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

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Our stated Communications are: 1st and 3rd Thursday - - Supper 6:30 – Meeting 7:30

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

Who does J. F. Swartsel Lodge support in the community?

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The Lutz Fire Department TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Lutz chapter 56 BSA (Boy Scouts of America) pack and troop 12; Lutz Lutz Little League Baseball Award two college scholarships in N.W. Hillsborough County Mc Kitrich Elementary “Helping Paws Program” Rainbow Assembly (Hillsborough County) De Molay (Hillsborough County) Shriners’ Hospital Lifepath Hospice Jobs’ Daughters

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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1981 W: Edward B. Wilson 1984 W: Lloyd D. Herbert 1985 W: Charles Inman 1986 W: Gary F. Gentry
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.
2013 W: Gregory L. Savage 2014 W: Jeffrey T. Sklet 2015 R: W: Charles C. Osborne, PDDM 2016 W: Danilo O.
Valdez 2017 R: W: Charles J. "Sam" Pesola, PDDM

It is reminder time again and it is very important

If you are a business owner how about considering this: The only way to have a successful business is to have and retain customers. There are many ways to achieve this. One of the most important ways is through an advertising campaign. Of these, there are many choices. Most of them are good choices, but it really depends a lot on your advertising budget as well as your target market. What are you doing to market your business? Did you ever stop to think about exploring an additional avenue? **Consider well your situation.** You could, as well as should be advertising in this Trestleboard! Business owners advertise here for many reasons. The two most realistic reasons are: 1) to let all of the brothers that read this Trestleboard know who they are and what their business is, and 2) the advertising dollars can be used as a donation to this lodge. How much of a better way can you invest in spreading the word about what you can do to help others? Think about it and give it some real positive consideration. How much is it; you ask? The simple answer is: it doesn't cost you anything - - but there is a very good chance that it will pay you well. Please contact your Secretary for all of the adverting rates (**donations**).



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

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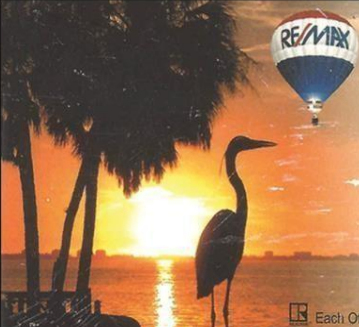
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Chair Chatter



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From the Worshipful Master's station:



W.M. Martin A. Greif

As I've had the pleasure to comment on before, our participation is way up. More and more Brothers are filling the sidelines. Our visits to other lodges have been a great success and our Ritual Work gets better with every Degree.

Of course, there are always areas where we can improve. Our building for example still needs some work. Having said that, over the past few years, we've put on a new roof, fixed the plumbing, made the fish fry safer for our workers and had the lodge professionally cleaned. And while all of this was going on, we had Brothers painting, mowing the lawn, fixing the chair lift, working on the air conditioner and generally helping about the lodge. I couldn't be prouder of all our Brothers who are constantly lending a helping hand.

Unfortunately, all this takes money even with the volunteered labor. So, if you can participate in our latest raffle for \$1,000 in gift cards, please see me or W.: Jeff Sklet. The tickets are only \$10 each and we only have 1,000 tickets. Given how low the ticket sales have been I'd be thrilled if we sold 300 tickets. So, if you can either sell some tickets or buy some it would be greatly appreciated. The drawing is on Thursday, July 19th before our Stated Communication.

Last, but not least, we have a Master Mason Degree on Saturday, July 14th at 9:00. Three of our Fellowcraft will be raised so please come out and show your support!

From the Senior Warden's station:



W. Jerry M. Snell, Jr.

Nothing from the Senior Warden this month.

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

Please come out to JF Swartsel Saturday morning, July 14th to witness the Raising of our 3 newest Master Masons. Coffee and donuts at 8 AM, with the Degree starting at 9 AM.

Here is our Supper and Education schedule for the month of July

7/5: Being so close to Independence Day, it didn't seem right to have a meal without a BBQ flair! Supper tonight will be Barbecue Pulled Pork and Pulled Chicken. Masonic Education: Have you ever wondered why the Chaplain reads those specific prayers throughout the different degrees? Worshipful Graff's education will be on that subject, and the deeper meanings of the prayers used.

7/19: Supper tonight will be Korean Meatballs, rice, and stir-fried vegetables. Br. John Nagy will be leading the Masonic Education for us this evening, and his chat will discuss the deeper meanings of the MM degree.

Do you have a subject regarding Freemasonry that you would like discussed as Masonic Education during one of our meetings? Are you well versed enough in a subject regarding Freemasonry to deliver the Masonic Education during one of our meetings? Please let me know, and I'll add you/it to the calendar!



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

- 3rd 6:30, Swartsel Officer's Meeting.**
- 5th Stated Communication of Swartsel Lodge Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 6th 6:30, Zendah Grotto First Friday Dinner.**
- 10th 6:30, Degree Practice @ Swartsel.**
- 12th 6:30, Degree Practice @ Swartsel.**
- 13th 7:PM, Masonic Park meeting @ Tampa 240.**
- 14th 9:AM, Master Mason Degree @ J. F. Swartsel 251, (8:AM - Donuts & Coffee).**
- 16th 6:30, Zendah Grotto Meeting.**
- 16th 7:30, Friendship No. 209 Meeting.**
- 17th 6:30, Degree Practice @ Swartsel.**
- 19th Stated Communication of Swartsel Lodge Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 20th Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 8:00 PM.**
- 24th 6:30, Degree Practice @ Swartsel.**
- 27th 6:30, Master's & Warden's @ John Darling 154.**
- 31st 6:30, Degree Practice @ Swartsel.**

