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**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

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## **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

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Rainbow Assembly (Hillsborough County)

De Molay (Hillsborough County)

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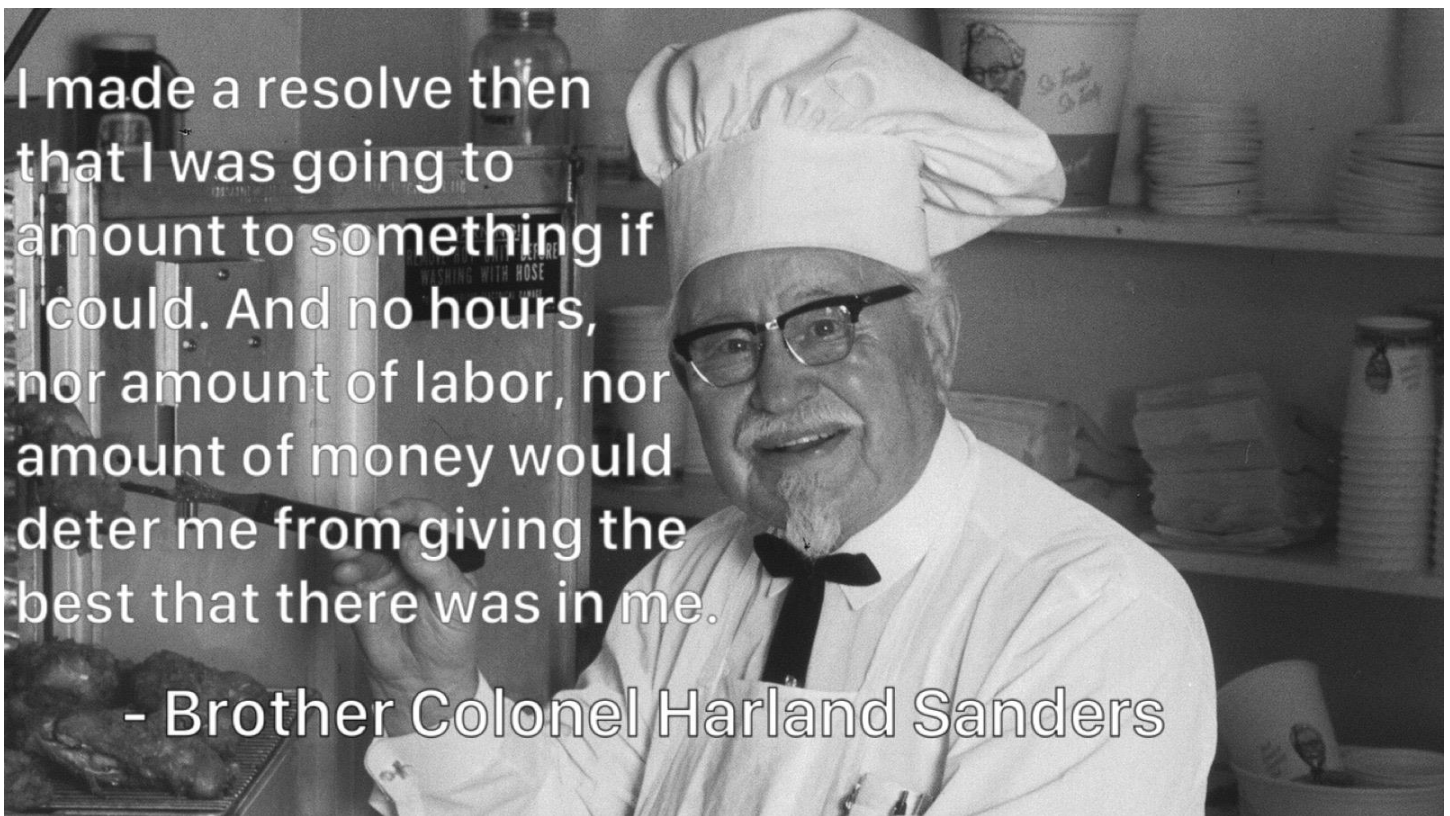
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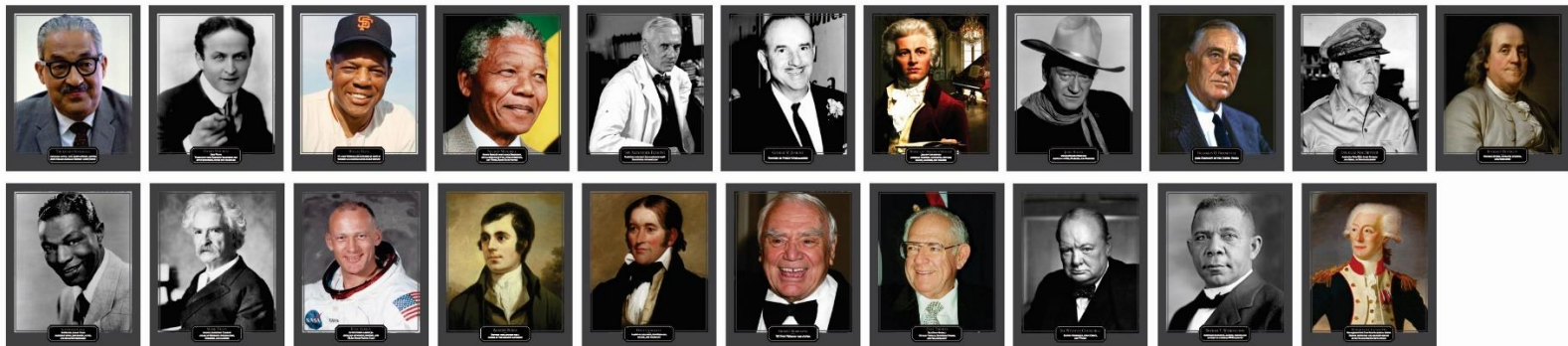
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg

