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Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays

Our Monthly Lodge Visit is to DeSoto Lodge no. 105 on November 1st. Our Famous Farmer's Degree (FC) is Saturday, November 5th starting at 9am. Bib overalls and Jeans encouraged! The Outdoor Degree (MM) is November 12th in the morning, and the same evening is the GMOV for Districts 19 and 20. 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

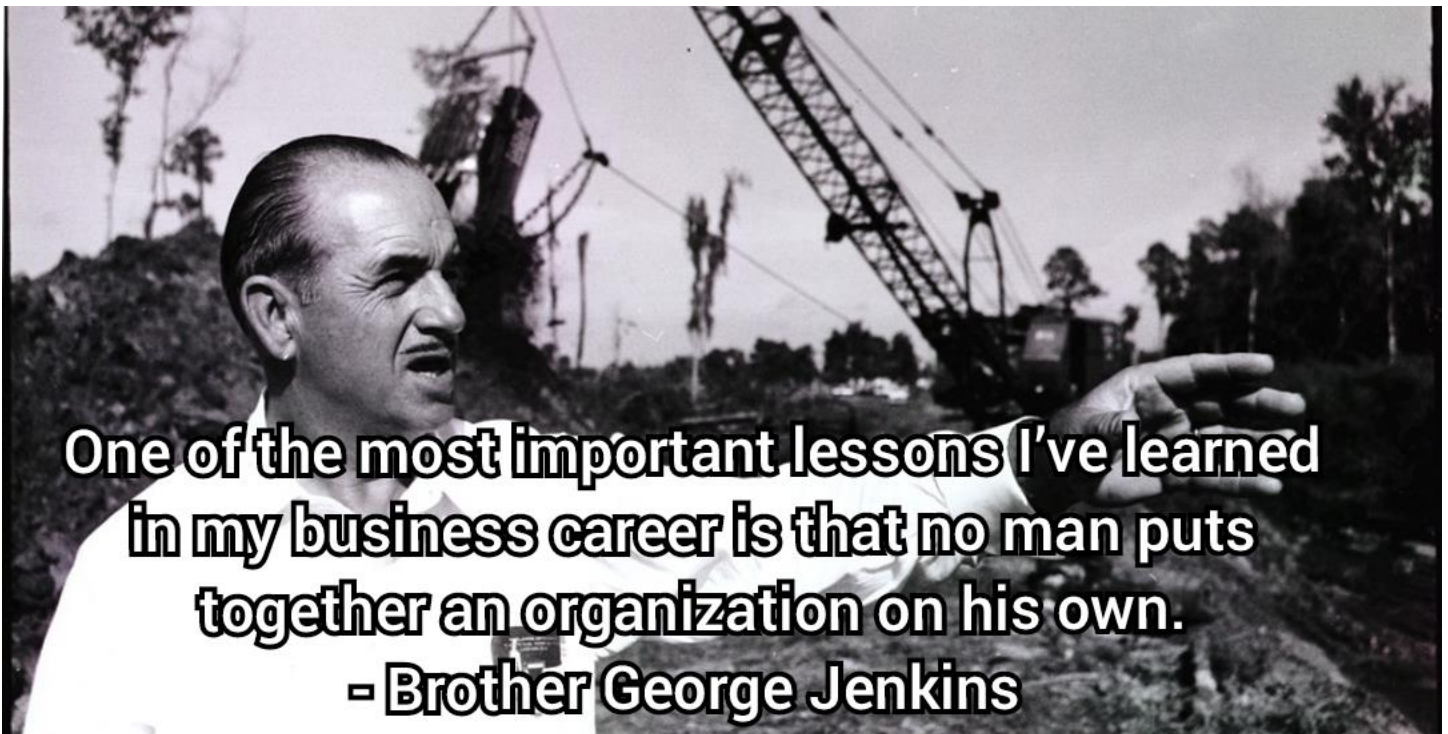
IMPORTANT SCHEDULE CHANGE:

