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Happy New Year Brothers, Sisters, and Friends!
Our Installation of Lodge Officers will be January 8th @ 10am.
We hope you've had a safe and happy Holiday season!

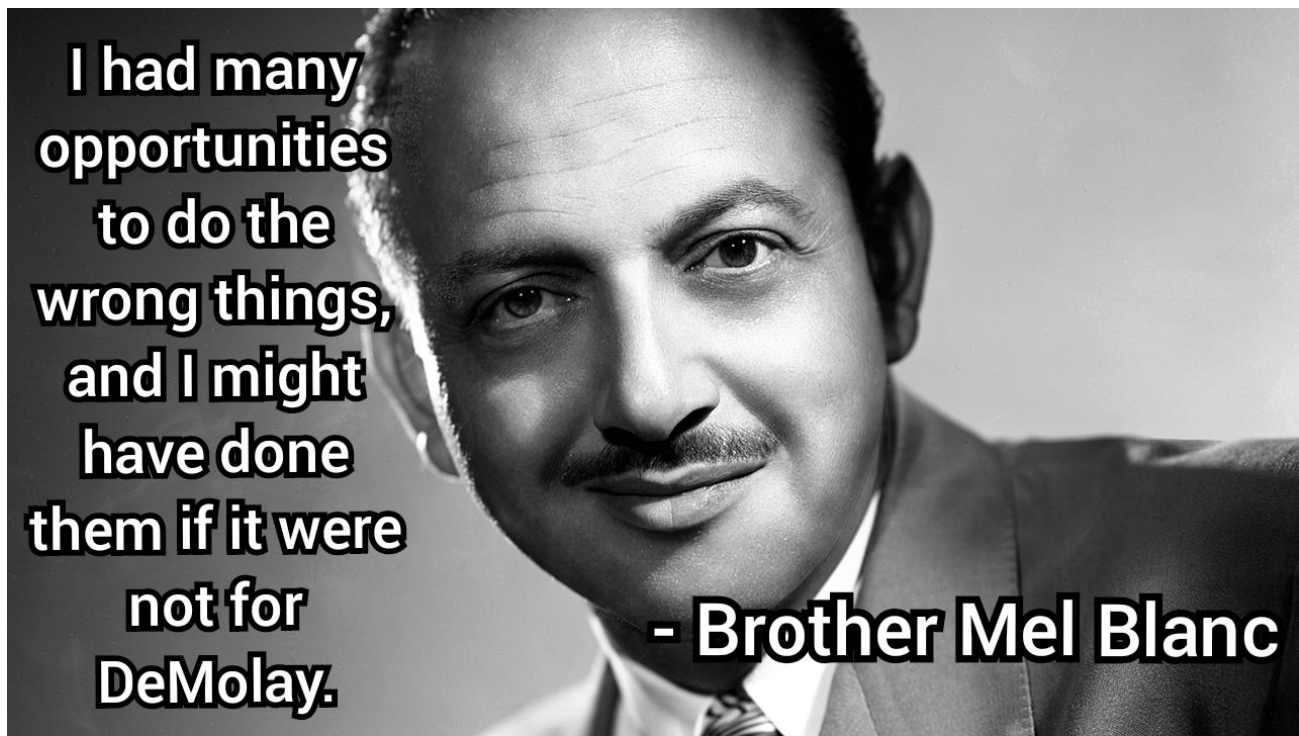
Your Catechism Instructors for the three symbolic degrees in Freemasonry are:

