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Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays

The Grand Master's Homecoming is Saturday 10/8 at the new Shrine, and we will be visiting Hillsborough Lodge no. 25 on 10/11. Come join us as we visit the oldest Lodge in the area (Chartered 1850).

Hope to see you out to as many functions as your Cable-Tow allows!

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

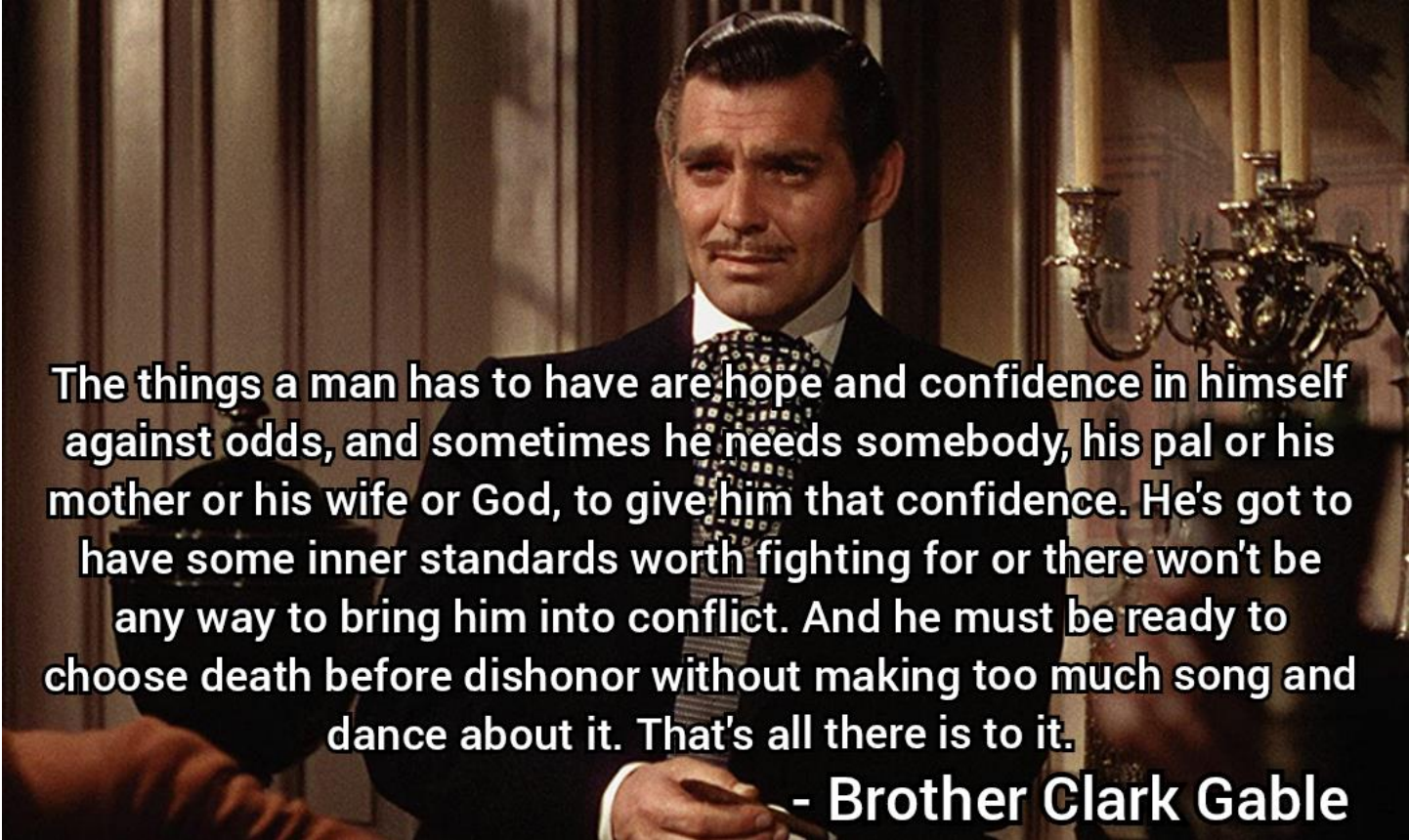
IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE:

Our weekly Degree Practices have moved to WEDNESDAYS at 6:30 pm, from now until Wednesday, November 2nd. Take due notice there of...



