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Our monthly Lodge Visit will be Universal Lodge no. 178; the only Lodge north of Miami permitted to do our work in a language other than English. Come out Tuesday 6/7 to see something new and enjoy one of the best meals in the District!

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



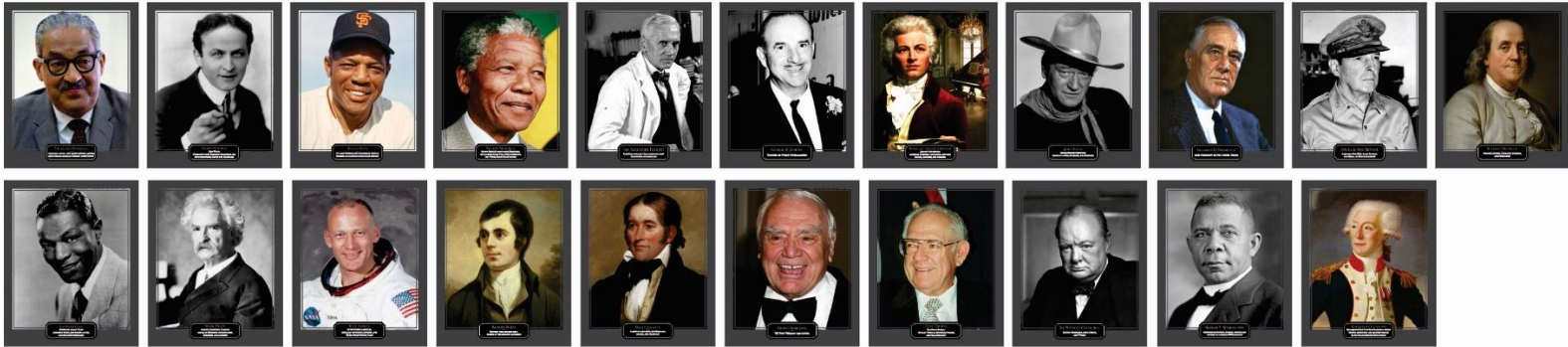
Who does J. F. Swartsel Lodge support in the community?

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

You learn a lot more from the lows
because it makes you pay attention to
what you're doing.

- Brother John Elway

If they could do the things they did then,



imagine the things that we can do now.

Thank you to all of our Past Masters - Who laid the foundation for us to build upon

**The Past Masters of J.F. Swartsel and Community Lodge © who 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 - 1985/1997 W • Harold A. Glisson © - 1986 W • Gary F. Gentry
1987/1994 W • R. Willard Brown - 1988 W • Floyd G. Kirk © - 1992 W • Floyd A. Dozier - - 1992 W • Michael P. Byers ©
1993 W • Winston A. Williams © -- 1986 W • Gary F. Gentry 1995 R • W • Donald R. Bell, PDDGM
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2000 W • Kenneth C. Tucker © - 2001 W • James R. Lambert - 2001 W • John W. Warren © - 2002 W • Gregory A. Lambert
2003 W • Joseph E. Fara, Sr. - 2004/2007/2011 W • Steven C. Whidden © - 2005/2006 W • Robert L. Herman, Sr. ©
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2014 W • Jeffrey T. Sklet - 2014/2015/2018/2019 W • Jerry A. Haywood © - 2015 R • W • Charles C. Osborne, PDDGM
2016 W • Danilo O. Valdez. - 2016 W • John Northrop © - 2017 R • W • Charles J. "Sam" Pesola, PDDGM
2017 W • David Jones © - 2018 - • W • Martin A. Greif - 2020 W • Adam S. Feldman - 2021 W • Samuel McPherson



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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
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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



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 check your Dues Card to see if it is current.

Please note, due to the 193rd Grand Communication, there will not be MLT or District School at John Darling for the month of June.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: June 2022.

