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From The EAST

I was listening to a few Masonic podcasts recently while driving to/from work and various Masonic events within the state of Florida. These podcasts varied between the satirical and humorous to philosophic reviews of Morals and Dogma of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and The Magnum Opus or the Great Work by Albert Pike. I particularly enjoyed one brother's reference to Morals and Dogma as "Mo Dog". If you have had the opportunity to read any of Brother Pike's work, you know that it is a bit cumbersome, deep and rich and probably why the endeared reference of "Mo Dog" is appealing. It also highlights the transition that Masonry finds itself in right now. You may not know what a podcast is or you may wonder why you are reading this on paper rather than electronically. That's where we are, Brothers, right in the middle of the moving from Tactile (printed Trestle board) to Visual (website Trestle board) to Audible (podcast).

The three input methods of learning are tactile, visual and audible. Freemasonry has utilized these three learning types throughout its history and we continue to do so. We teach through alle-

gory and symbolism, mentoring and coaching, leading and following. We have one foot firmly in our rich, historic past and one foot on the bleeding edge of intellectual and communal future. We are seeing a groundswell of interest in our fraternity from young men of the information age who are attracted to the solid, yet storied heritage which is ours. We have successfully bridged the gap between old and new with a tie that binds on the level.

However, we must be careful as we grow forward that we do not forget our primary philanthropy of our Blue Lodge; brothers, wives, widows and orphans. From the brother who may be a young, single dad to the oldest living widow, we need to be aware of those who need our help. To that end, and as part of the Second Century Project, we are putting together a reach out program in which the officers of the lodge will be assigned five (5) members to call upon, introduce themselves and establish a working relationship. We will be calling each member of the lodge just to say "HI". There is no ulterior motive, no solicitation, no nothing' but a simple reach out in brotherly love. I know that we have all been in a

place where a simple phone call or visit would have made all the difference in the world.

Look for your call, and if you can't or don't want to wait, give me a call at 727-916-7517 and we'll have a chat. I look forward to it.

Your servant,
Brian



From The SD

Dear Brethren,

I write to you with an opportunity to help your lodge. Worshipful Brian Cambell, currently sitting in the East has taken the initiative to better our lodge and make a difference during his tenure as our Worshipful Master.

One of the things that he has asked of us was to look for new chairs for the lodge which represent the stations of the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden in proper respect for their office. As you know we are currently using the same movie theatre chairs as located throughout the lodge. Other lodges that I have visited have very ornate chairs that set the stage for the respect that is due to those stations. Worshipful Brian Cambell and I would like our lodge to leave this same impression on those that visit our lodge.

Responding to his request, I have spent many hours over many days searching for a set of chairs that can achieve this goal. And I was able to locate just such a set of matching chairs. They are halfway across the country and I have worked diligently to try to secure them for our lodge. But as many of you know, we have had expenses that have kept our reserve funds low. So I come to you, the brethren, for help. We are looking for anything that any brother can do to help us raise funds for the lodge chairs. This can be either a donation in cash, items to be sold in a garage sale, a fund raiser of some sort, or anything that can help us come up with the resources to achieve the goal. No donation is too small. It will all add up.

The total that we need is \$3200 for all three chairs including shipping and insurance. Similar chairs can cost up to that for each chair. As an incentive I have agreed to personally match any cash donations up to a total of \$300 out of my pocket. Just consider all the generations that follow us that will enjoy these chairs and remember those of us that rose to the call of our Worshipful Master and made our lodge a better place.

Sincerely,
Joseph R Ballow
Senior Deacon

Any help towards the purchase of these chairs is appreciated. Please the Treasure Frank to make any donations.



Brothers,

What a great Degree Sutherland put on for Bro's Hughes and Ibrahim. Many thanks to all the brothers and lodges who participated. I think everybody did an excellent job. I encourage all our Sutherland's Brothers to get involved and learn some aspect involved in putting on a degree. As always I am extremely proud of our Lodge and the progress we are making everyday. I am looking forward to serving on the new DDGM's committee this year. I will be in charge of Public Education and Citizenship. I am looking forward to visiting all the lodges in our District.

Larry P Pomeroy
Junior Deacon

From The SOUTH

Brethren:

The hot Florida summer is upon us and I hope everyone is enjoying Ray's Baseball, The World Cup, vacations, weekend BBQ's, pool parties, and staying cool.

July Meal: Fried & Roasted Chicken, Corn, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Salad and Dessert. Family and friends are welcome at every dinner, so come one come all! I am always open for dinner suggestions so let me know if you have anything that you have a craving for.

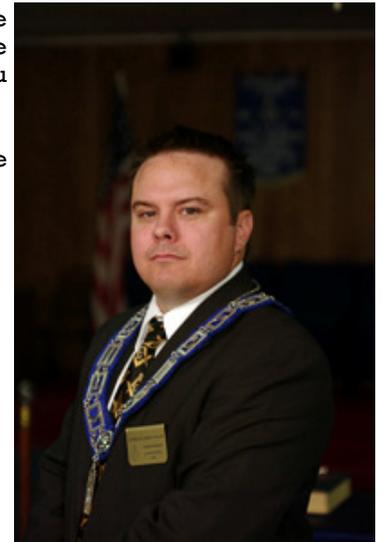
I would like to thank my Sr. & Jr. Stewards Cappolla and Lasell for the continued support during dinner service. Also thanks to the many brothers that help out during dinner, I greatly appreciate it.

