



J. F. Swartsel lodge No. 251 F. & A.M. Trestleboard

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Welcome back to J.F. Swartsel Lodge my Brothers!

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

W. Jerry M. Snell, Jr. - W. Stephen Edson – W. Stuart J. Graff – Br. Allan A. Jenkins

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

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The Lutz Fire Department TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Lutz chapter 56 BSA (Boy Scouts of America) pack and troop 12;

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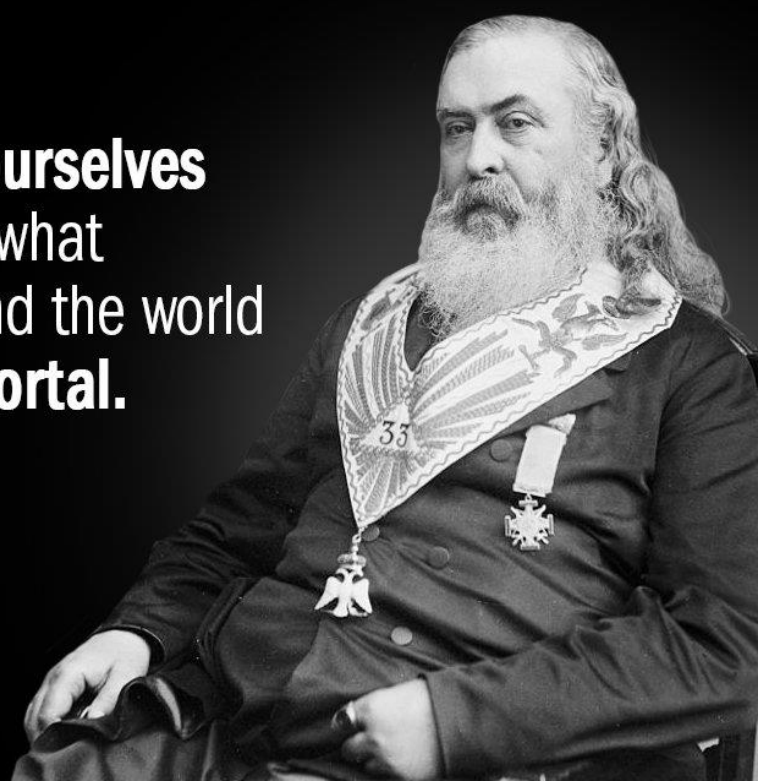
Freemasonry will make you a better man... but it is up to the efforts of men like us to make this a better Fraternity!

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What we have **done for ourselves**
alone dies with us; what
we have **done for others** and the world
remains and is immortal.

– *Albert Pike*

AZ QUOTES



**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**

1965 W •Thomas B. Daughtey - 1973 W •Stanley E. James - 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.



Recommended & Required Practices to Employ when Returning to Lodge Operations

- **MASKS**: As of the time this Trestleboard was published, **Hillsborough County requires us to ensure compliance by denying admittance to any indoor location to people who aren't wearing a face mask, or removing people from our Lodge who aren't following the mandate.** Once you are seated at appropriate distances in the dining room or Lodge Room, masks can be removed.
- **SICK? STAY HOME.**: *If you are sick in any way, have a fever, and especially if you have any symptoms of sickness related to COVID-19, stay home and do not attend functions.*
- **AGE & CONDITIONS**: Members classified as *"senior citizens" aged 65 or older and members with significant underlying medical conditions* (such as chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised status, cancer, diabetes, severe obesity, renal failure and liver disease) are *strongly encouraged* within the Florida Governor's Executive Order 20-112 *to stay at home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID- 19*. If attending events, *extreme caution* should be employed. Such individuals are known to have the most likeliness of potential *severe illness or death* from the illness.
- **SOCIAL DISTANCING**: No individuals should stand, sit, meet, or congregate in groups without appropriate recommended *6 foot spacing & distancing*.
- **TESTING**: It is recommended to be *tested for COVID-19* at any of the local, free test sites. See www.hillsboroughcounty.org, click the "STAYS SAFE" link at the top for COVID-19 info, then click the button for "Getting tested for COVID-19" to find free testing sites. If you are found to be positive, remain home in quarantine for 14 days or as directed by health officials.
- **BE EDUCATED**: Know the *basics on what to do, and not do*, concerning interactions. Resources are available at <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov>.
- **HAND WASHING**: *PROPER 20 second hand washing* as described on posters is required as frequently as possible (before entering the dining room & Lodge Room, during breaks).
- **HAND SANITIZER**: It is recommended to obtain (if possible) and *carry a small bottle of hand sanitizer* in your pocket to use frequently.
- **HAND SHAKING**: Hand shaking as a greeting should be *discontinued* at all times.

