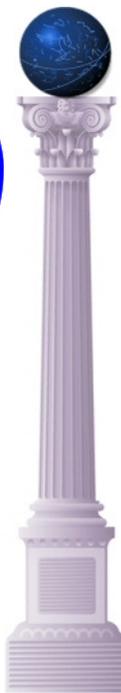


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From The EAST

Greetings Brothers and I hope all is well. Below is the "ABC's" of a Freemason which was posted on Face Book and forwarded on by William B. "Billy" Garrett, Jr., P.M. The original author was not published. Thank you Billy!

The "ABC's" of a Freemason

A - Activity: Active Brothers are the key to a successful Lodge;
B - Brotherly Love: the underlying attitude that is the cement that binds us into the greatest fraternity the world has ever known;
C - Commitment: to the charges the essential assets of any Lodge Officer and every Mason;
D - Do unto others as you would have do unto you is the golden rule of life;
E - Enthusiasm: the contagious energy that creates interest and spreads like wildfire from one Brother to another;
F - Faith: in your God, your country, your Lodge, your Lodge Officers, your Brothers, and especially yourself and the path you have chosen to live;
G - God: your creator and the source of all light in whom we all put our trust;
H - Helping those less fortunate is a Mason's way;
I - Interest: that essential quality in Masons that is necessary for Lodge and personal success;
J - Just do it! Act on every "good" idea. There is nothing wrong more powerful as an idea whose time has come;
K - Kindness to all, especially with the

ones you disagree with;
L - Love: the greatest power on earth which liberally spread by Masons and it knows no boundaries;
M - Motivate by your interest and enthusiasm of our Gentle Craft to mentor others;
N - New ideas: the fountain of youth for any organization or Brother;
O - Obligations of a Mason are never to be forgotten and always observed;
P - Preparation: that quality that is necessary to do a good job and thorough job;
Q - Quality in character, a most valuable asset;
R - Read everything you can, knowledge is a precious commodity and a Mason's charge to learn;
S - Study: life is a learning experience; there is something to learn every day;
T - Teach those that follow you as they are the future;
U - Utilize the working tools available to do the best job as a Mason;
V - Vitalize your lodge with your encouragement, interest, and enthusiasm;
W - Walk always as a just and upright Mason, your first Masonic charge;
X - Put your X on your Lodge through your actions;
Y - You do make a difference in your Lodge and Masonry, and your absence will be missed;
Z - Zero in on your goals and you will achieve more than you ever dreamed.

If you have not attended Lodge in a

while, please come by. If you are in need

of transportation please reach out and we will accommodate. As always, the success of the Lodge rests with all of us, and I look forward to seeing you all at our Lodge activities.

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From The WEST

The Keeping of Secrets

From the West,

Through the history of Freemasonry, the ability of Freemasons to keep secrets has been credited for contributing to the success of the revolutionary war. Through my research, I have found this to be both true, and false.

First of all, although thirteen of the signers of the Declaration of Independence are thought to be Freemasons, only eight of them can be documented;

- Benjamin Franklin, of the Tun Tavern Lodge at Philadelphia;
- John Hancock, of St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston;
- Joseph Hewes, who was recorded as a Masonic visitor to Unanimity Lodge No. 7, Edenton, North Carolina, in December 1776;
- William Hooper, of Hanover Lodge, Masonborough, North Carolina;
- Robert Treat Payne, present at Grand Lodge at Roxbury, Massachusetts, in June 1759;
- Richard Stockton, charter Master of St. John's Lodge, Princeton, Massachusetts in 1765;
- George Walton, of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Savannah, Georgia; and William Whipple, of St. John's Lodge, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Another five or six are thought to be members of the fraternity, but could not be verified.

Second, although Freemasons signed the Declaration of Independence and were involved in the success of the revolution, that doesn't necessarily mean that they were acting in an organized Masonic capacity. And although Masons take no official political stance, rebellion against the state, whether justified or unjustified, is not a Masonic offense. The Old Charges state clearly "if a Brother should be a Rebel against the State, if convicted of no other Crime, they cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his Relation to it remains indefeasible."

