

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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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.

### 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

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

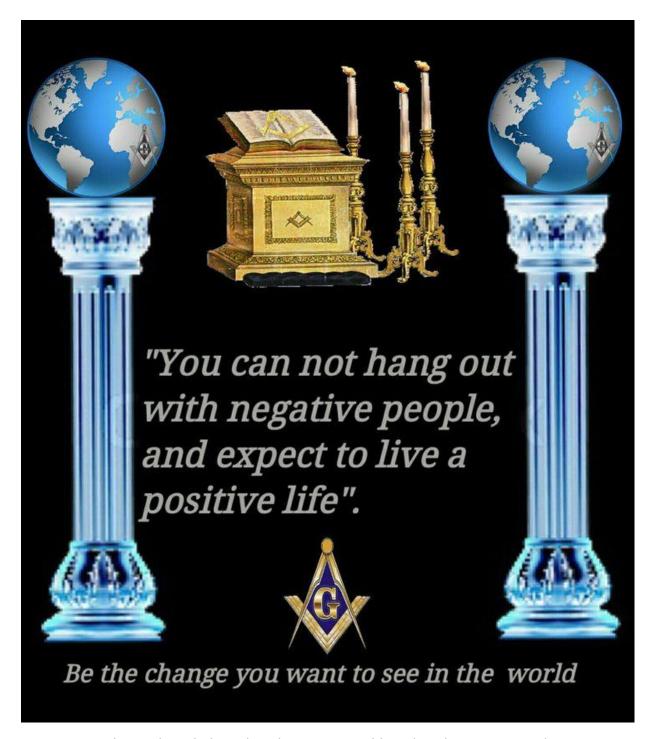


The Lutz Fire Department .... TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Lutz chapter 56 ...... BSA (Boy Scouts of America) pack and troop 12; Lutz ...... Lutz Little League Baseball ...... Award two college scholarships in N.W. Hillsborough County ...... Mc Kitrich Elementary "Helping Paws Program" ...... Rainbow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

Have you been to your lodge lately?

Do you know who returned their catechism lately or who we are preparing for advancement?

What do you know about the upcoming Rusty Nail Degree or the upcoming Master Mason Outdoor Degree?



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. Sego 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 A. (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.

CHAPLAIN - BROTHER FRANK E. PENNY

MARSHAL - BROTHER DENNIS MARTIN

SENIOR DEACON - BROTHER SAMUEL MC PHERSON

JUNIOR DEACON - BROTHER CRAIG MUTH

SENIOR STEWARD - BROTHER RAYMOND J. CIUNCI

JUNIOR STEWARD - BROTHER ANGEL L. ACOSTA

TYLER - BROTHER WADE E. ANGEL

MUSICIAN - BROTHER JOHN NAGY

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

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

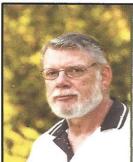


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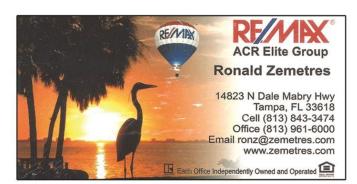


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OCTOBER 26 - 6pm to 10pm OCTOBER 27 - 6pm to 10pm OCTOBER 31 - 5pm to 9pm



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# J. F. Swartsel Lodge

## Presents

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

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# **DONATIONS REQUESTED**

As in the past

All collected items will be donated through your lodge to the charity

of your choice.

The donation box is in the lobby on the registration desk. Please don't be bashful about donating.

# **ITEMS NEEDED:**

- MENS' EYEGLASSES
- WOMENS' EYEGLASSES
- CHILDRENS EYEGLASSES
  - READING GLASSES
  - EYEGLASS CASES
    - SUNGLASSES

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No matter who you are, if you either have (or know someone who has) any of these items available; please make an extra effort to put them in the donation box. All donations will be greatly appreciated by each of the recipients.