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Your 2020 J. F. Swartsel Officers are as follows:

Worshipful Master W : Adam Scott Feldman
Senior Warden Brother Samuel McPherson
Junior Warden Brother Raymond Joseph Ciunci
Treasurer W : Stuart Jay Graff
Secretary W : David Bruce Lambert Sr.
Chaplain W : Jerry Marvin Snell Jr.
Marshall Brother William Joe Schmidt
Senior Deacon Brother Wade Edward Angel
Junior Deacon Brother Dennis Morgan Victor Martin
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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,

Please look at your Dues cards, if you do not have a current 2020 Dues card please send in your Dues.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: **August 2020.**

4th 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice.

5th 6PM MLT / 7PM District School of Instruction @ John Darling 15.

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

11th 6:00 – 7:00 Officers meeting.

13th Entered Apprentice Degree, RW Steven Silvers as Lecturer, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30PM

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

18th 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice.

20th Trilby Lodge visit, honoring R.: W.: Ron Stanley, 70-years as a Mason. Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM. (Carpooling from JF Swartsel @ 5pm)

25th 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice.

27th Master Mason Degree (Brs. Lewellen, Dellis, and Hudson), RW Tony Chavez as Lecturer Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.

28th 6:30, Hillsborough County Master Masons Association @ John Darling 154, with Memorial Lodge to follow.

9/1 FC Degree at Holyrood #257. Dinner @ 6:30PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM. WM Feldman delivering the Charge

From the Mentors' Corner

As our year has been upended a little by the pandemic, your Lodge mentors are working on using virtual meetings to help our Lodge Officers be as effective as possible. To that end, we will be conducting a series of meetings with the Officers to help them with their responsibilities this year, and to help them plan for next year.

We'll be working with all the current officers and any Brother who would like to be part of the line next year.

Additionally, if you have topics that you would like covered in our Lodge meetings please let us know.

- W.: Valdez and W.: Greif

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Adam Feldman

Our Lodge visit in July was to Temple Terrace Lodge on 7/15, and I greatly appreciate how well the visit was attended by Brothers of our Lodge. In fact, the RWDDGM of District 20 made it a point during the meeting to say, "If there was a tie to be won tonight, Swartsel won it!" I have always known our Lodge to be comprised of great Brothers and respected in the surrounding Districts... and our continued improvements have been met with continued praise. Thank you, my Brothers, for the work you have done to make both you and your Lodge better than it was yesterday! Our Lodge visit for the month will be to Trilby Lodge (instead of our 3rd Thursday meeting), and I hope to see as many of you there as feel comfortable.

Congratulations are in order for our new Brothers, Sheehan and Tavares, who were Initiated into the Fraternity on 7/23! We have another EA Degree scheduled for 8/13, and a MM Degree on 8/27. The MM Degree will be our first opportunity to wear the professionally-made costumes for the second section... and they look a little warm, so I may be tempted to turn the AC down in preparation. In fact, you may want to volunteer to be a FC 1-9 just for the additional layer! Seriously

though, barely any floorwork and a one-word “line”. If you can help... even if you can't make practice... let Br. Angel or myself know that we can count on your attendance 8/27.

Since returning to Lodge, we have voted to add an air conditioning similar to the training room to help cool down the kitchen. This and the costumes have been items that we have long sought, and I'm happy to see us continuing to invest in improving the Lodge experience. I look forward to you seeing the changes we have made (and continue to make) whenever you feel comfortable returning to your second home!

From the Senior Warden: Brother Samuel McPherson

Hello Brethren! More than half the year has passed... 2020 has been a year of unknown but we are Masons; we make the adjustments in life and continue. We have opened Lodge but there are still some of us a bit uncomfortable because of the Pandemic. I understand as we are not all in the stage of our life where we can be voluble and not worry about it. We have family so we have to be careful of where and who we are in contact, so until then we will have our communications with the few that will brave the elements and come out. But as for the rest of our Brothers stay safe and healthy; this too shall pass.

