



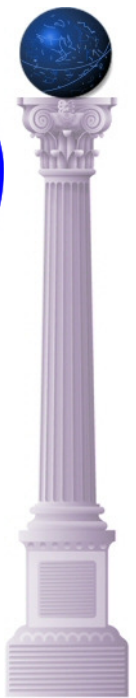
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From The EAST

Brothers, 2012 is off to a brisk start. We recently conducted an EA Degree for 3 men and look to have a FC degree on February 28th at 7pm. We have a great line of Officers and appointed positions this year, and with practice I think we will do the Lodge proud with our work at the monthly meetings and our degree work.

If you have not attended Lodge in a while, please come by. I would love to meet as many of the Brothers as possible who over the last few years have not been able to participate as much as they may have wanted probably due to the shortening of their cable toe.

February is an important month for Masonry, as this month is the birth month of one of the most famous and inspiring Masons in our history, Brother George Washington. Brother Washington was born on February 11, 1731, according to Julian calendar date; however, all of the colonies would adopt the Gregorian calendar and his birth date was moved to February 22, 1732. Here are some fast facts on Brother Washington:

1. Born in Westmoreland

County, Colony of Virginia.

2. Brother Washington was a General in the Army, and later grew into the occupations of surveyor and planter.

3. He adopted the Anglican/Episcopal religion

4. Brother Washington went on to be the Commander in Chief of the Continental Army, the President of Constitutional Convention.

5. 1st President of the United States. He is known as "The Father of Our Country."

6. His face is carved on Mount Rushmore and printed on the one-dollar bill and quarter.

7. He served two terms in office with no Party affiliation from 1789 to 1797.

Brother George led our country with integrity, wisdom, and humility. In fact, he recognized very early on that the continuance of any president beyond a fixed term would be detrimental to the country, and declined any additional terms of office.

Raise a glass to Brother George,

salute.

As always, the success of the Lodge rests with all of us, and I look forward to serving you and seeing you all at our Lodge activities.

Upon the Square,
JasonR. Schultz,
813.294.3162



From The WEST

Greetings from the West,

I would like to acknowledge the great turnout we had for our last EA degree. Bro Pomeroy did a great job in the East, as did all the other brothers. It went very well overall. Congratulations to the new brothers.

The catechism training is an important part of Masonry. It is important to remember that it is not a race. If you hurry to get the brother through each one of the degrees, you are cheating him out of some of the experience. It is important for the new brother to understand what he is memorizing, not just how to say the words. Let it sink in so he understands the meaning of what we are all about. He will be there soon enough. Make sure he knows that he can ask what certain things mean. Ask him if he understands what he is repeating. And if you don't know, find out yourself. It is a process that you both should enjoy and after the third degree together, you will have a special bond with that Mason for life.

On the Level,

Joe Ballow



ORIGIN OF MASONRY AND ITS ADVANTAGES

FROM the commencement of the world, we may trace the foundation of Masonry. Ever since symmetry began, and harmony displayed her charms, our Order has had a being. During many ages, and in many different countries, it has flourished. No art, no science, preceded it. In the dark periods of antiquity, when literature was in a low state, and the rude manners of our forefathers withheld from them that knowledge we now so amply share, Masonry diffused its influence. This science unveiled, arts arose, civilization took place, and the progress of knowledge and philosophy gradually dispelled the gloom of ignorance and barbarism. Government being settled, authority was given to laws, and the assemblies of the Fraternity acquired the patronage of the great and the good, while the tenets of the profession diffused unbounded philanthropy.