W. Jerry M. Snell, Jr. - W. Stephen Edson – Br. Raymond Ciunci – Br. Allan A. Jenkins

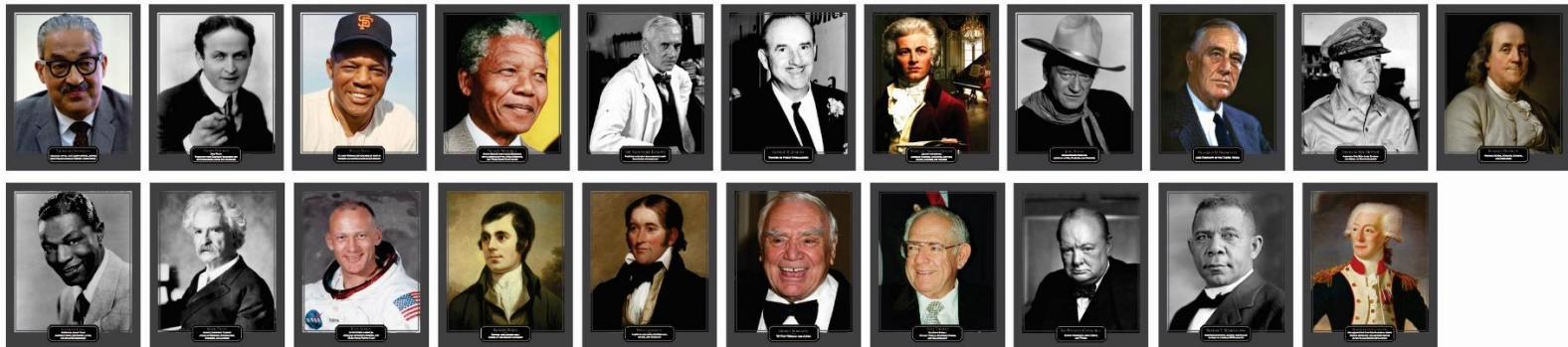


Who does J. F. Swartsel Lodge support in the community?

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
Awards college scholarships in N.W. Hillsborough County
McKittrick Elementary School
“Helping Paws Program”
Rainbow Assembly (Hillsborough County)
De Molay (Hillsborough County)
Shriners' Hospital
Lifepath Hospice
Jobs' Daughters
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg



If they could do the things they did then,



imagine the things that we can do now.

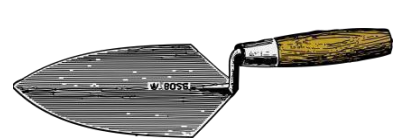
A very special thank you to all of J.F. Swartsel's Past Masters - Who laid the foundation for us to build upon

The Past Masters of J.F. Swartsel that are still with us today, and continue to carry the torch of Light on behalf of Freemasonry

1957 W • Randolph Dey - 1965 W • Thomas B. Daughtey - 1976 W • Phillip V. Getz - 1981 W • Edward B. Wilson
 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. 2007 W • William L. Boortz - 2008 W • Gregory L. Savage
 2009 W • Drew M. Keenan - 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.
 2017 R • W • Charles J. "Sam" Pesola, PDDGM - 2018 W • Martin A. Greif - 2019 W • Jerry M. Snell, Jr.
 2020 W • Adam S. Feldman - 2021 W • Samuel McPherson

Your 2022 J. F. Swartsel Officers are as follows:

Worshipful Master W ∴ Raymond Joseph Ciunci
Senior Warden Brother Wade Edward Angel
Junior Warden Brother Brian Andrew Reach
Treasurer W ∴ Jeffrey Thomas Sklet
Secretary W ∴ David Bruce Lambert Sr.
Chaplain W ∴ Jerry Marvin Snell Jr.
Marshall W ∴ Stephen Douglas Edson
Senior Deacon W ∴ Danilo Orlando Valdez
Junior Deacon Brother Demetrios Thomas Dellis
Senior Steward Brother Joe Circhirillo
Junior Steward Brother Thomas Martin Sheehan
Tyler W ∴ Bahram (Tony) Hedayat
Musician Brother John Nagy
Historian W ∴ Samuel McPherson



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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](#)

Chair Chatter

From the Secretary: Worshipful David Lambert, Sr.

Brethren,

If you have changed your address, please give me a call @ (813) 838-7705 or email me at dlambert7907@gmail.com so I can update your records. Also, please check your Dues Card to ensure it is current.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: January 2022.

4th 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.

6th Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.

8th 10:AM – 1:PM, J. F. Swartsel Lodge Installation of 2022 Officer's.

11th J. F. Swartsel Lodge Officers Meeting. All MMs welcome. Degree practice to follow

14th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ Tampa 240.

17th 7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 meeting

18th 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.

19th 6:30 – 7:30, Commandry Practice @ J. F. Swartsel 251

20th Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.

21st Trestleboard articles to W.: Feldman.

22nd 8:30 – Noon, Open Books NEW LOCATION. Now at John Darling Lodge no. 154

25th 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice.