However in my opinion, it is the very traits that made each one of them a good and upright man and Mason that contributed to their actions in the conflict, helping to bring it to its successful conclusion. Back in those days, there was no form of communication other than written or verbal. Battle plans, troop movements, and supply routes could only be communicated from one person to another in a whisper from mouth to ear. Because of the lack of anonymity in this type of communication, trusting the wrong person could easily result in death. The ability of Freemasons to keep secrets, and their notably honorable reputation, would make them perfect messengers of these secret communications.

In these turbulent times, and with the economy in shambles, it could be possible that these traits may become necessary once again. Even in this country, we are not totally safe from tyranny. If the country's economy were to fall, the natural response from the government would be a tyrannical one, including Martial Law, and the disarming of all Americans. Let us pray that these times never come, but if they do, America might find it needs men like the Freemasons, men of honor and integrity, to help it once again rediscover its freedom.

Bro Joseph Ballow - SR. Warden

Some information from "The Masonic Trowel"



From The SOUTH

My Brothers,

Let me start by apologizing for the late publication of our Trestle Board, My Cable-Tow has been increasing it's pull over the last few months. I will continue to work to get them out on time and with the content to which you Brothers deserve.

We continue to move along as a Lodge. In this month alone we will have two Degrees. First a Fellow Craft Degree for Brothers Joyce and Faravashi. It went off great and I would like to thank Brother Sunquist for stepping in and giving a great lecture. I would like to thank their coaches for working with them. Brothers Ballow, Robertson and James did a great job getting them ready to give back their catechisms'. Second will be having an EA Degree on the 25 of September at 7pm. If you haven't been to a degree lately now is a great time to begin. Currently we have 2 Fellow Crafts and soon to be 4 EA's. We are really growing.

I have three more months serving the Craft dinner. I have really enjoyed the job. I would like to thank Brother Ray Hughes for his help this year. I have not decided dinner for October, you will have to come and find out what it will be. November will be our yearly deep fried turkey dinner. I would like all the brothers to make this a real family night. How many people can we feed dinner to in November? December will be a surprise, but I assure you it will be very good. It is also our voting month for next years officers. I hope we have a great turn out then as well.

I would like to say a thank you to Brother Jim Clark. He has been doing a great job taking care of the lawn at the Lodge. I greatly appreciate your help.

*By the Plum,
Brother Larry Pomeroy
Junior Warden*



Brothers,

Please mark your calendars for November 20th. We will having our yearly deep fried turkey dinner. I would like to encourage all brothers to come and bring the family. What a great sight it would be to see the downstairs filled with Brothers and friends to share all our Thanksgivings. If you need a ride to Lodge please contact one of us and we will get you there.

From The Junior Deacon

Hello My Brothers!

It is a great thing to see brothers taking the steps towards becoming a Master Mason. I would like to congratulate our recently passed Brothers Nicholas Farahvashi and Daniel Joyce on their next step. This year has showcased Sutherland lodge as a lodge of degrees and we are becoming more proficient in our work as a result. I hope to put a button on the Entered Apprentice lecture soon, so we can continue to progress in that work.

It is strange to think that the year is almost over. It seems like only yesterday we were all installed to our several stations and now we are already preparing for next year. As we continue to walk that level together, allow me to express my sincere gratitude for being part of such a distinctive group of men in such a distinctive fraternity. It always has been, and will continue to be, a point of retreat for me in my busy life. I am anxious to initiate new brothers soon, and see the brothers currently learning catechism to become Master Masons. Until next time, take care to all of you. Travel Light!

Your Junior Deacon,
Aaron Robertson, KT



From The Senior Steward

Brothers,

This months Fellow Craft Degree was my first time back in my seat in a few months due to a mandatory training that I was tapped to conduct for my Department. First and foremost I would like to congratulate our two newest FC's, Brothers Joyce and Faravashi. Secondly it made me realize how weak I had become on my catechisms in such a short period of time. Admittedly I found myself so busy at times my cable tow felt more like a noose. I would like to encourage all of my Brothers to make our meetings and continue your education. Maybe consider stepping into the officers line. While not attending Lodge I found myself letting the craft go to the sidelines, much to my dismay when I realized how far away I had drifted. I believe the FC Degree has rekindled my love of Freemasonry .

I would again challenge all of you to make more meetings and attend some of the Masonic education that is available. I will be getting back on path and refocusing myself. It can be as simple as watching the Officers and learning their positions. Sutherland Lodge has come a long way in the past few years. Thanks to all of you. Let's work together to keep it going.

