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We are traveling to A.W. Windhorst on the 12<sup>th</sup>, and will be hosting a very special MM Degree on 8/24. Brothers from around District 19 and beyond will be filling the Lodge, and we'd love to count you among them!

**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

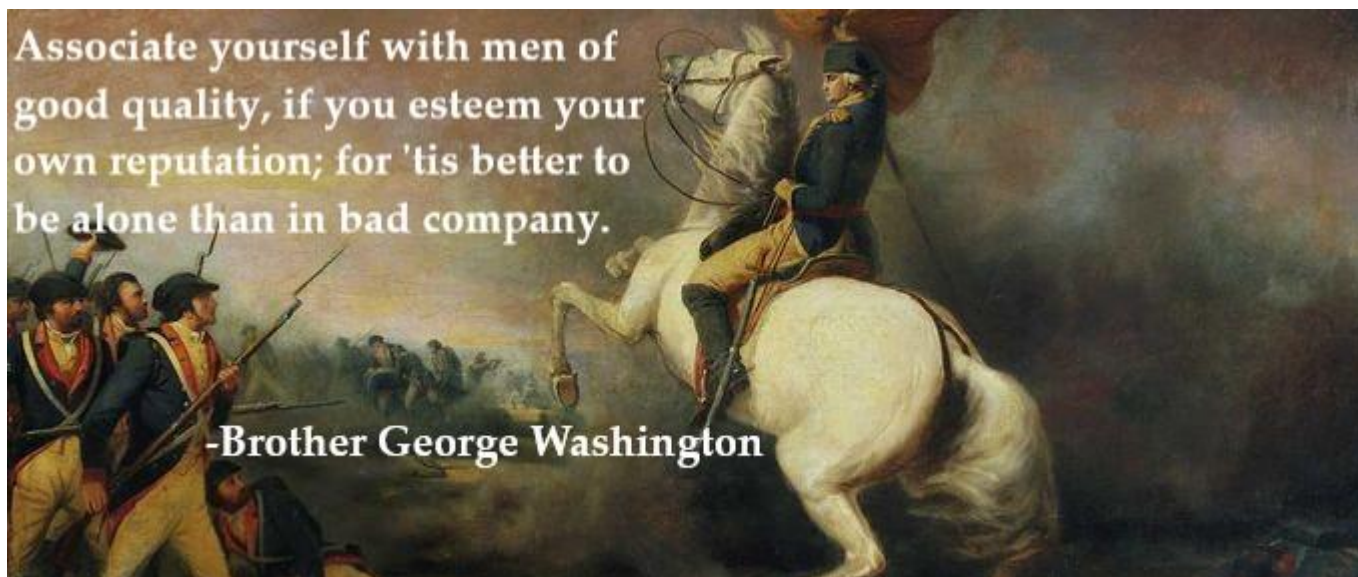
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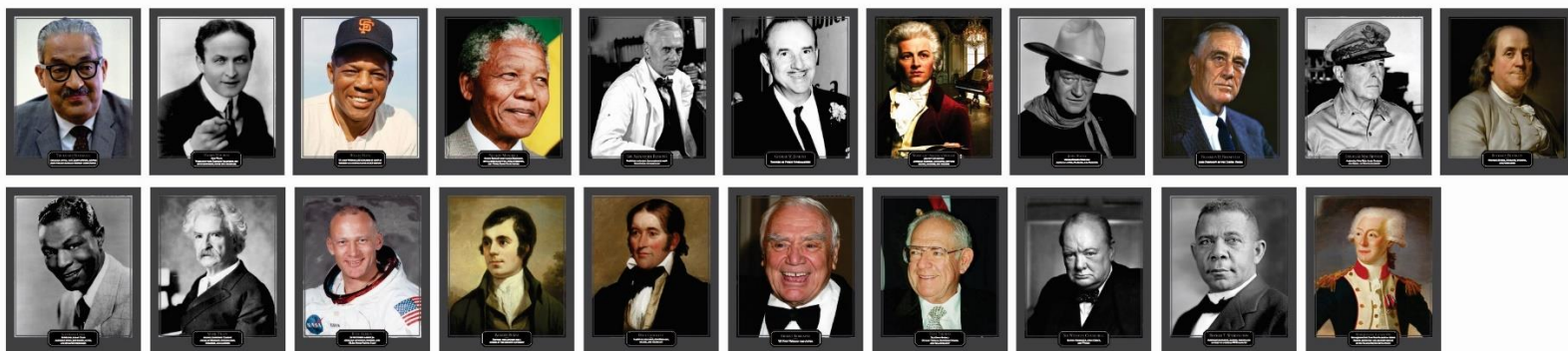
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 De Molay (Hillsborough County)  
 Shriners’ Hospital  
 Lifepath Hospice  
 Jobs’ Daughters  
 Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg



If they could do the things they did then,



imagine the things that we can do now.

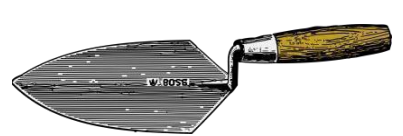
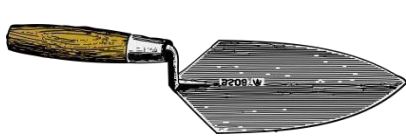
**A very special thank you to all of J.F. Swartsel's Past Masters - Who laid the foundation for us to build upon**

**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**

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 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  
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**Junior Deacon** W ∴ Danilo Orlando Valdez  
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**R.:W.: Ronald E. Stanley - R.:W.: Donald R. Bell - Mark L. Lager - Daniel Allen - Brad Sollberger - Ernest P. Sidlow**

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## Chair Chatter

### From the Secretary: Worshipful David Lambert, Sr.

Brethren,

If you have changed your address please give me a call @ (813) 838-7705 or email me at [dlambert7907@gmail.com](mailto:dlambert7907@gmail.com) so I can update your records.

#### **Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: August 2021.**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.**
- 4<sup>th</sup> 6:PM – 7:PM MLT, 7:PM – 8:PM District School of Instruction @ John Darling Lodge**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.**
- 12<sup>th</sup> Monthly Lodge Visit: A.W. Windhorst No. 185, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 13<sup>th</sup> 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ Tampa 240.**
- 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.**
- 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00 Commandry Practice @ J. F. Swartsel No. 251.**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> MLT Zone School on Zoom (Modules 1-5). Contact W.: Feldman to register ([brotherfeldman@gmail.com](mailto:brotherfeldman@gmail.com))**
- 24<sup>th</sup> MM Degree at J.F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Degree begins at 7:30 PM.**
- 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County.**
- 28<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – Noon, Open Books @ Tampa Scottish Rite.**
- 28<sup>th</sup> 5:PM – 6:PM Registration, 6:PM thru 8:PM Dinner, Grand Masters Official Visit, 19 & 20 Districts, Saturday, Aug 28, 2021. @ The New Egypt Shrine 5017 E Washington St, Tampa, FL 33619**
- 31<sup>st</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice.**

### From the Editor: Worshipful Adam Feldman

My Brothers,

There are a couple particularly interesting items on the calendar above this article worth taking note of. The first is our Lodge visit that was scheduled for Tampa Bay 252 has been changed to A.W. Windhorst on the 12<sup>th</sup>. They just beat us out for the tie at the last Master Mason Association meeting... but we can still bring more people to their meeting than they do!

I'm hosting a series of MLT sessions on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the next three months via Zoom. (Modules 1-5 August, Modules 6-10 September, and Modules 11-15 October). I will be assisted by RW Mike Rhoades (District 18 MLT Chair) and RW Chuck Dyer (District 20 Chair). If you need any or all of these modules, you will never find it easier to obtain completion than over the next three months. I've already told the State Chair that I'm not doing MLT again next year, so you might as well get yours done while you still "know a guy".

