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**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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## **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

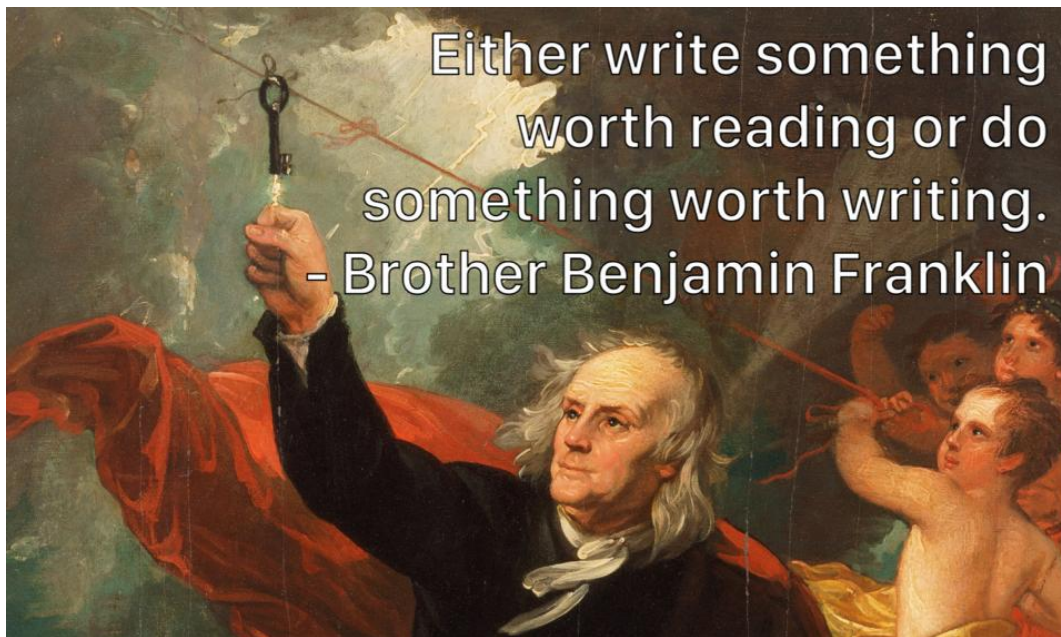
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Steinbrenner High School

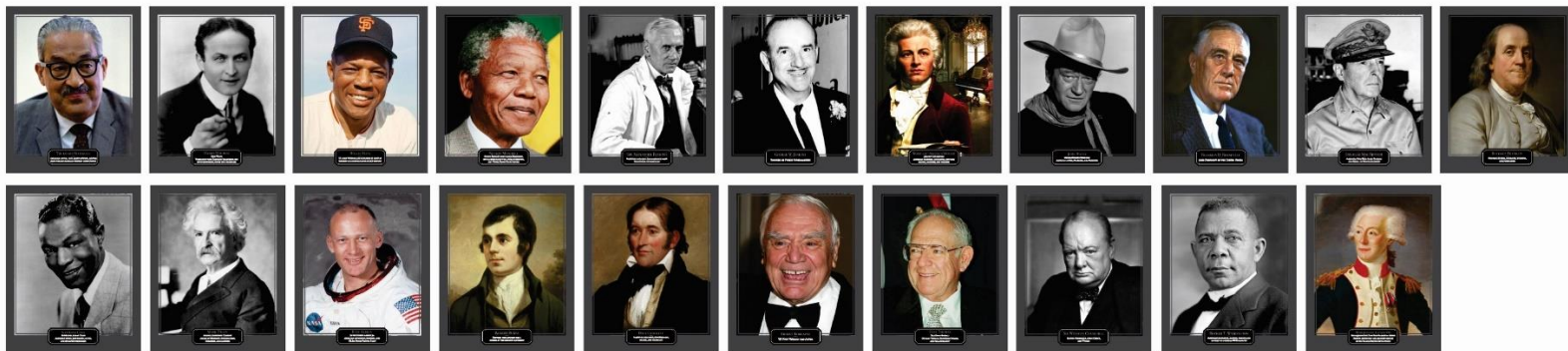
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg

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  
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 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

## **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



**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.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: April 2023.

