

TRESTLEBOARD

SUTHERLAND MASONIC CENTER

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Sutherland Lodge No. 174
Home of Sutherland Hospitality



From The EAST

Brothers,

I want to start by thanking you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as Worshipful Master for 2021. I would also like to extend a personal thanks to R.W. Junior Grand Warden Glen Bishop, R.W. Richard Brooks, and W.M. Erik Thompson for their dedication and commitment to our great fraternity and for taking their time to install the Officers of Sutherland Lodge No. 174 Free & Accepted Masons for the year 2021. As you may have read from the email that was sent out a few months ago, I believe this year will be a pivotal year for Sutherland.

The last year has been tough for everyone, but as we set our sights on the future, I want to focus on ENGAGEMENT within our Lodge to build Sutherland back to what it once was. We are known for Sutherland hospitality, but lately, we have not had the opportunity to show that. Some of the big initiatives I helped spearhead through 2020 were:

- Dunedin Chamber Membership for Sutherland Lodge
 - We can utilize this membership to attend events, attract Young Professionals to our organization, and also showcase our own events throughout the year.
- Sponsored 2 local businesses for Dunedin Chamber membership to engage with the community and promote our Lodge through alternative partnerships.
 - Soggy Bottom Brewery, located at 660 Main St, Dunedin, FL 34698
 - Wild Iris Café, located at 434 Virginia Ln, Dunedin, FL 34698
- Marketing funds from Grand Lodge to help us rebuild our Lodge through different marketing efforts.

I know you all have contributed to the maintenance and growth of the Lodge over the years, and I am extremely grateful for your continued support. However, at this point, I am asking for a little bit of help to continue strengthening our Lodge. I am not asking for much, but I spent some time formulating an agenda for 2021 that will also be detailed on our Lodge website: www.sutherlandlodge.org, and in this Trestleboard for your review. My idea in bringing engagement back to the Lodge is to allow Brothers to see the worth of our fraternity once again. I want to re-introduce Masonic Education, create fellowship during and after each meeting, welcome Brothers from other Lodges to join our meetings & events, and rebuild our committees so that more Brothers can participate within the organization itself.

I completely understand that cable-tows and current circumstances may make it difficult to attend meetings or live events, but all I am asking is that you help out when and where you can. I encourage each member of our Lodge to reach out to another Brother over the next few months to check in on them, show support, and restore Sutherland back to the strong reputation it once had.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about Sutherland or are interested in learning other ways to engage within the fraternity. I look forward to seeing you all over the next year.

Wishing you a healthy, happy, and safe 2021.

Steven Gould, Worshipful Master



From The WEST

My Brothers,

It is an honor to serve as your Senior Warden for 2021. I am excited to serve the Worshipful Master in the agenda of ENGAGEMENT he has laid out for our Lodge. The last few years have been challenging for us to say the least and we have had to endure many changes, but we have stayed together as one and the future looks bright for Sutherland Lodge.

As your Senior Warden I promise to work to the betterment and advancement of our Lodge and our Brotherhood under the guidance of Worshipful Gould. In partnership with him and the other officers, and in service to the craft, we will keep one eye on our history and another on our future. I continue to count on the counsel of the senior members of our Lodge for they are the keepers of our history. I also look to the members with less experience, but no less heart of a Mason to honor our past while embracing the need for change and seeking new paths to help grow our Lodge and our Brotherhood in a positive light.

It has been an honor to accompany Worshipful Caputo through my Deacon roles in his journey to the East. I have learned so much from him and I could not have asked for a better friend and mentor in the last few years. Now as your Senior Warden, I look forward to more progress and growth for our Lodge as we seek to raise new brothers through our ENGAGEMENT in the community.

If I can be of any assistance in the coming year, please don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Fraternally,

Mark Goldfeder, Senior Warden

Brothers currently in Degrees:

EA:

FC:

MM:



From The SOUTH

My Brothers,

Welcome to 2021. I think we can all agree that last year is a year that most simply want to forget happened. I disagree, with all of the hardships, closures, quarantines, lock downs etc. etc., The lodge still met and conducted fellowship and business and kept a great attitude throughout. It's great to see brothers come together and laugh and enjoy the company. To quote the great Mark Twain (Out of all the horrible things and the misery in my life.... some of them actually happened). I truly believe as Masons and Brothers at Sutherland lodge this hits home. For we do not dwell on the negative nor give into a quitter's mind set. We as Masons and Brothers do the opposite by supporting each other and our Lodge and our extended families. I returned last year to Sutherland after a hiatus and found the same great Brothers I was raised by, all standing in solidarity and with a firm resolution. I am extremely happy and honored to be back.

I want to thank our Jr. Past Master for a great year, he had many difficulties thrown at him and not only rose to the challenges but conquered them. Great job, Brother. Our newly raised W:M: has set a great agenda for this year and I will do my best to help him succeed. Brothers let's make this a great year by working on reuniting lost Brothers and raising some new ones. Looking forward for a great year ahead. May God bless you all and your families.