28th 6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County.

From the Worthy Matron: Elizabeth McAbee

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please make plans to join us on Monday, January 17, as we welcome our friends from the other Chapters in our District to serve in our stations. This is the last “big” meeting of the 2021-2022 year, and your presence will make this evening complete.

Game Night scheduled for Monday, January 3, 2022, has been cancelled.

Masons in good standing and their female relatives are eligible for membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Information brochures are available in the literature holder on the wooden shelf in the Lodge foyer. Information and petitions are available by request.

Praying you had a blessed Christmas season and that you will have a special awareness of the Lord's presence in your life in 2022. Let us remember our times are in His hands...

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Fraternally,

Elizabeth C McAbee
Worthy Matron
813/494-6210



Worshipful Master: Brother Ray Ciunci

Greetings from the East Brothers!!

As we start a new year at the Lodge, I want to first thank W.: Sam McPherson for his fine job in leading the Lodge through 2021. He kept things steady and moving forward while facing a very challenging environment. In addition, I am thankful to him, on several occasions, for his help and guidance.

I want to thank the Brothers for having confidence in me to lead the Lodge in 2022. It's a responsibility and honor that I will not take lightly. I have developed plans for several initiatives that I have presented to the Lodge Officers that I look forward to bringing to the Craft as the year unfolds. With their help and partnership, I am looking forward to a busy and productive year. Some of the items I have planned are shown at the bottom. Not a complete list, but it will give you a flavor.

I am grateful for much help that I have received from several Brothers, not just this past year, but from the day I entered the Lodge.

My biggest wish for 2022 is that we all continue, as we have done in the past, to help, teach and love one another. If we do that, we are going to have a great year at J.F. Swartsel Lodge!

May God bless all of you and your families in the coming year!

Some items for next year

Bib/Shorts night, Classic Car Display, Continue to research Elevator installation, Family Lodge Outing, Support of local food drives and soup kitchens, Lodge Fishing Trip, LL Baseball Games, Lodge Dinner, Lodge Picnic, Sporting events – Rays, Bucks, Bolts, Blue grass festival, Lodge Camping Trip.

From the Senior Warden: Brother Wade Angel

Well, we are now beginning the first month of 2022. There are 2 things that I have observed right away. First, Worshipful Sam McPherson positioned our Lodge for success in the future by preparing the Officers well for this upcoming year. Secondly, Worshipful Master Ray Ciunci has hit the ground running and has a very well thought out and aggressive agenda for the upcoming year. Congratulations!

Let's all get behind Ray and make 2022 a great year for our Lodge. Let's get busy this year and do more. Not just for our community and each other, but for our Fraternity. We have many Brothers stepping forward to do just a little more to help. That will pay big dividends moving forward. Our membership drive via Facebook must be successful, and will take each of us doing a little more to help. J. F. Swartsel is approaching the century mark, and we should end our first century in growth mode.

We have some exiting things coming our way this year that I believe all the Brothers can get behind. More experiences and activities for us all to share. I look forward going out with my Brothers and going fishing, shooting, ball games, camping, music festivals etc.... Let's spend more time doing things together. Golf anyone? There are more Lodge projects to come that we can all help with too. God willing and the creek don't rise, 2022 will be a great year for J.F. Swartsel.

Have a great year my Brothers.

Fraternally Yours,

Brother Wade Angel

From the Junior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

As we open the very first page of a brand new Masonic Year, I am honored and humbled that you have entrusted me with the office and duties of Junior Warden. I will strive to provide you meals that will satisfy your hunger and keep bringing you back over and over again. I would like to thank, in advance, all the Brothers that lend a hand in the kitchen through the coming year!

There is an old saying, “A man is never taller than when he kneels to help a child”, and I would ask you to consider its message as applied to our Fraternity. A Brother never acts more in the spirit of our Fraternity than when he takes the time to help a new Brother understand our etiquette, customs, and Lodge traditions. So let us all remember that we are the “Friendly Lodge”, meaning we should always strive to include a visitors and young Brother in group conversation or at a table.

If harmony is the strength of a group, then cliques are a destructive force in a group. Ours is a Lodge where no one sits alone (whether literally or figuratively), and I look forward to that continued spirit of unity among our Brothers.

