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We've got a FC Degree on the 17th and our Monthly Lodge visit for June is to Brandon Lodge No. 114 the 24th. We look forward to seeing you!

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

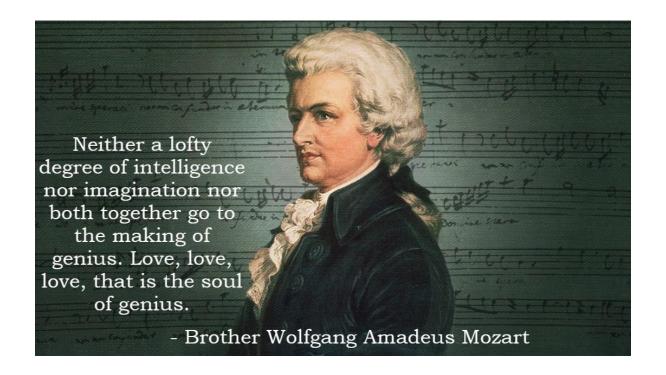




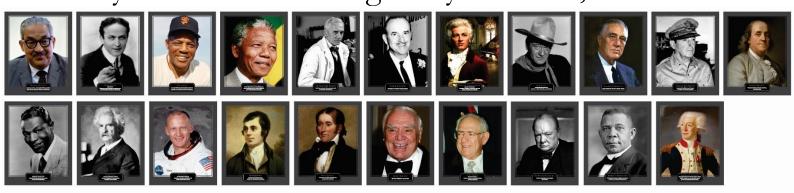


Who does J. F. Swartsel Lodge support in the community?

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
McKitrick 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



If they could do the things they did then,



imagine the things that we can do now.

A very special thank you to <u>all</u> 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

1957 W & Randolph Dey - 1965 W & Thomas B. Daughtey - 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. 2020 W & Adam S. Feldman

Your 2021 J. F. Swartsel Officers are as follows:

Worshipful Master W : Samuel McPherson

Senior Warden Brother Raymond Joseph Ciunci

Junior Warden Brother Wade Edward Angel

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 Dennis Morgan Victor Martin

Junior Deacon W .: Danilo Orlando Valdez

Senior Steward Brother Demetrios Thomas Dellis

Junior Steward Brother Joe Circhirillo

Tyler W ∴ Bahram (Tony) Hedayat

Musician Brother John Nagy

Historian W : Adam Scott Feldman







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The link is http://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-2740213



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, and if you have not paid your 2021 Dues, send them to me. If you need assistance with your Dues, or need assistance with paying online with Circumscribe, give me a call or email (813) 996-4001.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: June 2021

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- 1st No Practice due to Grand Communication
- Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.
- 8th 6:30 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.
- 11th 7:PM Masonic Park Board Meeting @ Tampa 240.
- 15th **6:30 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.**
- 16th 6:30 8:00 Commandry Practice @ J. F. Swartsel No. 251.
- 17th Fellowcraft Degree @ J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Degree at 7:30 PM.
- 7:30 PM, Friendship Chapter No. 209 Stated Meeting.
- **22nd 6:30 7:30 Degree Practice.**
- 24th Monthly Lodge Visit: Brandon Lodge No. 114, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Meeting at 7:30 PM
- 25th 6:30 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County.
- 26th 8:30 Noon, Open Books @ Tampa Scottish Rite.
- 28th 6 − 8:30 PM, Zone 4a MLT Presentation by W : Feldman on ZOOM. Modules 10, 11, 12, 14, 15
- 29th 6:30 7:30 Degree Practice.

July 1st DDGM OFFICIAL VISIT to J.F. Swartsel Lodge

From the Editor: Worshipful Adam Feldman

My Brothers,

I will be conducting an MLT Workshop on Zoom Monday, June 28th starting at 6pm, and will be covering modules 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15. If you are in need of any or all of these modules, please register ahead of time by using the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqdO-vqzovHdy1CiUWziTbsa0DDvEK4mcj

You can also find more information about this session including a link to register by...

- Visiting our Lodge's Facebook page
- Visiting our website at jfswartsel251.org, scrolling to the bottom and clicking on Masonic Leadership Training
- Emailing me: brotherfeldman@gmail.com
- Calling/Texting me: 727-504-7671

The smart money is on legislation getting passed at this year's Grand Communication that will require you to have completed all 15 Masonic Leadership Training modules prior to be installed in the South, West, or East. Even if you aren't intending on "running for office" any time soon... you've got the guy who is authorized to give credit for these courses in your own Lodge for the next 12 months, so it would behoove you to take advantage of it while I'm still the dude. Needless to say... you know a guy!