I have been given the privilege of sitting in the East and assigning the remaining chairs for the MM Degree on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Since the DDGM has visits the first two Tuesdays of August, Wade, Marty, Jeff, Stephen, and myself won't be at practice and will only be able to attend the last practice before the Degree on the 17<sup>th</sup>. For this reason, I am taking the opportunity to stack our lineup with Brothers from all around District 19 for the second section. Not only does this mean that JFS can focus on delivering an impeccable first section, but the invitation to Brothers from other Lodges should bring extra Traveling Men as spectators... filling our sidelines for the newly obligated Master(s) (could be up to 4)

Roscoe Love is delivering the Lecture, Tony Chavez the charge, roles will be filled by the sitting RHDI and RWDDGM of District 19, and we may even have an appearance by the Deputy Grand Master. Come on out and enjoy the Fellowship... it should be a great show!

**Finally, the Fish Fry is coming back in September! This is an excellent fundraiser and gets us out in the community. Please help us in making this first one back a success!**



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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Friendship Chapter is dark during July and August. Please remember to mark your calendar to join us for the following events:

- Tuesday, July 27, 7:00 p.m.: Proficiency Group at Mystic Chapter (Temple Terrace Lodge, 11807 N. 56<sup>th</sup> St., 33617). A wonderful opportunity to discuss any updates and review/clarify floor work, ritual, laws, and other items.
- Sunday, August 8: Outing to Tampa Theatre (711 N. Franklin St., 33602). Join us to see “Singing in the Rain” on the big screen! Meet in front of the theatre at 2:30 p.m. for the 3:00 p.m. showing. Tickets purchased at the door. After the movie, we’ll go to an early dinner as a group.
- Sunday, August 22, 2:00 p.m.: Rob Morris covered dish luncheon at Palma Ceia Chapter (Windhorst Lodge, 5011 N. Nebraska Ave., Tampa, 33603). Friendship Chapter members bring side dishes (salad, baked beans, chips...). Bring your family and join us as we honor our founder.
- Monday, September 20, 7:30 p.m.: Our Chapter will honor The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls. If you have been active with Rainbow in any way, please join us as we share our favorite memories.
- Monday, October 4, 6:00 p.m.: Joint Dinner with Swartsel Lodge to honor our First Responders of HCSO – District I (North Central County) and HCFR –Lutz and Van Dyke). Detailed information next month.

Have a safe and restful summer. Praying you’re blessed...

In His and fraternal love,

Elizabeth C McAbee  
Worthy Matron  
813/494-6210



## **Worshipful Master: Brother Sam McPherson**

August is upon us, and a new school year will begin shortly. We once again will be collecting school supplies for the students at McKittrick Elementary School. The donation bin is located to the right of the entrance to our dining room. Please remember to pick up crayons, glue, pencils, backpacks, paper, notebooks, etc. for the kids. We will make our delivery to McKittrick Elementary around the first week in September. You still have plenty of time to make donations, and these donations are important and greatly appreciated by the teachers and students.

Congratulations to our new Brothers James R. Carner and Justin R. Cote on their journey in Freemasonry. Remember your new Brethren are here to help you receive Light.

I wish all the Brothers born in August Happy Birthday... enjoy your special day!

**Brethren the Fish Fry is coming back to J.F. Swartsel on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021!** Get ready... INVITE, INVITE friends, neighbors, and everyone else to come out. It will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month; see you there.

Our monthly visit for August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, will be A.W. Windhorst No. 185. We visited PTF United 153 this past month WOW!! What an elegant Lodge and great enjoyment was had by all! Thank you brothers for participating; we travel well.

This month question: What is the significance of The Cable Tow (Masonic find.com)

A cable-tow is usually attached to a Mason’s robe. In the ancient days, cable was a strong rope used to tie together with heavy objects on a raft. A tow was also a rope used for pulling objects. A cable-tow, therefore, was a robust heavy rope used for binding and pulling objects. In Freemasonry, the cable-tow is a visible symbol of a person’s pledge to the craft. It

represents a vow that a Mason will fulfill his duties and help a fellow brother to his full capability. The length of the cable tow indicates the extent to which a member is willing to go in assisting a fellow Mason.