- 2nd Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 6th 7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 meeting.**
- 7th MONTHLY LODGE VISIT: Universal no. 178 (@ John Darling) Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge @ 7:30 PM**
- 9th Holyrood Lodge No. 257 Stated Meeting @ J. F. Swartsel 251, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 10th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ Tampa 240. (Check for ZOOM meeting)**
- 14th 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.**
- 15th 6:30 – 8:00 Commandry Practice @ J. F. Swartsel No. 251.**
- 16th Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 17th Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 8: PM.**
- 17th Trestleboard Articles to W.: Feldman.**
- 18th Hunter Safety Course at J.F. Swartsel Lodge no. 251**
- 20th 7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 meeting.**
- 21st 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.**
- 24th 6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ John Darling No. 154.**
- 24th DDGM Official Visit to Memorial Lodge (after MM Association meeting)**
- 25th Master Mason Degree at J.F. Swartsel Lodge. Coffee and gathering 8 AM, Degree begins at 9 AM**
- 28th 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.**
- 30th 6:30 PM, Family Night @ J. F. Swartsel Lodge No.251.**

Worshipful Master: Brother Ray Ciunci

Greetings from the East Brothers!!

Things are flying by we have almost made the halfway point of the year. Several things going on the month of May.

- We have approved the installation of the elevator. A structural engineer has inspected the building and will apply for a permit. So, we are on our way.
- We have Raised one Brother to the Sublime Degree of MM and are preparing to Raise three more. We also have and are working on petitions from three candidates for the three symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry.
- Our Brothers from Holyrood Lodge have moved in and are settling in.
- We visited Joshua House which is a charity that houses and rehabilitates homeless, neglected and abused children.
- We have awarded our scholarship award to the winner at Steinbrenner High School and will soon be awarding the same to the winner at Land O Lakes HS.
- I and my Wardens are preparing to attend this year's Grand Communication.

Fraternally,

Ray Ciunci WM

From the Senior Warden: Brother Wade Angel

As I write this article, I am getting ready to attend the annual Grand Communication in Orlando. My reservations have been checked and double checked. I know what clothes to pack, and which bags I will use. I also know what type of things I am looking to buy from the many vendors that will be there. Most importantly, I am looking forward to the Brothers that I will meet. There will certainly be Brothers from other States and probably other countries. I like to see the differences between us and the similarities. That's life. We are all different but all the same. We need to celebrate those differences and learn from them. That's what being a Mason is all about. It's about learning. As such, I have decided to re-print the following poem from February's article. It is one of my favorites, and beautifully articulates a much-needed mission among men and Masons.

TRUE MEN NEEDED

by Edgar A. Guest

The world is needing you and me
In places where we ought to be;
Somewhere today it's needing you
To stand for what you know is true,
And needing me somewhere today
To keep the faith, let come what may.

The world is needing me and you
To share the tasks it has to do;
It needs high-minded men to stand
Against the thoughtless of the land;
Men who will scorn to stop to wrong
To win the favor of the throng.

Fraternally Yours,

Brother Wade Angel

From the Junior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

As I begin the research into all of our storage spaces around the Lodge, I would appreciate any input into any articles that can be disposed of! Many thanks!

June Dinner Menu:

June 2: Spaghetti and meatballs, salad, and dessert.

June 19: Still up in the air but thinking about Grilled flank steak with mashed potatoes and peas, salad and dessert.

Fraternally,

Brother Brian Reach JW

From our Sisters of the Eastern Star

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Friendship Chapter will have a special meeting to initiate a new member on June 6, followed by an ice cream social. June 20 is our last meeting before our summer break and we will celebrate Landmark Night in our Chapter. Our Worthy Patron will honor our nation's flag and Sister Ann Nash will honor our fathers and Masonic brothers. This evening will be an ideal time for our brothers who have not recently been in Chapter to attend to allow us to honor you.

Please remember that Masons in good standing as well as 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 and our members are also happy to provide information and petitions by request.

Praying you're blessed...

Fraternally,

Elizabeth C McAbee
Worthy Matron
813/494-6210

York Rite Lessons

Companions and Sir Knights,

What celebrated operative Mason erected St. Paul's Cathedral?
Christopher Wren.

"Of all God's creatures there is only one that cannot be made the slave of the leash. That one is the cat. If man could be crossed with the cat, it would improve man, but would deteriorate the cat." Mark Twain

Who were the Scald Misérables?

A name given to those persons who in the year 1741, formed a mock procession in derision of the Freemasons. A plate of the mock procession was engraved by A. Benoist, an artist under the title of Geometrical View of the Grand Procession of the Scald Miserable Masons, designed as they were drawn up over against Somerset House in the Strand on the 27th day of April, Anno Domini 1742.

