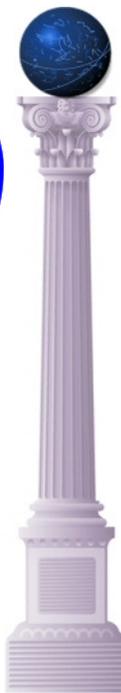


TRESTLEBOARD



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From The EAST

Brothers, 2011 has come to a close and it has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Senior Warden this year. Congratulations to WM Scott and the line of officers for a very successful 2011.

I humbly thank you for entrusting me to the office of WM. Worshipful Scott has left some very big shoes, (and hat) to fill. I will do everything in my power to live up to your expectations. This will be an exciting and full year, and I hope you all will come and join us at our Lodge meetings and activities. I am in the process of putting together a calendar of events for 2012 which will show the Family Dinners, Dinners, Special Events, as well as Stated Communications that will be held on the first floor.

The installation of elected and appointed officers will be on Saturday, January 14th at 10:00a.m. sharp and I would ask that all who can please attend. I encourage you to invite family

and friends to share in this experience. There will be a luncheon after at the lodge.

My goal this year is to reach out to our brothers who no longer attend lodge on a regular basis, while continuing to grow our brotherhood with quality men. We will continue to improve our Degree and floor work. The inclusion of our families and family participation has increased and will continue to stay in the forefront while I am in the East.

Brothers, you have also elected a strong line of officers, as well as appointees who are focused on making Sutherland Lodge successful. Ultimately, the success of the Lodge rests with all of us, and I look forward to serving you and seeing you all at our Lodge activities.

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. Here is to a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2012.

Upon the Square,

Jason R. Schultz,

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From The WEST

Greetings from the West.

I would like to thank my brothers for putting their faith in me again this year. It was my pleasure to serve the lodge as your Junior Warden and look forward to serving as your Senior Warden this year. It looks like we are going to have a fun and eventful year this year with what seems like more brothers coming into the lodge than ever before.

I would like to thank Worshipful Greg Scott for the hard work and effort he put in over the last year, as well as to all of the officers and brothers alike that took part in making 2011 a fantastic year. A special congratulations to Brother McCauley in his being declared Mason of the Year. His hard work has shown up throughout the lodge.

It is a pleasure for me to see the younger brothers take charge and get involved in the lodge. It does my heart good to come to the lodge and see brothers mowing the lawn and cleaning up without being asked, truly giving their time for the benefit of the lodge.

May the Grand Architect watch over us all and help this be an even better year yet.

Upon the Level,

Senior Warden
Br. Joseph R Ballow



FROM THE GIFT SHOP

Brothers I want to thank you for supporting the Sutherland Lodge Gift Shop. We have had a banner season with gift shop sales. This is a fundraiser for the lodge and we need your continued year round patronage. As sales continue I will keep trying to find new and different items to keep your interest.

I have negotiated with some vendors who are suppliers to the big Masonic stores to bring you the same items that they are supplying at or below their prices plus there is no shipping charge when you buy at the store.

We have custom etched Cocktail glasses selling for \$27.00 for a set of four or \$7.00 for a single. I have seen similar glasses for \$40.00 and higher. OES items on sale this month - 10% off.

JANUARY MASONIC PIN OF THE MONTH: Real Men Wear Aprons - It is available at the lodge gift shop for \$6.50 + tax.

PICK ONE UP & SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!

From The SOUTH

My Brothers,

I would like to thank the Brothers for having the faith and confidence in me to elect me their Junior Warden for 2012. I am very humbled at being elected to the South. I have some big shoes to fill as the last few years we have had some great Brothers have sit in the South. I can promise you I will do everything in my power to continue the great work my predecessors have started.

This year I hope to continue to work on improving our Lodge and building. First project will be to tackle the attic fan. I will be looking at what we need and report to the Lodge as to what we will be needing to get it up and running again. I am hopeful to work with Worshipful Master Jason to see about replacing the downstairs carpet this year. As always I will always be looking for help and ideas from any Brother who is interested in helping.

This year I would like to start a new tradition of involving our newest Brothers in the Lodge every month. I will be encouraging all EA's and Fellow-Craft Mason's to come help with dinner and clean-up after words. I hope this will help grow the brotherly ties to help make them feel more involved. I also feel this will help them to understand more of the Lodge inner workings as well. I feel we all could have used a little more Masonic education prior to becoming Master Mason's.

A special thanks to Brothers Wendling and Bureau for having an antique fire truck for Sutherland to use for the annual Christmas parade this year. It was a big hit. Also I would like to congratulate our Mason of the year Brother Scott McCauley. He was a great addition to our Lodge. He has worked very hard on our gift shop as well as our Library. Be sure to stop by and see them both.