That is why the length of a cable tow is significant in Freemason. The cable-tow can be related to the cord that unites a mother and child during birth. After a child is delivered, the physical bond between them is cut and replaced with unconditional love. During initiation, the cable-tow is removed from the candidate because the vow taken on the altar is stronger than a visible tie. It becomes a moral constraint bounding a person to Brotherly love in the craft. The bond becomes a two-way traffic where a person is linked to Freemason, and Freemason is bound to the person.

S. McPherson WM

### **From the Senior Warden: Brother Ray Ciunci**

Greetings from the West Brothers!!

Hello Brothers! – we are in August and things continue to move fast!

Brothers, I know I'm sounding like a broken record, but I'll repeat myself – Please be sure to get yourselves fully vaccinated if you have not already done so. If you have been fully vaccinated, I continue to encourage you to return to the Lodge.

The Lodge is filling up again. I have to tell you, the returning Brothers see a lot of smiling faces of Brothers who are happy to see them back. So come on back!! Our various functions are starting up again it: we had a family night on July 29<sup>th</sup>, and it won't be long before the Fish Fry starts up again. Brother Frank Penny recently received his masonic 55 yr. service pin. It was great to see. Frank is a really remarkable guy and Brother!

Please continue to pray for our Military, First Responders, Medical Personnel, and Brothers who are under the weather.

The following is a continuing look at masonic related definitions – some are basic but most are informative. Hope you enjoy!

**ECLIPTIC:** the imaginary line followed on the earth's surface by the direct ray of the sun during the year. It makes an angle of 23' 27" with the equator. Jerusalem is located in approximately 31' 30" north attitude, that is, approximately 7' 3" north of the ecliptic.

**EAR, THE ATTENTIVE OR LISTENING:** The Hebrew word means not only to hear, but to understand and to obey.

**EAST:** From the Sun worshipers down through the ages, the East has always been considered the most honored place because the Sun rises in the East and is the region from which light rises.

**EAVESDROPPER:** One who attempts to listen surreptitiously; literally, one standing under the eaves and thus gets only the "droppings."

**EMBLEM:** A representation of an idea by a visible object; a symbolical figure or design.

**EMBLEMATICAL:** symbolical, representing.

**EMBROIDERED:** having a border.

**ENTERED APPRENTICE:** In Operative Masonry the apprenticeship lasted seven years; if then found acceptable, the apprentice's name was entered on the books of the lodge and he was given a recognized place in the craft organization.

EUCLID: the first mathematician to Systematize the science of geometry.

EXAMINATION: the examination of a brother to determine his geniuses should not aim at displaying the committee's knowledge. It is a test of the visitor. He need not be able to answer questions from the Posting Lecture. He should know the signs, grips, and words.

EXPULSION: Forcible ejection from membership for such reasons as un-Masonic conduct, crimes, etc. It is the most severe of Masonic penalties and deprives the person of all rights and privileges formerly enjoyed from his lodge and the Fraternity as a whole.

Brother Ray Ciunci, SW

### **From the Junior Warden: Brother Wade Angel**

It has been a busy time for our Degree team lately. We have had two Degrees recently with more on the way. It is a good problem to have in that it means our Lodge is growing, but we need more Brothers to come forward and help with our ceremonies. There are parts that are non-speaking or have just 1 or 2 lines that are easy to remember. We always need Tylers. It would be nice to have someone other than a Lodge Officer volunteer for things.

We are starting the fish fry back up on September 17<sup>th</sup>. We are starting the family nights back up. We are proposing more activities for the year. We need to have more participation from our Brothers. It does not have to be a big commitment. Every little task is appreciated.

