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Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays

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



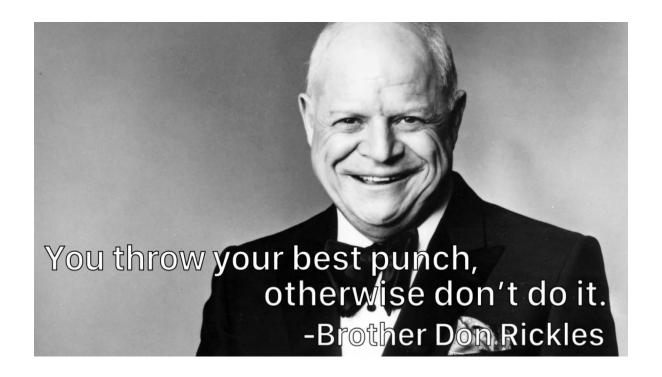




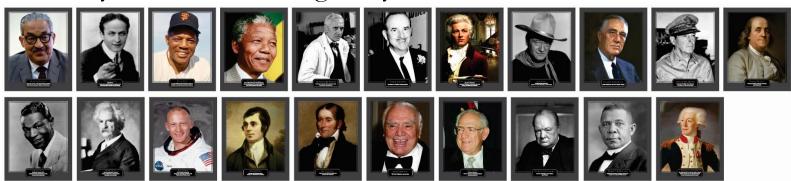
Who does J. F. Swartsel Lodge support in the community?

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
Land O Lakes High School
Steinbrenner High School
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 1985/1997 W * Harold A. Glisson © -1986 W * Gary F. Gentry -1987/1994 W * R. Willard Brown -1988 W * Floyde G. Kirk© 1992 W * Floyd A. Dozier - - 1992 W * Michael P. Byers © 1993 W * Winston A. Williams © -- 1986 W * Gary F. Gentry 1995 R * W * Donald R. Bell, PDDGM - 1995 W * Walter T. Beaver © - 1996 W * Robert Thibodeaux © 1998 W * Gary A. Richey - 1998 W * Christopher Boles © - 1999 W * David B. Lambert, Sr. 1999/2010/2013 W * Steven G. Whitmer © - 2000 W * David B. Lambert, II - 2000 W * Kenneth C. Tucker © 2001 W * James R. Lambert - 2001 W * John W. Warren © - 2002 W * Gregory A. Lambert 2003 W * Joseph E. Fara, Sr. 2004/2007/2011 W * Steven C. Whidden © - 2007 W * William L. Boortz - 2008/2013 W * Gregory L. Savage 2008/2012 W * Keith A. Crews © - 2009 W * Drew M. Keenan - 2009 W * Matthew K. Jones © - 2011 W * Richard D. Sego 2012/2019 W * Jerry M. Snell,Jr. - 2014 W * Jeffrey T. Sklet 2014/2015/2018/2019 W * Jerry A. Haywood © 2015 R * W * Charles C. Osborne, PDDGM - 2016 W * Danilo O. Valdez - 2016 W * John Northrop © 2017 R * W * Charles J. "Sam" Pesola, PDDGM - 2017 W * David Jones © - 2018 W * Martin A. Greif 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





Chair Chatter

From the Secretary: Worshipful David Lambert, Sr.

Brethren,

On December 15th, 2022, the Lodge voted unanimously on the Resolution for Merger between Palma Ceia No. 290 and J.F. Swartsel Lodge No. 251 with J. F. Swartsel Lodge being the continuing Lodge. Palma Ceia Lodge No. 290 voted unanimously on Monday, December 19th, 2022, to Merge with J. F. Swartsel Lodge No. 251 and the Resolution was presented to the Grand Master on December 23rd, 2022. After the approval of the Grand Master the Resolution will be read to the Lodges at a Stated Communication as follows: Merging Lodge – Monday January 16th, 2023, Continuing Lodge – Thursday January 19th, 2023. The Resolution for Merger of Palma Ceia Lodge No. 290 and J. F. Swartsel Lodge No. 251 shall be adopted on the: the Continuing Lodge on Thursday, February 16th, 2023 by written ballot and the Merging Lodge on Monday, February 20th, 2023 and with an effective date of the merger on March 1st, 2023.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: February 2023.

1st (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM, District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).

2nd Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.

7th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.

10th 8:AM – Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple, 5017 Washington E St, Tampa.

14th 6:30 PM. Degree Practice.