Fraternally,

Ray Hughes, Junior Warden



From The SECRETARY

From the Quill

Brothers,

It is good being back in contact with you during these challenging times. I hope everyone and their families are safe and doing well. We are off to an exciting start with the Installation of our new officers. Worshipful Gould has put together his agenda for the year. There will be exciting programs at each of our Stated Communications, and we will be focusing on Community involvement at the Dunedin businesses with Lodge Fellowship events. We hope to see you at these events. I also wanted to mention that dues notices were sent out about a month ago. Please contact me if you have any questions about them. 2021 is off to a good start, and hopefully be a better year than 2020.

All the best to you.

Fraternally,

Frank Gaughen, Secretary



From The TREASURER

From the Checkbook

Brethren,

As we begin a new year, a year that follows unprecedented events in the world as well as significant adaptation by Freemasonry to those events, I feel it is a good time to revisit the origin, history, and purpose of the Craft. For those among you who are avid readers I suggest you check out *Beneath the Stone: The Story of Masonic Secrecy* by C. Bruce Hunter. Of particular interest are pages 98 - 100 which detail the original story of the freemasons. It is a historic account that has survived all attempts to discredit its details. Additional good reads include *Masonic Facts and Fictions* by Henry Sadler (1887) and *The Genesis of Freemasonry* by Douglas Knoop and G. P. Jones (1946). The former has been reprinted and is readily available while the latter is no longer in print but can be found online.

For those of you who, like me, that don't have time to be avid readers I will focus my articles for the remainder of the year on brief snippets of masonic history. My source for this information is *The Pocket History of Freemasonry* by Fred L. Pick and G. Norman Knight (1983). Chapter 12, Freemasonry in the U.S.A., provides "a short account of the emergence or erection of each of the Grand Lodges"¹ of the individual states. Very briefly, masonic activity prior to Florida joining the United States fell under the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It was James Grant, Governor of the Province of East Florida, who initiated the petition. As a result of his efforts, Grant was appointed Provincial Grand Master over the Lodges of the Southern District of North America. As you may know, Florida was once a Spanish possession. In 1786 events surrounding Spanish succession of Florida caused the Provincial Grand Lodge to suspend operation. Eventually a petition was sent to the Grand Lodge of England. It was granted and the Grand Lodge of Florida was organized in 1830. Florida became a state in 1845, followed by the organization of the Grand Chapter in 1847.

In closing I leave you with some trivia. George Washington was initiated in the Fredericksburg, Virginia Lodge in 1752 where the record of his Initiation may still be seen. The following year President Washington was passed and raised.

Fraternally,

Greg Scott, Treasurer

¹Pick, F. L., & Knight, G. N. (1983). *The Freemason's Pocket Reference Book*. Vintage



From The JUNIOR DEACON

Brothers,

It is with great honor that I am appointed Junior Deacon of Sutherland Lodge for 2021. I am excited to be a part of this historic tradition and follow in the footsteps of many great men before me. I hope to serve the craft well as we recover from all that was 2020.

As the newest Brother in Sutherland Lodge, I will do everything I can to assist Worshipful Master Gould in having a successful year behind the gavel. Worshipful Master Gould has entrusted me in helping the lodge be more active online by starting a Technology Committee for 2021.

I would like to thank the Brothers of Sutherland Lodge for all of the help, advice and guidance that they provided throughout 2020. I look forward to serving you proudly.

Fraternally yours,

Brother Mike Brown, Junior Deacon



From The TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Notes from the Technology Committee

With the new year brings new life to Sutherland's Technology Committee! Under the guidance of Worshipful Gould, the committee has been reorganized to complement the strengths of each member. Our goal is to support the message of "ENGAGEMENT" for our Lodge, ENGAGEMENT in our activities, ENGAGEMENT in our community, and ENGAGEMENT in our brotherhood. The committee will be working hard to keep our membership informed and our name in a positive light in the public eye for all to see.

Worshipful Gould - Lead

Michael Brown - Social Media

Mark Goldfeder - Public Relations and Trestleboard

Brian Campbell - Website



Schedule of Events

February 16th - Stated Communications

- Dinner - 6:30 pm - Lasagna
- Lodge - 7:30 pm

February 28th - Brother Breakfast (Families Welcome)

- Wild Iris Café' - 10:30 am

March 16th - Stated Communications

- Dinner - 6:30 pm - Shepard's Pie
- Lodge - 7:30 pm

April 18th - Afternoon of Fellowship

- Soggy Bottom Brewery—1 pm

April 20th - Stated Communications

- Dinner - 6:30 pm - TBA
- Lodge - 7:30 pm

May 18th - Stated Communications

- Dinner - 6:30 pm – TBA
- Lodge - 7:30 pm

This quarter's Charity:

Lodge Charities