It was announced at the last meeting that our Senior Deacon, Brother Martin will be retiring and moving back to his native Scotland. He will be forever missed in the Lodge. And yes Dennis, we will miss our wife's baking too. We are already looking for your first visit back. This will also create a big hole in the Officer's line. We will need Brothers to help out here as well. The only thing constant is change, and not having Brother Martin in Lodge will be a HUGE change.

Fraternally Yours,

Wade E. Angel, Junior Warden

## **York Rite Lessons**

This week's York Rite Lesson comes to us from our Grand King, R.E. Companion John Gray. This is an excerpt from his paper on the Four Veils.

Why four veils when there were 12 tribes of Israel and how did they come about?

According to the Holy Bible in the book of Numbers, Chapter 2, explains the origination of the four veils which was by God's command to Moses and Aaron that Camps will be set within the tribes located in the East by the tribe of Judah, South by the tribe of Reuben, West by the tribe Ephraim, and North by the tribe of Dan, the other Tribes fell under their command of the chosen Captain for each camp and armies were formed for the defense and protection of the children of Israel and the Tabernacle. Exodus chapter 26 verse 31 through 37 describes the Color of the veils and how they were presented. At the second building of the Temple there is no mention of the Veils by name, so it was by God's command, that the names were adopted from the passage of biblical history.

"The past is never where you think you left it." Katherine Anne Porter

What are the wages of a Master Mason?

The operative Mason in ancient times, received as compensation for his labor corn, wine, and oil-- the products of the earth --or whatever would contribute to his physical comfort and support. His labor being material, his wages were outward and material. The Free and Accepted Mason, on the other hand, performs a moral work, and hence his reward is interior and spiritual. The enlightened brother finds his reward in the grand and gratifying results of his studies, and in the joyous results of his Masonic deeds. Col. 4: 1

“The purpose of life, after all, is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.” Eleanor Roosevelt

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## Pure Ancient Masonry and the royal Arch

This phrase has a special place in English Masonry and nowhere else—indeed nowhere else is the Royal Arch so closely aligned to the Craft as in England. It seems to have also acquired the added definition these days in England as ‘the completion of the Third Degree’ ... A Questioning Eye on Freemasonry by John Belton

“The best and most beautiful things in life cannot be seen or even touched...they must be felt with the heart.” Helen Keller

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The central idea of the entire system of Freemasonry is the loss and recovery of **The Word**, symbolizing death and resurrection, the ending of the present, and the beginning of future life. The History and Symbolism of Royal Arch Masonry by Edward R. Graham

“A good scare is worth more to a man than good advice.” Edgar Wilson Howe

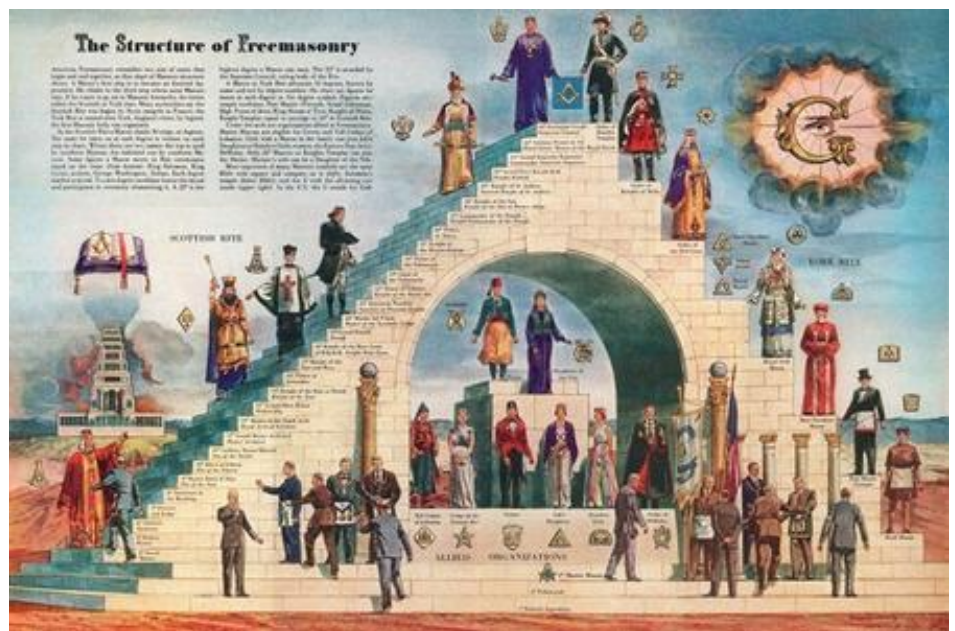
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“The symbol on the Royal Arch apron is the triple tau, within a triangle, within a circle. The apron is of the traditional Masonic type with a triangle over a square which symbolizes that the spiritual world, as represented by the triangle, is above the material world, as represented by the square. The triangle is the symbol of Deity and the circle represents one’s belief in immortality.” The History and Symbolism of Royal Arch Masonry by Edward R. Graham

