



Sutherland eNews



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

MEMORIAL LIST



We are saddened by the death of R.:W.: William A. Whitcomb, who unselfishly served Freemasonry and the Grand Lodge of Florida for many years. Brother Bill was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Florida for 23 years (1960 – 1983). He was named Grand Secretary Emeritus in 1984. Brother Bill passed away at age 95 on January 23, 2008 in Jacksonville, Florida.

UPCOMING MASONIC EVENTS

Masons from jurisdictions recognized by the Grand Lodge of Florida are always invited to Stated and Called Masonic Communications.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

February 5, 2008 (7:30 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 G. Gordon Goodman. Brother Goodman is a KYGCH (Knight York Grand Cross of Honor). He is

also a Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters, both in Michigan. Call Kenneth R. James, Sr., 33^o at 727.784.3858 for lunch menu & cost and to make reservations.

February 12, 2008 (7:30 PM) – Sutherland Lodge officers meeting. All Sutherland Lodge members are invited.

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

February 23 (**Saturday**), 2008 (10:00 AM) – **Fellowcraft Degree** at Tampa Bay Lodge in Safety Harbor. It is anticipated there will be a total of four candidates, two from **Tampa Bay Lodge**, one from **East Gate Lodge** and one from **Sutherland Lodge**. If you would like to participate in the degree, please contact Tampa Bay's Senior Warden, Brother Lee Edmonds, at edmonds@LCFire.org. Otherwise, you are invited to come out and support the lodges as they advance their brothers in Freemasonry. And share lunch and fellowship with your brothers.

MARCH EVENTS

March 4, 2008 (7:30 PM) – East Gate Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:45 PM.

March 11, 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 lunch menu & cost and to make reservations.

March 11, 2008 (7:30 PM) – Sutherland Lodge officers meeting. All Sutherland Lodge members are invited.

March 18, 2008 (7:30 PM) – Sutherland Lodge Stated Communication. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:30 PM.

March 22 (**Saturday**), 2008 (12:00 Noon) – **Family fun bowling outing**. This event is being organized by Sutherland and Gulf Beach Lodges and is for all masons and their families (and

friends). The event will take place at [Seminole Lanes, 8668 Park Boulevard](#), Seminole, Florida. The cost is \$22 / person which includes two games, shoes, pizza, wings and soft drinks. At the last bowling event, five lodges were represented and a fun time was had by all.

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/>

Masonic Service Association - Moving Masonry into the 21st Century
http://www.msana.com/aboutime_foreword.asp

DID YOU KNOW?

In times past, Florida, as well as other Grand Jurisdictions in the United States and in other countries, had many "moon lodges", lodges that met on or before the full moon.

Orange Lodge No. 36 F&AM of Florida is one of the few remaining "moon lodges". The lodge meets on the Friday on or before the full moon, and on the second Friday thereafter.

Why the full moon? The "moon lodges" met at this time because members of the lodge had to travel for miles to attend lodge and could then travel back home by the light of the moon. In those days there were few roads that were more than ruts. There were no paved streets, or streetlights. Members traveled on horseback, or in horsedrawn wagons; or in cases where they lived fairly close to the lodge, they may have walked. And therefore it was necessary they be able to see on their way home.

According to their website (<http://orangelodge.net>), Orange Lodge is also the oldest lodge in continuous use in Florida. The lodge was established under a **warrant** issued in 1856 and is still operating under that warrant. Most lodges operate under a **charter** issued by their Grand Lodge.

Orange Lodge's building was constructed in its present location in 1859 from lumber hewn and milled from trees on the site where the lodge

stands. For many years, the surrounding area was known as “the lodge”. The city of Apopka, Florida was incorporated in 1882 and the city limits were measured one mile in each direction from the lodge.

Joppa Lodge No. 4 F&AM (<http://www.joppalodge.com>) in Fletcher, Florida is also a “moon lodge”.

For more information about “moon lodges”, you may visit the Moon Lodge Origination page (<http://www.mdmasons.org/gl/Charity/moon.htm>) on the Grand Lodge of Maryland website.

ARTICLES INVITED

Articles about craft Freemasonry, of an educational, historical, ritualistic, or philosophical bent; or otherwise of general Masonic interest, are invited. Submissions should be about 200 – 300 words in length. If applicable, links to more detailed information should be included.

Unless they are original writings by the person submitting them, appropriate permission to use and reprint should accompany the article. All articles are subject to editing. No compensation is allowed.

Only email submissions are accepted. The full name of the person submitting the article, with that person’s proper email address and telephone number must be included in the email. Your name will be published with the article, but your email address and telephone number will not be published.

Anyone having a question about submitting an article may send an email to eNews@sutherlandlodge.org.

Sutherland Lodge reserves the right to decline to publish any article.

G. I. CARE PACKAGES

We continue to collect 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 appreciate your contributions to the project.

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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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<http://www.sutherlandlodge.org/pages/trestle.htm>.

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 / North Pinellas County including Grand Lodge of Florida events, and Masonic events of a public nature. We also publish a link to Allied and Appendant Masonic Body websites with activities in Palm Harbor.

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

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