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Please review the proposed budget for 2022 on Pages 4-5  
We will be having a FC Degree on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Come out  
and support our newest FCs and Degree Team!

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

W<sup>a</sup> Jerry M. Snell, Jr. - W<sup>a</sup> Stephen Edson – Br. Raymond Ciunci – Br. Allan A. Jenkins

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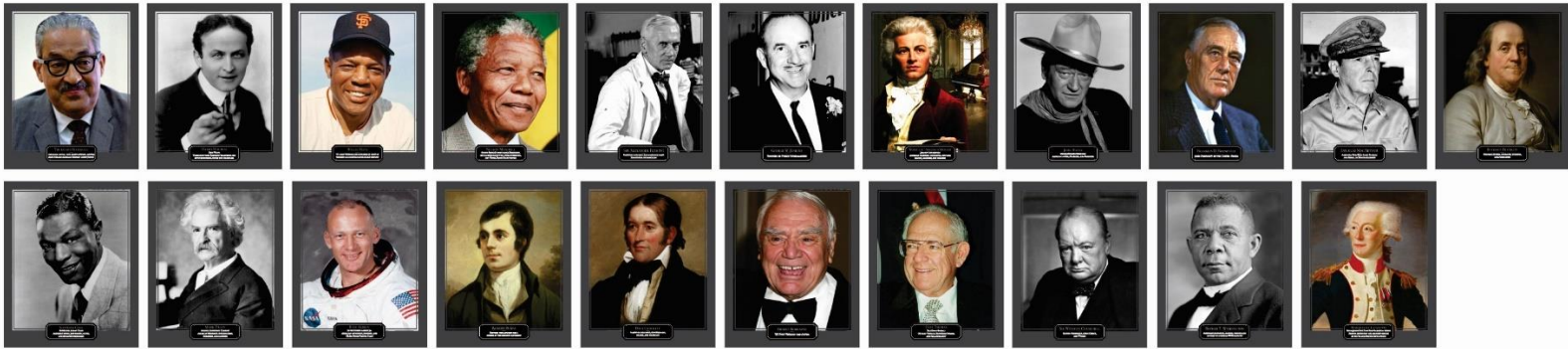
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**Who does J. F. Swartsel Lodge support in the community?**

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  
“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.

**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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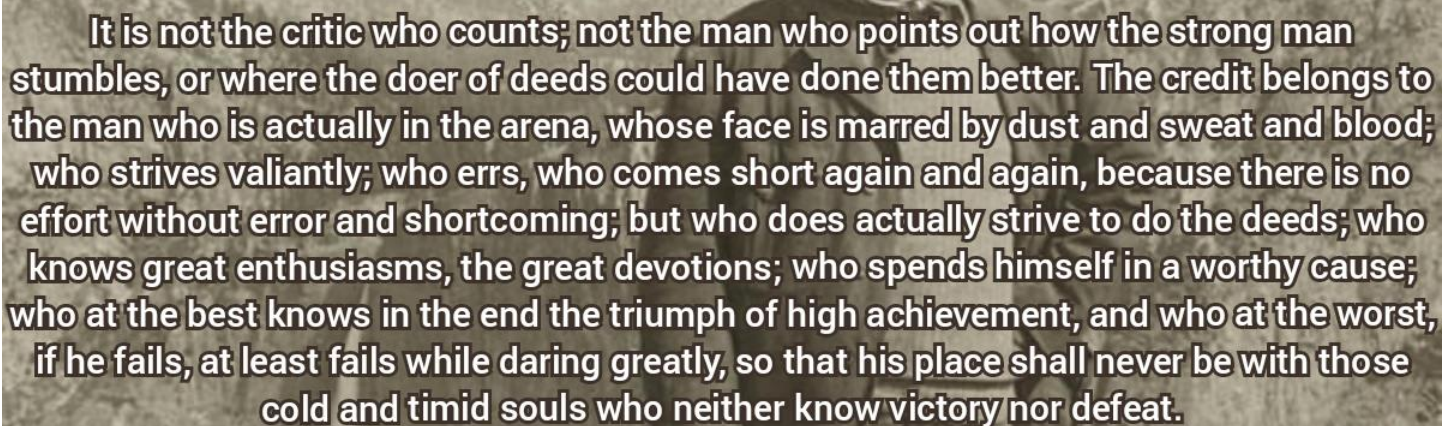
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## **Your 2022 J. F. Swartsel Officers are as follows:**