Abstracted from the pure pleasures which arise from friendship so wisely constituted as that which subsists among Masons, and which it is scarcely possible that any circumstance or occurrence can erase, Masonry is a science confined to no particular country, but extends over the whole terrestrial globe. Wherever the arts flourish, there it flourishes too. Add to this; that by secret and inviolable signs carefully preserved among the fraternity, it becomes a universal language. Hence, many advantages are gained: the distant Chinese, the wild Arab, and the American savage, will embrace a brother Briton, and know that, besides the common ties of humanity, there is still a stronger obligation to induce him to kind and friendly offices. The spirit of the fulminating priest will be tamed and a moral brother, though of a different persuasion, engage his esteem: for mutual toleration in religious opinions is one of the most distinguishing and valuable characteristics of the Craft. As all religions teach morality, if a brother be found to act the part of a truly honest man, his private speculative opinions are left to God and himself. Thus, through the influence of Masonry, which is reconcilable to the best policy, all those disputes which embitter life and sour the tempers of men are avoided; while the common good, the general object, is zealously pursued.

From this view of our system, its utility must be sufficiently obvious. The universal principles of the Art unite, in one indissoluble bond of affection, men of the most opposite tenets, of the most distant countries, and of the most contradictory opinions; so that in every nation a Mason may find a friend, and in every climate a home.

Such is the nature of our institution, that in the Lodge, which is confined to no particular spot, union is cemented by sincere attachment, and pleasure reciprocally communicated in the cheerful observance of every obliging office. Virtue, the grand object in view, luminous as the meridian sun, shines refulgent on the mind, enlivens the heart, and heightens cool approbation into warm sympathy and cordial attention.—PRESTON.

An interesting article I came across and wanted to share
Brother Scott McCauley

From The SOUTH

Greetings From the South,

Our year is starting out with a bang. We have already held an EA Degree for three new Brothers. It was truly an honor to be able to sit in the East for the first time in my short Masonic career. All the officers did a great job in the respective roles, and as always Bro Ed Street did a great job on the lecture and charge. In our February meeting we have another petition to vote on as well as three plural member petitions to vote on. We also have planned a FC Degree for the 28th of February at 7pm. I hope to see as many Brothers come out to help support this Brother in his Masonic endeavors. As we progress as a Lodge we must always remember to be supportive for these new Brothers as we help them to understand the newly instilled light they are endeavoring to learn about.

Our Worshipful Master Jason has made a commitment to have Sutherland hold all are our own Degrees for the up coming year. All our Brothers have made great strides to learn all parts to be able to hold all three Degrees for our Brothers. He has assured me we will hold practices after the officer's meeting each month. So I encourage all Brothers who are interested in learning a seat or part to feel free to come by and jump in. The more brothers who learn parts the easier it gets to perform these Degrees.

I am currently working to set up a work day at the Lodge to get some more work done. I would like to thank my two stewards, Brothers Ray Hughes and Rick Wedling as well as Tyler Mike Bureau for installing blinds downstairs. If you haven't been by in a while I encourage you to stop by and see how great it looks. They have re-arranged the downstairs and I feel it has really helped the flow of everything.

The gift store continues to do well. I would like to thank Brother McCauley for his hard work and dedication to maintaining the store. He has brought in a lot of great items and continues to search for other items the craft would be interested in having.

By the Plum,
Larry P Pomeroy
Junior Warden



Brothers,
I would like to remind everybody we will be holding the 2nd Annual Sutherland shoot. As always it is open to anyone, not just Mason's. The cost is 30.00 per shooter and includes a meal after the shoot. Awards will be given out after shoot. It will be held at the Wyoming Antelope Club on May 5th. Start at 2pm and finish shooting at 5 with dinner to follow. Make your plans now to be there.