"Life isn't a matter of milestones but of moments." Rose Kennedy

What two sciences are held in special reverence by Masons?
Geometry and Astronomy.

"In spite of everything, I still believe people are really good at heart." Ann Frank

What was the flaming sword?

The flaming sword of the Tiler refers to the flaming sword which guarded the entrance to Paradise as described in the Book of Genesis (Chapter 3 verse 24) “So he drove out the man; and he placed at the East of the Garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life.”

“Valor is a gift. Those having it never know for sure whether they have it until the test comes.” Carl Sandburg

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



5/3: We started the month with a bang by Raising our Brother James Tanner to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason! Thank you to Brother Nagy for the music, Brother Chavez for the lecture, and Worshipful Adam Feldman for 2 sections in the East. Thank you also for the participation of many Brothers of Hillsborough no. 25 and other Lodges... notably RW Steve Silvers, who Raised Br. Tanner, was SD in both sections, and gave the closing charge. RW Silvers introduced Brs. Sheehan and Tanner to the Fraternity, and our Lodge in particular. We appreciate it very much RW!





5/20: The Monthly Fish Fry! Another sellout performance for J.F. Swartsel Lodge! Thank you so much to the number of Brothers of JFS and Sisters of the Star who make this event a success month after month! The community has obviously missed us, and I've missed our amazing fish!





Masonic Education

MASONIC VIRTUES

Using symbols is an easy way to remind ourselves as Freemasons of the obligation we have to lead a true and virtuous life.

But what does that mean?

It is a moral code: Freemasons believe in honor and that a man has a responsibility to behave honorably in everything he does.

The Twenty-Four Inch Gauge is an instrument made use of by operative Masons to measure and lay out their work. But we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of dividing our time.

The Common Gavel as Free and Accepted masons, are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of divesting our minds and consciences of all the vices and superfluities of life.

The Plumb is an instrument made use of by operative masons to raise perpendiculars, the Square to square their work, and the Level to lay horizontals; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of them for more noble and glorious purposes.

The Trowel is an instrument made use of by operative Masons to spread the cement which unites a building in one common mass; but we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to make use of it for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection.

We've heard and memorized these metaphors for our tools many- many times. Yet have we really internalized these attributes into who and what we are?

Have we consciously used them in our goal be become that which the Grand Architect intends us to be?

We forget that the twenty four inch gauge is first divided into four parts. What constitutes "for the service of God and a distressed worthy Brother." Who and what is a brother? The "Great Commandment say: "Love God above all things, and Love you neighbor as yourself."

In Marks Gospel, it's stated a little different:

"Love God above all things and the second is like it, Love you neighbor as yourself."

In the original Greek: "And the second is like it" actually translates to mean "and the second is the same."

In Masonry, when we use the term "Brothers", it correlates with the second part of the Great Commandment. Outside of Lodge, a brother refers to neighbors - all of God's creation.

Anytime within the twenty four parts of time we should strive to be conscious of our responsibility to all people and in all Creation.

With the Common Gavel, what does it mean to break off the rough and superfluous parts of stone? Superfluous has multiple meanings: Excessive – expendable – redundant – unneeded – useless – dispensable. What part of what we are is excessive – expendable – redundant – unneeded – useless – dispensable?

The Common Gavel reminds us to identify and eliminate traits that inhibit us from growing to that which we are intended to be," thereby fitting ourselves as living stones, for that spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The Plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly. The Level is to walk straight.

To walk uprightly and walk straight refers to:

Honesty,

Integrity,

Loyalty.

Devotion.

Loving.

Kindness.

Sincerity.

Self-control.

Living these character traits squares our actions by the Square of Virtue, and remembering that we are traveling upon the Level of Time, to "that undiscovered country, from whose bourne no traveler returns."

Learning what we're taught from the Twenty- four Inch Gage, the Common Gavel, the Plumb and the Level, we travel the path to become the Men that the Grand Architect has set for us.

Once we've perfected these tools, then we can become the Trowel.

The Trowel is an instrument made use of by operative Masons for the purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly (all people) love and affection; that cement which unites us into one sacred band, or society for the entire world to learn from and follow.

Bro. Rev. Kirk Alexander Rollo

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