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



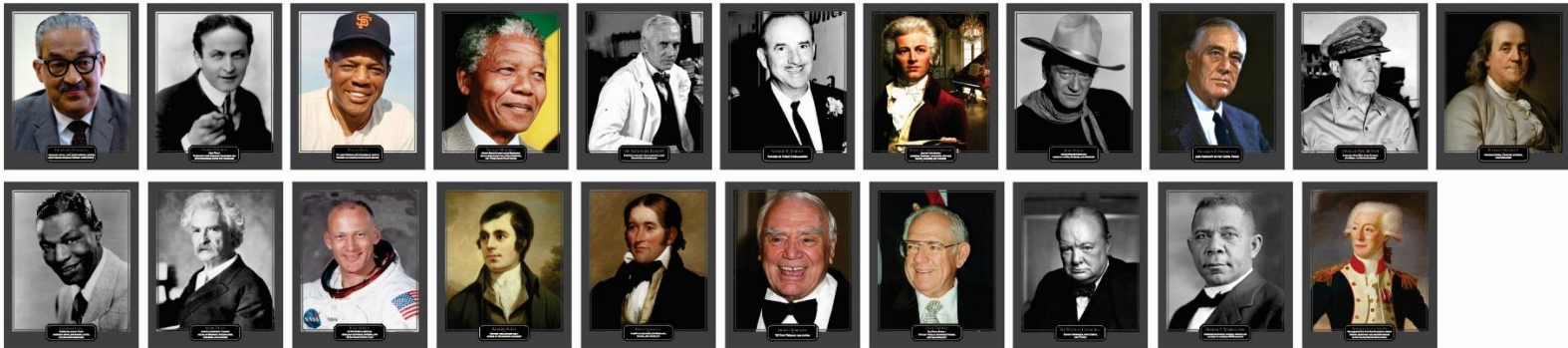
Who does J. F. Swartsel Lodge support in the community?

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
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
Land O Lakes High School
Steinbrenner High School
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg
Metropolitan Ministries
The Joshua House



**One of the most important lessons I've learned
in my business career is that no man puts
together an organization on his own.
- Brother George Jenkins**

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,

2023 Dues Notices will be mailed out the 1st week in November, 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: November 2022

- 1st Monthly Lodge Visit: DeSoto no. 105, Dinner @ 6:30PM, Lodge opens at 7:30PM**
- 2nd 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 2nd (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM, District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).**
- 3rd Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION FOR OFFICE FORMS TO BE TURNED INTO THE SECRETARY.**
- 5th 9:AM – Noon, Annual Donald Belcher Farmers Degree @ J. F. Swartsel, Coffee & Donuts at 8:AM.**
- 8th 7:AM – 7:PM, Election Day.**
- 11th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple. (Check for ZOOM meeting).**
- 12th Outdoor Degree at the Masonic Park and Youth camp starting at 9am**
- 12th GMOV District 19 and 20 at Son's of Italy. Registration @ 5pm. Events begin @ 6pm**
- 14th WM Recognition Night at Nitram no. 188. Dinner at 5:45PM**
- 15th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 16th 6:30, York Rite Practice.**
- 17th Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 18th Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7:30 PM.**
- 18th 6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ John Darling No. 154.**
- 19th Trestleboard Articles to R.: H.: Feldman.**
- 21st 7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 Order of the Eastern Star meeting.**
- 22nd 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 24th Thanksgiving.**
- 29th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Ray Ciunci

Greetings from the East Brothers!!

Well Brothers, I continue to get better. Am starting to transition from a walker to a cane. It's been a haul but starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The prayers and best wishes from the brothers have been heartwarming.

We have made several repairs and improvements to the Lodge over the last two months, and the fish fry is running strong with lots of participation and help from the Brothers. In addition to that, we keep bringing in new Brothers and Brothers transferring to us from other Lodges.

Bottom line JF Swartsel Lodge is rolling. So, stop in and join the excitement!

Fraternally,
Ray Ciunci W.: M.:

From the Worthy Matron: Sister Elizabeth McAbee

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Chapter will honor veterans with a dinner on Monday, November 1st. Brothers, if you have served in any branch of the Armed Forces, please join us as our guests for dinner.



Monday, November 21, is S.H.E.A.F. (Student Higher Education Award Fund) night and Memorial Night when we will pay tribute to those Sisters and Brothers who have been called to their eternal home during the past year.

Blessed to be a Blessing...

Because we're so abundantly blessed, join Friendship Chapter to bless those who need food. Please bring non-perishable food for Metropolitan Ministries and place it in the box near the Registration Table. Collection has begun and will continue through Monday, November 21, and then our bounty will be delivered. Our last collection weighed over 80 pounds. We're aiming for 100 pounds this year!

Christmas Presentation: Information Flyer on Lodge Registration Table

Plan to join us on Saturday, December 10, for lunch (Dutch treat) and the 4 p.m. presentation of *Christmas Bells are Ringing* at Idlewild Baptist Church. Tickets are \$25 per person (includes \$5 donation to E.S.T.A.R.L.). Contact the Worthy Matron for reservations.

Praise the LORD!

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 106:1 (NKJV)

Praying you're blessed...

