



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.

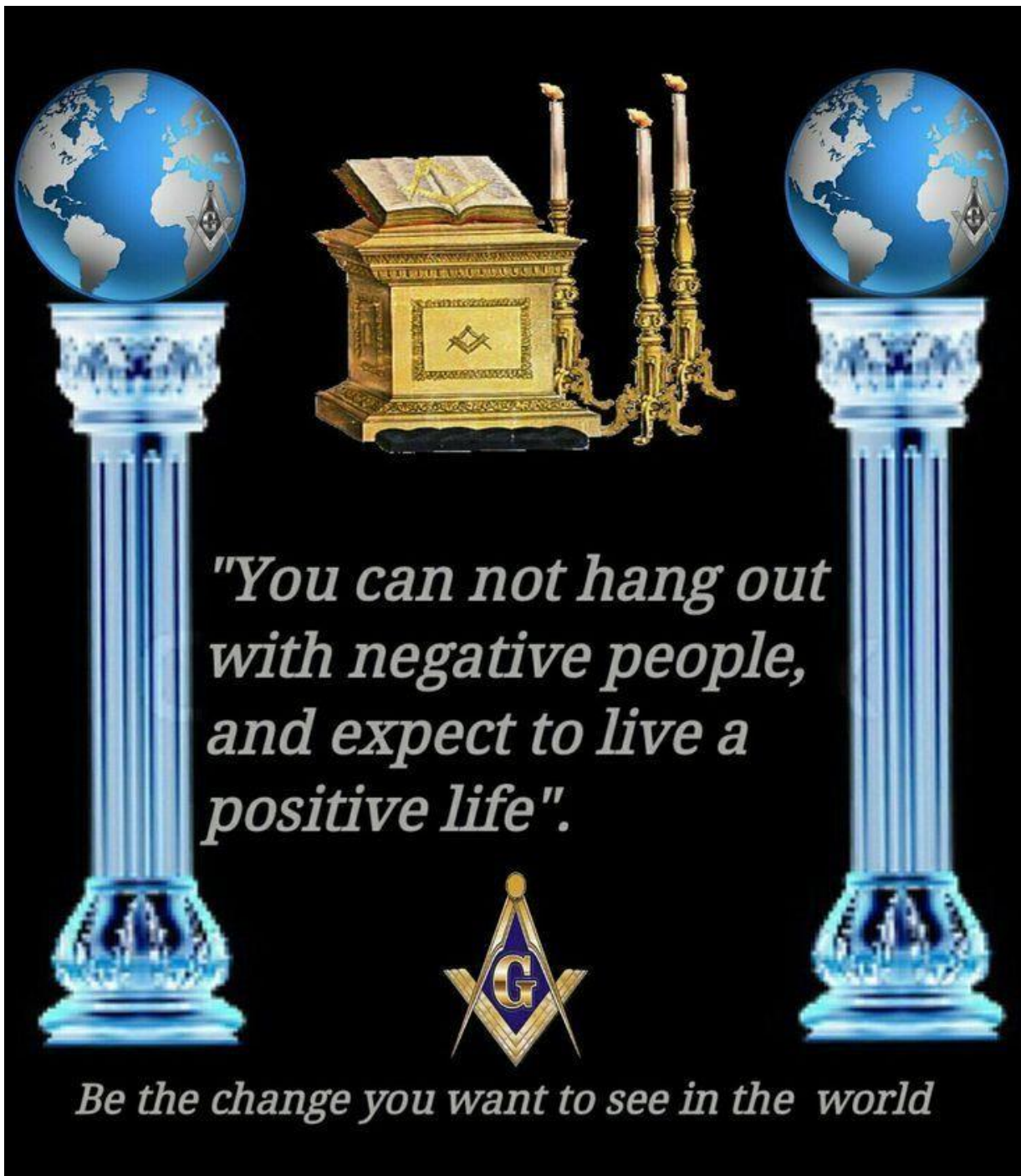
Your Catechism Instructors for the three symbolic degrees in freemasonry are:

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?

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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



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 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 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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Please remember your Lodge boosters and thank them!

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



J. F. Swartsel Lodge Presents

The 2nd Annual Eyeglass Drive



DONATIONS REQUESTED

- **Men's Eyeglasses**
- **Women's Eyeglasses**
- **Children's Eyeglasses**
 - **Sunglasses**
- **ANYTHING TO DO WITH EYEGLASSES**

As in the past

**All collected items will be donated through your lodge to the charity
of your choice.**

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 for December 2018.

