

J. F. Swartsel Lodge No. 251 F. & A.M

# *TRESTLE BOARD*

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STATED COMMUNICATIONS: 1st & 3rd Thursdays   Dinner 6:30 PM - Meeting 7:30PM

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To J.F. Swartsel 2016 Lodge Officers

**Worshipful Master** Danilo O.Valdez

**Senior Warden W.:** Charles Pesola

**Junior Warden** Martin Greif

**Secretary W.:** David B. Lambert, Sr.

**Treasurer** Brian P. Stricker

**Senior Deacon W.:** Jerry Snell

**Junior Deacon** Derek DeGain

**Senior Steward** Wassam Itani

**Junior Steward** Sam McPherson

**Tyler Kevin Duhaime**

**Marshal W.:** Jeff Sklet



**THE NEXT LODGE  
FRIDAY FISH FRY IS...**

**Friday, January 15th  
5PM - 8PM**

**Take-Out \$8.00  
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## Masonic Education



### *The Symbolism of the Temple*

The chief purpose of King Solomon's Temple was to provide a dwelling place for the Most High in the midst of his people, Israel. The religious concepts of the People of Israel had grown in respect to God, progressing from the Ark of the Covenant, carried on the shoulders of the Priests, to the great Temple which Solomon erected. The idea that God dwelled with man, however, was still the fundamental which dominated human thought and should do so in our own day. There are those who claim that this – the Temple – was the most perfect edifice ever erected by man. Whether this is the case or not is a matter of pure supposition, but perfection was certainly the goal of both David and Solomon, each of whom had a part in planning God's dwelling place among men.

The symbolism of the Temple for a Freemason is founded upon the conception of man himself as a living Temple for the enthronement of God within each of us. Based upon that beautiful passage in the Pauline letter to the Corinthians, "know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you..." (1 Corinthians 3:16).

Freemasonry undertakes the task of helping each of its members to build a stately mansion for the in-dwelling of God. In this task it seeks to cause the individual to become more conscious of the fact that he is a symbolic Temple and that he should aspire

to the same type of perfection in his temple of character as Solomon sought for the Temple at Jerusalem. Our individual temples are mental, physical and spiritual and should not be inferior workmanship on our own part.

Source: Florida Grand Lodge Education Pamphlet GL-217, *Mentor's Manual*, Revised 2008, 23.

## Chair Chatter

### From The EAST

They say time flies when you are having fun and that, my Brothers, was definitely the case for me this past year. It seems like only yesterday I was nervously kneeling at our Altar being installed by M:W:. Jim Ford, hoping and praying I would not make too many mistakes in the presence of the Grand Master of Masons of Florida. But now it is time for me to take my place as a sideliners and support Brother Valdez as he begins his adventure in the East.

But before I ride off into the sunset, I want to thank each and every one of you for your support and participation this past year. Without it our many events and activities would not have been nearly as successful and we would not be enjoying the increase in interest and membership that we currently have in our Lodge. I especially want to thank W:. David Lambert, W:. David Lambert II, and the whole Lambert Clan for your contribution to the success of the Car Show and Cake Walk Fundraisers this year. Without your suggestions, encouragement and many hours of involvement, we never would have attempted these two very successful events. I also want to thank R:W: Donald R. Bell for staying on one last year as Secretary of our Lodge. Your knowledge, expertise, and wise counsel were invaluable to me as I attempted to rule and govern the Lodge. Finally, I want to thank my wife for her understanding on those many

nights I was at the Lodge or participating in a Masonic event. Without your support and understanding I never would have been able to accomplish my goals for the Lodge this year. I hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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!

*W.:Chuck Osborne, Past Master*

### **From The WEST**

My Brothers, as our current Worshipful Master's term comes to an end, I want to congratulate Worshipful Master Charles Osborne on a job well done. He masterfully took control and made this a better Lodge with the help of his Officers and other members. This year we have recruited more new Brothers than I can ever recall in one year. We have also been successful in our fundraisers. Our support by the Brothers for such things as Family Night and support for our Fish Fry has been fantastic. Thank you, Worshipful Master Osborne.