16th Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM. (Voting on the Merger).

17th Trestleboard Articles to W.: Wade Angel.

17th Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7:00 PM.

20th 7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 Order of the Eastern Star meeting.

21st 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.

24th 6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ John Darling No. 154.

25th Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154.

28th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.

From the Worthy Matron: Sister Elizabeth McAbee

Nothing from the Star.

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Wade Angel

The Installation of Officers went very well. I want thank RH Adam Feldman for being the Installing Officer and doing an outstanding job.

Now, as the year begins, I am looking forward to serving the Lodge this year and working with all of you. There are committees that need to be set up this month to look into the projects we need to do. The elevator project will be starting very soon, (YAY!), and there will probably be some dust and mess that we will have to contend with during the process. I ask that we all be patient during this time. We need to look at this for what it is, "Growing pains". We are fortunate to be growing and a slight inconvenience should not deter us from moving forward with these improvements. When all is said and done, we will have an even better home here at J.F. Swartsel.

I want my year in the East to be focused on looking to the future and preparing for our Centennial celebration. We will soon be 100 years old and I want us to be prepared to take on the next 100.

From the Senior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

My Brothers,

Please review the proposed budget for the 2023 Masonic year below. We will be reviewing it at one of our February Stated Communications, so please take the time to look it over so you can be prepared to ask any questions you may have.

Fraternally,

Brian Reach, SW

J.F. S	wartsel Lo	odge No. 251					
	2023 Bu	ıdget					
		Total 15%					
	Jan - Nov, 2022	Chang	% e Change	15% Added to 2022	Proposed 2023 Budget		
Income							
4003 2021 Membership Dues		23,334	- 7 - 0 100.00%	\$0.00			
4004 2022 Membership Dues	25,078.10	25,078	1 0	\$28,839.8 2	\$25,078.10		
4020 Building rent income	300.00	0.0	0.00%	\$345.00	\$6,300.00		
4040 Other lodge donations	500.00	2,383.0		\$575.00	\$500.00		
4060 Ciphers (Red Book) sold	120.00	120.0	-	\$138.00	\$120.00		
4075 Floorwork Books Sold	60.00	60.0		\$69.00	\$60.00		
4080 Fish Fry	6,984.00	6,984.0		\$8,031.60	\$10,000.00		
4090 Charity Basket Donations	2,515.00	2,251.0		\$2,892.25	\$1,000.00		
4099 misc lodge income	65.00	65.0	0	\$74.75	\$100.00		
4100 Lodge Kitchen Income		-349.0		\$0.00	\$300.00		
4110 E A Degree Fees	900.00	-500.0	0 -35.71%	\$1,035.00	\$800.00		
4120 F C Degree Fees 4125 MM Degree Fee	500.00	-300.0 -230.0		\$0.00 \$575.00	\$500.00 \$500.00		
4140 Bank interest received	4.19	-0.8		\$4.82	\$5.00		
4201 Poll Worker Income	2,134.18	2,134.1		\$2,454.31	\$500.00		

4250 Perpetual Membership							
Income	8,241.86		1,024.01	14.19%	\$9,478.14	\$8,300.00	
4260 Trestleboard				-			
Boosters/Advertising			-100.00	100.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4280 Income from Eastern Star	720.00		-80.00	-10.00%	\$828.00	\$1,200.00	
4281 Income From Holyrood							
Rental	4,000.00		4,000.00		\$4,600.00	\$0.00	
4290 Back ground Check Income	120.00		-15.00	-11.11%	\$138.00	\$150.00	
4410 Sale of Lodge Pins and							
other accessories	14.00		-22.61	-61.76%	\$16.10	\$20.00	
4605 Invest Income/loss from Ed Jones Portfolio			24,785.3 1	100.00%	\$0.00	\$20,500.00	
	\$52,256.3		-\$ 10,384.1		\$60,094.7		
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6000 Fish Fry Expense	5,530.53		5,530.53	74 740/	\$6,360.11	\$8,250.00	
6050 Lodge Electricity	2,169.09		927.54	74.71%	\$2,494.45	\$3,000.00	
6060 Lodge Yard Maintenance	65.99		-181.23	-73.31%	\$75.89	\$200.00	
6061 Lodge Building Maintenance	3,243.68		2,710.35	508.19%	\$3,730.23	\$5,000.00	
6070 Lodge Building and Capital	4 000 00		4 005 00	04 450/	¢4.000.00	#0 000 00	
Expense Weter/Course	4,000.00		1,835.29	-31.45%	\$4,600.00	\$8,000.00	
6080 Lodge Water/Sewer	493.61		80.24	19.41%	\$567.65	\$600.00	
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6090 Lodge Property Taxes			-422.27	100.00%	\$0.00	\$500.00	
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6091 Lodge Taxes	433.87		412.07	%	\$498.95	\$0.00	
							
