

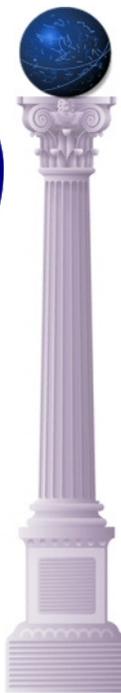
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From The EAST

Brethren,
What a glorious summer! From the Flag Day and Independence Day celebrations to the Grand Master's Official Visit mixed in with family vacations or "staycations", it has been a great couple of months. Of course, I'm ignoring the high temperatures and oppressive humidity.

I would like to thank Senior Warden, Brother Greg Scott, for sitting in the East and all the other officers for stepping up for the July Stated Communications. It was great to receive a text message while I was in Montana saying "Greg's doing great. Really, he is. No kidding". You guys are great.

Special appreciation goes out to Brother Joe Ballow for all of his work and dedication to the Second Century Project. Brother Ballow built and installed the shadow box holding the retired jewels and aprons which now hangs in the lodge room. Brother Ballow has also located and negotiated the new Master and Warden chairs.

With the financial donation from East Gate Lodge No. 355 covering half the cost of the chairs, we were able to complete the purchase and eagerly await their arrival and installation.

Here is a picture of the new chairs before arrival.



There have been a

number of other advancements regarding lodge communication. Sutherland Lodge is now on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/sutherlandlodge> and you can find us on Face book under Sutherland Lodge. Of course, our website is still up and running at <http://sutherlandlodge.org> and the Trestleboard is published every two months. With all of these different methods of communications it can get a little confusing. Our Communications Committee is working on synchronizing these information outlets so you can always be up to date. If you feel lost in the transition, please give me a call directly at 813-503-0633 so we can work together on what's best for you. Any and all ideas are welcome and will be forwarded to the Communications Committee for discussion and action.

The lodge's main floor has been professionally cleaned and organized. When you walk into the lodge you will immediately notice the clean, crisp feel. This area is available for rental and all of our reviews have been stellar. If you have an event and are in need of a place to have it, consider the lodge. The price is right and 100% of the proceeds go directly to the lodge. Remember, we have a licensed kitchen as well. Since the Grand Lodge has now authorized additional methods of fund raising for lodges, we are discussing an event for October. The best title I've heard is "RockToberFish". It was a joke that came out of combining an outdoor rock concert with a traditional OctoberFest and an old-fashioned Masonic fish fry. Great title but we need to continue with the brainstorming for public fundraisers. In conversation with the Senior Warden, it looks like he is planning a Sutherland Lodge pistol shoot sometime in February. Would that make it a "RockToberFishKill"? Keep the ideas coming!

Please remember that you must submit your Masonic activities to me in order for them to be credited to your Mason of the Year totals. It is up to you to ensure that I have the information if you are interested in being considered for the Mason of the Year award. It's worth one year of dues!

Brothers, I look forward to seeing you at lodge and about town. May God continue to bless you and our wonderful fraternity.

Warmly,
Brian Campbell
Worshipful Master



From The WEST

Brethren,

There have been a lot of greats events since my last article that I would like to review. Grand Lodge was an exciting time that gave us the opportunity to meet and enjoy fellowship with brothers from other lodges. I would like to invite any brothers that are currently in the Line or interested in becoming an officer to come to Grand lodge next year. We may not be able to get a hospitality room but we will have a room with hospitality for sure. (Even my wife, who misses my presence over the holiday weekend, agrees that it is an important event for the brotherhood.)

We also participated in the Grand Masters official visit at the Masonic home. This was my first visit to the Home and I was very impressed. I would love to see some more brothers and there wives or girlfriends from Sutherland next year. We really had a good time.

The July meeting was a step up meeting and everyone did a great job. With a little more work I think we will have a very proficient opening and closing next year. This was the first year that we did not go Dark in July since before I was raised and our turn out was excellent. I would like to see us make it a Sutherland tradition for July to be our annual step up meeting and become a well lit month from here on out. Also, by the time this letter reaches you hopefully we will have some great new chairs, but I don't want to take Brother Ballow's thunder.

Fraternally yours,
Brother Greg Scott
Senior Warden



From The SOUTH

Brethren:

The July work party of two went well. Thank you Worshipful Gaughen for all your hard work. The beds were weeded, yard mowed, edged and weed-eated and palm trees trimmed. The next work party will be scheduled for October 16 at 8:30am. Depending on turn breakfast and/or lunch will be offered. Please contact me at 813.294.3162 and let me know if you are willing and able to help maintain our lodge.