- 1<sup>st</sup> 9:AM - Master Mason Degree for (Brothers, Jack Wilber Jones II, Jason Warren Schein and Jonathan Daniel Schneider, at J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Coffee & Donuts 8:AM Lunch @ Noon.**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 PM - Friendship Chapter No. 209 Order of the Eastern Star meeting.**
- 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 5<sup>th</sup> (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM, District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).**
- 6<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 14<sup>th</sup> 7:PM – 8:PM, Masonic Park Board Meeting @ 5017 E Washington St, Tampa, FL 33619.**
- 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 Order of the Eastern Star meeting.**
- 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Trestleboard Articles to W.: Jeffery Sklet.**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7:00 PM.**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:AM – 12:PM, & 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ Brandon Lodge 114.**
- 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ John Darling No. 154**
- 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**

### From the Worthy Matron: Sister Barbara Grant

To our Brothers in J.F. Swartsel Masonic Lodge #251.

Friendship Chapter #209 held the annual Installation of Officers on March 11, 2023. This being the 75 Installation, the Diamond Anniversary we plan another successful year. We are honored to have in our Chapter 4 Lodge Brothers, serving as officers this year. I am thankful for Bro. David Lambert for serving as Worthy Patron, Bro. Jimmy Lambert, Associate Patron, Bro. Lamont Richardson, Warder and Bro. Robert (Bob) Moore, as Sentinel. and Bro. Gene McAbee, will pro-temp., Many thanks to Bro. Wade Angel, Worshipful Master giving our Benediction and Bro. Brian Reach, Sr. Warden, who presented the Flag of our Country in our Pre-Installation. program. We look forward to working together with our Lodge Brothers. I personally thank those of you who place our Rug, Chairs, and Podiums out for our Chapter and so willingly put them back.

Star Love,

*Barbara Gant*

Barbara Gant, Worthy Matron

2023-2024

## **From the Worshipful Master: Brother Wade Angel**

Things are going well for J. F. Swartsel. At the beginning of the year, I said that this year will should be the year of “Doing”. During the Installation, I said that we needed to “Do things for our community, “Do” things as a group to have fun, and to “Do” things for the Lodge. So far, we are “doing” exactly that. Our elevator project is under way and we expect that to be “Done”, by the end of April. We “Did” raised money for Ukelele’s Bar and Grill, so they could pay their staff when forced to temporarily close due to damage from a freak accident. We “Did have fun with a bowling challenge from Universal Lodge. It was fun, and I see a rematch in the future. Most recently, 4 of our Brothers went down to Sarasota to help a Brother keep his word to his widow by helping her in an hour of need. I am especially proud of them. Thank You to: Bro. Tom Overman, Bro. Demetri Dellis, RH Adam Feldman, Bro. Spencer Graves.

We are “Doing” things for our Lodge, community and ourselves, and will continue to do so. I encourage our Brothers to attend Master Mason Association meetings so we can “Do” the work for our district as well. The more Brothers we have in attendance to vote, the more impact we will have. Things are looking good. Let’s keep it up.

Fraternally Yours,  
Wade Angel

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

My Brothers, I attended the funeral of W.: Floyd Alton Dozier today. The first I attended out side of the Lodge room. It was lovely and moving. Twelve Brothers were in attendance and I thank you all very much for taking the time bid farewell to one of our own Past masters (1992).

Congratulations and a hardy “Well Done” to our Brothers, R.:H.: Adam Feldman, Bro. Tom Overman, Bro. Demetrios Dellis, and Bro. Spencer Graves, who traveled down to Sarasota on March 11 to help Mrs. Carver, widow of our J. F. Swartsel Brothers move.

We have a Family night coming up on March 30. We will be gathering at:  
Panini’s Bar & Grill  
3973 Van Dyke Rd  
Lutz, FL 33558  
I hope to see all of you there for the fellowship and fun.

