



Sutherland eNews



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RECENT HAPPENINGS

On Tuesday, December 4, 2007, East Gate Lodge elected the following brothers to serve as officers for 2008: Jim Ullery as Worshipful Master, Emanuele Pepe as Senior Warden, John Dixon as Junior Warden, Artie Bayandrian as Treasurer and Chris Enger as Secretary. These brothers will be installed in a joint installation with Sutherland Lodge officers on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 1:00 PM. This is a **public event** and family, friends and neighbors are invited.

UPCOMING MASONIC EVENTS

All masons from jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Lodge of Florida are invited to all Masonic events unless otherwise stated herein.

DECEMBER EVENTS

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**. This Communication is election of officers for 2008. Please consult your Trestleboard (printed or online) to see the current officers and come and vote for your choice of leadership for your lodge. Also tonight is our **annual Past Masters Appreciation Night**. All Sutherland Lodge Past Masters are invited and will be thanked for their contributions to Sutherland Lodge. This may be an opportunity to

renew old acquaintances with brothers you've not seen for a while and make some new ones.

December 19 (**Wednesday**), 2007 (7:30 PM) - Sutherland Lodge **Called Communication** for an **Entered Apprentice Degree**. We anticipate one candidate from East Gate Lodge, two candidates from Tampa Bay Lodge and one candidate from Sutherland Lodge, thus the possibility of four candidates for the EA Degree. Please plan to attend this Called Communication and support these men upon their entrance into Freemasonry.

JANUARY EVENTS

January 1, 2008 (7:30 PM) – East Gate Lodge is **dark** tonight (New Year's Day). Their Stated Communication has been moved to the second Tuesday (next week). A Happy New Year to all.

January 5, 2008 (**1:00 PM Saturday**) - Sutherland Lodge and East Gate Lodge will hold a joint installation of officers at Sutherland Masonic Center. This is a **public event** and family, friends and neighbors are invited.

January 7 (**Monday**), 2008 (7:30 PM) - Sutherland Lodge's officer meeting has been moved to Monday to facilitate East Gate moving their Stated Communication which fell on New Year's Day. All Sutherland Lodge members are invited.

January 8, 2008 (7:30 PM) – East Gate Lodge Stated Communication (moved from January 1).

January 8, 2008 (11:30 AM) - North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club meeting. You do not have to be a member of Scottish Rite to attend. The guest speaker is **Major Alexis M. Davis** of the **Pinellas County Sheriffs Department**. Major Davis is the Bureau Commander of the Detention & Corrections Bureau (the jail). Call Kenneth R. James, Sr., 33^o at 727.784.3858 for lunch menu & cost and to make reservations.

January 15, 2008 (7:30 PM) - Sutherland Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 PM.

January 21, 2008 – Sutherland Lodge is 99 years old. Next year, January 21, 2009, is our **100 year anniversary**. Plans are underway for both a Lodge celebration (on January 21, 2009, Wednesday evening, members and invited special guests only) and a public celebration (on January 24, 2009, Saturday). Information will be continually be published in the eNews, on our website, and in our Trestleboard. In addition, it is discussed at almost every officer meeting and Stated Communication. Please contact the Worshipful Master or any officer with any suggestions you have for our 100 year anniversary.

PETITIONS & DEGREES

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

Petitions ready for balloting on December 18, 2007:

Joseph Roscoe Ballow, Palm Harbor, for the Degrees

MASONIC LINKS

Grand Lodge of Florida <http://www.gflamason.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?

When an initiate is first brought into the light in a Masonic Lodge, the radiance come from the Lesser Lights, which form a triangle about the Altar. It seems, at first, rather odd that so great and important a symbol should receive such scant attention in the ritualistic body of Freemasonry.

We are instructed that they are called Lesser Lights, that they are placed in a triangle, that by their light we may see other objects, that they represent the Sun, Moon and Worshipful Master. Later on we learn, more by example than by precept, more by custom than by law, that Lesser Lights are always lit when a lodge is opened.

They are supposed to be lighted as soon as the lodge is opened, and then the Altar is arranged; to be extinguished after the Altar is disarranged, and the Great Lights displaced. But nowhere in our ritual are we told much of anything as to why all these things are so; how the Lesser Lights came to be; what their hidden, covered, secret, symbolic meaning is.

Immediately after the Lesser Lights are named, our attention is directed to the fact that they are in a triangle about the Altar. In some Jurisdictions they are closely about the Altar; in others, one is placed at each of the stations of the three principal officers. In some lodges the three Lesser Lights form a right, in others an equilateral; in others an isosceles triangle. What is uniform through out the Masonic World is the triangular formation about the Altar; what is different is the shape and size of the triangle. Of course, it is not possible to place three lights to form anything else but a triangle, or a straight line; they cannot be made to form a square or a star. Which brings us to the first place in which to sink our Masonic shovel; why are there three Lesser Lights, and not two or four?

The above is excerpted from masonicworld.com. For more information on the Lesser Lights you may visit <http://www.masonicworld.com/education/files/artoct01/lesserlights.htm>. You may also visit the Masonic Service Association (<http://www.msana.com/>) and request a copy of the Short Talk Bulletin from February, 1926.

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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EDITOR'S NOTE

Sutherland eNews is generally published semi-monthly. Its mission is to publish events relevant to Sutherland Lodge and, as information is submitted to us, Craft Masonry in Palm Harbor including the Grand Lodge of Florida events, Masonic events of a public nature in North Pinellas County, and community events in Palm Harbor. We also publish a link to Allied and Appendant Masonic Body websites.

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