We continue to keep W:. Graff in our prayers as he recovers at home, and all our Brothers known or not of their situations concerning them at this time.

We had a Degree on the 23rd of July. Thank you for the support of the Brethren and welcome our two newly obligated Brothers to the Fraternity! I also I want to thank our JW, Bro Ciunci for the meals being prepared and at same time adhering to the new restriction placed on the Lodge. Thank you, Brother!

Blue Lodge – William R Fischer

Blue is emphatically the color of Masonry, it is the color of the vault of heaven, which embraces and covers the whole globe. If a mason does anything under the blue sky of heaven, he should behave in a just and moral manner. He is bound by the obligation to act under the blue sky in the same manner that he does in the lodge.

My Brothers continue to be masked up, sanitized and washing hands and most of all stay healthy and safe.

Bro McPherson SW

From the Junior Warden: Brother Ray Ciunci

Well its August Brothers, and greetings from the South!!

We all continue deal with the COVID malady that besets us all. During this time in addition to using precautions that protect ourselves remember that the care that each of us takes also will help curtail the spread of the virus thereby protecting others as well. Continue to pray for our medical personnel who are working to put an end to the pandemic that looks like it may be available before too long.

I will continue to do my best to provide meals that will keep your time in the serving line to a minimum and be fulfilling as well. For me it has been a pleasure to be with my Brothers at the Lodge again.

Below you will find an interesting article I found in my travels on the Internet. I enjoyed it and I hope you will as well.

Take care and be safe.
Brother Ray Ciunci

STS. JOHN DAYS. June 24- December 27

By history, custom, tradition and ritualistic requirements, the Craft holds dear the days of St. John the Baptist on June 24, and St. John the Evangelist on December 27. No satisfactory explanation has as yet been advanced to explain why operative Masons adopted two Christian saints, when St. Thomas, the patron of architecture and building, was available.

Most Freemasons are agreed that the choice of our ancient brethren was wise. No two great teachers, preachers, wise men, saints, could have been found who better showed in their lives and works the doctrine and teachings of Freemasonry.

St. John the Evangelist apparently came into our fraternal system somewhere towards the close of the sixteenth century; at least, we find the earliest authentic lodge minute reference to St. John the evangelist in Edinborough in 1599, although earlier mentions are made in connection with that may be called relatives, if not ancestors, of our Craft. For instance "The Fraternity of St. John" existed in Cologne in 1430. "St. John's Masonry" is a distinctive term for Scotch Lodges, many of the older of which took the name of the saint. Thus, in its early records, the Lodge of Scoon and Perth is often called the Lodge of St. John, and the Lodge possesses a beautiful mural painting of the-saint, on the east wall of the lodge room.

Other Lodges denominated "St. John's Lodges" were some of those unaffiliated with either the "Moderns" or the "Ancients" in the period between establishment of the Ancients (1751) and the Reconciliation (1813).

York Rite Lessons

From what is the term "Signet of Zerubbabel" derived?

In that day saith the Lord of Hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the Lord, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the Lord of Hosts. Hag 2: 23

"There's a delight that comes with helping other people." Paul Newman

What are the requirements of every Mason?

The covenant of Masonry requires every Mason "to stand to and abide by" the laws and regulations of the Order whether expressed in the edicts of the Grand Lodge, the by-laws of his Lodge, or the Landmarks of the Institution. Ps 119: 1-8

"It takes both rain and sunshine to make a rainbow." Old Southern Proverb

What is the Masonic Law in some Jurisdictions on petitions?

In some jurisdictions, a petition when read becomes the property of the Lodge and cannot be withdrawn. 1 Jn 5: 15

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Right Excellent Companion

James F. (Robby) Robertson, KYCH

Grand King, Grand Chapter of RAM of Florida

7/15 Visit to Temple Terrace #330: Guest speaker MW Richard Lynn




7/23 EA Degree for Brothers Sheehan and Tavares. Thank you RW Steven Silvers for providing the Lecture!





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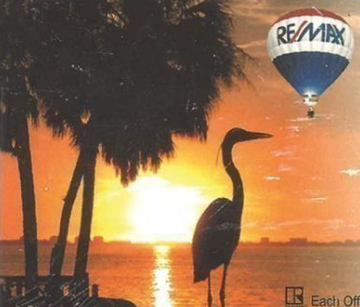
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