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

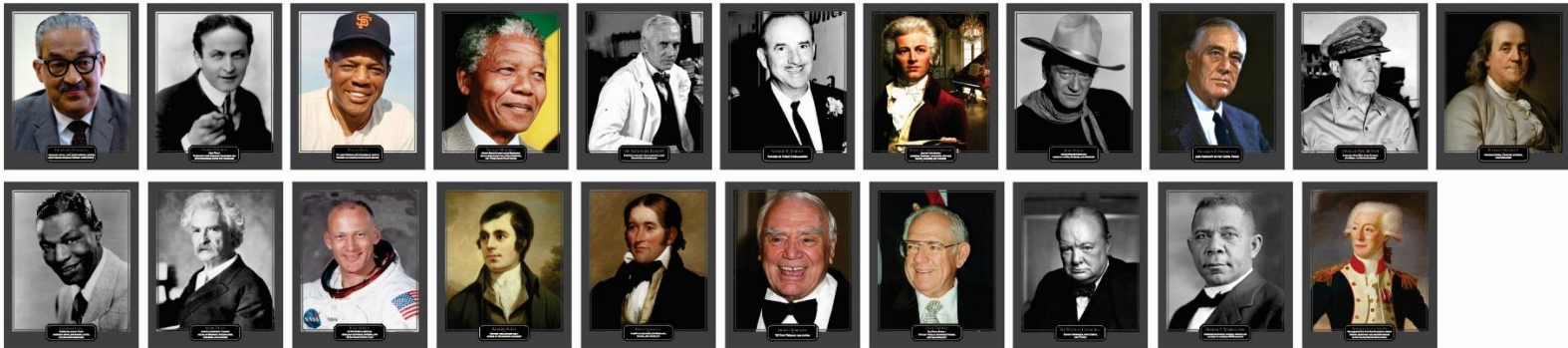
The Lutz Fire Department, TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Lutz chapter 56
BSA (Boy Scouts of America) pack and troop 12 Lutz
Lutz Little League Baseball
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Rainbow Assembly (Hillsborough County)
De Molay (Hillsborough County)
Shriners’ Hospital
Lifepath Hospice
Jobs’ Daughters
Land O Lakes High School
Steinbrenner High School
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg
Metropolitan Ministries
The Joshua House



The things a man has to have are hope and confidence in himself against odds, and sometimes he needs somebody, his pal or his mother or his wife or God, to give him that confidence. He's got to have some inner standards worth fighting for or there won't be any way to bring him into conflict. And he must be ready to choose death before dishonor without making too much song and dance about it. That's all there is to it.

- Brother Clark Gable

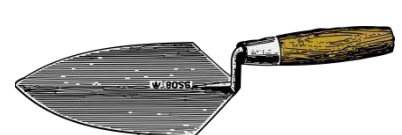
If they could do the things they did then,



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**

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1985/1997 W * Harold A. Glisson © -1986 W * Gary F. Gentry -1987/1994 W * R. Willard Brown -1988 W * Floyde G. Kirk©
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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
Secretary W ∴ David Bruce Lambert Sr.
Chaplain W ∴ Jerry Marvin Snell Jr.
Marshall W ∴ Stephen Douglas Edson
Senior Deacon Brother Allan Arthur Jenkins (Pro-Tem)
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,

Please check your Dues Card to see if you have paid your 2022 Dues, and 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.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: October 2022.

- 1st 9:AM – 5:PM Holyrood Open House.**
- 5th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 5th (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM, District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).**
- 6th Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 8th Grand Master's Homecoming at the Shrine (5017 E Washington). RSVP required. 5:30p Registration**
- 11th Monthly Lodge Visit: Hillsborough no. 25, 6:30 PM Dinner, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM**
- 12th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 14th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple. (Check for ZOOM meeting).**
- 17th 7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 Order of the Eastern Star meeting.**
- 18th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 19th 6:30, York Rite Practice.**
- 20th Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30PM.**
- 21st Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7:30 PM.**
- 22nd Trestleboard Articles to R.: H.: Feldman**
- 22nd 9:AM – Noon, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ John Darling 154.**
- 26th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 28th 6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ John Darling No. 154. With**
- Memorial Lodge to follow.**
- 31st Halloween!**

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Ray Ciunci

Greetings from the East Brothers!!