I close by wishing all our appointed and elected Officers a successful year; especially our 2022 Worshipful Master Raymond Ciunci. May he enjoy a productive and satisfying year in the East!

Brother Brian Reach, JW

York Rite Lessons

Companions and Sir Knights,

Who were the Crowned Martyrs?

Four Operative Masons put to death during the reign of the roman Emperor Diocletian for refusing to aid in building a pagan temple. The famous literary Lodge of London. Quatuor Coronati was named for them.

“Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable and receives the impossible.” Corrie ten Boom

Who were the particular workers at the building of the Temple?

The Benai were setters, layers, or builders, at the erection of King Solomon’s Temple, and were able and ingenious Fellowcrafts; they were distributed by Solomon into separate lodges, with a Master and Warden in each, that they might receive commands in a regular manner, take care of their tools and jewels, be paid regularly, and be duly fed and clothed, that the work might proceed with harmony and order. 1 K 5: 18

“The capacity to care is the thing that gives life its deepest meaning and significance.” Pablo Casals

BEASTS OF THE EARTH

Where is the basis of the penalties recorded in the Bible?

This expression is recorded in the book of Jeremiah, and is a part of the basis of the system of Speculative Science. Jer 34: 18-20

“Good actions are the invisible hinges on the doors of heaven.” Victor Hugo

Was Robert Burns a Mason?

Yes, initiated in St. David’s Lodge, Tarbolton and at one time was Master of a Lodge.

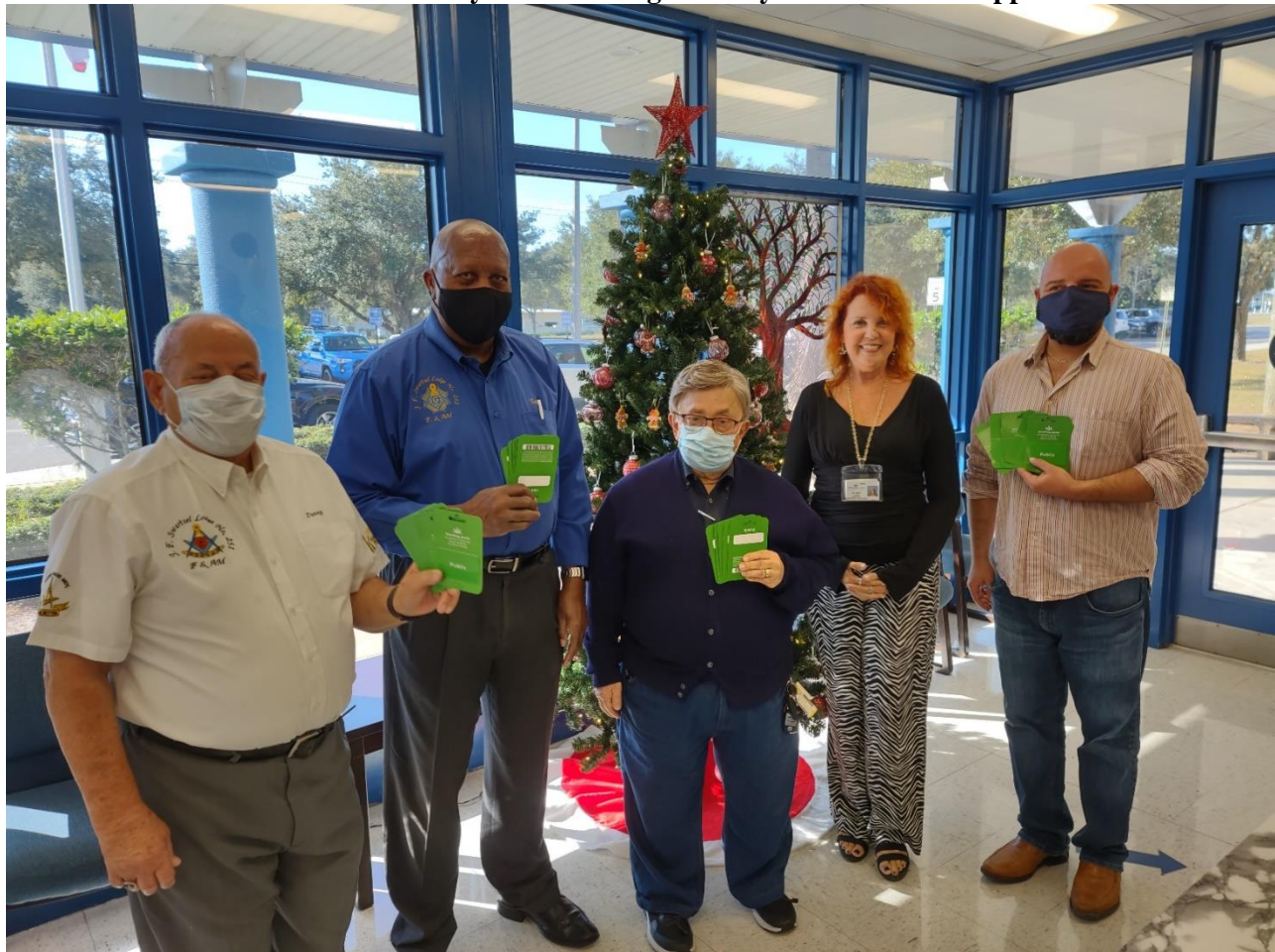
“Look for strengths in people, not weaknesses; for good, not evil. Most of us find what we search for.” J. Wibur Chapman