From the Worthy Matron: Elizabeth McAbee

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Friendship Chapter had its annual School of Instruction on May 3. It was nice to have so many attend to review our floor and other work since the pandemic impacted how we did our meetings last year. On May 17, those from District 16 who received 2021-2022 Grand Appointments were honored. Sister Nancy Richardson was pleasantly surprised to receive her credentials as Grand Representative of Maine in Florida. Other members of Friendship Chapter with Grand Appointments this year include: Ivy Cranford and Suzan Moore, Credentials Committee, 2 years; Claudine Rogers, Chairman of E.S.T.A.R.L. (Eastern Star Training and Religious Leadership) Main Committee; Elaine Howell, District 16 Chairman of S.H.E.A.F. (Student Higher Education Award Fund); Judi Dorn, District 16 Chairman of the Worthy Grand Matron's Special Project, Cancer; Gene McAbee, Worthy Grand Matron's/Worthy Grand Patron's Special Appointment, Forget-Me-Not. I am serving on a new committee: Tuition Grant Program to pay for Florida high school seniors, including home schooled students, graduating in 2022 first year's tuition entering an accredited college, university, junior, community college or vocational institution.

We will have an ice cream social and those interested will paint coasters with a patriotic design on June 7. June 21 is our last meeting before our summer break and we will celebrate Landmark Night in our Chapter. Our Worthy Patron will also honor our nation's flag and we will honor our fathers and Masonic brothers.

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 Matthew 5:16

Worshipful Master: Brother Sam McPherson

Brothers, there is a light at the end of the tunnel; we are almost out of the Pandemic. People are being vaccinated, masks are being regulated, and businesses are opening back up. Best of all, Brothers are returning to the Lodge. Thank you, it was great seeing each of you back in Lodge! By the time you read this, the 192nd Grand Communication will have been completed. Hopefully, ALL the Legislation that was presented and voted upon went the way that best serves the Craft and our Fraternity.

I would like to Congratulate Brs. Mohammed Khalid Aldaraji and James Douglas Lee on beginning your travels through Freemasonry enjoy the journey.

There are a few Brothers that are going above and beyond by doing certain jobs and repairing, cleaning, or whatever it takes. I want to personally thank each of you, you know who you are. Thanks, without you our Lodge would not be as it is today.

We will be starting our Fish Fry back in the Fall so Brothers, we will need your participation to make it successful please plan accordingly. We will be visiting Brandon Lodge 114, June 24th, 2021 6:30 PM dinner Lodge 7:30PM hope to see you there.

This month talk: The Five points of Fellowship (William R Fischer)

There are duties owing by every Mason to his brethren. By allusion to certain points of the body, we are taught the Five Points of Fellowships.

1. To Serve 2.Pray For 3.Keep secrets of 4.Support 5.Counsel

We must be constantly reminded of these points so we will not lose sight of them once we leave the Lodge. More the Brother who does not attend than he who attends regularly. As always, we forgive the Brother who does not frequent the Lodge. We should because we know not the reason for his absence.

The five points of fellowship are a daily responsibility and should become a habit. They should be so familiar to us, that we would act upon them with no more thought, than would be given to washing your hands or opening a door. We constantly help, or serve our family, our Brothers, our friends, and even strangers when we see a need. We pray for others and ourselves, for strength and for peace. We diligently keep the secrets from our detractors, from the ignorant, from the obsessed. We support those who try to make life better, and we support those who fail. Then we counsel them. So, they may have more knowledge, more understanding......... More Light.

Until we meet again

Fraternally,

McPherson WM

From the Senior Warden: Brother Ray Ciunci

Greetings from the West Brothers!!

Hello Brothers – we are continuing to move through the year very quickly! We are already through almost half of it. Brothers, if you have been fully vaccinated, I encourage you to return to the Lodge. Many Brothers have already done so and it's really been a pleasure to see them.