6110 Sales Tax Paid			-104.32	100.00%	\$0.00	\$300.00	
6120 Purchase of Masonic				1364.93			
Digests	536.31		499.70	%	\$616.76	\$100.00	
6145 Lodge Donations - McKitrick	600.00		-815.00	-57.60%	\$690.00	\$600.00	
6150 Purchase of Masonic Bibles	92.12		9.72	11.80%	\$105.94	\$400.00	
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6170 Monitors Purchased			-225.49	100.00%	\$0.00	\$200.00	
6200 Grand Line Officer				-			
Homecoming Expenses			-100.00	100.00%	\$0.00	\$400.00	
6201 GMOV	1,000.00		1,000.00		\$1,150.00	\$1,000.00	
6220 Background check							
expenses	149.90		-43.97	-22.68%	\$172.39	\$150.00	
6230 Office Supplies and							
expenses	686.82		410.85	148.87%	\$789.84	\$1,000.00	
6250 Lodge Cleaning Supplies	139.65		139.65		\$160.60	\$350.00	
6260 Bank Charges	36.00		-35.10	-49.37%	\$41.40	\$100.00	
6261 Edward Jones Expenses			0.00		\$0.00	\$500.00	
6270 Lodge Kitchen Supplies	780.71	364.72	415.99	114.06%	\$897.82	\$1,000.00	
6290 Non Meeting Lodge Food				1614.11	·	. ,	1
Purchases	1,714.11	100.00	1,614.11	%	\$1,971.23	\$2,000.00	
6360 Property Insurance	,		-		. ,	. ,	
Expenses	141.20	1,646.13	1,504.93	-91.42%	\$162.38	\$1,500.00	
6370 Liability Insurance	111120	.,5.3.13	.,55.100	2270	Ţ.5 <u>Z.</u> 50	+ 1,000.00	\$2,70
Expenses	2,284.60		1,837.30	447.3	0 24.35%	\$2,627.29	Ψ2,,,
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	3,333.00		2,010.00	3,030.0	100.7970	ψ0,040.23	\$6,00
6390 Lodge Secretary Stipend	4,400.00		4,400.00	0.0	0.00%	\$5,060.00	ψυ,υι
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6410 Lodge Pins / Wages and				_		
Other Accessories		300.29	-300.29	100.00%	\$0.00	\$700.00
						\$2,500.0
6411 Internet Expense	2,208.74	1,723.90	484.84	28.12%	\$2,540.05	0
6431 Telephone	210.00	210.56	-0.56	-0.27%	\$241.50	\$700.00
6441 Grand Lodge Travel	1,773.54		1,773.54		\$2,039.57	\$0.00
6451 Grand Lodge Per Capita						\$7,000.0
Expenses	6,592.69	5,513.02	1,079.67	19.58%	\$7,581.59	0
6461 LP Gas		187.98	-187.98	100.00%	\$0.00	\$0.00
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6471 Advertising/Promotional	939.79	79.00	860.79	%	\$1,080.76	\$600.00
6481 Masonic Charitable Contributions		700.00	-700.00	100.00%	\$0.00	\$700.00
6491 Non Masonic Charitable				1150.00		
Contributions	500.00	40.00	460.00	%	\$575.00	\$500.00
6501 Grand Lodge of Florida - LYPMGC	2,100.00	1,760.00	340.00	19.32%	\$2,415.00	\$2,100.0 0
						\$2,000.0
6511 Entertainment	111.93		111.93		\$128.72	0
6521 Other Grand Lodge						\$1,000.0
Expenses	841.25	589.01	252.24	42.82%	\$967.44	0
6522 Grand Communication				-		\$5,000.0
Expenses		2,437.37	-2,437.37	100.00%	\$0.00	0
6531 Masters and Wardens		70.00	70.00	400.000/	#0.00	# 400.00
expenses		76.60	-76.60	100.00%	\$0.00	\$400.00
6602 Paid Scholarship Expense	1,000.00		1,000.00		\$1,150.00	\$1,000.0 0
Bank Charges & Fees		10.00	-10.00	- 100.00%	\$0.00	\$100.00
_		190.93	-190.93	100.00%	\$0.00	\$100.00
Other Business Expenses	\$51,154.	190.93	- 190.93	100.00%		
Total Expenses	φο1,154.	\$36,107.40	ֆ 15,046.71	41.67%	\$58,827.2 3	\$75,850. 00
Net Operating Income	\$ 1,102.22	\$26,533.11	-\$ 25,430.89	-95.85%		
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Net Income	1,102.22	\$26,533.11	25,430.89	-95.85%		

