



Sutherland eNews



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home of Sutherland Lodge, is a smoke-free facility.**

Happy New Year

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Dear brother and recipient of the Sutherland eNews,
and to all Freemasons wheresoever dispersed,
Sutherland Lodge wishes all members of the Masonic Family
A Happy New Year in 2008.

RECENT HAPPENINGS

On Saturday, December 15, brothers from Sutherland Lodge and East Gate Lodge participated in the Downtown Palm Harbor annual parade. Two vehicles with members of each lodge traveled the parade route distributing beads along the way. East Gate's vehicle was fitted with two digital electronic signs, courtesy of their Worshipful Master-elect, Jim Ullery, scrolling the two lodges names, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and the phrase we're all familiar with: 2B1ASK1. Sutherland's vehicle carried Sutherland's Worshipful Master Ken Warner, a world class tuba player. Well maybe not world class, but a classy tuba player. OK, OK, but he did play Christmas tunes on his tuba.

On Tuesday, December 18, Sutherland Lodge elected the following brothers to serve as officers for 2008: Richard Brooks as Worshipful Master, Frank Gaughen as Senior Warden, Brain Campbell as Junior Warden, Jarvis

Wood, PM, as Treasurer and Ken Warner, PM, as Secretary. These brothers, along with the appointed officers, will be installed in a joint installation with East Gate Lodge officers on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 1:00 PM. This is a **public event** and family, friends and neighbors are invited.

On Wednesday, December 19, Brothers Tim Matheson Bernal of East Gate Lodge, and Joseph Roscoe Ballow of Sutherland Lodge, were initiated as Entered Apprentice Masons in Sutherland Masonic Center. Brothers from East Gate, Tampa Bay, Tarpon and Sutherland lodges participated in the degree.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The next, and subsequent, issues of Sutherland eNews (in January) will be a PDF (Portable Data File) attached to an email rather than contained within the email.

Some recipients using plain text readers may not have the advantage of viewing the images and color text embedded in the emails, and we are better able to control our formatting in a PDF. Also, we find we are able to archive and find a PDF easier and faster than we can an email message. We may also be better able to archive them on our website in case you lose a copy. Within the next several months, all previous issues of the eNews will be archived and available to you on the website.

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As always, your input as to the eNews is sincerely solicited. Please message us with your comments, suggestions and criticisms.

UPCOMING MASONIC EVENTS

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

JANUARY EVENTS

January 5 (Saturday), 2008 (1:00 PM) – Sutherland and East Gate Lodges will hold a joint installation of officers for the year 2008. This is a **public event** and family, friends and neighbors are invited.

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

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 8, 2008 (7:30 PM) – East Gate Lodge Stated Communication (moved from January 1). Dinner will be served beginning at 6:45 PM.

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

January 16, 2008 (7:00 PM) – Suncoast Masters & Wardens Association meeting hosted by Pinellas Daylight Lodge at Selama Grotto, 3000 16th Street North, St. Petersburg. Dinner at 7:00 PM and meeting at 8:00 PM. The officers for 2008 will be installed.

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 (members only) and public celebration. The lodge celebration is to be a Table Lodge held at Sutherland Lodge on January 21, 2009. Information will 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.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 5 (Tuesday), 2008 (1:00 PM) – East Gate Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:45 PM.

February 12, 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 from Pinellas County Emergency Management. Call Kenneth R. James, Sr., 33^o at 727.784.3858 for the lunch menu & cost and to make reservations.

February 12, 2008 (7:30 PM) – Sutherland Lodge officer meeting. All Sutherland Lodge members are always invited to the officer meetings.

February 19, 2008 (7:30 PM) - Sutherland Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 PM.

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/>

DID YOU KNOW?

The following includes excerpts from several websites as listed below, and other sources as well.

Because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: or ever the silver cord be loosened, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

And then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

So while we're here on earth, how do we understand our lives? Where are our beacons? How do we know our actions are correct? The Great Lights of Masonry, beacons for centuries, help guide Fellows and Brethren in our Lodge, and in Lodges around the world.

In the last issue, we talked briefly about the Lesser Lights with a link to more information. In this issue, we'll speak briefly of the Three Great

Lights, and provide you with paths to but three of many informative links, and the suggestion that your favorite search engine will find others.

In our Lodge, the Holy Bible spreads open upon the Altar of Freemasonry, and upon the Holy Bible rests the Square and Compasses.

In other Lodges throughout the world, the Square and Compasses rest upon the Koran, the Talmud, the Upanishad, or other V. S. L. (Volumes of Sacred Law). Universally, The Great Lights of Masonry are symbols of Discovery, Honor, and Atonement. The Great Lights teach us to walk in the Light of Truth, obey the Law of Virtuousness, and thereby, overcome the baneful handcuffs of our earthly weaknesses.

The Square and Compasses are the ancient and ubiquitous symbols of Freemasonry. Since the time of Hammurabi (1795 – 1750 BCE), the Square and Compasses have appeared in allegorical and historical friezes. These symbols have adorned stone carvings, frescos, and canvas paintings. A stonecutter's square represented earth, while the compasses symbolized the arc of heaven. All over the world, whether as a sign on a building, or a badge worn by a Brother, these symbols are universally recognized as the emblems of our Ancient and Gentle Craft.

Additional, and more extensive, information may be found at the following websites and others.

<http://www.unionlodge48.org/lights.html>

<http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/sbooks.html>

A dissertation of the Three Great Emblematical Lights by S. N. Mitra of the Grand Lodge of India AF&AM may be found here:

http://www.masonindia.org/MInfo_19.htm

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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Sutherland eNews is an "opt-in" mailing list for those interested in receiving news about Sutherland Lodge and Freemasonry in North Pinellas County. Members of Sutherland Lodge and East Gate Lodge are automatically subscribers (if we know your email address). Other distinguished masons are included on the mailing list from time to time and we encourage you to subscribe. You do not have to be a member of Sutherland Lodge to sign up for Sutherland eNews. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to subscribe.

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You will then receive notices of upcoming events (like reminders of Stated Communications as well as announcements of Called Communications including Degrees, ritual practice, Masonic education programs, Masonic social events, etc.). You will also receive notice when the Sutherland Lodge electronic trestleboard is posted on the website and ready for viewing or downloading.

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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 and Masonic events of a public nature in North Pinellas County. We also publish a link to Allied and Appendant Masonic Body websites with ties to North Pinellas County.

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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