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29: 11

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Grand Chapter of RAM of Florida  
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# WHAT

## Have we been up to?

**7/1: Starting July off with a bang! J.F. Swartsel hosted RWDDGM Tom Newton at his Official Visit to 251. The meal was fantastic, and the Lodge well-attended. RW Newton presented Worshipful Rich Andrews with his 50 year service award! RW Newton has agreed to be "Third Base" in our upcoming August 24<sup>th</sup> MM Degree. After the meeting, the fellowship continued at our usual stomping grounds... a great time was had by all!**





**7/15: Our Brother and long time Chaplain of JF Swartsel Br. Frank Penny received his 55 year service Award at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Stated Communication of the month.**

**If something has been cleaned, sorted, mowed, or upkept and you aren't certain who did it... it's a safe assumption that it's Brother Frank working to keep our Lodge as beautiful as it is!**

**Congratulations Brother Penny, and thank you for your tireless effort in support of our Lodge and Fraternity!**



**7/20: The Brothers of JFS traveled to PTF United No. 153 to see their newly-renovated Lodge and learn about the oldest Masonic records ever discovered, dating back to 1599 from Scotland! It was a fascinating presentation, and well attended by Swartsel. Thank you to the Brothers of PTF United for your warm hospitality, as always!**







**7/22: Congratulations to our two new EAs, for taking their first steps in Freemasonry! Thank you Worshipful Rob Hosmonek for the lecture, and thank you to the two new EAs from PTF United and Worshipful McClelland for returning the favor and coming up to see us! Remember Brothers, we have a special MM Degree on 8/24!**



**7/23: We tried to bring the tie home to you Brothers, but we needed more than three of us!**

**We had a good time regardless, and continued the fellowship at Brickhouse after the meeting adjourned.**



**7/24: It is with heavy hearts and full stomachs that we said goodbye to our friend and Brother Dennis Martin over dinner at Villagio's in Lutz. Our SD has retired from the Port of Tampa and is moving back to his native Scotland. Thank you Dennis, for your zeal and enthusiasm. You will be missed, but we hope to see you soon... whether it's you coming to us or us coming to you!**





## **“The Master’s Apron”, by Robert Burns**

There's many a badge that's very grand;  
With ribbon, lace and tape on;  
Let kings and princes wear them all,  
Give me the Master's apron!  
The honest craftsman's apron,  
The jolly Freemason's apron,  
Be he at home or roam afar,  
Before his touch fall bolt and bar,  
The gates of fortune fly ajar,  
When he but wears the apron!  
For wealth and honor, pride and power  
are crumbling stones to base on;  
Eternity should rule the hour,  
and every worthy Mason!  
Each Free Accepted Mason,  
Each Ancient Crafted Mason.  
Then Brethren, let a wholesome song  
Arouse your friendly ranks along.  
Good wives and children blithely sing  
To the ancient badge with the apron string  
That is worn by the Master Masons!



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