



Sutherland eNews



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UPCOMING MASONIC EVENTS

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

FEBRUARY EVENTS

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 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 Tom Iovino 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 \$25 / person which includes two games, shoes, pizza, wings and soft drinks. Please contact the Worshipful Master (wm@sutherlandlodge.org) or Secretary (sec@sutherlandlodge.org) for before March 15 for reservations (a head count is necessary). 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.gflamason.org/>

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

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

DID YOU KNOW

The following was excerpted from the Masonic Service Association website (<http://www.msana.com>).

Masonic Awareness in the Lodge (September 2005) -- The Masonic Information Center was given the task of studying and preparing a Masonic Public Awareness Program. The study has been completed and is currently in the final stages of preparation for the publisher. This STB (Short Talk Bulletin) is an extract from that report and is meant to challenge our lodges and members into taking a fresh approach to our Masonic membership.

Our identity as Masons must include work on ourselves both as individuals and as a brotherhood. Our decline in membership over the past 50 years is merely a symptom of the loss of Masonry's relevance to our lives and our communities. We have individually and collectively allowed our

lethargy to encrust the jewel of Masonry, which has been bequeathed to us to pass on to the future. **Our focus on the past** (emphasis added by the eNews editor) has blinded us to the challenges of the present. And it is the present that we must address both as individuals and as a fraternal organization. Our reliance on former brothers' successes has weakened our commitment to achieving our own Masonic identities.

The Square and Compasses, the best known symbol of a Mason, cannot replace the identity of living the life of a Mason, which is itself perpetually in a state of improving ourselves in body, mind and spirit.

For more on this subject you may visit the following page (<http://www.msana.com/masonicawareness.asp>) on the Masonic Service Association 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 (unless requested).

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 are 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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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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Sutherland Lodge WebCom (Website & Communications Committee)