# **Chair Chatter**







**From** the Secretary's station:

W. David B. Lambert, Sr.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: November 2018.

1st Stated Communication of Swartsel Lodge Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM. 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30, Zendah Grotto First Friday Dinner. 6<sup>th</sup> General Election / No Officer's Meeting. 7<sup>th</sup> 6:PM, MLT & District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154. 8<sup>th</sup> 6:PM, Rusty Nail Degree Practice @ Swartsel. 7:PM Masonic Park Meeting @ Tampa No. 240. 12<sup>th</sup> 6:PM, Worshipful Master Recognition Night @ Tampa Scottish Rite. 15<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication of Swartsel Lodge Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM. 16<sup>th</sup> Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge - Serving from 5 - 8: PM. 17<sup>th</sup> 8:AM, Outdoor Degree @ the Masonic Park & Youth Camp. 17<sup>th</sup> 11:AM, Masonic Home Board Meeting @ the Masonic Home of Florida. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30, Zendah Grotto Meeting. 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM, Friendship Chapter No. 209 Meeting. 20th 6:30, Degree Practice @ Swartsel. 27th 6:30, Degree Practice @ Swartsel. 29th 7:PM, Family Night @ Swartsel.  $30^{th}$ 6:30, Masters & Wardens @ John Darling 154.

Deadline for Nomination of Officer Form to be turned into the Lodge Secretary.

# From the Worshipful Master's station:



W::M: Martin A. Greif

On Wednesday, November 7th the District School of Instruction will be held at John Darling Lodge. At this school Right Honorable Steven Fortier will be instructing us on the proper Installation procedures. All officers are asked to attend along with any other interested Brothers.

Our Lodge visit for the month of November will be to Universal Lodge No. 178 which is located at John Darling Lodge (4601 N Habana Ave Tampa, FL 33614-7103). The meeting we will be attending is on Tuesday, November 20th. Dinner will be at 6:30 and the meeting is at 7:30. As always when we travel to another lodge, dress for the evening is business attire.

As we approach the holiday season I wanted to give you all a heads up. We will be dispensing with the second Stated Communication in December. It was scheduled for December 20th but given the proximity to Christmas I've decided to cancel the meeting. Nothing is changing for November as we will have both our Stated Meetings.

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



As you may or may not know I've just had to have shoulder surgery on my right shoulder. I been unable to attend meetings as well as drive myself due to the brace I'm in until November the 5th. I will be attending the November meeting's. Before my surgery Robin and I had the opportunity to travel to South Dakota, what an amazing country we have as well as parks.

#### Our Supper and Masonic Education schedule for the month of November:

11/1: Cindy will be making supper tonight and will be serving Chicken and Pasta. Worshipful Edson will be delivering our Masonic Education, and the subject will be regarding The Order of the Amaranth.

11/13: Fellowcraft Degree: The Kitchen Goddess Cindy will be preparing baked sliders for this evening's meal. Come on out and support your Degree Team and our newest FC!

11/15: As one of the last meals Michelle and I will be responsible for serving this year, we will be preparing Lasagna with Italian Sausage, and Worshipful Graff's Masonic Education will be on the Holy Saints John.

11/29: Family Night! This will be our last family night of the year. Bring a side dish to share and enjoy the fellowship!



# From Friendship Chapter #209: Sister Cindy Long, Worthy Matron

Greeting and blessings to all!! As we approach Thanksgiving, I know that I have so very much to be thankful and grateful for, and I know that everyone else does as well. I have family, friends, friends who are family, my church, and especially my Lodge.

Friendship Chapter had a very good Official Inspection with Heather Earnhardt, Associate Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Florida. The primary reason the Official Inspection was so good was all the help from Swartsel Lodge brothers who helped me cook, and they served dinner and did the dishes!!! A huge THANK YOU!!! to the brothers who did this amazing job for Friendship Chapter.

Friendship Chapter next stated meeting will be November 19. We will have the S.H.E.A.F. program, the Chapter Memorial program, and a special honoring of our Veterans, along with the initiation of a new Sister. As always, if you need a ride to Chapter, or if Friendship Chapter or I can provide any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!!

#### In Memoriam

#### **Grace Ernestine Penny**

The Golden Chain of Friendship Chapter #209 was broken again on September 17, 2018 when our beloved Sister, Grace Ernestine Penny was called to her Eternal Home.

Grace was born March 16, 1936 in Hartford, Connecticut and lived most of her life in Connecticut and New York, moving to Florida in 1999. She was a 64 year member of Eastern Star, initiated in Crescent Chapter #40 in Cheshire, Connecticut on April 27, 1953. Crescent Chapter consolidated with Alice Chapter where she maintained her primary membership. She became a dual member of Friendship Chapter on February 16, 2009.

It is hard when you miss people. But you know if you miss someone it means you were lucky. It means you were lucky to have that someone in your life. Friendship Chapter was lucky to have Grace in our Chapter and our lives and she will be missed.

November 20th will be our monthly lodge visit. This month it will be at Universal lodge; meeting at John Darling. Supper at 6:30 and meeting (in Spanish) to begin at 7:30

Spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection (in all languages).