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	<b>W :: Raymond Joseph Ciunci</b>
<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>Brother Wade Edward Angel</b>
<b>Junior Warden</b>	<b>Brother Brian Andrew Reach</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>W :: Jeffrey Thomas Sklet</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>W :: David Bruce Lambert Sr.</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>W :: Jerry Marvin Snell Jr.</b>
<b>Marshall</b>	<b>W :: Stephen Douglas Edson</b>
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	<b>W :: Danilo Orlando Valdez</b>
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	<b>Brother Demetrios Thomas Dellis</b>
<b>Senior Steward</b>	<b>Brother Joe Circhirillo</b>
<b>Junior Steward</b>	<b>Brother Thomas Martin Sheehan</b>
<b>Tyler</b>	<b>W :: Bahram (Tony) Hedayat</b>
<b>Musician</b>	<b>Brother John Nagy</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>W :: Samuel McPherson</b>



**It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.**

**- Brother Theodore Roosevelt**



**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**

## **Proposed Budget for J.F. Swartsel Lodge**

Brothers of J.F. Swartsel Lodge, please review the proposed budget for the 2022 Masonic Year below.

The budget will be discussed during our first meeting in February.

	<b>2021 Actual</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
4003 2021 Membership Dues	23,334.70	23,400.00
4020 Building rent income	300.00	4,300.00
4040 Other lodge donations	3,213.00	3,200.00
4075 Floorwork Books Sold	20.00	-
4090 Charity Basket Donations	414.00	400.00
4099 misc lodge income	10.00	-
4100 Lodge Kitchen Income	349.04	350.00
4110 E A Degree Fees	1,400.00	1,400.00
4120 F C Degree Fees	300.00	700.00
4125 MM Degree Fee	995.00	700.00
4140 Bank interest received	5.43	5.00
4200 Election Board Rental Fee		2,000.00
4201 Poll Worker Income		4,000.00
4250 Perpetual Membership Income	7,217.85	7,200.00
4260 Trestleboard Boosters/Advertising	100.00	100.00
4280 Income from Eastern Star	800.00	960.00
4290 Back ground Check Income	135.00	135.00
4410 Sale of Lodge Pins and other accessories	43.61	50.00
4604 Cash Income from Lodge Merger	88.61	-
4605 Invest Income/loss from Ed Jones Portfolio	27,884.87	25,000.00
	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>66,611.11</b>	<b>\$73,900.00</b>
	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>66,611.11</b>	<b>\$73,900.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
6050 Lodge Electricity	1,418.54	1,400.00
6060 Lodge Yard Maintenance	247.22	400.00
6061 Lodge Building Maintenance	694.75	700.00
6070 Lodge Building and Capital Expense	5,835.29	2,000.00
6080 Lodge Water/Sewer	449.16	450.00
6090 Lodge Property Taxes	422.27	450.00
6091 Lodge Taxes	21.80	-
6110 Sales Tax Paid	104.32	100.00
6120 Purchase of Masonic Digests	36.61	-
6145 Lodge Donations - McKittrick	1,915.00	2,000.00