From the Junior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins

My Brothers, I am excited to be your Junior Warden this year. I hope to bring you some delicious meals and some great masonic education. We have 2 scheduled masonic educations for February. February 2nd will be delivered by Worshipful Rich Andrews and his topic will be on the meaning of the Master's Hat. February 16th will be delivered by Brother John Nagy.

My goal will be to make sure that these educational opportunities are fulfilling to the spirit of the Craft. Thus, my duties are to fill your body with nourishing food and your mind with educational thoughts. The goal in feeding the body and mind is to grow our Fraternity in fellowship and knowledge and bring our bonds closer together. I look forward to seeing a full dinner hall and Lodge this 2023 year.

February 2023 Dinner menu for stated communications:

February 2nd, 2023: Lasagna, salad and dessert.

February 16th, 2023: French Dip Sandwiches, French Fries, salad, and dessert.

York Rite Lesson

Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights,

When is the accepted date of the introduction of the doubleheaded Eagle into Masonry, and what is its significance?

In the year 1758, A. D., The Council of Emperors of the East and West, established in Paris, adopted a doubleheaded Eagle in reference to the double jurisdiction which it claimed, and which is represented in its title.

"If you really are thankful, what do you do? You share." W. Clement Stone

By whom was the Order of the Eastern Star introduced? (American Adoptive Rite) Rob Morris, A. D. 1850

"Abundance is a form of gratitude, a generosity, a modesty, a bow toward others—what we can give, what we can share, rather than what we can take. Terry Williams

What is the meaning of the name ENOCH?

The "Initiator". By faith, he was translated by God that he might not see death, and had this testimony that "he pleased God." (Heb. 11:5). Up to this time he was 365 years old, the number of days in a year.

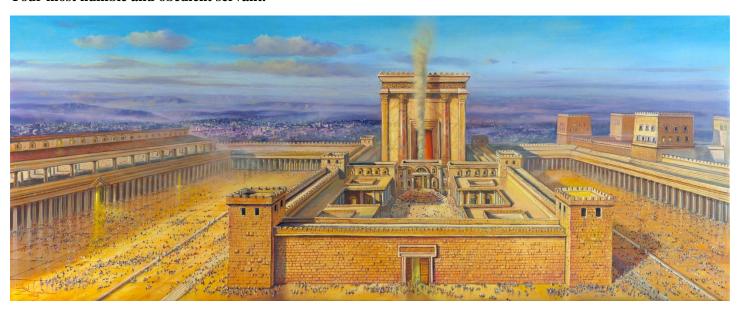
"Some people arrive and make such a beautiful impact on your life, you can barely remember what life was like without them."

If it ain't York, it ain't Rite

Zealously,

Most Excellent Companion James F. (Robby) Robertson KYGCH Past Grand High Priest Grand Chapter of RAM of Florida 813 416 0152

Your most humble and obedient servant.



Where in the world is our Brother Frank Penny?

Day 3: A delightful day in Cartagena, Columbia. A very busy port! We toured the Old City - took a boat ride across the harbor and toured an emerald museum. Emeralds are a major Columbia export. At the end of the tour, we were treated to a beautiful surprise. Two pure white peacocks!

Panama Canal tomorrow



Day 4: Panama Canal, Monday, January 9. Fascinating day traveling through the canal. Entered about 7:00 AM and left at 5:00 PM. Very historical. One most wonder at the huge amount of time and effort to create this marvel - now about 110 years.

Day 9: Sat., Jan 14 A tour day in Huatulco, Mexico

Day 10: Sunday, Jan 15 A beautiful day at sea - calm seas sunshine - delightful temperatures - a full day in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico tomorrow then on to Los Angeles



Day 14: Jan. 19, 2023 Leaving L.A.