Fraternally,

Elizabeth C McAbee

Worthy Matron

813/494-6210



From the Senior Warden: Brother Wade Angel

The End of an Era

I was recently honored to be asked to conduct the removal of the Masonic cornerstone at Shriner's Hospital for Children in Tampa. Although I retired a year ago, I was called and asked if I would remove it. Not being exactly sure of procedure, I called RH Adam Feldman who informed me that there was a section within the Masonic Digest concerning cornerstones and that I should consult the DDGM for procedural questions. RW Julian Mackenzie Consulted with the Grand Lodge and informed me that it was cleared for me to remove the cornerstone and deliver it to Egypt Shrine Temple.

Before I began to cut the mortar surrounding the granite stone, I tapped across the front of the stone to see if I could detect a hollow spot behind it. Sure enough, there was a hollow center. I knew that there was probably a time capsule behind the stone. Using my angle grinder with a masonry cutting wheel, I scored the mortar joint around the stone, then using a cold chisel I began breaking the joints. I carefully removed the cornerstone, (no small feat as it was a 4' X 3' slab of granite that was 1.5 inches thick), and low and behold there was the time capsule. It was larger than most time capsules I have seen, and it was not encased in a tin or steel box. It was beautifully clad in solid copper with welded corners all around. I let HQ know that I had removed it and was informed that the time capsule should be taken to the Board of Governors.

On the back of the stone, it said, "Installed by" and there were two names, both Masons. They included the date of installation, their names and Masonic ID numbers written in pencil. I went to the security desk and retrieved a pencil. On back of the stone, I wrote "Removed by Wade Angel with the date and my Masonic ID number. I loaded up the cornerstone and drove it to Egypt Shrine. With some help, I took it to the memorabilia room where it will be displayed.

As I drove away from the hospital, I was saddened to think that Shriner's Hospital is officially gone from Tampa. I worked for years to keep the building and its systems going and now I just removed its very identity. I will forever miss my friends at Shriner's Hospital, but more importantly, I will miss the children.



Fraternally yours,

Wade Angel, Senior Warden

From the Junior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

My Brothers,

It is hard to believe that it is already November! October was just a blink of an eye and then it was gone.

October's fish fry was great! It was a pleasure and honor to have our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Robert J. Lambert and his Lady Carol Lambert join us for dinner.

Don't forget we have the Farmers Degree coming up on Saturday, November 5! As always, the more the merrier! Hope to see you there!!

While I don't have any menu items to share with you for this article, I will be posting on the J. F. Swartsel Facebook page as soon as I decide. Soooo, if you are a Facebook fan ... "Follow" us and get the news as soon as I post it.





10/5: J.F. Swartsel won the Column under Construction for having the most members at District School in October, Congratulations Brothers!

This was the tightest competition for the Column I've ever seen, with a three-way tie for attendance. After a tie is established, we determine a winner which Officers of each Lodge is in attendance, and it made it all the way to the SS to establish a win for 251.

This further serves to remind us that every one of our members are important, and it takes help from you, the Brothers of J.F. Swartsel to keep our Lodge firing on all cylinders, winning, and vibrant!

Congratulations again my Brothers!



10/6: We were honored to be joined by members of Palma Ceia Lodge no. 290 at our first Stated Communication of October. Thank you to all who made it, and a special thanks to those who came to continue the fellowship after!



10/11: The Brothers of JFS traveled to H25 for our Monthly Lodge visit. Thank you to our Brothers who attended, and thank you to the Brothers of H25 for always rolling out the red carpet for sojourning Brothers!



10/21: The Fish Fry is once again a success at J.F. Swartsel! We got such a crowd that I forgot to take pictures once we got going, but several Brothers from this and neighboring Districts joined our local community in patronizing our assembly! Even MWGM Rob Lambert and First Lady Carol came out to partake!



10/24: Friendship Chapter no. 209 honored first responders with a dinner. Seven Hillsborough County Sheriff Deputies attended as well as WM Ray Ciunci, Worthy Matron Elizabeth McAbee, Worthy Patron Gene McAbee, and other Lodge members. Members of the Star prepared a delicious meal, and a great time was had by all!





York Rite Lessons

Companions and Sir Knights,

What degrees constitute the Ancient Craft Masonry?

Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, including Supreme Order Royal Arch.

“Man cannot live by bread alone; he must have Peanut Butter.” Old Southern Proverb.

Who wrote Apologue and what did it describe?

Francis Bacon. The Island of Bensalem; it is the Island of the Sons of Peace, and on it a structure, The House of Solomon, where there was a co-fraternity of philosophers, devoted to the acquisition of knowledge.

“What I’ve dared I’ve willed... and what I’ve willed, I’ll do.” Herman Melville

What is Apocalypse of Masonry?

The close connection of the imagery of the Apocalypse to the machinery of the Mysteries, and the Intimate connection between their system and that of Freemasonry induced our ancient brethren to claim the patronage of an apostle so eminently mystical as St. Joh in his writings and whose crowning work bore so much of the appearance of a ritual of initiation.

“Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been” Mark Twain

What style of Architecture was used in Freemasonry in the Middle Ages?

The Gothic, or pointed style, over which Freemasonry had complete control.

“In the name of God, stop a moment, cease your work, look around you...” Leo Tolstoy”

Zealously,

Most Excellent Companion

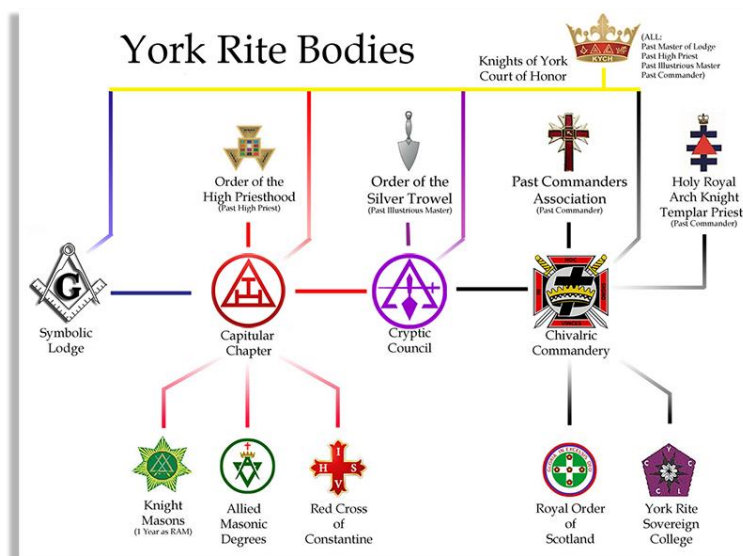
James F. (Robby) Robertson, KYCH

Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of RAM of Florida

Laus Deo

Your humble and obedient servant



Masonic Education – Kindness and Condensation

Condensation [kon-duh-sen-shuhn]

noun

1. an act or instance of condensing.
2. behavior that is patronizing or condensing.
3. voluntary assumption of equality with a person regarded as inferior.

There is a portion of the Master Mason Degree Charge that has always been puzzling to me. Why are we to act with “kindness and condensation” to our superiors, and how could we even do both given my understanding of the word? Well, for that we need to look further into the definition of Condensation at the time our work was being written.

As every Jane Austen fan knows, the meaning of “condensation” has evolved quite a bit over the years.

In *Pride and Prejudice* (1813), Mr. Collins describes Lady Catherine de Bourgh this way: “I need not say you will be delighted with her. She is all affability and condensation.”

These days, we don’t like condensing people, but condensation was a virtue in Mr. Collins’s eyes. He meant that Lady Catherine was capable of laying aside the privileges of rank and being nice to her social inferiors.

This sense of the verb “condense,” as well as the noun “condensation,” was first used in the early 1600s, according to the *Oxford English Dictionary*. And in Mr. Collins’s day, people generally weren’t offended when respected superiors condensed to them.

But the verb did not originally have this feudal, “noblesse oblige” flavor. At first, to “condense” (literally, to step down with) was to make concessions in one way or another. Today, we might say something like to “meet halfway.”

The word comes from the Latin *con* (“with”) and *descendere* (“go down”).

In medieval Latin, the word meant “to be complaisant or compliant, to accede to any one’s opinion,” the *OED* says. The word was adopted into English from the French *condescendre*, meaning “to come down from one’s rights or claims, to yield consent, acquiesce.”

The verb was first recorded in English in 1340, when to “condense” was to yield, to give way deferentially, or to be accommodating.

From the 14th until well into the 18th centuries, the word was used in the sense of to consent, comply, or agree. These original meanings are now labeled obscure by the *OED*.

Mr. Collins’s uses of the verb “condense” and the noun “condensation” are still alive and well. But they have negative connotations in our more democratic times.

By its very nature, condensation now implies that the recipient is inferior and is being patronized.

This negative sense was beginning to make itself felt even around Austen’s time, according to citations in the *OED*. Samuel Johnson wrote in an essay in *The Rambler* (1752): “My old friend receiving me with all the insolence of condensation.”

And Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote in *English Traits* (1856): “With the most provoking air of condensation.” Jane Austen may have felt this as well. Her character Mr. Collins is a slavish boot-polisher. And Lady Catherine is not a nice woman. She’s pompous and rude, far from courteous or gracious in her “condensation.”

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"Soft and safe be the earthly bed of our Brother; bright and glorious be his rising from it. Fragrant be the acacia spring which shall flourish there. May the earliest buds of spring unfold their beauties over his resting place, and, in the bright morning of the world's resurrection, may his soul spring into newness of life and expand into immortal beauty in realms beyond the skies. Until then, dear Brother, Farewell!"

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