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

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The third Friday of EACH month is reserved for a public Fish Fry at the lodge - and is open to the public.

The fifth Thursday night of the month is reserved for family night at the lodge – and is open to the public.

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IN THIS ISSUE YOU WILL FIND....

Chair Chatter, Lodge News & Events, Calendar of Important Events, Lodge Officers, Sponsors and Website Information

Your Catechism Instructors for the three symbolic degrees in freemasonry are:
W.: Jerry M. Snell, Jr., W.: Stuart J. Graff, W.: Stephon Edson and Brother Raymond J. Ciunci

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A very special THANK YOU to all our Past Masters



Without whose help and guidance, we could not be where we are today.

Below is a list of those that have not yet gone to the Celestial Lodge above.

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1992 W: Floyd A. Dozier 1995 R: W: Donald R. Bell, PDDGM 1998 W: Gary A. Richey
1999 W: David B. Lambert 2000 W: David B. Lambert, II 2001 W: James R. Lambert 2002 W: Gregory A. Lambert
2003 W: Joseph E. Fara, Sr. 2006 W: Joseph P. Wells 2007 W: William L. Boortz 2008 W: Gregory L. Savage
2009 W: Drew M. Keenan 2010 W: Donnel G. Cortright 2011 W: Richard D. Segó 2012 W: Jerry M. Snell, Jr.
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2017 R: W: Charles J. "Sam" Pesola

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My brothers – the following is a list of Lodge Committees and their members for the year 2018

W.M. Martin A. Greif is the person of ultimate responsibility for all.

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Masonic education: (chairman) Jr. Warden Br. Adam S. Feldman, Sr. Warden W. Jerry M. Snell, Jr., W. Danilo O. Valdez, W. Jeffrey T. Sklet, Br. John Nagy, W. Stuart J. Graff, W. James F. (Robby) Robertson.

Lodge mentor committee: (chairman) W. Danilo O. Valdez, Br. John Nagy, W. James F. (Robby) Robertson.

Board of relief: (chairman) W.M. Martin A. Greif, (chairman), Sr. Warden W. Jerry M. Snell, Jr. Warden Br. Adam S. Feldman.

Committee on charity: (chairman) Jr. Deacon Br. Craig Muth, Sr. Warden W. Jerry M. Snell, Jr., Jr. Warden Br. Adam S. Feldman, Tyler Br. Wade E. Angel, Marshal Br. Dennis Martin.

Lodge property: (chairman) Sr. Steward Br. Raymond J. Ciunci, Sr. Warden W. Jerry M. Snell, Jr., Jr. Warden Br. Adam S. Feldman, Jr. Steward Br. Angel L. Acosta, Tyler Br. Wade E. Angel, Marshal Br. Dennis Martin, W. Bahram (Tony) Hedayat.

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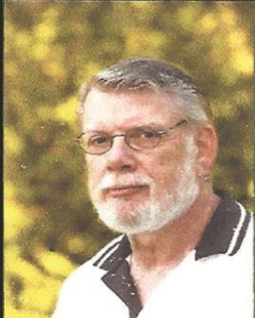
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Chair Chatter



From the Worshipful Master's station:  **W.M.: Martin A. Greif**

Thank you for making this year fun for everyone! Our participation is way up for our meetings, our visits to other lodges and our fun activities. Without you our lodge would just be an empty building. I recognize this and wanted to express my sincere thanks.

On May 10th, a large number of us descended upon A.W. Windhorst Lodge to visit with our Brothers and, as a bonus, we got the Traveling Gavel. However, as we are not the only active lodge. I expect that we will give up the Gavel shortly to another lodge. This of course, just gives us another lodge to visit to retrieve it again.

I've also sent out a communication to all the Worshipful Masters in our zone to ask about upcoming EA Degrees. It would be nice if all the lodges in the zone started sending more Brothers to participate at EA Degrees. When the sidelines are filled, it really is a great way for a newly initiated Brother to experience fellowship and brotherly love. So, with that in mind I will keep all of you up to date so we may visit during EA Degrees.