- 1st 11:30 AM - Widows Luncheon @ Red Lobster, 11601 N. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa.
- 4th 6:30, Degree Practice @ Swartzel.
- 5th 6:PM, MLT & District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154.
- 6th Stated Meeting / Election of Officers / Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.
- 11th 6:30, Degree Practice @ Swartzel.
- 13th 6:PM, Rusty Nail Degree Practice @ Swartzel.
- 14th 7:PM Masonic Park Meeting @ Tampa No. 240.
- 18th Entered Apprentice Degree @ Swartzel Lodge Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.
- 20th J. F. Swartzel Lodge is Dark / No Meeting.
- 21st Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartzel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 8: PM.

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

It has been an honor and a privilege to be Worshipful Master this year! When I look back on the year the one thing that I will always remember is your participation. I will always treasure the memories of having a well-attended lodge filled with fellowship and laughter. No lodge can thrive without an active membership and I was truly blessed this year. Thank you all for your generous support!

Of course, none of this would have been possible without Worshipful Lambert as our Secretary. He is the glue that holds all of this together. His guidance has been invaluable this year and for the record, I would have been lost without him.

I would like to thank all our officers and committeemen this year for their efforts. Because of you we've been recognized as a thriving lodge. Any success we've had is directly attributable to your efforts.

And once more I would like to thank all the Brothers who attend our meetings, help with our fund raisers and contribute to the fellowship.

For the month of December, we only have one Stated Communication on December 6th. Our second Stated Communication has been dispensed with given its proximity to Christmas. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible December 6th.

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

As another year winds down I want to thank Worshipful Greif, on the outstanding job he did serving our lodge as well as our craft. I would also like to congratulate all our new master Masons for this year.

I want to wish everyone and their families a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, stay safe and enjoy one another, I look forward to seeing and serving you in the near future. God Bless

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

First, I would like to congratulate to our newest Fellowcraft, Brother Matthew Jose Silva!

As you may know, we are only having one meeting in December. Since this meeting will also be our Election Day, there will not be any other Masonic Education.

Here is our Supper schedule for the month of December

12/6: Supper tonight will be Hotdogs, Burgers, and Michelle's famous Loaded Mac and Cheese.

12/18: Tonight the Lodge will be bringing 5 Entered Apprentices into the Fraternity. Please come out and assist us in welcoming our new Brothers.

12/20: There will be no meeting tonight.

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

Greetings and blessings to all!!! This truly is the most wonderful time of the year when we pause our busy lives to focus on family, friends, great food and we give thanks for all the blessings and gifts in our lives.

Friendship Chapter will be very busy going forward with our Christmas Party on December 3 at 6:00 which is a covered dish dinner and we will have some teachers from McKitrick Elementary join us. Please bring a gift card to Target, Walmart, or Publix to give to help the teachers give deserving students a brighter holiday. We invite the Brother of Swartsel lodge to join us for a fun night.

Due to a scheduling misunderstanding, the December 8 Friendship Chapter and Swartsel Lodge holiday fun night will have to be cancelled. Worthy Patron David Meade and I wish all a very Happy Thanksgiving!!

What this lodge has done in the past as well as in the immediate preceding five years is nothing short of Masonically fantastic. We have set a high standard in our goals for every aspect that our lodge has been involved in and not only met but exceeded all expectations each and every time. Thanks go not only to our leadership, but to the craft. Without either having the foresight, willingness and tenacity we would certainly be in a far less enviable position in the Masonic community. Everything from recruiting new members to teaching them their Masonic lessons. From community involvement representing the Boy Scouts, Helping Paws, Scholarships, Family Nights, Fish Fries, working with the local governments by helping with the elections, donating lodge space to the local government to use as a polling place, and a plethora of others too numerous to mention. We have had brothers leave other lodges to join our lodge for many reasons; however I believe that some were just looking for a lodge that they could relate to in a more positive way.

I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for allowing me to be your Trestleboard Editor as well as your Lodge Treasurer for the last several years. I am looking forward to continuing in these positions next year as well as assuming additional responsibilities to help make your lodge even better.

Fraternally, W.: Stuart Graff



Delivering our donation of 24 Publix gift cards to McKitrick elementary school principal Allison Cline to be used for Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Brother Frank Penny, Principal Allison Cline, Worshipful Stuart Graff and Brother Brian Reach