone will be invited.

SPECIAL NOTE

At our Stated Communication of 10.16.2007, Sutherland Lodge voted to initiate a process to make the Sutherland Masonic Center (Sutherland Lodge building) a smoke-free building. More specifically, the members present voted to notify the Craft of our intention to make Sutherland Lodge a smoke-free building.

While a one-time vote, or even a "by Order of the Worshipful Master", could have accomplished this, the members present opted to notify the members of the lodge and hold a second vote at our next Stated Communication on November 20, 2007. There are at least two purposes for this. One is to allow members of Sutherland not present on 10.16.2007 to make comments if they desire (and to vote of course), and the second is to allow East Gate Lodge, who meets in our building time to also comment and to advise their membership of the change (if approved) to a smoke-free environment.

Most, if not all, lodge buildings in the district are smoke-free. Again, at our Stated Communication of November 20, 2007 Sutherland Lodge will vote on making the Sutherland Lodge building a smoke-free building.

UPCOMING MASONIC EVENTS

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 6, 2007 (7:30 PM) – East Gate Lodge Stated Communication.

November 13, 2007 (11:30 AM) - North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club meeting. All Scottish Rite masons and their guests welcome. You do not have to be a member of Scottish Rite to attend. The guest speaker will be Dr. Heyward Mathews of St. Petersburg College's Natural Sciences Department will speak on marine reefs, both natural and artificial, and their affect on the environment. Call Kenneth R. James, Sr., 33^o at 727.784.3858 for lunch menu & cost and to make reservations.

November 13, 2007 (7:30 PM) – Sutherland Lodge officer meeting. All members are invited.

November 20, 2007 (7:30 PM) - Sutherland Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 PM. The main course is fried chicken and mashed potatoes.

DECEMBER EVENTS

December 4, 2007 (7:30 PM) – East Gate Lodge Stated Communication.

December 11, 2007 (11:30 AM) - North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club meeting. All Scottish Rite masons and their guests welcome. You do not have to be a member of Scottish Rite to attend. Among the items of business will be the election of officers for 2008. The guest speaker is LTJG Kimberly Hess, USCG Air Station Clearwater, who will describe the general mission of the Air Station. LTJG Hess is a HH-60 Jayhawk (USCG version of the Air Force Pave Hawk Combat Search and Rescue) helicopter pilot and is Public Affairs Officer at the Air Station. Call Kenneth R. James, Sr., 33^o at 727.784.3858 for lunch menu & cost and to make reservations.

December 11, 2007 (7:30 PM) – Sutherland Lodge officer meeting. All members are invited.

December 18, 2007 (7:30 PM) - Sutherland Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 PM. The main course is hot roast beef sandwiches. Tonight will be election of officers for 2008.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

January 5, 2008 (1:00 PM) – Sutherland Lodge and East Gate Lodge will hold a joint installation of officers at Sutherland Masonic Center on Saturday, January 6, 2008. This event will be updated in the next several eNews bulletins.

MASONIC LINKS

Grand Lodge of Florida <http://www.gflmason.org/>

Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite <http://www.srtampa.org/>

Clearwater York Rite <http://yorkriteclw.org/>

Ask a Freemason (Grand Lodge of Massachusetts)

<http://www.askafreemason.org/>

DID YOU KNOW?

The Missouri Lodge of Research (<http://www.momason.org/LodgeofResearch/default.asp>) is one of the premier Masonic Research Lodges in the United States.

G. I. CARE PACKAGES

We are still collecting items for the G.I. Care Packages we are sending to Iraq & Afghanistan. Batteries (AA 4 packs especially), hand wipes, small sealed food items 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).

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