Metropolitan Ministries

The Joshua House



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**

1965 W \* Thomas B. Daughtey - 1976 W \* Phillip V. Getz - 1981 W \* Edward B. Wilson - 1985 W \* Charles Inman  
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2020 R ✱ H ✱ Adam S. Feldman, RHDI - 2021 W ✱ Samuel McPherson - 2022 W ✱ Raymond J. Ciunci

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## **Your 2023 J. F. Swartsel Officers are as follows:**

**Worshipful Master**    **Brother Wade Edward Angel**  
**Senior Warden**      **Brother Brian Andrew Reach**  
**Junior Warden**     **Brother Allan Arthur Jenkins**  
**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 Demetrios Thomas Dellis**  
**Junior Deacon**     **Brother Joe Circhirillo**  
**Senior Steward**    **Brother Thomas Martin Sheehan**  
**Junior Steward**   **Brother Thomas Holland Overman**  
**Tyler**                **Brother Dickey Parrish Davis**  
**Musician**          **Brother John S 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.**

#### **Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: March 2023.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM, District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 7<sup>th</sup> **6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 10<sup>th</sup> 7:PM – Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple, 5017 Washington E St, Tampa.
- 11<sup>th</sup> **11:AM Open Installation of Officers, Friendship Chapter 209**
- 14<sup>th</sup> 6:PM, Officer's Meeting, then Degree Practice.
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Trestleboard Articles to W.: Jeff Sklet.
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7:00 PM.**
- 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 Order of the Eastern Star meeting.
- 21<sup>st</sup> **6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 27<sup>th</sup> **6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ John Darling No. 154.**
- 25<sup>th</sup> 9:AM-12:PM Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154.
- 28<sup>th</sup> **6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**

### **From the Worthy Matron: Sister Elizabeth McAbee**

Nothing from the Star.

## **From the Worshipful Master: Brother Wade Angel**

As we begin the month of March, we also begin our lift project here in the Lodge. It has been a long time coming but when it is done it will be a major improvement to our building. We first started looking in to an elevator/lift during Worshipful McPherson's year. We then had the delay of covid during Worshipful Feldman's year. During Worshipful Ciunci's year we finally found a contractor and signed an agreement to install the lift. Now it is my time in the East and construction time is here. I want to get this done and get to the projects that I plan to bring before the Brothers for this year. We also have new Brothers joining our Lodge this month from Palma Ceia Lodge, as the merger goes into effect on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Let us all welcome them into the Lodge. I also want to encourage as many Brothers as possible to attend Grand Lodge this year. Please make your reservations soon, as availability is dwindling.

Fraternally Yours,  
Wade Angel

## **From the Senior Warden: Brother Brian Reach**

My Brothers, what a great start to our new Masonic year!

The work needed to install the new lift has begun and is moving along nicely. Hopefully, if all goes well, we will have a new lift by mid March (fingers crossed!).

We have a lot more Brothers that will be going to the Grand Communication this year and that is Great!!

The 2023 Budget will be presented to the Craft by the Senior Warden at the March 2 Communication for approval. In general, all accounts were increased by 15% to cover the raising cost of goods and services. The Budget does not include any impact the Palma Cia Lodge No. 290 merger.

