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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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Your Catechism Instructors for the three symbolic degrees in freemasonry are:

W.: Jerry M. Snell, Jr., W.: Stuart J. Graff, W.: Stephon Edson, Brother Raymond J. Ciunci

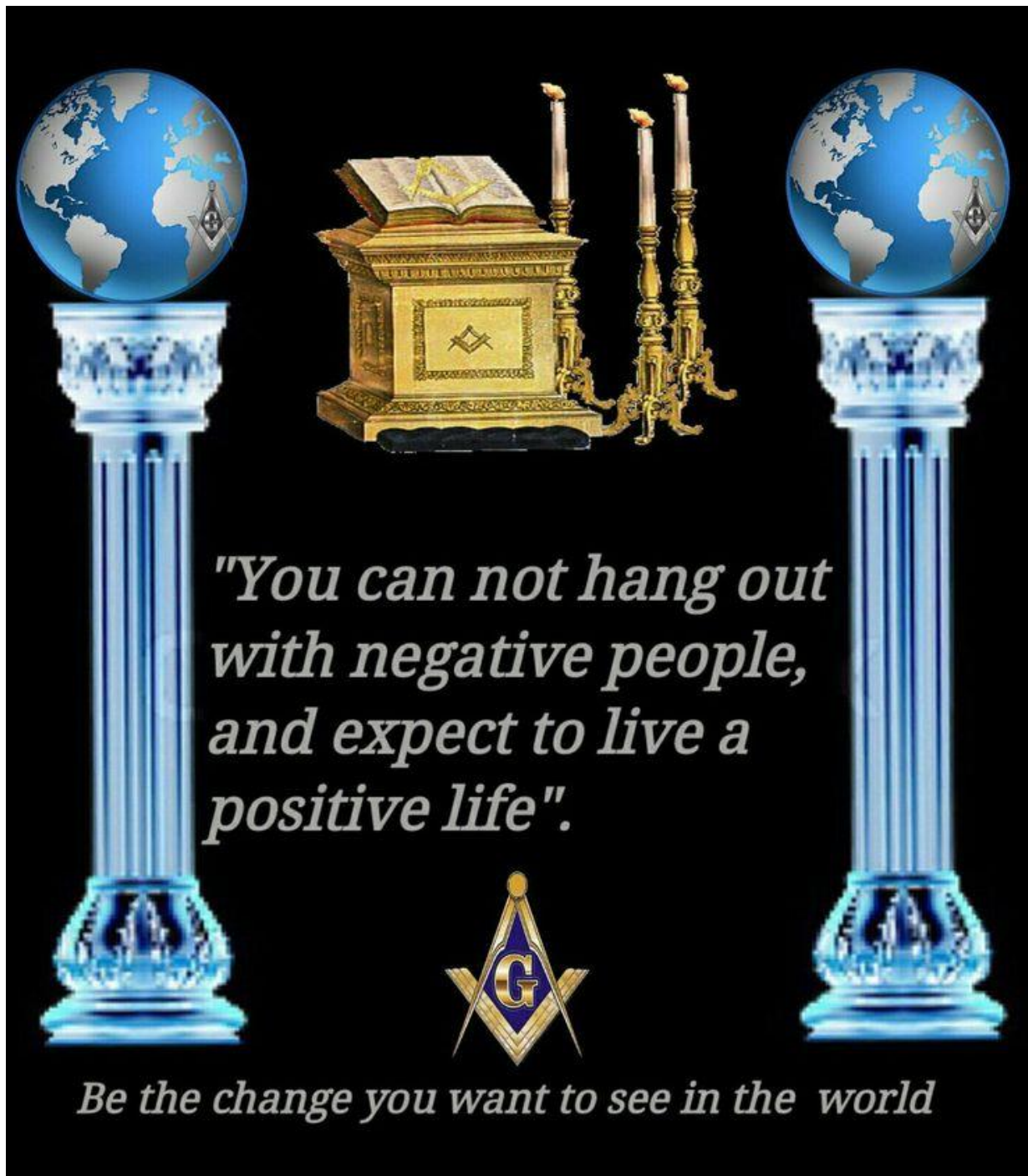
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If you know of a brother that is in distress or in need of a ride to the lodge for a meeting, please let us know. It is our duty and obligation to render any help, aid and assistance that we can.

A very special **THANK YOU** to **all** of our Past Masters



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

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

1965 W.: Thomas B. Daughtey 1973 W.: Stanley E. James 1976 W.: Phillip V. Getz 1978 W.: Clark W. Barlow 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, Sr. 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, PDDGM 2016 W.: Danilo O. Valdez Sr. 2017 R.: W.: Charles J. "Sam" Pesola, PDDGM

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 J. GRAFF

SECRETARY – W.: DAVID B. LAMBERT, SR.