Zealously,

Most Excellent Companion
James F. (Robby) Robertson, KYCH
Grand High Priest
Grand Chapter of RAM of Florida
Laus Deo
Your humble and obedient servant



12/8: No, these aren't recycled photos from last month... we made another presentation of \$1,200.00+ in Publix gift cards to McKittrick Elementary to help provide families in need with Christmas dinner and presents. Principal Cline and the front office staff thanked everyone for their generosity and continued support!



12/9: The Brothers of J.F. Swartsel came out to visit our friends and Brothers of Holyrood Lodge no. 257. During the meeting, Holyrood voted to elect Jamal Redfurn as their Worshipful Master for 2022; congratulations and good luck to you and your Officers! The Brothers of Holyrood also voted to start holding their meetings at our Lodge while the Scottish Rite building is being constructed, so I feel like we'll be seeing a lot more of them!



12/16: Among other things, during the meeting we raised money for the Kentucky tornado relief. After the meeting, we continued the fellowship at our local watering hole to congratulate our WM on his year and watched some Lightning Hockey and NFL. If you ever have a chance to join us after a meeting, consider this your invitation.



Masonic Education

The District Deputy Grand Master

With the second round of District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) Official Visits coming up, it seems like a good time to explain the hierarchy of many Grand Jurisdictions. It should be noted that in some Jurisdictions instead of having Districts they have Provinces and the title becomes Provincial Grand Master.

A Jurisdiction is governed by a Most Worshipful Grand Master, since there are far too many Lodges for a Grand Master to be able to visit and review each Lodge individually, the Jurisdiction is divided into Districts and a District Deputy Grand Master is appointed to oversee the Lodges in their district. Within these districts are specific number of Lodges, in District No. 19 for example there are currently seven Lodges. Our current DDGM is Thomas C. Newton.

The size of the District or Province geographically will vary from Jurisdiction to Jurisdiction.

In the absence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the DDGM is the highest-ranking Officer when within his District, including when the Deputy Grand Master is in attendance. With regards to Masonic Etiquette, when in attendance, the DDGM should be called upon first in order for comments at the beginning of the meeting if any distinguished guests are in the room, and should be called upon last for comments at the end of the meeting.

While what needs to be done to review the Lodges will differ from Jurisdiction to Jurisdiction, the DDGM is responsible for and for ensuring that the Lodges are being properly run according to the rules that govern that Jurisdiction.

Essentially you can think of a Jurisdiction as a franchise, the DDGM goes and makes sure the franchisee, in this case Lodges, are doing the things that they are required to by the franchise. This is to ensure that the franchise is protected within the Jurisdiction.

As part of the responsibilities of the DDGM in most Jurisdictions, one or two annual meetings are held within each Lodge in their District. This gives an opportunity for the members to come and meet the Grand Master's representative for their District, as well as his appointed Committeemen.



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