Your Senior Steward,

Ray Hughes



From The Senior Deacon

Once again I have visited Albert Mackey's works and will proceed by paraphrasing some of his further information on Masonic symbolism. As the Entered Apprentice is the cornerstone of his own moral integrity which begins upon his initiation, that cornerstone is placed in the northeast of any building. It must be perfectly square and so deemed a figure of perfection by the Greeks, a highly poetic and imaginative people who used the term tetragonos, "the square or cubical man" to designate a man of unsullied integrity. The cube being square on all sides and denoting truth always represented Mercury (Latin) or Hermes (Greek name for the same mythological figure). The tabernacle of the Israelites was in the same form as it was the dwelling place of divine truth. The cornerstone must be a perfect cube as the rest of the edifice will follow its line. It is placed in the northeast as the east is the source of material light a chief symbol of our fraternity. Mackey believes this light/truth symbolism was derived from the ancient priesthood living in the east. I advance a further thought that the great exchange of information between the Templars and Muslims in Jerusalem probably contributed to this appreciation of light as the source of truth. The Order of the Poor Soldiers of Christ, the Knights of the Temple and further shortened to the Templars not only occupied the stables near the Temple and, subsequently, uncovered the treasure of Solomon, had significant interchange with the Muslims and Jews inhabiting that region. I believe this is the basis for Mackey's use of the words "ancient priesthood living in the East." I further postulate this being part of the reason for the Templars and Masons to have fallen out of favor with the Papacy in Rome. Europe was Christendom but it was derived from the Hebrews while the Muslims were alternate believers -- but believers nonetheless in the Architect of the Universe. The Templars relishing in the common belief in God by their fellow man -- Hebrews and Muslims would have served to dilute Christendom's power. As we know, King Philip IV of France (from whence the Templars came to the Holy Land) owed money to the Knights and abducted the Pope to France, surely having further influence in discrediting the Knights and hence, Masonry. Although it the first Lodges in England in the early 1700's sprang from the Templars, it appears that Masonry be it operative or speculative can be traced back to times much earlier than King Solomon's temple -- more than likely to the Fertile Crescent between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. I have seen it postulated the Hiram Abiff, Hiram, King of Tyre, and King Solomon were more appropriately to be considered speculative masons as they were involved in the planning, contracting and financing of the Temple rather than in the operative physical masonry work. Some further food for thought and/or your own further investigation toward more Light.



From The Secretary

Brethren,

With summer almost over, and school about to begin, I'm sure everyone is going 100 miles/hour. This is also true of the Lodge. We have had EA Degrees, FC Degrees, playing in the Master's and Warden's Golf Tournament, as well as shooting in the Master's and Warden's Shoot. We are in full-swing, and having a great time. Our Junior Warden, Larry Pomeroy, and his kitchen crew continue to prepare fine meals for all our stated communications. No one leaves hungry. If you haven't been by the Lodge recently, please stop by and enjoy the fellowship with the brothers. Our Lodge Room has never looked better, and many visitors can't believe the change. As the weather cools down, we will be having some outside work parties to spruce-up the Lodge before winter. We will also be having a great Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings. A lot of our brothers have put a lot of work into making your Lodge a friendly and comfortable place to congregate. So please stop by and say hello to everyone and enjoy the camaraderie.