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SENIOR STEWARD – BROTHER RAYMOND J. CIUNCI

JUNIOR STEWARD – BROTHER ANGEL L. ACOSTA

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R.:W.: Ronald E. Stanley - R.:W.: Donald R. Bell - Mark L. Lager - Daniel Allen - Brad Sollberger - Ernest P. Sidlow



Chair Chatter



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

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: September 2018

- 4th 6:30, Swartsel Officer's Meeting.**
- 5th 6:00, MLT & District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154.**
- 6th Stated Communication of Swartsel Lodge Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 7th 6:30, Zendah Grotto First Friday Dinner.**
- 11th 6:30, Degree Practice @ Swartsel.**
- 14th 7:PM Masonic Park Meeting @ Tampa No. 240.**
- 15th 11:AM, Masonic Home Board Meeting @ the Masonic Home of Florida.**
- 17th 6:30, Zendah Grotto Meeting.**
- 17th 6:30: Dinner, 7:30 Friendship Chapter No. 209 OES Stated Meeting.**
- 18th 6:30, Degree Practice @ Swartsel.**
- 20th Stated Communication of Swartsel Lodge Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 21st Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 8: PM.**
- 22nd 9:AM Open Books, Tampa Scottish Rite.**
- 24th 6:PM Friendship Chapter No. 209 OES Dinner & Rehearsal for Official Visit.**
- 25th 6:30, Degree Practice @ Swartsel.**
- 28th 6:30, Masters & Wardens @ John Darling 154.**

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

It's hard to believe that 8 months have passed in 2018 so far. As I look back upon our accomplishments so far this year, there have been many. Most notable is just how active a lodge we have and that, my Brothers, is to your credit. I have been blessed with so many helpful Brothers that it would be hard not to have a great year. So, thank you!

Now, with 4 months left to go, let's end the year with a bang with the following activities:

1. A night out "Bowling with the Brothers". Friday, September 28th we will have a night out right after Masters & Wardens. Come to Masters & Wardens at John Darling Lodge at 6:30, followed by bowling a local lane at 8:00. It should be a great night of fellowship and fun! More details follow at our next two Stated Communications and via e-mail.
2. My wife and I would be pleased to host a party at our house in October. Depending upon the response, we can have a Halloween Costume Party or just an old-fashioned cookout. Let me know your preferences and we'll schedule it accordingly.
3. Let's also show everyone in our District how committed to Masonry the Brothers of J.F. Swartsel are. I would ask all of you to attend the next District School of Instructions for the remainder of the year. I ask this as a personal favor.

4. We will be visiting other Lodges every month. We've done a great job with that so far this year and will continue that trend for the rest of the year. More details to follow at our next Stated Communication and via e-mail



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

I want to personally thank Brothers Angel, Ciunci and Valdez for the great job you did in painting and freshening up the restrooms.

Brothers; as you may or may not know, our lodge is a voting precinct and we are trying to staff it with our Lodge Brothers. If you live in Hillsborough county and would like to help out contact myself or R.:W.: Chuck Osborne. We always have a great time serving our community as well as helping our Lodge. I can resume the catechism training if anyone is interested and would like my help I can meet you at the lodge at any convenient time for both of us just give me a call at 813-309-4711 and I'll be glad to help.

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

First, I would like to thank the many Brothers who have offered assistance in the kitchen over the past month. Your willingness to donate time and effort for the greater good of our lodge is an inspiration to our newer brothers, and I greatly appreciate it!

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

9/6: Get ready for one of the best red sauces you've ever tasted! Dinner tonight will be Spaghetti and Meatballs. Our Masonic Education for the evening will be delivered by RW Larry Lee. The subject: "The Lost Working Tool"

9/20: Michelle will be cooking us a dish which has become very trendy in Miami recently; Vaca Frita de Pollo. It is a cooked, shredded chicken that's flavored with a homemade mojo marinade, and skillet-fried until browned and crispy on the outside. If that's not enough to get you salivating, it will also be served with beans and rice! Br. John Nagy will be giving 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 Friendship Chapter #209: **Sister Cindy Long, Worthy Matron**

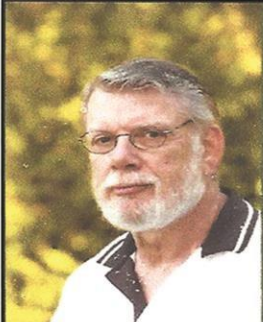
Happy Summer to all! Although Friendship Chapter has been dark, we have been busy with line officer retreats and planning for upcoming District #18 events. Proficiency Class is Saturday August 18 at 9:00 a.m. at Windhorst Lodge and Rob Morris celebration is Sunday August 26 at 2:00 p.m. at Windhorst Lodge. The most exciting event on the horizon is Family Night at Swartsel Lodge on Thursday August 30. The lodge will be providing grilled chicken legs and hamburgers. Please come and bring a covered dish to share. Friendship Chapter is bringing water balloons so let the games begin!!!! There will also be a freezer of homemade ice cream and a good time will be had by all.

Friendship Chapter will resume regular stated meetings on September 17 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a dinner at 6:30p.m. to allow time to catch up with everyone before the meeting.

As always, please contact me at 813-598-2796 with prayer requests or if you would like a ride to Chapter. And remember that every day is the day the Lord has made for us to rejoice and be glad!!!



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