On a personal level, I hope to continue to further my Masonic education. This past year I earned my silver, white, green and blue cards. This year my goal is to continue to learn as much as my cable tow will allow starting with the charges. I am so proud of the great work and Degree's we continue to be able to perform. It gives me great pride to see our Lodge able to put on our own Degree's.

I am currently working on this year's dinner menu's and hope to have it finished by our stated communication. I will also be getting with W:M. Jason on setting some dates for Family dinners. We have always welcomed family to every dinner, but we will work on some specific months to encourage the wives and families to join all of us for dinner.

As always I am available to any Brother who wishes to work on his degree work or catechisms. Feel free to call me or email me any time. I am also going to continue to put out the Trestle Boards for this year. Any Brother who would like to have an article in it just send me an email by the second Tuesday the month before our publish dates.

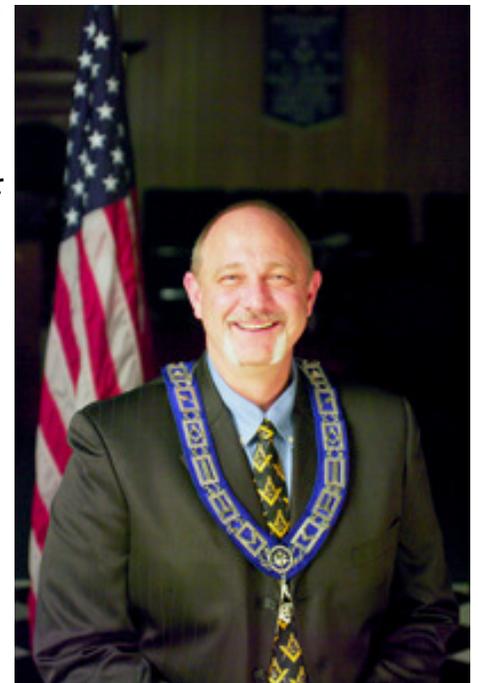
By the Plum,

Larry P Pomeroy

Junior Warden Elect

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From The Treasurer

Brothers,

It is with mixed emotions that I write my first article from the Northeast. I truly enjoyed my time as Worshipful Master and will miss the responsibilities and experiences inherent to the position. I am, however, excited about my new responsibilities as treasurer. Aside from the regular bookkeeping and assorted duties I plan to focus on filling the Lodge's coffers. This will enable us to more generously support our charities and community as well as, maintain and improve the Lodge building. Those of you who have worked a hot dog fundraiser know that the work involved in the event far outweighs the monetary gain. Therefore, I will be coordinating our fundraising activities through the concession sales organization at Raymond James Stadium. The stadium provides non-profit organizations the opportunity to work the concessions for a portion of the profit. The work is not difficult and the funds raised for the Lodge will be more substantial than hot dog sales. I am currently compiling a list of potential volunteers. Once we have completed the Raymond James' participation requirements we will chose the events we want to work. Currently, I am considering 4 Bucs games with 15 volunteers working each game. For this fundraiser to work, I need approximately 30 people to commit and participate in training. One of the nice things about this fund raiser is that the participants do not have to be brothers, i.e. wives and children (over 18) are eligible. If you would like more information regarding this fundraiser or if you would like to be placed on the potential volunteer list, please contact me via email 174s100th@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your support with this effort.

Faternaly,
P.:M.: Greg Scott
Treasurer



From The Secretary

Brethren,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me your Secretary for 2012. I only hope I can come close to fulfilling your expectations and I can assure you I will do my best. As we move into 2012, the financial condition of the Lodge is very strong. We have accomplished a lot during 2011 under the leadership of W.: M.: Scott, and we will be continuing that momentum in 2012. Please stop by and see all that has been done to the Lodge. As we move forward, we hope we can count on all the Brothers for their continued help and effort. In December, we had several events that were very successful for the Lodge. The Palm Harbor Arts Fair the first week of December was very successful. The Lodge made over \$300.00 selling hot dogs and we will be continuing these activities around our local, Palm Harbor events. The second weekend was the Palm Harbor Christmas Parade that we have been involved with for years. The weather was great and Worshipful Master Ken Warner entertained everyone with his tuba playing ability! I would also like to thank Brothers Wendling and Bureau for providing an antique fire engine that was enjoyed by all. We will be having an event calendar published shortly, so please come out and help support your Lodge within the community.

On the Level,
Frank Gaughen
Secretary



From The Senior Deacon

As Junior Deacon my last contribution to the Trestleboard covered some of the Lodge's symbolism as conveyed by Albert Mackey. I will try to address some of the more interesting and less known symbolisms in this article. We all know the significance of the white apron -- white for purity and lambskin having the same meaning. Mackey notes the universality of these symbols in various religions along with an investiture of white kid gloves in Germany, France and a few other European countries while being left out in England and America. As he traces the symbolism of white and the lamb, the removal of headgear, and bare-footedness, he concludes that mankind can be traced back to one family having these similar thoughts and rituals.