Well Brothers I have spent the last two months recovering from my hip surgery done on 7/18. The procedure used on everyone can be different depending in the patient's body composition. In my case the recovery has been a bit complicated. However, I continue to get slowly back to normal.

While I won't be 100% yet, I am shooting to get back in the Lodge this month.

In any event, I want to thank Brother Angel for filling in for me in the East. By all reports he has done a fine job. (no surprise there).

Hope to see you all soon.

Fraternally,

Ray Ciunci

From the Worthy Matron: Sister Elizabeth McAbee

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome back! I hope you had a safe and restful summer.

On Monday, September 19, we honored our Friends (by having them serve in our stations) and our District 16 Grand Instructor.

Monday, October 4, Swartsel Lodge and Friendship Chapter will honor our First Responders and their families with a dinner at Swartsel Lodge for the Fire Stations on Lutz Lake Fern Road and Van Dyke Road as well as District I (North Central County) of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office at 6:00 p.m. **YOUR assistance is needed** to make this event a success and show our appreciation in a small way for all these families sacrifice for us. A sign-up sheet is available at the Lodge so many will be able to participate. Menu will include salad, lasagna, garlic bread, dessert, and drink.

R.E.S.T. (Retired Eastern Star Today) night, is Monday, October 17, so please bring extra Silver Drill money for this special donation.

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 and petitions are available by request.

Praying you're blessed...

In His and fraternal love,

Elizabeth C McAbee
Worthy Matron
813/494-6210



From the Senior Warden: Brother Wade Angel

Another season is upon us. The last quarter of 2022 is here. Daytime temperatures will begin getting cooler, and open windows in the evening will soon be our source of cooler air. The holidays will also be upon us before we know it. I am really looking forward to the holidays this year. I think we have some time to plan some special events in advance.

I wish I was better at planning holiday parties and such. In fact, I wish I had any talent in that arena at all. So, if anyone has any ideas on what we can do, I would love to hear them. The holidays are for family and we are all Brothers. Let's go out and do something memorable. Something that we can look back on in the future and say, "That was a blast, we should do that again."

It would also be a good way to welcome all of our new Brothers into the Lodge. We can all get involved and spend some time doing something fun. Maybe something with another Lodge? Or maybe we can throw a party for someone else? Let's see.

Fraternally yours,

Wade Angel
Senior Warden

From the Junior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

My Brothers, I can't wait for the first day when you can feel that Fall is finally here!! With October here it can't be that far off!!

With the Summer vacation season over, I hope to see more of you at Lodge or at least dinner for a good old dose of Brotherly Love!

October Dinner Menu for Stated Communications:

October 6: Fish and chips, salad and dessert.

October 20: Ham and potatoes Au Gratin, salad and pumpkin pie.

Check our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/jfswartsel251>, for changes to the above menu selections.

Brother Brian Reach JW

From the Senior Deacon: Brother Allan Jenkins

My Brothers,

As Senior Deacon there are many responsibilities that help you start becoming a more involved Brother. You become Chairman of the building committee and you start coordinating Degree work and practices, which in some ways starts to involve you in the Masonic education of our newer Brothers.

I would like to focus more on the second of the new responsibilities for a minute. If you desire to grow through Masonic Leadership, you should consider sitting in one of the chairs and gaining a better understanding of the Masonry, I urge everyone to start their thought process for that now. With next year a few months away, you may want to start planning what your next step is. Do you want to be a Steward, Marshall, Tyler, Deacon, Warden or Worshipful Master one day? If so, reach out to someone at the next meeting and start that process.

I can assure you it will be challenging but rewarding at the same time. You will get more out of Masonry if you put a little more in.

That being said, I look forward to seeing all of you at our next meeting. Until then - Have a Great Month my Brothers!

Allan Jenkins - Senior Deacon



WHAT
Have we been
up to?

8/25: J.F. Swartsel once again traveled to District 14, this time to visit our Brothers at Zephyr Lodge no. 198! Thank you to all for the wonderful meal and fellowship. Weather could have been better, but we appreciate everyone who braved the elements to make their way over to make the visit!



9/5: Labor Day Degree at John Darling Lodge! Thank you for to all from 251 who attended and participated!