As well, we have elected new officers for 2016. The Worshipful Master-elect has appointed Officers and is planning his year.

Brothers, remember to get your dues paid on time, give your support to the New Worshipful Master and Officers for 2016. May our Heavenly Father guide the Officers of J.F. Swartsel Lodge No. 251 for 2016 with the Light of Truth and Justice.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Danilo (Danny) O. Valdez Worshipful  
Master - Elect*

### **From The SOUTH**

Brothers. A new year is upon us, and a new slate of officers is ready to serve you.

Let me take this moment to congratulate Danilo Valdez, and all elected and appointed officers of J. F. Swartsel Lodge 251.

Let us all take a moment to rededicate ourselves to the gentle craft of Freemasonry. This is the time of year when resolutions to either do, or not do, thus and such are made. An easy (and enjoyable) resolution to make is to attend our Stated and Called Communications. Swartsel Lodge is growing and expanding its membership, but we still want and need support and guidance from our long term members. Come out and join us for fun and fellowship.

Your Lodge is in need of repair and this year I am going to see that those repairs are made. To keep the Lodge growing and serving the Craft, we need to have a clean, safe and attractive property. If you, or someone you know, have expertise in the construction trades, please let us know. We need everything from roofers to steel workers and painters. Not, necessarily, to do the work, but also to help us find the proper contractors to refurbish this facility.

Personally, thank you for electing me your Senior Warden. I will try and live up to the trust you have placed in me. With your help the Lodge Officers will have an enjoyable and productive year. Join us in celebration of the "Gentle Craft of Freemasonry."

*Charles "Sam" Pesola  
Senior Warden - Elect*

### **From The SECRETARY'S DESK**

My BROTHERS:

As I start to compose this, my **LAST** article as your Secretary, I have some very mixed emotions in that I somewhat regret that I will no longer be "YOUR" and the LODGE Secretary, then again I am happy to be relieved of that duty. I have really enjoyed my tenure as Lodge Secretary and hopefully I will be remembered in that I have provided



some positive influence in that capacity. If I were only younger, I may consider staying on for another twenty or so years. I feel VERY confident that my replacement is “duly qualified” and feel he may even do a BETTER job.

Congratulations go to W. Jeffrey Sklet in his winning the RUGER SR-1911 Piston in the (just over) first Annual Raffle for our Building Fund. A **“BIG”** Thank You goes to everyone who bought tickets and also to our **TOP SALESMAN** W. Stuart who sold a WHOPPING \$700.00 worth of tickets. **THANK YOU W. STUART.** This was a most successful event for our Lodge.

Congratulations go to our **NEWEST** Entered Apprentice Brothers Thomas Beukelaer and Lamont Richardson who were Initiated on December 10, 2015. **WELCOME** Brothers.

Congratulations go to Brother Robert Mogyorosy on his achieving Sixty (65) Years of Service to Masonry. Brother Robert, may you have many more years to enjoy our GREAT Fraternity with Health, Happiness and with Pleasure to yourself and Honor to the Fraternity.

*Donald R. Bell, Past Secretary*

## Lodge Events



J.F. Swartsel Lodge “Lunch with our Widows”. A great time was had by all. Thanks to all for attending and making this a special event for our widows.



Brothers, thanks to your generous donations. 2015 Worshipful Master Osborne was able to make a donation to the needy families at McKittrick Elementary. The Lodge donated several Publix gift cards.



Congratulations Brother Robert Mogyorosy! He received his 65 year pin on Monday, Dec. 21, 2015. We are very proud to count you as a member. We hope you have many more years with us.