The Lodge is really rocking along. We continue to bring in new members and we are seeing frequent catechism givebacks. We are also in the midst of planning several major physical improvements. Bottom line is the vibe is very upbeat, and the Junior Warden has been serving some **really** great meals. It's become a really happy place. At my writing I am one week from traveling to Grand Lodge and will tell you more about that in my next article. It's my first one and I am looking forward to it.

Please continue to pray for our Military, First Responders, Medical Personnel, and Brothers who are under the weather. Our past DDGM, Chuck Osborne, is back in Lodge and doing well. We have had a few other Brothers dealing with a few minor injuries but are now back and on the mend.

We will be going to the Grand Communication this month – it's my first one and I am looking forward to it! The following is an interesting set of masonic related definitions – some are basic but most are informative. Hope you enjoy!

Brother Ray Ciunci, SW

BEEHIVE: Symbolic of systematized industry. What one may not be able to accomplish alone may be easily performed when all work together at one task.

BLAZING STAR: Symbol of light; of Divine direction in the journey through life; symbolizes a true Freemason who, by perfecting himself in the way of truth (knowledge), becomes like a blazing star. In English lodges, symbolizes sun which enlightens the earth, dispensing its blessings to all mankind and giving light and life to all things.

BLUE LODGE. A term which has grown into use over the years meaning the three degrees of the lodge, or Symbolic Masonry. In the early years, Master Masons wore blue lined aprons. Blue is symbolic of perfection, benevolence, truth, universal friendship, fidelity.

BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS: An emblem of law signifying that our moral and spiritual character is grounded in law and order and that no man can live a satisfying life who lives lawlessly.

BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS GUARDED BY THE TYLER'S SWORD: An admonishment to the Mason that he should be guarded in his words and actions; obedience to the law.

BOOK OF THE LAW: The sacred book which reveals the will of God. To Christians, the Bible; to the Brahman, the Vedas, etc.

BRETHREN: The term is used in speaking of Masons, and in this connection is preferable to "brothers."

BROKEN COLUMN: Columns or pillars were used among the early Hebrews to signify nobles or princes; it is from such that we get the expression "pillar of the church." Masonically, the broken column refers to the fall of one of the chief supporters of the Craft; an untimely death.

CLANDESTINE: not regular.

CABLE TOW: The tie by which the candidate is bound to his brethren; the length of a Mason's cable tow is the scope of his ability to go to the relief of a brother in need. In early years the distance was three miles; in present time it is usually considered about forty miles.

CALENDAR, MASONIC: Masons date their official documents in a manner peculiar to themselves. The various dates for the different bodies are based on important points in history.

CANOPY: a tent-like covering. "Canopy of heaven", the sky.

CARDINAL POINTS: East: Wisdom; West: Strength; South: Beauty; North: Darkness.

CARDINAL VIRTUES: Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and justice are virtues of morality as laid down by Plato. Cardinal comes from the Latin cardo meaning "chief or fundamental."

CATECHISM: Instructions of Freemasonry.

CELESTIAL CANOPY: Symbolic covering of the lodge; heavenly.

CEMENT: Brotherly love binds Freemasons of all countries, races and creeds in one common brotherhood.

CHALK, CHARCOAL, AND CLAY: Freedom, fervency, and zeal.

CHAPITERS: the ornamental tops or capitals of pillars.

CHARTER: a document setting forth a set of granted rights and privileges given by the Grand Lodge to the constituent Lodge at the time of Constitution. The Master is its custodian, and must see to its security at all times. The charter must be in the Lodge room during all communications of the Lodge, preferably in the Master's charge, but it may be on the Secretary's desk, or in the archives of the Lodge. It should not be framed to hang on the wall. The request of a visitor to inspect the charter in advance be granted or refused. Should the charter be lost or destroyed, the Grand Master or Grand

Secretary should be notified at once. Pending the issuing of a duplicate charter, a permission, or dispensation to continue work should be obtained from the Grand Master.

CHASTEN: To correct by discipline.

CIRCLE: A figure which has neither beginning nor end and symbolizes eternity; the universe.

CIRCURNAMBULATION: The movement is in imitation of the apparent course of the sun, and so is in the form of an ellipse. After the obligation the Senior Deacon with the candidate should make all turns square.

CIRCUMSCRIBED: literally encircled hence limited.

CLOTHED, PROPERLY: With white gloves and apron, and the jewel of his Masonic rank. Today the gloves are usually dispensed with.

COLUMNS: From the Latin culmen meaning "a pillar to support or adorn a building."