Thanks to Brother Allan Jenkins for the great meal at our last meeting!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Brother John Nagy for his wonderful Masonic Education lesson during the February 16 Scheduled Communication!

Brother Brian Reach SW

## **From the Junior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins**

My Brothers, I would like to start this article by shouting a Big Happy Birthday to the following Brothers born in March: Matt Silva, Brian Reach, Thomas Sheehan, Ryan Dance and Joe Fara Jr. If you have a chance to see these brothers around the lodge or out anywhere remember to tell them Happy Birthday.

Last month's education was very insightful and enlightening. We learned about the Master's Hat and the Substitute. These lessons are designed to give you a deeper insight to what it is our fraternity does and how it develops you into a better man. This month we will have 2 more insightful educational opportunities. March 2nd we will learn from W. Rich Andrews and on March 16th we will hear from Brother John Nagy. The 16th we will be learning a deeper insight into the explanation of the 3 symbolic degrees.

Our meals this month will be:

March 2nd - Baked Cheeseburger Sliders, Coleslaw, Fries, Salad and Desert

March 16th - Corn Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes, Salad and Desert

After lodge Fellowship will continue at one of our local restaurants.

Fraternally,  
Brother Allan Jenkins JW

## York Rite Lesson

The most revered title a Freemason has is Brother, without which no other exists. Old Past Master

“In every conceivable manner, the family is link to our past, bridge to our future.” Alex Haley

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Moses: Who is he? The lawgiver of the Jews who plays an important part in the Holy Royal Arch of the American York Rite.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

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

“This is my simple religion. There is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brains, our own heart is our temple; the philosophy is kindness.” Dalai Lama

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Who were the Rosicrucian’s? Those who in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries claimed to belong to a secret society, professing to have knowledge giving them mystic and magic powers.

“The spirit of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, is shared by all people who love freedom.” Norma Simon

If it ain’t York, it ain’t Rite

Zealously,

Most Excellent Companion

James F. (Robby) Robertson KYGCH

Past Grand High Priest

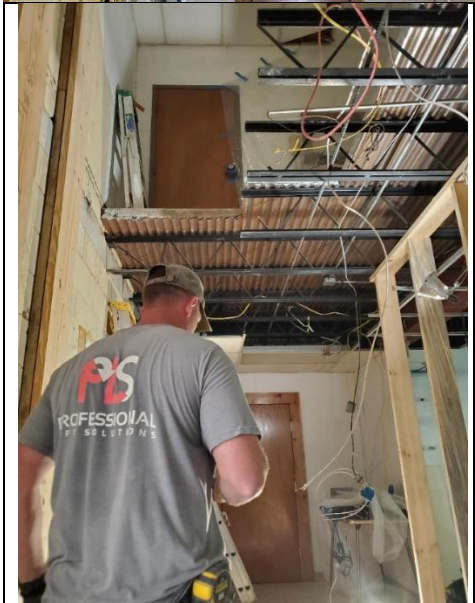
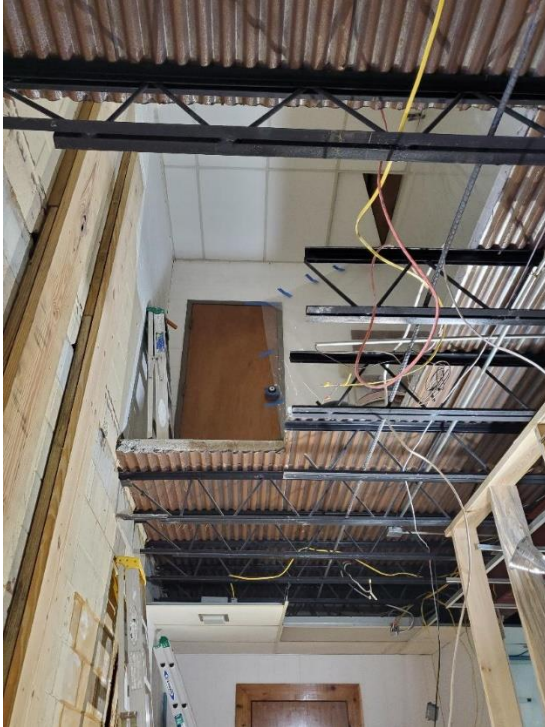
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**What have we been up to?**  
**Construction has begun on our new lift!**



