

# TRESTLEBOARD

## SUTHERLAND MASONIC CENTER

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## Sutherland Lodge No. 174 Home of Sutherland Hospitality

### From The EAST

Brethren,

The weather seems to have turned from one of the longest and bitter winters into a lovely spring. Many of our visiting brethren stayed a little bit longer with us this year due to the weather “up north”. We were very happy to have them with us in lodge and other Masonic events. It may have been cold and ugly outside but the warmth of brotherhood and shining bright inside. For those of you who will be traveling back home, our prayers are with you and please know that you are always welcome here at Sutherland.

This is the first year of Sutherland Lodge’s second century. The lodge is officially 101 years old. To honor this turning and preserve the first 100 years we have kicked off a new lodge program named the **Second Century Project**. The project’s primary focus is to archive and preserve our historical documents and artifacts while providing for their upgrade and enhancement. So far this year, we have acquired new jewels, new gavels and sound blocks, and new lodge shirts. A few of the planned enhancements for the year are squaring the base of the Wardens Columns so they

don’t roll around when at ease and the hanging all line officers’ photos within the lodge. I welcome any and all ideas for the Second Century Project.

As part of Sutherland’s Second Century Project, we are planning to spruce up the lodge stations with new backdrops and more majestic chairs. We are looking for antique, regal, ornate, oversized, free chairs to sit in the East, West and South. In my search I had a conversation with a well seasoned retired Presbyterian pastor and his wife. I thought her description of what we are looking for was great, “something between a throne and an electric chair because both apply to any leadership”. For the record, I’ve never felt like a king or a convict while sitting in the East.

Letters to Appendant bodies inviting them to present their organization to the lodge during stated communications have been sent out. We were honored to have the York Rite explained by the current Excellent High Priest of the Clearwater York Rite, our own Louis Thomas, thank you Lou.

I would like to thank Brother Jason Schultz for feeding us so well and for pro-

viding the meal for Masters and Wardens in March. Keep up the great work as more people are learning of your culinary prowess and will be showing up for dinner more often.

For those of you who have not been able to make it to lodge or have a difficult time getting upstairs, we are having a downstairs lodge on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. See you there.

Warmly,

Brian



**“Downstairs Meeting in April No Stairs to climb in April!!”**

**[www.SutherlandLodge.org](http://www.SutherlandLodge.org)**

# From The WEST

Brothers,

On March 9<sup>th</sup> we made our last delivery for the current DDGM's new unity gavel. It went to Clearwater Lodge. I would like to thank the nine (9) brothers who participated in this event. Unfortunately, thirteen (15) of Dunedin's brothers were present so we were not able to bring the traveling gavel back to Sutherland. We did, however, have more first time visitors than Dunedin. It seems that the unity gavel is a success. If any of you new brothers have not visited other lodges I highly recommend checking one of them out. Visiting another lodge is a good way to experience the strong bond we have as Masons. You can walk into a room of strangers and feel like you have known the people there your whole life.

For those of you that did not hear, we hosted the March meeting for Masters and Wardens on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I am pleased to say Sutherland hospitality was flowing freely. Everyone I spoke with was very happy with the venue and we were able to maintain our reputation of providing excellent refreshment, thanks to our Junior Warden's exceptional menu.



Senior Warden  
Greg Scott

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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.**

# From The SOUTH

From the South,

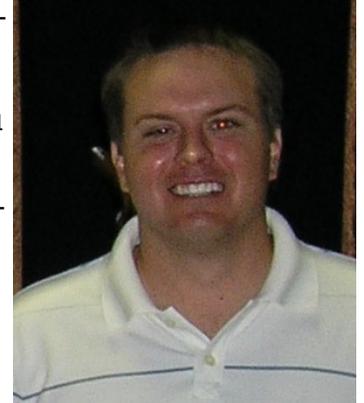


Well Punxsutawney Phil saw his saw shadow at Gobblers Knob and thus we are experiencing the six more weeks (Plus) of Winter...burr!!!

I hope everyone is finding the meals satisfactory. The turnout has been good so far, but lets continue to grow. Pick up the phone and call a brother who did not attend the pervious dinner/meeting and get them to lodge. Suggestions are always welcome. Please put your comments in writing, roll up the letter and then set it on fire! In all seriousness, feel free to make suggestions on what you would like to have at an up and coming dinner. Our family dinners will be June and November. Obviously, families and friends are welcome at every dinner, so come one come all!

April Meal: Salad, Spaghetti with homemade sauce and meatballs, garlic bread, and limoncello raspberry torte for dessert.

A work party is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 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.



Remember to recycle and that we are collecting soda tabs and Go Play water bottle labels for SW: Greg Scott's daughter to take to school and help out her school community.