From The Treasurer

Brothers,

As I mentioned in our last Trestle Board I am hoping to increase the funds in our bank account. This will enable us to more generously support our charities and community as well as, maintain and improve the Lodge building. I feel the best way to accomplish this to work the concession stands at Raymond James Stadium. The stadium provides non-profit organizations the opportunity to work the concessions for a portion of the profit. The work is not difficult and the funds raised for the Lodge will be more substantial than hot dog sales. I am currently compiling a list of potential volunteers. Once we have completed the Raymond James' participation requirements we will chose the events we want to work. I was hoping to participate 4 Bucs games with 15 volunteers working each game. Unfortunately to date I have only received Emails from two Brothers that they are interested in working the booths. For this fundraiser to work, I need approximately 30 people to commit and participate in training. One of the nice things about this fund raiser is that the participants do not have to be brothers, i.e. wives and children (over 18) are eligible. I have had several Brothers say they are interested but I need you to Email me so I can compile a list of names with emails. So if would like to be placed on the potential volunteer list, please contact me via email 174s100th@gmail.com and put Rajay in the subject line. Thank you in advance for your support with this effort.



Fraternally,
P.:M.: Greg Scott
Treasurer

From The Secretary

Brethren,

Well, this year has gotten off to a fast start. We had our installation on January 14, 2012 and it was a very good ceremony. With over forty brothers and their family members in attendance, it was great seeing the lodge room filled. At our January Stated Communication, Junior Warden Larry Pomeroy and his Stewards, Bros. Ray Hughes and Rick Wendling did a great job providing a great dinner for everyone. No one left lodge hungry! We also had three Candidates Initiated to Entered Apprentices – Brian Dobkin, Nick Fierro and Daniel Joyce. Congratulations to them! Again, it was great seeing the lodge filled with brothers, especially during the degree. And these are only some of the activities the lodge has been involved in. March and April will be just as filled with events and activities, including the visit of our DDGM, Richard Brooks. We are also continuing the tradition of family dinners being planned for all our stated communications. As you can see, things at Sutherland Lodge are pretty exciting, and our Worshipful Schultz has a lot more planned throughout the year. Please come and participate as I know you will have a very enjoyable time.

On the Level,

Frank Gaughen



From The Senior Deacon

The most important of symbols in Masonry and, for that matter, in all the ancient religious Mysteries is LUX or light. Not only is this light referring to that of the sun (which rises in the East, sets in the West and is at it's nadir when seen from the South) but it is emblematic of the elimination of physical darkness. This is, in turn, only the outward form, concealing the symbolic intellectual illumination which dispels the darkness of mental and moral ignorance bringing into view the sublime truths of religion, philosophy and science the great design of Freemasonry. We have heard this before -- within the lectures.

Now, I have paraphrased Albert Mackey in order to use his very words and consolidate about eight pages of his writing. Please notice the word choices which bring to mind the scripting of our degree work. We all (sic; I'm using Southern-ese) ascribe to what Brother Mackey has written and it seems most obvious when read as above, but doesn't it seem to pull together some of the basic premises of our Brotherhood? May more light be shed upon us.

Rick Raguso
Senior Warden



From The Junior Deacon

Sam Peckinpah, the Filmmaker and Screenwriter, was once quoted as saying "There is a great streak of violence in every human being. If it is not channeled and understood, it will break out in war or in madness." Many could argue that violence is in the very nature of man. It could also be argued that violence is what is expressed by the common gavel in the first degree of Freemasonry. The gavel can cause men to rise and take heed to the task at hand. It may also, in a single strike, silence and cause men to yield to it's authority.

As we understand it, the gavel swings down with force to break the corners off of the rough stone to fit it for the builder's use. This violence is necessary to turn the rough, unsightly natures and behaviors of man into the more aesthetically pleasing and useful natures and behaviors as demonstrated by the perfect ashler. The rough stone is not made smooth without the exercising of some degree of violence, manifested in the allegorical striking of the common gavel. It is this violence that removes the undesirable peices of the block which a Mason could identify as the parts of his life, those vices and superfluities, which restrict us from our essential callings as individual men. Whatever those callings may be it is our duty to perfect ourselves through the figurative use of this tool.

An understanding of this working tool, which is so essential to the teachings of the first degree, can change the course of the individual Mason's life. He can divest from himself those elements which hinder him from reaching his full potential. He can become the ideal he seeks after in this world, and therefore be in a better position to help those whom he cares for. Reinforcing the old maxim of taking good men, and making them better men.