6150 Purchase of Masonic Bibles	525.72	500.00
6170 Monitors Purchased	225.49	225.00
6200 Grand Line Officer Homecoming Expenses	100.00	100.00
6220 Background check expenses	208.86	135.00
6230 Office Supplies and expenses	275.97	300.00
6260 Bank Charges	71.10	70.00
6270 Lodge Kitchen Supplies	364.72	400.00
6290 Non Meeting Lodge Food Purchases	454.03	600.00
6315 Fire/Security Alarm expense	1,791.73	1,800.00
6360 Property Insurance Expenses	1,837.30	2,000.00
6370 Liability Insurance Expenses	2,319.00	2,300.00
6390 Lodge Secretary Stipend	4,800.00	4,800.00
6400 Postage	518.00	800.00
6410 Lodge Pins / Wages and Other Accessories	300.29	300.00
6411 Internet Expense	1,938.24	2,000.00
6431 Telephone	210.56	215.00
6451 Grand Lodge Per Capita Expenses	5,513.02	6,800.00
6461 LP Gas	187.98	100.00
6471 Advertising/Promotional	79.00	200.00
6481 Masonic Charitable Contributions	700.00	700.00
6491 Non Masonic Charitable Contributions	40.00	100.00
6501 Grand Lodge of Florida - LYPMGC	1,760.00	1,760.00
6521 Other Grand Lodge Expenses	589.01	200.00
6522 Grand Communication Expenses	2,437.37	5,000.00
6531 Masters and Wardens expenses	76.60	100.00
Bank Charges & Fees	20.00	20.00
Other Business Expenses	190.93	100.00
	\$	
Total Expenses	<b>38,679.88</b>	<b>\$39,125.00</b>
	\$	
Net Operating Income	<b>27,931.23</b>	<b>\$34,775.00</b>
	\$	
Net Income	<b>27,931.23</b>	<b>\$34,775.00</b>

## 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. Also check your Dues Card to see if it is current.

**The following Brothers have passed to the Celestial Lodge above during the 2021 Masonic year.**

- 1) William LeRoy Boortz (08-29-2021)
- 2) Donald Brazil (05-20-2021)
- 3) Mark Edward Campbell (10-17-2021)
- 4) Donald Keith Carlyle (09-13-2021)
- 5) Gary H. Carver (08-05-2021)
- 6) Jimmie Borgard Crowder (08-13-2021)
- 7) Cosmo Dominick Farella (11-08-2021)
- 8) Robert Paul Sidlo (05-05-2021)
- 9) Ronald James Smith (07-17-2021)
- 10) Curtis Lee Sutton (06-30-2021)

**Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: February 2022.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM, District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel. (Note: Practice Wednesday this week)**
- 11<sup>th</sup> 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ Tampa 240. (Check for ZOOM meeting)**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Boy Scouts using downstairs.**
- 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.**
- 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30, Commandry Practice @ J. F. Swartsel 251**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Trestleboard articles to W.: Feldman.**
- 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 meeting.**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 Degree Practice @ J. F. Swartsel.**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Fellowcraft Degree @ J. F. Swartsel, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ John Darling No. 154.**
- 28<sup>th</sup> Boy Scouts using downstairs.**

**From the Worthy Matron: Elizabeth McAbee**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to Swartsel Lodge on your new corps of Officers. The members of Friendship Chapter hope that 2022 will provide many opportunities of fellowship and accomplishments for our Brothers.

An Escape Room experience will be our final social for the year and is planned for Monday, February 7. As February ends the year in our Chapter, election of officers for 2022-2023 will be held on Monday, February 21.

Masons in good standing and 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 petitions are available by request.

Praying you're blessed...

Fraternally,

Elizabeth C McAbee  
Worthy Matron  
813/494-6210



## **Worshipful Master: Brother Ray Ciunci**

Greetings from the East Brothers!!

We recently had our first Stated Communication with our newly installed 2022 Officers, and it was a great night! Our new Junior Warden cooked up a fine meal of chili over pasta and beans and it was super! We had a pretty full house to ring in the new year, got some work done, and had some laughs in the process!