A work party is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 24 beginning at 9a.m. The goals are to clean the grounds of trash, fallen debris, mow, edge and weed eat, etc. Remember, many hands make light work. I will provide some sort of breakfast fare to encourage participation. After we are finished we will head out for an adult beverage or two, or three. Please contact me at 813.294.3162 and let me know if you are willing and able to help maintain our lodge.

We have had several degrees this year and our degree team continues to grow. I would encourage all Brothers to attend the practices and participate in the degrees. Like anything in life, the more effort you put in, the more satisfaction and knowledge you will gain.

Safe travels this summer and see you at lodge!

Fraternally,
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Brothers,

I extend my thanks to Worshipful Master Brian Campbell for allowing me the honor of sitting in the East for the Fellowcraft Degree March 31. Congratulations to our degree team for an excellent job. Special thanks to R.: W.: Mike Beijar for his excellent job on the Fellowcraft lecture. We passed two brothers from Sutherland Lodge to Fellowcraft: Brothers C. Eddie Bewley and W. Ray Hughes, and Brother William Noble from Pearl of the West Lodge.

This leads again to my librarian duties. I read a book recently that should be interesting to Masons. It is part of our collection: Smith, Morton, *The Secret Gospel: The Discovery and Interpretation of the Secret Gospel According to Mark* (Clearlake, CA: The Dawn

Horse Press, 1982)

ISBN 0-913922-55-2

Here is a website which gives the translations of the Gnostic codex's found at Nag Hammadi: <http://www.gnosis.org/naghamm/nhlalpha.html>. It is the basis upon which Morton Smith writes so that you can look at his primary sources.

Respectfully,
W.: Lou Thomas
Marshall and Liberian



From the Chaplain: This is an article from HiramHunter in Pataskalia, Ohio. Somehow I have gotten on their email list and not only do they send the occasional pearl of wisdom but they are a source of Masonic supplies. I found this latest article one of interest and chose to pass it along to the Brothers of Sutherland Lodge. Over the last couple of decades I have had seemingly discordant passions when viewing the tossing away of pennies by our youth. I mean what does a penny mean? Read on

A WEALTHY MAN'S PENNEY

I'll never again pick up a penny without thinking of this! Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy, with a fine home on the water-way, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in this kind of extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment. Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him. There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny. He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure. How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some valuable.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this?

"Look at it." He said. "Read what it says." She read the words "United States of America." "No, not that; read further." "One cent?" "No, keep reading." "In God we Trust?" "Yes!" "And?" "And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin. Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it!

God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him? Who am I to pass it by? When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him...For a short time; at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me.

Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I can not change. I read the words, "In God We Trust," and had to laugh.

Yes, God, I get the message. It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful! And God is patient.

Rick Raguso
Chaplin



Brothers,

If you have not paid for your lodge shirt please pay the Treasurer not Brother Scott. Also if you would like to help us pay for the new Jewels please see the Treasurer also. Any help is appreciated. We are looking for Three chairs for the Stations of the JW, SW and Worshipful Master. High backed looking like antiques. If you know of any of find something like these please contact WM Cambell.

Schedule of events

- August 3rd 7:30pm East Gate Lodge Meeting East Gate Lodge No.355, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
- August 10th 7:00pm Sutherland Officer's meeting & Education Sutherland Masonic Center

- August 15th 11:00am Masonic Home Board Meeting 3201 1st St NE, St Pete

- August 17th 7:30pm Sutherland Lodge Meeting Sutherland Lodge No.174, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting

- September 7th 7:30pm East Gate Lodge Meeting East Gate Lodge No.355, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting

- September 14th 7:00pm Sutherland Officer's meeting & Education Sutherland Masonic Center

- September 19th 11:00am Masonic Home Board Meeting 3201 1st St NE, St Pete

- September 21st 7:30pm Sutherland Lodge Meeting Sutherland Lodge No.174, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting

- September 22nd 6:30pm Suncoast Masters and Wards 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
- September 24th 7pm East gate MM Degree

- September 25th 8:00am 9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament Airco Golf

- October 5th 7:30pm East Gate Lodge Meeting East Gate Lodge No.355, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting

- October 12th 7:00pm Sutherland Officer's meeting & Education Sutherland Masonic Center

- October 17th 11:00am Masonic Home Board Meeting 3201 1st St NE, St Pete

- October 19th 7:30pm Sutherland Lodge Meeting Sutherland Lodge No.174, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting

We save these for Destiny Scott, who takes them to school. Box Tops help the school and the Soda Tabs help the Shrine Hospital. Please save these and bring them to the Lodge.



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