August Meal: Sheppard's Pie, 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.

September Meal: Hamburgers, Chili Dogs, Potatoes, Cole Slaw, Dessert

October Meal: DDGM Visit – meal to be named later.

November Meal: Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings!

We have recently decided to purchase new, ornate chairs for the E, W, and S. Thank you Brother Ballow on your efforts! That being said I would like to start conversation on replacing the ovens with a commercial grade one. The cost has been estimated at \$1750+/- and would enable us to prepare meals more efficiently and in greater numbers. In addition a commercial grade oven would enhance our facility to outside groups when consider renting a hall. Food for thought.

The "Step-Up" night went well. It was exciting to get a glimpse of the potential line next year. Again, 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!

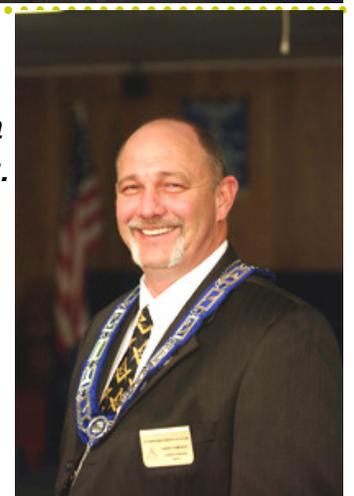
Fraternally,
Jason R. Schultz, Junior Warden
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Brothers,

If you didn't attend the Grand Master's dinner you really missed a great night. I would say the night was a great success. DDGM Matheson and Rosenthal did a fantastic job hosting and feeding all of us Brothers. This was my first time attending the dinner and I have to say I am hooked from now on. I had a great time meeting all the Grand Line officers and all the brothers from Districts 20 and 21. I really hope if you didn't make it this year, you make plans now to attend the event next year. Remember your lodge is paying for it.

Larry P Pomeroy



Brothers,

I am having trouble keeping up to date on when our degrees are going to be and when we are going to have practices. This will be resolved at our Officers meeting in August. It seems premature for the Marshall to talk about anything before then.

The Librarian

I have concentrated on other reading in July and August so I don't have anything new to report in the library.

Lou
Marshall



Brothers,

As the District 20 Committeeman for the Grand Lodge's new Masonic Leadership Training, I wanted to take this opportunity to invite you to attend our first, four hour training session which will be held September 11, 2010. It will be held at Clearwater Lodge with a breakfast available at 7:30 A.M. The training will begin at 8:00 A.M. and conclude at 12:00 noon. This is a perfect opportunity for those of you in line as well as any of you thinking of getting in the Lodge line to become acquainted with the responsibilities of the offices. Grand Lodge has done a very good job in putting this program together, and hard copies of these meetings will be available for purchase.

For those of you who have not been to the Lodge lately, please stop by and see the changes that are occurring. We have our Officer's Meeting every second Tuesday with rehearsals for the different ceremonies afterwards. And every third Tuesday we have our stated communication, with a great dinner before. Our budgets have allowed us to purchase several needed items for the Lodge which makes our Lodge meetings more meaningful and relevant. So please come by and see what is happening.

Fraternally,
Frank Gaughen
Treasurer



The Masonic Welcome

"Just a hearty hand shake, just a little smile, makes the stranger welcome, makes life seem worthwhile.

His features may not suit you, his clothing not the best, but give him just a token, let nature do the rest.

He may be roughly spoken his actions not seem so right, but give to him the welcome at least he has the right.

Sometime you may wander far in a strange land, surely you will love a welcome, with a hearty clasp of hand.

Then give a stranger welcome, love and friendship good and true, oh, do unto others you would have do to you."

Ken





Schedule of events



- 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 Warriors 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
- 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
- November 2nd 7:30pm East Gate Lodge Meeting East Gate Lodge
No.355, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
- November 9th 7:00pm Sutherland Officer's meeting & Education Sutherland Masonic Center
- November 16th 7:30pm Sutherland Lodge Meeting Sutherland Lodge
No.174, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
- November 17th 6:30pm Suncoast Masters and Warriors 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 meeting
- November 18th Thanksgiving Day
- November 21st 11:00am Masonic Home Board Meeting 3201 1st St NE, St Pete

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