The rite of circumambulation is another ritualistic symbol also tracing the identity of the origin of Freemasonry with that of the religious and mystical ceremonies of the ancients. Circumambulation, as we know, is the formal procession around the altar or other holy consecrated object and archeologically determined to be used in many religious rites and ancient initiations. This circumambulation alludes to the apparent course of the sun in the firmament from east to west. The Greeks and Romans when performing the circumambulation in their various rites considered it absolutely necessary that the right side should always be next to the altar, and therefore the procession should move from east to the south, then west and then the north and again to the east. So there you have it with this circumlocution.

As Senior Deacon I expect to serve our Worshipful Jason Schulz and the Lodge to the best of my abilities. I will also continue relating Mackey's Masonic symbolism in future issues.

Be well, Brothers!

Rick Raguso

Senior Deacon appointed



From The Junior Deacon

My Brothers,

I am honored to be continuing my Masonic journey with you all, and I am excited about being appointed as the Junior Deacon. My first year as an officer has taught me a great deal about people and the inner workings of a Masonic Lodge. I have learned about people, the importance of planning, and the dedication at each Brother puts in to making Sutherland Lodge the place that it is today. I am honored to be counted among it's numbers. My only regret is that feel I could have done a better job as a Steward, but hope to make up for it by taking a more active role in the lodge this year.

I would really like to spearhead an initiative for all local Brothers to develop our skills in degree work. When available I would like to take those Brothers who have completed their catechism work, and develop a degree team capable of performing all degrees without a snap practice. We are looking to be having a busy year this year. We already have 4 candidates for EA that I know of, one on his way to his FC degree, and two who are near their Master Mason Degree!

I would like to take this oppurtunity to thank our outgoing Worshipful Master Greg Scott for his faith in me and for putting me in the officer's line last year. I would like to thank incoming Worshipful Master Jason Schultz for allowing to continue along this path. I would like to thank Brothers Joe Ballow, Larry Pomeroy, Scott McCauley, and Worshipfuls Frank Gaughen, Brian Campbell, Lou Thomas, and Ken Warner for helping me improve myself in Masonry. Finally, I would like to thank all of the Brothers who have come after because you renew my zeal for Masonry, and each and everyone of you is my Brother. Please get in touch with me about degree practices. I really want to make this another great year for Masonry in Sutherland Lodge.

Fraternally,

Brother Aaron Robertson

Junior Deacon appointed



From The Senior Steward

Brothers

We all use this word daily, when we meet, part ways or just in general conversation. We often use it when talking about people we have never met and even some that have long been with the Great Architect. Webster's defines the word as a male who shares parents with another, one of a type or similar to each other or one who is related to another by common ties or interests. The latter definition best describes how the word is used in Freemasonry, as we are all here with the same basic interests and are on the same path of learning and helping our fellow man. We are all bound by our obligation and our commitment to Fellowship and Brotherly Love. As someone who has spent their life in the military and Fire Service I have seen many levels of brotherhood ranging from someone who is there in a time of need to someone willing to make the ultimate sacrifice, each of us must determine where we stand on that scale. And as there is no right or wrong, nor is there any too little or too far it is all a personal choice. In our Fraternity we all take an obligation as to what is expected from us in a brother's hour of need and how we should treat each other in general.

There have been many lodges torn apart and even destroyed by infighting, clicks that separate out individuals, even things as small as political disagreements. This is why we are to treat each other with respect as well as respect the opinions of others even when we disagree. I am very glad that we do not have this at Sutherland and that we have chosen to keep conversations about political views and many other sensitive issues out of the lodge. While I have only been raised a few years, I am proud to serve Sutherland this year as your Senior Steward and continuing my Masonic Education. My goal for this year is to learn, teach and do the best I can to improve our lodge, both physically as well as supporting the existing members and helping to bring in and educate future brothers. I am proud to be a Mason and more so to know each of you. May we all be blessed this year and the years to follow.....

Fraternally Yours

Ray Hughes 32nd

Senior Steward appointed

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Over the last few months I am sure you have all seen the changes in the Library but for the Brothers that haven't, I want to take this opportunity to invite you to visit our newly refurbished Lodge Library. In December we had 25+ books donated to the Library from the estate of Rev. Chester (Chet) O'Neal. The Library has been designed set up for your enjoyment. The Library is now more toward the back of the lodge away from the commotion at the front. A second bookshelf has been added along with a reading desk and recliner. After cleaning up what we had and recent donations, we are over 145 books and climbing. All books are now categorized and each has its own Library Checkout Card. When you want to borrow a book, you can find the Library checkout card in the black index card box. Name and Date with Lodge number and put it in the front of the box. When you return it, Date card and put book on shelf marked returns. Brothers, I am proud to announce that a software company from the Netherlands, Coolectorz.com has donated Library Book Collection software, a \$500.00 value, free of charge. It logs each book and draws all relevant information: ISBN #, Author, Publisher, Date and if available, a cover shot. Finally Brothers, I challenge each and every one of you to donate a book or two to keep our library growing. Any book donated should be of the Masonic genre or any subordinate areas and fiction or nonfiction. I can be reached at 727-415-0955 or SVMcCauley@yahoo.com. Make sure if you call and leave a message to include name and number.

