

J. F. Swartsel lodge No. 251 F. & A.M. Trestleboard



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Stated Communications: 1st and 3rd Thursday - - Supper 6:30 – Meeting 7:30

The 5th Thursday night of the month is reserved for Family night

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Masonic Education

Submitted by W:. Stuart Graff



Our Temple

A large part of our ritual is allegorical and symbolical. We never learn the real secrets of Freemasonry until we learn something of the meaning of our Allegories, until we are able to give interpretations to some of our Symbols. The effort will prove an entrancingly interesting one. I shall attempt to give meaning to the Allegory of the Temple, also interpret it as a Symbol.

The Temple of King Solomon, so spacious and so magnificent, and constructed by so many celebrated artists – greatest structure of all times – is a Symbol of the Living Temple, more spacious and more magnificent by an even more celebrated artist. This Living Temple also has never had a counterpart.

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Our feet may be the Entered Apprentices or bearers of burden, our hands may be Fellow Crafts who shape the stones for the Builders use, and these are directed in their labors by the Master Mind.

This Temple of ours is not less beautiful than that of King Solomon. It has its aisles and Winding Stairway, an outer and inner chamber. We certainly have within us a Holy of Holies for the worship of the Great Artificer of the Universe, who gave us this Temple, this building not made with hands, finished without the burnished gold of service to our Fraternity and with the Precious Jewels of love of our fellows.

This Mortal Temple, in imitation of the other, may be brought low by perfidy, by intemperance, by flaunting disregard for the laws of God, Nature and reason; and also it may be rebuilt, for Nature is quick to repair if given the opportunity, but let us be warned that, like the Temple on Mount Mariah, this Mortal Temple, when once destroyed, may never be rebuilt in its splendor. Also, this Temple shall crumble and mingle with its parent dust. *Whether its glory lives after depends upon the use to which we put it while it is ours.*



URGENT - - My brothers, this is an urgent plea to all of my fellow members of J.F. Swartzel lodge. I cannot stress enough how important it is to keep your Trestleboard up to date. In order to accomplish this in the best manner possible we need your help! If you are either a proud member of this lodge and/or a business owner of this lodge, please consider advertising in this publication. You can consider it a donation or an opportunity to attempt to do business with other members of your lodge - either way contact R:.W:.Bell for our advertising rates. It will be a terrific help to our budget as well as an additional opportunity for you.



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Chair Chatter

From the Secretary's desk R.:W.: Don Bell

Congratulations go out to our NEWEST Brother Entered Apprentices, DANIEL PAUL SACHER-BROWN and JOHN PATRICK GREENE. What a privilege it was to witness the GREAT Degree put on for these Gentlemen in welcoming them into the Fraternity of Freemasonry. WELCOME again Brothers.

Brothers, it's time to look at your Dues Card. Does it say that the expiration date is December 2015? If it does not, then you are not current with your Dues and **ARE NOT** in Good Standing with J. F. Swartzel Lodge. It's time to pay your 2015 Dues.

May Birthdays:

5 th Lawton Thatcher	15 th Grant Hile	19 th Richard Avriett
9 th Ralph Krautheim	17 th Charles Pesola	20 th Kenneth Tutor
10 th Grant Rice	Joseph Almaguer	26 th Clifford Perdue
15 th Zachary Manning	Samuel Freeman	

May Masonic Anniversary's:

1 st Walter Stewart	51	15 th Raymond Ciunci	2	23 rd William Rice, Jr.	9
5 th Reginald Causey	28	17 th Robert Stein	12	28 th Charles Johnson	46
5 th Jack Burgett	8	20 th Colen Franceschini	35	29 th William Boortz	36
15 th Charles Tucker	63	21 st John Liras	27	Lawrence Eubanks	36

Petitions Report:

Petitions For the Three Symbolic Degrees in Free Masonry as follows:

Messer's FRANK WILLIAM FERNANDEZ AND CRAIG MUTH - received on March 19 and referred to Investigation Committee(s);

Messer's NICHOLAS BREMS and JASON PAUL MYERS - received on April 2nd and referred to Investigation Committee(s).



From the East Brother Chuck Osborne, Worshipful Master

Congratulations to Brothers Degain, Itani, and McPherson for surviving your Farmers Degree last month. I am looking forward to seeing each one of you in our Stated Communications each month.

With May comes Grand Lodge (May 24th - 27th) at the Rosen Plaza in Orlando. Please let R.:W.: Bell know asap if you are planning on attending this year so he can get the proper paperwork into Grand Lodge. Along with the usual reports and election of officers, there will once again be several pieces of Legislation offered for consideration during the Grand Communication. I will be reviewing the proposed legislation with the Craft during our May 7th meeting. At that time you will be asked to vote your conscience on each resolution so our Delegates will have guidance as to how the Craft wants to proceed with each resolution. Also during our May 7th meeting we will be balloting of several petitions. Assuming a positive outcome, I have tentatively scheduled an EA Degree for Thursday, May 28th at 7:15 pm. Please let W.: Sklet know if you are available for a part in the Degree. And last but not least, please do not forget that Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th.

Please remember this is YOUR Fraternity. If you have any ideas or suggestions how to make our Lodge better, please don't be bashful.

From the West Brother Danny Valdez, Senior Warden

My Brothers, this has been a very busy last month, with all the Degree practices and Degrees. Thank you so much for your support. Brothers our Fish Fry was successful but we could have used more help, if not for the help of Past Worthy Matron Cindy of the Order of the Eastern Star, we would have not been able to carry on. If you are able, please consider lending a helping hand as we are trying to raise money to replace our roof.

Our Family Night went very well and it was a great night of fellowship. Our Junior Warden R.: W.: Sam Pesola, along with our attendees, provided a great meal as usual.

We have District School on May 6th, please try to attend, it's a great night of fellowship with other Lodges in our District as well as being very instructive.

Congratulation go out to all the Brothers that received their Master Mason I II and III certification. Well done my Brothers. A special thank you to the District Deputy Grand Master for honoring me with a Purple Proficiency Card presented to me by W.:M.: Steve Silvers District Masonic Education Chairman. My Brothers, be diligent in pursuing Masonic Education, for you are the better for it.

From the South ... J. W. – R.:W.: Sam Pesola

It has been a very busy but pleasant run so far. I have had a generous amount of help in the kitchen and we have been able to prepare the meals that you enjoy. So far – so good. There is still a lot of year left and I intend to continue making the lodge as well as the brethren happy. Remember that the best compliment you can give your 'meal maker' is: can I have another helping? There are several more 'special' meals that you will have the pleasure of enjoying this year, but you will have to come to the lodge to get them. Thank you for your participation so far.



Entered Apprentice Degree at J. F. Swartsel Lodge #251 F.&A.M. April 13th 2015

W.: Dave Lambert – Worshipful Master

Brothers Daniel Paul Sacher-Brown and John Patrick Green

Brother Thomas Henry Sacher-Brown with his son, Daniel Paul