COLUMNS, WARDENS: While the lodge is at work the columns are erect and horizontal, respectively; while on refreshment, such positions are reversed.

COMMUNICATIONS: The meetings of a Symbolic lodge.

COMPASS: A mathematical instrument for dividing and drawing circles; an instrument indicating the magnetic meridian.

COMPASSES: One of the Working Tools. Freemasons have adopted the plural spelling to distinguish it from the magnetic compass.

CORNICE: The ornamented slab placed above the capital of a pillar, and extending beyond it.

COWANS: profanes, pretenders, intruders, particularly those seeking to obtain the secrets of Masonry unlawfully.

CORNUCOPIA: The horn of plenty; a symbol of abundance.

CORN, WINE, AND OIL: Three elements of consecration. In ancient times these were regarded as the basic commodities for the support of life and constituted the wealth of the people. Today in the U.S. we think of corn as maize, but the original meaning is an edible grain or cereal. The Hebrew word for corn means "to be increased or to multiply."

From the Junior Warden: Brother Wade Angel

J. F. Swartsel Lodge #251 F&AM continues to make people take notice.

Everywhere I go, the Brothers of Districts 19 and 20 have nothing but good things to say about our Lodge. Our Brothers are out there visiting other Lodges, and more and more Brothers from our Lodge are joining committees and taking on leadership roles within the District. In fact, 5 of RWDDGM Tom Newton's 11 selections for his traveling committee are members of J.F. Swartsel! We should all be very proud of our Lodge.

Now is when we need more Brothers to come forward to help with Lodge events. We can (and will) be doing more for our Lodge in terms of events and activities. If you have a good idea for an event that we can all participate in let us know. Fishing trips, golf outings, park outings, dinners, you name it. Now that we can get out and actually do things, we should take advantage of it. It is also a good way to get out in the community and show everyone who we are what the fraternity means to us. Have a good month Brothers.

York Rite Lessons

Companions and Sir Knights,

In Masonry, what art does Geometry refer to?

Among mathematical science, Geometry is the one which has the most especial referenced to architecture, and we can, therefore, under the name of Geometry, understand the whole art of Freemasonry. In Anderson's book of constitutions, Freemasonry is frequently called Geometry, and of the latter he said the whole being of the Order is comprehended in it. Freemasons therefore ought to make themselves intimately acquainted with Geometry. It is not absolutely necessary to be able to deduce all our actions, works, or resolutions from Geometrical principles. 1 Co 3: 9-17

"How you and those dear to you live earns your reputation; how you and those dear to you face death reveals your character." John William Russell III

What does the name Mt. Moriah symbolize?

Mt. Moriah, where the Temple was built is symbolically called the ground floor of the Lodge. This sacred spot was once the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, and from him David purchased the site for the Temple for six hundred shekels of gold. 1 Ch 21: 18-25

"Truth will ultimately prevail where pains is taken to bring it to light." Brother George Washington

What was "Lily Work" used for in the Temple?

The Lily is an emblem of peace and purity. It occupied a conspicuous place among the ornaments of the Temple furniture. "And on top of the pillars was lily work and so was the work of the pillars finished." 1 K 7: 22

"If we really want to love, we must learn to forgive." Mother Teresa

What is the derivation of the word Mason?

As a practical question, we are compelled to reject all fanciful derivations which connect the Masons etymologically and historically with the Greeks, the Egyptians, or the Druids, and to take the word Mason in its ordinary signification, of a worker in stone, and thus indicated the origin of the Order from a society or association of practical and operative builders. We need no better root than the Medieval Latin (Maconner), to build, (Maconetus), a Builder. 1 K: 13-22

"Aerodynamically, the bumblebee shouldn't be able to fly. But the bumblebee doesn't know it. So it keeps flying." Mary Kay Ash

What is the philosophical basis of Masonry?

Involves the history of its origin, an inquiry into the ideas that lie at its base, an investigation of its peculiar form, an analytical study of its several degrees, and a developments of the ideas which are illustrated by its ritualistic emblems, myths and veiled allegories and which speak through its sublime system of symbols. Ac 17: 16-21

"If you would be loved, love and be lovable." Benjamin Franklin

Most Excellent Companion James F. (Robby) Robertson, KYCH Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of RAM of Florida Laus Deo

Your humble and obedient servant

What have we been up to?