I am starting to see some Brothers returning to the Lodge and, on that score, I can really use your help in keeping that process going. Last year, our Worshipful Master Sam McPherson asked us to call Brothers, some we did not personally know, to encourage them to come back to the Lodge. It was a great idea, and we had some success using it. So, I'd like to continue his work but with a bit of a twist. This year, I'd also like you to call Brothers who we have not seen in Lodge recently, but the twist is that I'd like you to call Brothers who are your friends personally, or Brothers you may have mentored, or Brothers you may have instructed. Hopefully, your personal relationship with these Brothers will provide them even more encouragement to stop by and say hello.

In January, the Senior Warden met with the Treasurer, Secretary, Junior Warden, and myself to prepare the Lodge budget for 2022. That proposed budget is on pages 4-5 of this Trestle Board issue for your review. I encourage you to come to the Lodge so you can vote on it.

Also in January, we had our first Officer meeting and discussed many items that we will be working on in the coming year. Just to name a few:

• **Personal Assistance to local charitable organizations.** - Rather than just give money to local charities, I have asked our Charity Committee to contact local charitable organizations and research how we can physically help them with things such as serving food in soup kitchens, helping to build low-cost housing, visiting the sick, veterans, etc. We do a lot of charitable work as it and I am hoping to bring our efforts to another level.

• **Improving our digital effectiveness** – We are very fortunate to have as a member of our Lodge, a globally-recognized leader in digital marketing – Our Past Master W.: Marty Greif who, at no cost to us, has begun working on improving our Website and Facebook structure with the main purpose of attracting new members. The influx of new members is key to keeping a Lodge vibrant. We think we are one of the healthiest Lodges in the District and perhaps the State... and we are doing all we can to keep it that way!

• **Improving the Lodge building** – A few months back we installed an Air Conditioner to help keep the kitchen cool and we are now doing some researching to see if we can install an elevator to help bring our older Brothers up to the Lodge room.

• **Special Events** – Unfortunately, the pandemic has affected our ability to do certain things in this area, but we are hoping to resume or start some of these things, before too long, this year. Some of these items would include - Resuming the Fish Fry, Resuming Lodge Visits, Family Picnics, Fishing Trips, Lodge Dinners, Rays Game – There is more but you get the idea.

I could go on, but bottom line is our wheels are turning and we are planning a great year here at J.F Swartsel Lodge! So, stop in, join us, and have some fun!

Fraternally yours,

Ray Ciunci – Worshipful Master

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

2022 is in full swing. There are many things planned for this year, but we have learned in the past 2 or 3 years that plans can change quickly. So, with that in mind, we need to go ahead with purpose and intentionality. We need not procrastinate

in doing those activities that we want to do. Let's make plans to do things as a group and do them. If we wait, we may once again find ourselves unable to do so.

We need to also promote our Lodge to others. Invite a friend to join us for dinner and conversation. You don't have to try to sell them on becoming a Mason. Just have them come out to meet the guys. Let things take their own course. Just let the Junior Warden know of the extra place at the table. When your friend arrives, he will be greeted with friendship and genuine hospitality by our brothers. We need to show our friends, co-workers, and neighbors why we like to gather. The world around us has changed, and people are looking for something new, something with purpose. Let's show them our purpose. Let's show them our Fraternity.

### **TRUE MEN NEEDED**

by Edgar A. Guest

The world is needing you and me  
In places where we ought to be;  
Somewhere today it's needing you  
To stand for what you know is true,  
And needing me somewhere today  
To keep the faith, let come what may.  
The world is needing me and you  
To share the tasks it has to do;  
It needs high-minded men to stand  
Against the thoughtless of the land;  
Men who will scorn to stop to wrong  
To win the favor of the throng.

Fraternally Yours,

Brother Wade Angel, Senior Warden

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

My Brothers, it seems remarkable that January is already behind us. With one meal behind me, I have a new level of respect for all the Junior Wardens who have worked so hard to provide us the dinners that we gather around for fellowship. I look forward to the challenge of the upcoming months and hope I can measure up the high bar that has been set.