On the Level,
Frank Gaughen
Secretary



Gregory L Scott MJPM	2011	Ronald A. Adair	1964
Brain Campbell	2010	Elmer W. Olson	1962
D.D.G.M. (2012)		James E. McDaniel	1961
Frank Gaughen III	2009	Ralph L. Childs	1960, 1931
Richard Brooks	2008	Henry V. Watt	1959
D.D.G.M. (2011)		William O. Tinny	1958
Kenneth Warner	2007	Charles Howard Hagan	1957
Louis I. Thomas	2006	H. Vivian Tinny	1956
Jack Bostrom	2005	Julian Wallace	1955
Jarvis Wood	2004	James E. Stevens	1954
Timothy L. Bryce	2003	Ellis B. Lipsey	1953
Kenneth R. James, II	2002	George A. Ulmer	1952
D.D.G.M (2007)		Charles A. Jones	1951
Frank P. Sloan	2001	Henry K. Tilley	1950
Garry Sullivan	2000	C. Eugene Walters	1949
John J. Grasso	1999	Herbert M. Hunter	1948
Steve Polo	1998	William S. Hogue,	1947
Norbert Cheeseman	1997	D.D.G.M, (1953)	
Edward Martin	1996	Lawrence L. Riviere	1946
James Pecka	1995	R. J. Johnson	1945
Steve Hedgecock	1994	C. C. Walters	1944
Austin B. McGreal	1993	R. R. Lipsey	1943
Samuel E. Hart	1992	Roy Jowers	1942
Richard J. Clowes	1991	James E. Johnson, Jr.	1941
Gary Connolly	1990	Edmond C. Anderson	1940
Harry Phillips	1989	Herbert C. Mann	1939
Wiley E. Stacy	1988	Charles C. Jackson, Jr.	1938
Dennis V. Cole, Jr.	1987	Gregor L. Ulmer	1937
James W. Hale	1986	Pettus H. Stewart	1936
James M. Mann	1985	Ernest F. Gordon	1935
Clarence L. Ammons	1984	James E. Johnson	1934
Christy G. Metcalfe, Jr.	1983	R. R. Lipsey	1933
William B. White	1982	Herbert M. Hunter	1932
Darrell Myers	1981, 1979	R. W. Mair	1930
William B. Keigans	1980	Charles T. Sasser	1929
Melvin Brackin	1978	T. C. Noxtine	1928, 1923, 1922
J. Michael Beijar	1977	R. J. Williford	1927
D.D.G.M (1994)		George B. Thomas	1926
Ralph B. Hunter	1976	George C. Booth	1925
Kenneth R. James	1975, 1966, 1963	W. E. Nutt	1924, 1921
David Kent	1974	W. R. Campbell	1920
William F. Tew	1973, 1967, 1965	W. D. Wood	1919
Clarence Carter	1972	L. H. Eavey	1917- 1918
Edward Swaffod	1971	H. S. Freeman	1914-1916
William G. Roberts, Jr.	1970	James C. Craver	1909-1913
Donald Scofield	1969		
Norman G. Atherton	1968		

4th Annual Suncoast Master's and Wardens Pistol and rifle shoot.

October 6, 2012

2pm at the Wyoming Antelope Club

**3700 126th Ave N
Clearwater FL 33762**

Bring your pistols and rifles and all the ammo you plan to shoot

**There will be a bull's-eye competition as well as the lodge
defensive pistol competition. Who will take how the big trophy
this year?**

Dinner to be served after shoot.

Open to anyone. 30.00 per person.

**Questions contact WM Frank Gaughen at 727-812-9292 or WM
Greg Scott at 727-522-6003**



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Schedule of events

- 09-25 EA Degree at Sutherland 7pm
- 10-02 East Gate Stated Communication 7pm
- 10-04 Pearl of the West Stated Communication and Official DDGM Campbell visit Dinner 6:30
- 10-06 Suncoast Masters and Warden Pistol Shoot 2pm Wyoming Antelope Club
- 10-09 Sutherland Officers meeting 7pm
- 10-10 Dist 20 MLT at Tampabay Lodge 7pm-9pm
- 10-16 Sutherland Stated Communication dinner 6:30 meeting 7:30
- 10-20 Open Books Clearwater Lodge 9am-12pm
- 10-27 Dist 20 MLT at Tampabay Lodge 9am-11am
- 11-06 East Gate Stated Communication 7 pm
- 11-17 Zone 6 MLT workshop Clearwater Lodge 9am
- 11-13 Officer meeting 7pm
- 11-24 Zone 6 School of instruction at Scottish Rite 8:30 am
- 11-20 Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30 meeting at 7:30

Committee Chairmen

- Finance Committee Joe Ballow SW
- Vigilance Committee Larry Pomeroy JW
- Petitions Committee Frank Gaughen PM Secretary
- Masonic Education Frank Gaughen PM Secretary
- Board of Relief Jason Schultz WTM, Joe Ballow SW, Larry Pomeroy JW
- Charity Committee Greg Scott PM
- Lodge Property Com Larry Pomeroy JW

This months Charity:
MIMRL