

J. F. Swartzel 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



What is a Master Builder?

In an operative sense, a high intellect artificer, an architect, a skillful worker, who with proper material such as was furnished by Solomon and Hiram king of Tyre, and placed in the hands of such a man as, “the widow’s son of the tribe of Naphtali,” we may readily understand the magnificence of such an edifice, as the Solomonic Temple. However, with reference to Speculative Science and that spiritual builder, we cannot lose sight of that builder who erects the Temples of living stones-teaching strict rectitude and justice towards his fellow-men; and that their demeanor should be marked by the level of courtesy and kindness; while uprightness of heart and integrity of action, symbolized by the plumb, should be their distinguishing

characteristics; and thus guided by the moveable jewels of Masonry, they may descent the vale of life and joy, in hope of being accepted by the Most High, as successful candidates for admission into the Grand Lodge above. 1
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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 member in 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 please 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.



From the desk of the Editor - - We seem to be in somewhat of a downswing as far as meeting attendance is concerned. There are probably almost as many reasons (excuses) as there are brothers who for one reason or another find something else to occupy their time on meeting nights. This however does beg the question - "WHY"? If we are either doing something to your distaste or NOT doing something that would get you to meetings more often PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT IT IS SO WE CAN CONSIDER CORRECTING IT.

Chair Chatter

From the East Brother Chuck Osborne, Worshipful Master

Brother Valdez, R.:W.: Pesola and I just returned from Orlando where we represented you at the 186th Annual Grand Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida. As usual I had the pleasure of renewing old friendships as well as making new ones. If you have never attended one of our Annual Grand Lodge meetings, I strongly urge you to do so. It can be a very memorable experience and provide you with an opportunity to meet and discuss Masonry with many knowledgeable Brothers. I always come away with a renewed excitement about our Fraternity.

Last night I had the great honor and pleasure of sitting in the East for an Entered Apprentice Degree wherein we initiated FOUR NEW BROTHERS! Congratulations to Brother Nicholas Brems, Brother Frank W. Fernandez, Brother Craig Muth, and Brother Jason P. Meyers upon joining our great Fraternity. I look forward with much anticipation to your progress through the three symbolic degrees in Masonry.

My Brothers we have a few very important events coming up in the next few weeks and we need you support and participation. On Friday, June 19th we are having our monthly Fish Fry. We need Brothers to help with the prep work in the afternoon and/or assist with cooking and serving in the evening. It is not a lot of work if we have enough Brothers involved. If you cannot help, at least come by and buy a few dinners. On Saturday, June 20th our newly elected Grand Master, M.:W.: Steven P. Boring, will be making is Official Visit to Districts 22 and 23. The dinner and meeting will be held at the Scottish Rite Temple on Memorial Blvd. in Tampa. I believe registration begins at 5 pm with a FREE dinner at 6 pm and the meeting to follow around 7 pm or so. Please come and help represent our Lodge.

Also, during our Stated Communication on July 2nd, we will be receiving R.:W.: Mike Goldman, our newly appointed DDGM and his Committee Chairmen. We especially need as many Brothers as possible at that meeting to show the DDGM that our Lodge healthy and growing.

Remember my Brothers, this is YOUR Fraternity. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how to make our Lodge better, please don't be bashful. Get involved!

See you in Lodge!

Brother Chuck Osborne, Worshipful Master



From the West Brother Danny Valdez, Senior Warden

My Brothers, our current Grand Lodge communication is now behind us. I had a great time and learned quite a bit, but it wasn't all fun. We had a full two days of committee reports, and of course our annual legislation. The vast majority of the legislation bore the results we voted for in the Lodge. As your elected delegate, I voted the will of the Craft.

Our Entered Apprentice degree yielded four new Brothers. They are Brothers Brem, Myers, Muth and Fernandez. Please come forward and make these newly initiated Brothers feel at home. By the time you have read this, our three most recently raised Master Masons will have returned their Master Mason catechism and received their aprons. If you missed that meeting you really missed out on a great treat.

Our Fish Fry went well and I want to thank the Brothers who helped and supported us. The funds raised will help put a new, much needed roof for our Lodge.

We are fast approaching the half way point of the year, where did the time go, but lest we forget - we still have half a year left.

Respectfully Submitted, Danilo (Danny) O. Valdez Senior Warden



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

AS the current Masonic year reaches the midway point, I feel that I should take this opportunity to once again thank the craft for allowing me the opportunity to serve you in a more meaningful way. As I'm sure you realize, the responsibilities of the office of Junior Warden are far more reaching than that of being "in charge of the kitchen". I have on many opportunities taken advantage of being the "Go to Guy" as far as lodge training is concerned. The degrees that have taken place this year have proven this to be a worthy position. I am proud to say that all has gone well so far and I see no reason for this to change in the foreseeable future. During our last degree we not only were able to initiate four new Masons, but we were able to have several first time visitors as sideliners as well as several more returning visitors. We are really reaching out into the Masonic community and making ourselves a wonderful reputation while so doing.

The 2015 annual Farmers' Degree yielded three new Master Masons. Brothers Sam Mc Pherson, Eric Degain and Sam Itani. Chaplain – W.: Stuart Graff and W.: M.: – R.: W.: Donald Bell



The Entered Apprentice degree yielded four new initiates. Brothers; Jason Paul Meyers (photo not shown), Frank Fernandez, Worshipful Master Chuck Osborne and Nicholas Brems.