I am also very happy and excited to once again be able to greet long absent Brothers as they return to the Lodge from long absences. Welcome back Brothers!!

Brother Brian Reach, JW





# York Rite Lessons

Companions and Sir Knights,

What is a cowan?

An intruder or eavesdropper.

“Gratitude is born in the hearts that take time to count up past mercies.” Charles E. Jefferson

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What is Iconology?

The science which treats images and symbols and collateral with Freemasonry.

“God moves in a mysterious way.” William Cowper

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Who is a Layer?

A worker who lays stones, inferior to the operative Freemason.

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What is the Leland Manuscript?

A Masonic manuscript which derived its name from that statement made in its title: “Certain questions and answers concerning the mystery of Masonry written by the hand of King Henry the Sixth, and faithfully copied by me, John Leylande Antiquarius, by the command of his Highness.”

“Faith makes the discords of the present the harmonies of the future.” Robert Collyer

Zealously,

Most Excellent Companion

James F. (Robby) Robertson, KYCH

Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of RAM of Florida

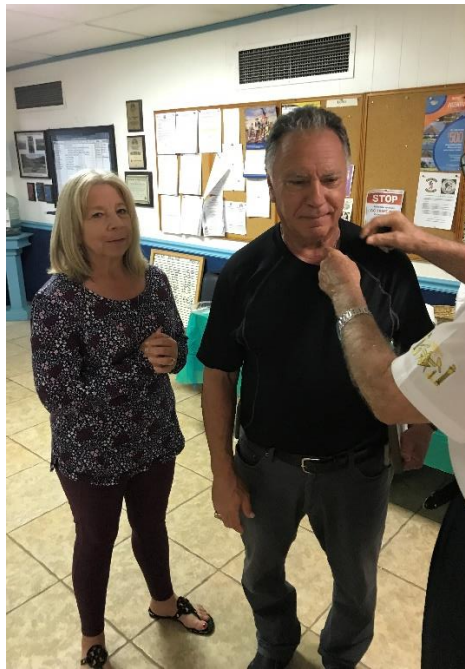
Laus Deo

**Your humble and obedient servant**



**WHAT**  
Have we been  
up to?

**12/30: Congratulations to our Brothers who were presented awards for their time spent as members in good standing of our great Fraternity! Awards were given at Family Night and included a 25, 40, and 60 year pin presentation! Thank you to all who attended.**





**1/6: Sam McPherson had one last meeting in 2022 before handing over the East to WMe Ray Ciunci. Thank you to everyone who came out to support J.F. Swartsel Lodge. We also had EA Catechism givebacks from three of our Brothers, and we look forward to seeing them passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft at our 2/23 Degree!**



**1/8: Installation of J.F. Swartsel's Officers for the 2022 Masonic Year. Thank you to the Installation team for their assistance, which consisted of RW Drew Baldwin (IO), W Ken Tudor (Marshall), and W Adam Feldman (Chaplain) ... and a special thank you to the special women in our lives who came out to the ceremony for support!**