9/6: Table Lodge at Egypt Temple Shrine! 7 course meal, toasts, Masonic Dignitaries past and present in attendance, and the chance to see Brothers you don't ordinarily get to see ... aside from the commemorative shot glasses not arriving on time (and a server's hair briefly catching on fire), it was a perfect night!



9/7: We replaced the glass that was broken on our front door, and took the opportunity to “refresh” our graphics and frosted window film for it! The updated graphics give the Square and Compasses a metallic appearance, and the updated frost film appears to sparkle when the light hits it. This is but one item in a list of projects being implemented to update our building.

Come out and see all we have done and continue to do to make our second home feel more like it!



9/8: J.F. Swartsel traveled to Brandon Lodge no. 114 for our Monthly Lodge visit. This trip was already planned, but it also served as an opportunity to relieve ourselves of the Setting Maul. Thank you to the Brothers of JFS who traveled to unload the Maul unto another Lodge, and thank you to Brandon for the amazing Gumbo and fellowship. You can see our present below, sitting in the East of their beautiful Lodge room.



9/15: At our 2nd Stated Communication of the Month, Worshipful David Lambert II informed the Craft that he, as part of a charitable endeavor, will be traveling to Guatemala in December with 7 linemen for the purpose of bringing electricity to a remote town of 37 homes. The town has never had electricity, and will be provided with an outlet for general use and a second outlet for a refrigerator. Worshipful Lambert II told the Craft he asked one of the women there what she would like him to bring back from the States if she could ask for anything, and her answer was, “ a light bulb, so my children can read at night”.



After informing Brothers of this upcoming event, the Craft voted to donate \$200 to purchase Christmas presents to the town's residents as well as take additional donations from the floor and charity basket. These additional donations brought the total to over \$700.00 in just one evening, thank you Brothers! Additional donations will be taken at our upcoming Stated Communications.

9/16: Our World Famous Fish Fry!



York Rite Lessons

Companions and Sir Knights,

What is the true meaning of the Lost Word?

The true meaning of the Lost Word is Divine Truth, symbolically speaking. This is what the old writers claim and has reference to the ineffable name. Jn 1: 1

“A cat has absolute emotional honesty: human beings, for one reason or another, may hide their feelings, but a cat does not.”

What is a landmark, and how many are there in Masonry?

In ancient times it was a custom to mark the boundaries of lands by means of stone pillars, the removal of which would be the occasion of much confusion, men having no other guide than these pillars by which to distinguish the limits of their property. To remove them, therefore, was considered a heinous crime. And according to Jewish Law, “Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor’s landmark.: There are twenty-five landmarks in the system of Speculative Masonry. The first is the modes of recognition, and the last is the fact that they can never be changed. Dt 19: 14 27:17

“From your parents you learn love and laughter and how to put one foot in front of the other. But when books are opened, you discover you have wings.” Helen Hayes

What does Acacia symbolize?

Immortality of the Soul.

“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3: 1

Hon. Mrs. Aldsworth. For what was she famous?

Known as the “Lady Freemason,” as it is quite certain that she received the First and Second Degrees of Masonry in Ireland.

“As long as you can admire and love, then one is young forever.” Pablo Casals

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

One last reminder that practice has been moved to Wednesdays until our Farmer’s Degree in November. The York Rite has one Wednesday per month reserved, but we will be meeting at the Lodge the other three at 6:30pm. Refer to the Secretary’s article for the specific dates.

Masonic Spotlight – Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt was an American soldier, politician and President of the United States.

Roosevelt was born on October 27th, 1858 in Manhattan, New York. Roosevelt is the uncle of former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. His father's fourth cousin is the father of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. As the son of a socialite and a prominent businessman, Roosevelt was home schooled until he went to Harvard College. In his youth he traveled extensively with his father despite having an issue with Asthma. He discovered by pushing himself, his Asthma symptoms reduced and at his father's encouragement began exercising regularly. After a camping trip where two boys manhandled him, he found someone to train him in boxing. At Harvard, he won a boxing tournament. After graduating from Harvard with a Bachelor of Arts magna cum laude, he briefly went on to Colombia University to study law. He left Colombia to pursue a career in the political arena.



From a young age Roosevelt was interested in conservation and the natural world. At the age of 9 he saw a dead seal at the docks. He acquired the animal's head and taught himself taxidermy. He, along with friends, opened a natural history museum of sorts. He studied animals he killed or found and then prepared them for display. He even began studying insects and wrote a paper titled "The natural history of insects."