We must not forget to go against the grain at times. We must not fear to harness and use our primal violent natures as men to perfect changes in ourselves, that will benefit not only ourselves but those around us.

Aaron Robertson

Junior Deacon



From The Senior Steward

Brothers

I was only raised a few years ago and can still remember thinking how proud I was to have finally realized a lifelong dream. I can also very clearly remember thinking WHAT NOW. Although I had had been raised and successfully returned my catechism, what do I do now. I think I was very lucky in that regard, because several brothers stepped up and guided me through the next few months. Getting me involved in coaching new candidates as they worked their way through the degrees, teaching me parts of the degrees and answering the many questions about the appendent bodies, ie; The Scottish Rite, York Rite and the Shrine. I also traveled to many other lodges in Florida as well as other states. They helped get me involved in the Line. My point behind all of this is that I was blessed to have this help and guidance; so many others are not and are left to flounder in the sea of Masonic teachings without the same blessing of guidance.

During all of this I met two people that have become some of my closest friends. We constantly challenge one another to improve and learn. From silver cards to the three Master Mason exams, to entering the Line of officers we help each other to stay on the Level and to further our Masonic Education. I would like to challenge all brothers of Sutherland to help another in some way further their knowledge, no matter if it's as simple as guiding someone to the correct answers to helping them study and learn degrees, it all pays off greatly. While I have traveled to these other lodges, and they are all fine lodges with outstanding members, none can compare to Sutherland when it comes to simply helping a brother advance in all areas of Masonry. So my challenge to you, my Brothers is to try and enlighten another every chance you can. Again it doesn't matter if you're a 70 year Mason or the youngest, nor does it matter how small of a jester you make, it all helps. By keeping our brothers interested is one of the best things we can do to retain membership and help Sutherland thrive for years to come. Just think back to when you were Raised, and to a brother that may have helped you along the path. We all joined this Fraternity for the same reasons and we are all brothers of the craft. I hope to see you all at the next meeting..
Fraternally your Senior Steward,

Ray Hughes 32nd



My Brothers,

I am proud to say one of our very own Brothers has published his 1st novel. I have read the book and have to say I loved it. I would like to encourage all our brothers to go and purchase his book. It is only available in E-Book form at this time. It should be available in about 120 days in hard copy. The book was written by Brother SW Joe Ballow. It is available at Barnes and Noble online. The title of the book is Make It Count, A Treasure of Time, by Lance A Mannion. He chose to use a pseudo name for his privacy. Please go buy it and enjoy.

Sutherland Lodge Past Masters

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



Schedule of events

- 02-27 Dunedin Lodge FC Degree 7pm
- 02-28 Sutherland Lodge FC Degree 7pm
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- 03-01 Pearl Of West Stated Communication 7:30
- 03-06 East Gate Stated Communication 7 pm
- DDGM official visit
- 03-13 Officer's meeting 7pm
- 03-17 Pilgrimage Day Masonic Home
- 03-20 Sutherland Stated Communication dinner 6:30 meeting 7:30
- DDGM Official visit
- 03-21 Suncoast Masters and Wardens at Star Lodge
- 03-29 Suncoast Masters and Wardens Pool Tournament
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- 04-05 Pearl Of West Stated Communication 7:30
- 04-03 East Gate Stated Communication 7 pm
- 04-10 Officer meeting 7pm
- 04-16 Dunedin Lodge Stated Communication dinner 6:30 meeting 7:30
- 04-17 Stated Communication Dinner at 6:30 meeting at 7:30
- 04-21 Open Books at Clearwater Lodge 9am-12pm

Brothers,
 I am planning family dinners on the following dates:
 February 21st
 June 19th
 September 18th
 November 20th
 I wanted to designate these months for Family nights. But please remember all families are welcome to all dinners not just these months.
 Larry Pomeroy Junior Warden