The pilot boat leaving our cruise ship and returning to the port of LA. Large boats use harbor pilots when going in and out of port - the pilot has expert knowledge of the port and are used by the ship captain to help maneuver in the confined harbor - the pilot leaves by small launch when clear of the harbor - Hawaii next after a three day sea voyage.



Day 15-17: Days at Sea

Jan 20 Here are a couple of pix of our ship - one inside looking into the 5 deck atrium and the other outside looking at one of the outside pools - note in the outside pool shot you see they giant screen where they show movies - we are told there are now 933 passengers on board

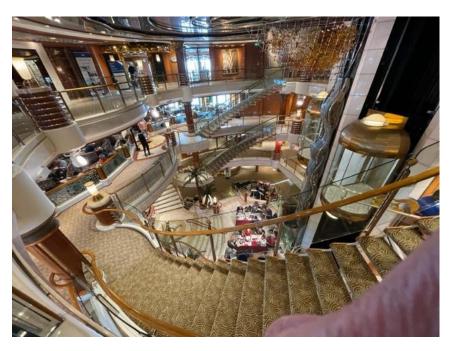
Jan 21 Another quiet day at sea - a few statistics about this trip and why one can be excited about it - 111 days - cross equator twice - visit 31 countries - 6 continents - 21 UNESCO sites - 34,500 nautical miles (almost 40,000 land miles)

A dream come true.

Jan 22 Today the seas were a bit tough - wind out of the southwest - Honolulu tomorrow - weather should be near 80 but a good chance of rain - have a Honolulu City Tour booked with a stop at Pearl Harbor where we will visit the sunken battleship, now a memorial to those lost on Dec 7, 1941 - a very hallowed place - as a boy of 8, I remember the day well - Grace and I visited the site years ago.

Warm Regards,

Brother Frank Penny







Masonic Education – Euclid

Euclid is often referred to as "the father of geometry."

There is little known about the life of Euclid. He is believed to have been born sometime around the mid-4th century B.C.E. The only reference available on this comes form peers referencing him or accounts by those around him. This is considered odd by most historians since people who lived in time periods before, after and at the same time as Euclid have plenty of reference material written about them. This lack of information about Euclid has led some to speculate he was actually a group of mathematicians and the collection of theories provided by him, were actually provided by the group.

The only historical references to Euclid as an individual were not written until 4th and 5th centuries A.D. Even Archimedes referred to him as "ο στοιχειώτης" (the author of Elements).

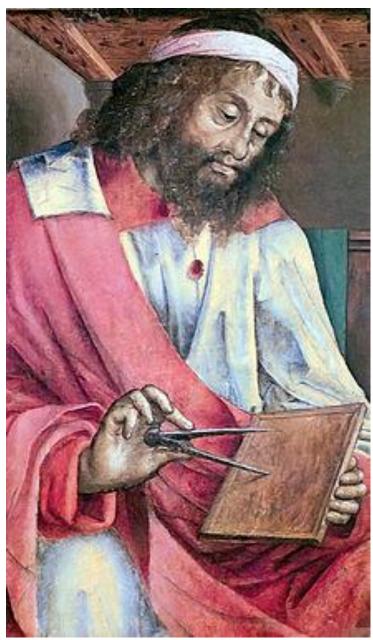
Further confusion occurs do to the fact there was a second Euclid at the time known as Euclid of Megara who was a follower of Socrates and was present at Socrates death. The Euclid of Geometry fame was known as Euclid of Alexandria.

Regardless of whether Euclid was an actual person or a group of mathematicians, *Elements* which was



For Freemasonry Geometry is a critical part of our symbolism. Euclid himself was written into the history of Freemasonry in the 14th Century Regius Poem which starts off talking about how Euclid trained the good families in Egypt in Geometry calling it masonry. In the poem, parents are worried their children will not be able to find work and they will not be able to support their children. They then ask scholars to teach their children. In the poem Euclid emerges as the greatest of the pupils and then teaches others in the ways of Geometry.

Euclid is believed to have passed away in the mid-3rd century B.C.E.



What have we been up to?

1/19: Congratulations to outgoing WM Ray Ciunci on his year in the East! A number of us continued the

fellowship at our usual spot after the conclusion of the final meeting of his year.



1/21: Installation of Officers at J.F. Swartsel Lodge! Congratulations to WM Wade Angel and his Officer line for 2023. The Installation team was RH Adam Feldman, W Jeff Sklet, Br. Doc Thayer, and Br. John Nagy.













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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, Farewel!!"











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