## PAST MASTERS OF J. F. SWARTSEL LODGE #251

Marvin Roberts	1925-26*	Joseph Winchester	1974*
Edward Roberts	1927-28-34*	V. Curtis Lovvorn	1975*
E. W. Johnson	1929*	Phillip V. Getz	1976
Stephen Tinzl	1930*	Frank T. Newsome	1977*
W. M. Wohlhutner	1931*	Clark W. Barlow	1978
Edgar Hooker	1932	John E. Adams	1979*
Lewis Hatton	1933*	John D. Wilson	1980*
W. W. Saylor	1935-40*	Edward B. Wilson	1981
R. E. Paterson	1936*	Thomas L. Osborn	1982*
William Hatton	1937-39*	Edward Malinski	1983*
L. L. Harper	1938*	Lloyd D. Herbert	1984
Henry T. Barlett	1941*	Charles Inman	1985
W. D. Gorden	1942*	Gary F. Gentry	1986
Robert C. Martin	1943*	John T. Blanton, Jr. PDDGM	1987* **
George M. Lewis	1944*	Thomas J. Stewart, Jr.	1988*
Barney Gay	1945*	Chester E. Wiese	1989*
Benjamin F. Huber	1946*	John R. Hilton	1990*
F. William Hiller	1947*	Earl R. Shanks	1991**
Charles Chesire	1948**	Floyd A. Dozier	1992
Charles S. Little	1949*	Marion D. Luke	1993*
Jake T. Hickman	1950*	James W. Umsted, Jr.	1994**
J. William Davies	1951*	Donald R. Bell, PDDGM	1995
J. Alvin Dey	1952*	Larry G. Padgett	1996*
George T. Bareford	1953*	M. Allen Richey	1997*
Robert Q. Coram	1954*	Gary A. Richey	1998
Clarence F. Beutel, PDDGM	1955*	David B. Lambert	1999
Robert Gupton	1956*	David B. Lambert, II	2000
M. Randolph Dey	1957**	James R. Lambert	2001
James Galloway, Jr.	1958*	Gregory A. Lambert	2002
Franklin G. Deane	1959*	Joseph E. Fara, Sr.	2003
C. Pierce Garrison, PDDGM	1960*	Bruce B. Vaughn	2004*
Roy C. Meade	1961*	Donald E. Belcher	2005*
Andrew W. Murdoch	1962*	Joseph P. Wells	2006
James Edgar Brant	1963*	William L. Boortz	2007
Hubert W. Johnson	1964*	Gregory L. Savage	2008
Richard I. Puls, Sr.	1964*	Drew M. Keenan	2009
Thomas B. Daugherty	1965*	Donnel G. Cortwright	2010
James W. Bland	1966**	Richard D. Sego	2011
T. Craig Wheeler	1967*	Jerry M. Snell, Jr.	2012
Freddie E. Hughes	1968*	Gregory L. Savage	2013
Clyde H. Smith	1969	Jeffrey T. Sklet	2014
Charles R. Murphy	1970*	Charles C. Osbourne	2015
James P. Plummer	1971*		
William K. Thacker	1972*		
Stanley E. James	1973*		

\*Deceased \*\*Dimitted

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## **Calendar of IMPORTANT LODGE DATES**

### **January 2016**

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|------------------------|--|----------|
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup></b>  | <b>WISHING YOU AND YOURS A "HAPPY AND SAFE" NEW YEAR</b>                               |          |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | <b>ANNUAL Open Installation of Officers</b> - starting at 9:00 am with lunch afterward | 9:00 am  |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>District School of Instruction</b> at John Darling Lodge No. 154                    | 7:00 pm  |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Stated Communication</b> of Swartsel Lodge - Dinner at 6:30 pm, Lodge opens at      | 7:30 pm  |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> | Third Friday FULL Menu <b>Fish Fry at Swartsel Lodge</b> - Serving from 5:00 pm until  | 8:00 pm  |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Fish Fry at the Masonic Home</b> for the Residents (Sponsored by Swartsel Lodge)    | 9:00 am  |
| <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>Stated Communication</b> of Swartsel Lodge - Dinner at 6:30 pm, Lodge opens at      | 7:30 pm  |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>Masters &amp; Wardens</b> meeting at John Darling Lodge No. 154                     | 6:30 pm  |
|                        | Monthly meeting of <b>Memorial Lodge No. 23</b> - following the M & W meeting          |          |
| <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> | Monthly meeting of the <b>Masonic Home Board of Trustees</b> at the Home               | 11:00 am |

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 James F. Allison & Ernest P. Sidlo