Roosevelt wrote a book while at Harvard. It was a study of the United States Navy during the War of 1812. The book would later open political doors for him, including getting him an appointment as the Assistant Secretary of War leading up to the Spanish American War.

On the state level, Roosevelt served as a State Assemblyman in New York. He got a reputation as a strong leader and someone who refused to back down in the face of political corruption. In fact, through all of his political career and in all levels of Government he fought to make sure there was a level playing field. Later he was appointed to the Civil Service Commission, president of the New York City Police Commissioners board and eventually Governor of New York after the Spanish-American War. In all of the above positions he fought the corruption he found. At the time Roosevelt became

the president of the New York City Police Commissioners board, the NYPD was the most corrupt law enforcement agency in the country.

President William McKinley appointed Roosevelt as the assistant Secretary of the Navy. The current Secretary was a person who had no interest in the job and was in failing health, so Roosevelt was allowed to run the Navy largely as he saw fit. Roosevelt pushed with McKinley the idea that the United States should get Spain out of Cuba for two reasons. First to allow Cuba to declare its independence and second in support of the Monroe Doctrine. Ten days after Roosevelt pushed his idea, the *Maine* exploded. Roosevelt mobilized the Navy to get it ready for war. The Secretary of the Navy resigned and for only four hours, Roosevelt was the acting Secretary of the Navy. Roosevelt himself resigned and formed the First United States Volunteer Cavalry Regiment, which is also known as the "Rough Riders." The Rough Riders trained briefly in Texas, Roosevelt, who briefly served with the New York National Guard, found his experience invaluable while training the Rough Riders. In Cuba, the Rough Riders most notable battle was the Battle of San Juan Hill (also called the Battle of San Juan Heights) for the control of two areas, San Juan Hill and Kettle Hill. Roosevelt led his men up Kettle Hill and they were able to take the hill, at a significant cost of life. Two hundred men were killed and 1,000 were wounded in the battle.

After his return Roosevelt ran for Governor of New York at the insistence of the GOP in the state. Once in office though he ruffled many feathers in the party. He did this by going after corruption in the state and in the process managed to upset people in the powerful insurance industry. It was decided, after McKinley's vice president had passed away from a heart attack, Roosevelt to fill the office. This was after McKinley refused to consider Roosevelt for Secretary of War, fearing Roosevelt's political aspirations. It was during his time as Vice President that he uttered his famous quote "Speak softly and carry a big stick, and you will go far." Roosevelt served as Vice President for only 6 months. In September of 1901, McKinley was assassinated and Roosevelt was sworn in as President.

Roosevelt's Presidency wavered little from the rest of his political career. He fought against monopolies and other things he did not see as equitable. This included a fight with coal operators who, with a strike looming from coal workers, refused to negotiate until Roosevelt stepped in and threatened to bring in federal troops. The negotiations led to more pay and fewer hours for the workers and no union recognition for the coal operators. He also worked on conservation and continued his fight for the Monroe Doctrine.

After his Presidency, Roosevelt initially supported William Howard Taft for the presidency. When Taft decided that he was going to be his own man when it came to decisions, Roosevelt became upset with Taft. The two had a widening gulf between them. In 1911, Roosevelt went up against Taft for the Republican nomination. When it looked like Roosevelt would lose, he formed the Progressive Party and accepted the Progressive Party nomination. In October of 1912, Roosevelt had an attempt made on his life, he was shot in the chest, since he was not coughing up blood (which meant the bullet had not gone into his lung) he decided to continue on with his speech. Roosevelt caused the Republican vote to be split and Woodrow Wilson won the presidency.

On January 5th, 1919, Roosevelt experienced breathing problems. After being treated by his doctor, the symptoms seemed to go away and Roosevelt went to bed. In the early morning hours of January 6th, 1919 Roosevelt passed away in his sleep. When his son sent word to his siblings he simply said "The Old Lion is dead." The sitting vice president under Wilson stated in regards to Roosevelt's passing "Death had to take Roosevelt sleeping, for if he had been awake, there would have been a fight."

Roosevelt was a member of Matinecock Lodge No. 806 in Oyster Bay, New York.

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