Brother Brian Reach SW

## **From the Junior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins**

My Brothers...

As we enter into April and get ready for Spring, it is important to get out and spend time with your brothers. As you know our meetings have been well attended not only because of the great fellowship that we have, but the delicious meals that have been prepared and the outstanding education that has been delivered by W. Rich Andrews and Brother John Nagy. This month we will be having the following meals and masonic educations:

April 6th Meal - Slow Cooker Chicken, Rice, Salad and Desserts.

April 6th Educations - W. Rich Andrews - Would your community miss you if you closed?

April 20th Meal - Pulled Pork with BBQ sauce, Potato Salad, Rolls and Birthday Cake.

April 20th Educations - Brother John Nagy - Dealing with the resurrection claim.

Lastly, I would like to wish the following brothers a Happy Birthday this month:

John Fara  
Worshipful Wade Angel  
Aurelio Gomez  
Timothy Gorman  
Robert Hatfield  
Stavos Zoumberg  
Paul Smith  
Kenneth Tucker  
Weston Charlow Jr.  
Johnny Harper  
David Docimo Jr.  
Dr. Thayer  
Worshipful David Lambert

If you see these Brothers around the lodge or out and about, please wish them a happy birthday.

Fraternally,  
Allan Jenkins - JW

PS. Remember that the meals increased in price from \$5 to \$10 so that we can continue to deliver better meals this year.

### **York Rite Lesson**

Translate: Sit Lux et Lux Fuit. Let there be light and there was light.

“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.” Anthony J. D’Angelo

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Why was neither hammer nor axe nor any iron tool heard in the building of King Solomon’s Temple?  
Because it was built of stone and made ready before it was brought thither. 1 Kings. 5: 1-7

“An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves.” Lydia M. Child

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How old was Solomon when he bult the Temple?  
About 25 years old.

“When we have a circle of friends, we have more fun. We get more done, we feel stronger, and we really do celebrate the power of ‘us’. Mary Ann Radmacher

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  
**Your most humble and obedient servant.**



## What have we been up to?



Working a drop site for the City of Tampa Election





Helping one of our Widows move

3/16/2023 – Post meeting fellowship





## Friendship Chapter #209 Installation of Officers





## Where in the world is our Brother Frank Penny?



Views of Sydney, Australia early in the morning - the world-famous opera house may be seen to the lower right

The Sydney Harbor Bridge: It connects the central business district with the North Shore - it is an icon - locals call it the “coat hanger”. It is the world’s widest long-span bridge and tallest steel-arch bridge.



Bondi Beach, Sydney: One of Australia’s most popular - it plays host to many festivals and events many surfers. (approximately 15 min. drive from Sydney)

More of the iconic opera House



Hope these greetings from half way around the world finds you well.



## Australia Adventure, continued:



Views of Moreton Island, Australia - The island is north of Sydney along the Eastern Coast of the country - It is a sand island - they claim it is the third largest sand island in the world - this view taken from above in a helicopter



Moreton Island, Australia  
An artificial reef created by sinking old ships



Sailing past Cape Melville National Park, Australia. This area of the Pacific Ocean is known as the Coral Sea. It was the site of a famous battle in World WAR 2 - Port Moresby is near here

The beach as we went ashore to Komodo National Park

Note a Komodo Dragon on the beach wandering around as though he owned the beach - in a sense, he does - the Indonesian government created the park to protect the dragons - they can reach 10 feet in length and 300 lbs. - tourists are only allowed to tour the island with organized groups led by an experienced guide - their only protection from the dragons is a stick about 10 feet long - they are the largest lizards in the world.





## Singapore: Southeast Asia

Singapore is a city state with 5.5 million - it is a major financial and regional trans shipping area on the Southern tip of the Malaysian Peninsula





## Penang, Malaysia

Penang is on the Melaka Straits - it has served as a successful trading port as far back as the first century, A.D. India and China were the first to take advantage of the location, the Portuguese, Dutch and British arrived 15 centuries later. Malaysia gained independence in 1957.





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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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