5/5: Worshipful Feldman led MLT instruction, followed by District School with guest instructor, RW Tony Chavez, who walked us through the MM 2nd Section, and awarded the Column for the most members in attendance to J.F. Swartsel for the 1st time this year!

Preparing Your Successor

The late Roberto Goizueta, former Chairman of Coca Cola, once said,

"Leadership is one of the things you cannot delegate. You either exercise it, or you abdicate it."

Actually, there is a third choic You pass it on to your successor.

Worshipful Master, prepare or successor!

5/6: At our Stated Communication, we were honored to receive our new (by the time you're reading this) Junior Grand Warden, RW Don Cowart, and the Grand Orator and Honorary Member of J.F. Swartsel, RW Tony Chavez into the Lodge. Thank you both, and good luck in the travels that await!



5/13: Degree saw 38 Masons in attendance at the opening gavel, and 40 by the closing! Thank you to our Br. John Nagy for providing the music, and thank you Worshipful Rob Hosmonek from PTF United No. 153, for coming up to provide a truly riveting lecture! Thank you to all who came out to welcome Brs. Aldaraji and Lee into the



5/26: Worshipful Marty Greif was invited to speak at John Darling Lodge No. 154 on the subject of building a strong Lodge... and was naturally accompanied by a few from J.F. Swartsel (8). Thank you to the Brothers of John Darling for your hospitality, and congratulations to Worshipful Master Roger Turgeon on the good news!



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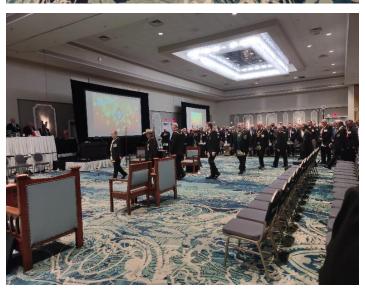
























Masonic Spotlight – Daniel Carter

Daniel Carter Beard was an American illustrator, author and youth leader.

Beard was born on June 21st, 1850 in Cincinnati, Ohio. As a young man he spent his times wandering in the woods and making sketches of nature. He moved with his family to Covington, Kentucky. In Kentucky he learned the stories of the pioneer life there, information that would serve him well later in life.

Early in his career Beard worked as an engineer and a surveyor. He also attended art school in New York City. There he began writing a series of articles for *St. Nicholas Magazine*. The articles would be later turned into one of Beard's books called the *The American Boy's Handy Book*. The book contained projects for young men to engage in, outdoors and in all seasons. Beard also began illustrating books, including illustrations for Mark Twain. In 1905, Beard founded the Sons of Daniel Boone, a youth organization for boys. At the same time he was writing articles under the name of Sons of Daniel Boone for *Recreation Magazine*.



He later moved the articles to *Woman's Home Companion*. Due to a conflict with a new editor he moved the article once again, only this time *Woman's Home Companion* owned the title so he changed the name of the organization to Boy Pioneers of America.

In 1910, Beard merged his organization with the newly formed Boy Scouts of America (BSA). He became one of the first National Scout Commissioners and served in the position for 30 years. He would also later become the editor of *Boy's Life* the official magazine of the BSA.

Beard would also go on to help his sister establish the Campfire Girls, an organization at it's founding taught camping and other outdoor activities to girls. Over the years it has since become co-ed and in 2001 changed it's name to Camp Fire USA and in 2012 just Camp Fire.

In 1915, at the age of 64, Beard received his Eagle Scout. Prior to the establishment of the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award, an award given to those who have attained their Eagle Scout and within 25 years of attaining it distinguish themselves in their profession or community, Beard was awarded the only "gold Eagle badge" in 1922.

Beard passed away on June 11th, 1941 just before his 91st birthday.

Beard was a member of Mariner's Lodge No. 67 in New York. BSA offers an award called the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter award which is given to Freemasons who act as role models and provide dedicate service to the young men of the BSA.

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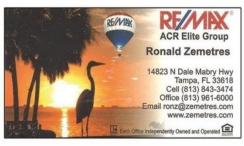


"Soft and safe be the earthly bed of our Brother; bright and glorious be his rising from it. Fragrant be the acacia spring which shall flourish there. May the earliest buds of spring unfold their beauties over his resting place, and, in the bright morning of the world's resurrection, may his soul spring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



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