**Great Masonic Education by  
Brother Nagy at our Second  
February Stated Communication!**

## Where in the world is our Brother Frank Penny?

### 2 days in the Hawaiian Islands

#### Tues., Jan 24 Honolulu

The Arizona memorial at Pearl Harbor - the memorial building rests on the sunken wreckage of the battleship Arizona - the Arizona was sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec 7, 1941 - the attack plunged the US into World War II - about 1100 crew members are entombed in the wreckage below - it is a very moving experience to visit the site



Here is a pix of several officers getting impatient - they were waiting for a tour to return - they were late - the ship waited and left almost 3/4s on an hour late - because it was a tour booked on the ship, they waited - if an independent tour was late, they probably would not have waited - why I have decided I will only book tours on the ship 😊



Wed., Jan 25 Lighthouse at the harbor on Kauai Island, Hawaii - on our way to Tahiti - 2500 miles - 5 sea days - the captain said we have calm seas for the trip - also said we are heading south and can expect warm weather - should be a good trip





### **Jan 28: 3rd day at sea after touring the Hawaiian Islands**

When we crossed the equator, there was a big party at the main pool - someone was thrown in the pool to commentate the event - note the giant screen where they show movies, football games and whatever - it is bright enough to be able to see it in daylight - French Polynesia tomorrow 1/31/23- no more sea days longer than three in a row until mid-March - the captain just made an announcement that a helicopter will be landing on the ship this afternoon - for health reasons a passenger will be airlifted off the ship.



### **Jan 31: Tahiti, French Polynesia**

The beach in Tahiti where “Mutiny on The Bounty” was filmed - note the grey sand - in the movie, the sand was white - Hollywood thought the sand should be white so they trucked in white sand from another island - the sand in Tahiti is grey because the island is new (in geological terms) - the island is a French colony - French and the native language is spoken - English widely spoken - there are many captivating scenic vistas - everywhere you look, the native vegetation is thick and lush - an idyllic place!



### **Feb. 1: Moorea, French Polynesia**

Mt Rotui, Moorea, French Polynesia - the island of Moorea is about 12 miles

northwest of Tahiti - geologically, it is about a million years older than Tahiti - only about 17,000 people live on the island -



Looking across to Tahiti from Moorea - coral reefs everywhere - the hotel has rooms that are over the water - about \$900 per night

### **Sat. Feb. 4, 2023 American Samoa**

The Polynesians inhabited the islands back to about 1800 BC. the Europeans did not come until 1722. The islands have been an American territory since 1900. The harbor was a very important US Naval base in World War 2. Total population of the islands is only 11,500. Note the dense foliage on the hills.



### **Sun, Feb 5 American Samoa**

The mountains in the background as we leave Pago Pago - the tugboat is returning to port after stand by for us

### **Thursday, Feb. 9 New Zealand**

A Kiwi farm - the crop ripens in a couple of months and will be shipped all over the world - the sweetest (and most expensive) go to China and Japan, because they like them sweet and are willing to pay the price - the least sweet (and least expensive) go to Germany because they don't like them sweet - we are leaving early because of a possible storm.



### **\*\* Friday, Feb. 10 \*\*UPDATE\*\***

**Travel is an adventure** - with adventure there are changes - we are going to have a major change - you may have heard of the news of a hurricane in the Pacific (actually they are called cyclones in the Pacific) - we have made a change in course to avoid a cyclone - we had 3 more stops scheduled in NZ - they are all cancelled - instead we will turn and head for Melbourne, Australia and will arrive there Wed, 2/15 - we had not been scheduled to go to Melbourne - we are now expected to be in Sydney as scheduled Sat, 2/18



**Sat., Feb. 11** Relatively quiet night at sea last night - apparently, we are going to travel between the North and South Islands of NZ and then head straight to Melbourne - I have not heard any complaints from passengers about the cancellations - I guess all are happy to be away from the storm !

**Note: We safely by-passed the Hurricane and are currently in Australia.**  
**However, here are a few more pictures from New Zealand.**

Views of the Bay of Islands, New Zealand



Auckland, New Zealand - includes the tower the city is famous for - the tower is claimed to be the tallest structure in the southern hemisphere



An anchor from the *Bounty* - when the mutineers took over the *Bounty*, their ship became caught on a coral reef - they used this anchor (the auxiliary anchor) to pry the ship off the reef - then they cut the line to the anchor and sailed away - the anchor was discovered on the reef by accident in 1932 - it is on display in an excellent marine museum In Auckland



Scenes from the kitchen on the cruise ship - it is huge!





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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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