Last, but not least, we have a Master Mason Degree coming up in June. We practice every Tuesday night. If you would like to help, even if you are not scheduled to be on the Degree team, we could use your participation. The more Brothers we have in practice the better the Degrees are, and the more proficient we are as a lodge.

From the Secretary's station:  **W.: David B. Lambert, Sr.**

It has been a busy couple of months at your Lodge, J. F. Swartsel had Brothers Fred George Krauer, Jr. Brian Andrew Reach & Kaleem Syed give back their Fellowcraft Catechism and will be receiving their Master Mason Degree July 14th. What a great time we had at the District Deputy Grand Masters Roast. I would say our very own R.: W.: Charles Osborne was Burnt not Roasted and was a great sport about it. Brothers we have been Blessed with having this Brother as our DDGM. Brethren we will not be going Dark in July or August so if you are not out of Town come and enjoy the Fellowship with your Brothers.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates for June 2018

1st 6:30, Zendah Grotto First Friday Dinner.
5th 6:30, **Swartsel Officer's Meeting.**
6th 6:30, **District School of Instruction @ John Darling 154.**
7th **Stated Communication of Swartsel Lodge Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
8th 7:PM, Masonic Park meeting @ Tampa 240.
12th 6:30, **MM Degree Practice @ Swartsel.**
15th **Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 8: PM.**
16th **Grand Masters Official Visit to District 19 & 20**
5:00 P.M. Registration, 6:00 P.M. Dinner

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18th 6:30, Zenda Grotto Meeting.
18th 7:30, Friendship No. 209 Meeting.
19th **6:30, MM Degree Practice @ Swartzel.**
21st **Stated Communication of Swartzel Lodge Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
22nd 6:30, Master's & Warden's @ John Darling 154.
26th **6:30, MM Degree Practice @ Swartzel.**



From the Senior Warden's station: **W.: Jerry M. Snell, Jr.**

I have made an important decision. I am definitely leaving my health concerns in the hands of The Great Architect of the Universe. As time continues to march on, I will do my best to continue on with my business, my spiritual life, my personal life and my Masonic life. I will continue to attend as many lodge functions as possible in order to continue being a positive Masonic influence.

From the Junior Warden's station: Brother Adam S. Feldman

Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentices: Brothers Robert Meredith and Matthew Silva! The brothers of the lodge are here to help if it is ever needed. We've got a great group of guys here, and I'm glad to consider you two as brothers among us!

[Here is our dinner and education schedule for the month of June](#)

6/7: Dinner tonight will be meatloaf with mashed potatoes, gravy, and peas. Masonic Education: Have you ever wondered why the Chaplain reads those specific prayers throughout the degrees? Worshipful Graff's education will be on that subject, and the deeper meanings of the prayers

6/21: Word on the street is tonight will be our Official DDGM visit. If this is the case, I'll do my best to keep Masonic Education brief, and dinner will be Steak. Come hungry; I'll figure the rest out!

YOUR J. F. SWARTSEL 2018 OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WORSHIPFUL MASTER – MARTIN (MARTY) GREIF

SENIOR WARDEN – W.: JERRY M. SNELL, JR.

JUNIOR WARDEN – BROTHER ADAM S. FELDMAN

TREASURER – W.: STUART (STU) J. GRAFF

SECRETARY – W.: DAVID (DAVE) B. LAMBERT, SR.

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JUNIOR DEACON – BROTHER CRAIG MUTH

SENIOR STEWARD – BROTHER RAYMOND (RAY) J. CIUNCI

JUNIOR STEWARD – BROTHER ANGEL L. ACOSTA

TYLER – BROTHER WADE E. ANGEL

MUSICIAN - BROTHER JOHN NAGY

HISTORIAN – W.: DANILO (DANNY) O. VALDEZ