Fraternally yours,

Jason R. Schultz  
Junior Warden  
813.294.3162

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Brothers,

As this task is evolving we now have a team for the upcoming Fellow Craft Degree. It will consist of the current line plus pro-temps as necessary. The first practice is for Wednesday, March 24 and the degree is scheduled for March 31. It would be good to see many pro-temps sitting on the sidelines for practice and many sideliners for the degree. Also Perl of the West has agreed to do our Entered Apprentice as part of their EA Degree.

This leads to my librarian duties, I read a book recently that should be interesting to Masons. It is not part of our cillectio, but can be found on the following website: <http://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/egipto/fingerprintgods/fingerprintgods.htm#contents>.

It is called Fingerprints of the Gods: [The Evidence of Earth's Lost Civilization](#). New York: Crown Publishers. ISBN 0517593483.

Its main thesis is that the true origins of civilization our far advanced in time than Archeologists credit (About 18,000BC). He concludes this by connecting puzzling clues scattered throughout the world, Hancock discovers compelling evidence of a technologically and culturally advanced civilization that was destroyed and obliterated from human

memory.

Besides analyzing the religions and artifacts of South and Central America, and Egypt; he looks at ancient maps like The Piri Reis map which shows Antarctica before it had an Ice cap. How is this possible, read the book and follow the theory through a possible earth crust displacement and messages (fingerprints) left to us through axial Precession ( "But most significant of all was the constellation in which the sun was observed to rise on the morning of the spring (or vernal) equinox. Because of the earth's axial precession, the ancients discovered that this constellation was not fixed or permanent for all time but that the honour of 'housing' or 'carrying' the sun on the day of the vernal equinox circulated—very, very slowly—among all the constellations of the zodiac." ). It will at least be a fun read and tie into the Fellow Craft lecture.

Respectfully,  
Brother Marshall and Liberian



Brothers,

The Dues fees have been coming in..... BUT, not all have paid yet.

If you are having problems being able to afford the DUES... contact one of the officers... we are your Brothers... we are here to help each other.

We have a fund set aside just for this type of situation. There should be no reason to not pay your DUES.

The economy is bad, the stock market is shaky, Jobs are unsure, wallets are empty and we keep getting asked for money... remember why you joined, what it is like to come to the dinners and the meetings and the camaraderie. Now with the Family dinners and the other events that we share, there are more opportunities to have fun and enjoy the Lodge.

Please contact me and let us know what we can do for you.

Kenneth Warner, PM

Secretary

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Brothers,

What a busy month we have had in March. 9 of us went to Clearwater Lodge to support Brother Aaron Roberson when he delivered the DDGM's Unity Gavel. Tuesday the 16th we had our stated communication. The 17th we hosted the Masters and Warden's meeting. It was a very good meeting with over 50 Mason's attending. I wanted to say congrats to Brothers Cappolla and Borum on returning their Master Mason catechism, they both did a great job.

I look forward to working on the Trestle Board this year. If any brother would like to submit an article feel free to email it to me.

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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.



Questions: Call the Secretary Kenneth Warner ,PM  
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## Schedule of events

- Apr 6th 7:30pm **East Gate Lodge Meeting**  
East Gate Lodge No. 355
- Apr 13th 7:00pm 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting  
Sutherland Officers Meeting & Education  
Sutherland Masonic Center
- Apr 20th 7:30pm **Sutherland Lodge Meeting**  
Sutherland Lodge No. 174  
6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting  
Downstairs meeting
- May 2nd 1:00pm Softball Game against Dunedin  
Putnam Field 850 Riviere Rd
- May 4th 7:30pm **East Gate Lodge Meeting**  
Riviere Rd between Nebraska & Tampa Rd  
East Gate Lodge No. 355
- May 11th 7:00pm 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting  
Sutherland Officers Meeting & Education  
Sutherland Masonic Center
- May 18th 7:30pm **Sutherland Lodge Meeting**  
Sutherland Lodge No. 174  
6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting  
Suncoast Masters and Wardens
- May 19th 6:30pm  
Dunedin Lodge No. 192  
6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting
- June 1st 7:30pm **East Gate Lodge Meeting**  
East Gate Lodge No.355
- June 8th 7:00pm 6:30 Dinner, 7:30pm meeting  
Sutherland Masonic Center  
Sutherland Officer's meeting & Education
- June 16th 7:30pm **Sutherland Lodge Meeting**  
Sutherland Lodge No.174
- July 19th 7:30pm **Sutherland Lodge Meeting**  
Sutherland Lodge No.174  
We will not be going dark in July  
Suncoast Masters and Wardens
- July 21st 6:30pm 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Meeting  
Star Lodge No. 78