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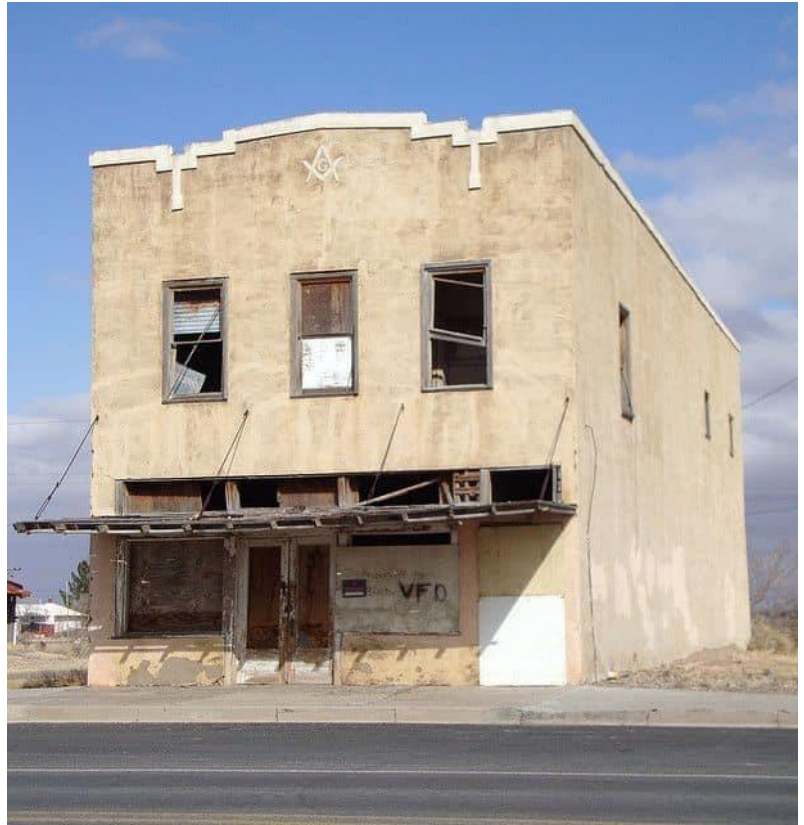
# Masonic Education

Courtesy of North Star Lodge No. 168 A.F. & A.M.

A man walks down the street of his hometown and sees the old Masonic lodge closed and falling apart. He had left for the service and said when he returned home, he wanted to join the lodge because as a child he was so impressed by the quality of men he met there. He recalled the fish fry's and barbecues he attended there, the Christmas parties and other events.

He saw an old lady walking down the street and asks her what happened? He recalled how he would see the members gather for meetings, holding events for the community and marching in the parade. Such great men, beacons of the town, men of influence but more importantly, just great men.

The old woman stated, "My husband used to attend lodge there. For decades he would spend countless hours working to prepare for events and meetings, oh how he loved being around his Brothers. He loved being a Freemason and so looked forward to the fellowship, he loved being surrounded by good men, like minded men who knew they was something bigger than themselves."



"But what happened? ", asked the man, "Where'd they all go?"

"Well son", said the old lady, "They died or moved away but it started down this path long before that. The Brothers stopped coming, they stopped working on the lodge, they stopped holding events. When the Brothers stopped attending, the events stopped, the people stopped coming, when the people stopped coming, the fundraisers stopped, when the fundraisers stopped, the Brothers were asked to pitch in to keep their lodge alive. Unfortunately, the Brothers had more important things to do. They would have all kinds of reasons why they couldn't come give a few hours of their time. There used to be dozens but eventually there were just a few, my husband called them 'The faithful few'. Sometimes they barely had enough to hold meetings, they couldn't do Degree work because they didn't have enough members present, they couldn't grow because they couldn't bring in new men. Sadly, as those faithful few aged, they just couldn't do it all anymore. They tried but after the events stopped, so did their relations with the town folk. The people who had enjoyed the events over the years lost interest in helping out. They drained what little money they had left to try and keep it open but it all dried up. After they closed my husband was miserable, it was the one thing he looked forward to each month and now it was gone."

The man looked on with tears in his eyes, such a great institution that did so much for its community was gone.

Our Lodges are not just buildings of brick and mortar, they buildings of Brotherly Love. Love held between Brothers of the order and shown to our communities but they can't survive on love alone. Like any great organization, it is the members who keep it going. Much like the crops of the field will die off without the rains, our Lodges will die off without its members. We all have other things that go on, that is life, but we must make every effort to set aside the time, as little as four hours a month, to attend meetings, do the work and maintain our temple.

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