Sutherland Lodge Past Masters

Gregory L Scott MJPM	2011	Ronald A. Adair	1964
Brain Campbell	2010	Elmer W. Olson	1962
Frank Gaughen III	2009	James E. McDaniel	1961
Richard Brooks	2008	Ralph L. Childs	1960, 1931
D.D.G.M. (2011)		Henry V. Watt	1959
Kenneth Warner	2007	William O. Tinny	1958
Louis I. Thomas	2006	Charles Howard Hagan	1957
Jack Bostrom	2005	H. Vivian Tinny	1956
Jarvis Wood	2004	Julian Wallace	1955
Timothy L. Bryce	2003	James E. Stevens	1954
Kenneth R. James, II	2002	Ellis B. Lipsey	1953
D.D.G.M (2007)		George A. Ulmer	1952
Frank P. Sloan	2001	Charles A. Jones	1951
Garry Sullivan	2000	Henry K. Tilley	1950
John J. Grasso	1999	C. Eugene Walters	1949
Steve Polo	1998	Herbert M. Hunter	1948
Norbert Cheeseman	1997	William S. Hogue,	1947
Edward Martin	1996	D.D.G.M, (1953)	
James Pecka	1995	Lawrence L. Riviere	1946
Steve Hedgecock	1994	R. J. Johnson	1945
Austin B. McGreal	1993	C. C. Walters	1944
Samuel E. Hart	1992	R. R. Lipsey	1943
Richard J. Clowes	1991	Roy Jowers	1942
Gary Connolly	1990	James E. Johnson, Jr.	1941
Harry Phillips	1989	Edmond C. Anderson	1940
Wiley E. Stacy	1988	Herbert C. Mann	1939
Dennis V. Cole, Jr.	1987	Charles C. Jackson, Jr.	1938
James W. Hale	1986	Gregor L. Ulmer	1937
James M. Mann	1985	Pettus H. Stewart	1936
Clarence L. Ammons	1984	Ernest F. Gordon	1935
Christy G. Metcalfe, Jr.	1983	James E. Johnson	1934
William B. White	1982	R. R. Lipsey	1933
Darrell Myers	1981, 1979	Herbert M. Hunter	1932
William B. Keigans	1980	R. W. Mair	1930
Melvin Brackin	1978	Charles T. Sasser	1929
J. Michael Beijar	1977	T. C. Noxtine	1928, 1923, 1922
D.D.G.M (1994)		R. J. Williford	1927
Ralph B. Hunter	1976	George B. Thomas	1926
Kenneth R. James	1975, 1966, 1963	George C. Booth	1925
David Kent	1974	W. E. Nutt	1924, 1921
William F. Tew	1973, 1967, 1965	W. R. Campbell	1920
Clarence Carter	1972	W. D. Wood	1919
Edward Swaffod	1971	L. H. Eavey	1917- 1918
William G. Roberts, Jr.	1970	H. S. Freeman	1914-1916
Donald Scofield	1969	James C. Craver	1909-1913
Norman G. Atherton	1968		



Schedule of events

- 01-03 East Gate Stated Communication 7 pm
- 01-12 EA Degree at Pearl of West 7:30pm
- 01-16 Dunedin Lodge Stated Communication Dinner
6:30 meeting 7:30
- 01-17 Stated Communication dinner 6:30 meeting
7:30
- 01-18 Suncoast Masters and Wardens at Sutherland
Lodge 6:30-9:30
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- 02-02 Pearl of West Stated Communication dinner
6:30 meeting 7:30
- 02-07 East Gate Stated Communication 7 pm
- 02-14 Officer meeting 7pm
- 02-20 Dunedin Lodge Stated Communication dinner
6:30 meeting 7:30
- 02-21 Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30 meeting
at 7:30
- 02-22 District 21 Ritual Books Open 7pm-9pm
- 02-23 Pearl of West Called meeting 7:30
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Brothers,

I am planning on family dinners on the following dates:
February 21st
June 19th
September 18th
November 20th

I wanted to designate these months for Family nights. But please remember all families are welcome to all dinners not just these months.
Larry Pomeroy Junior Warden