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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



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

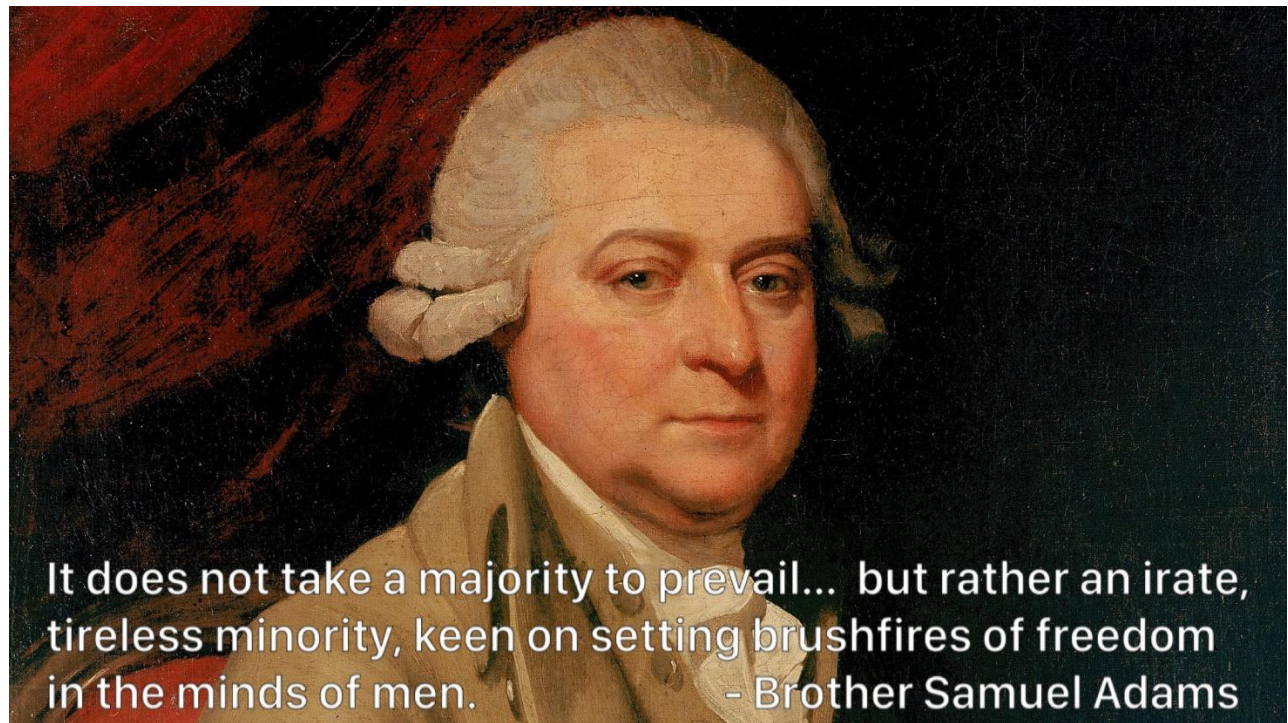
Land O Lakes High School

Steinbrenner High School

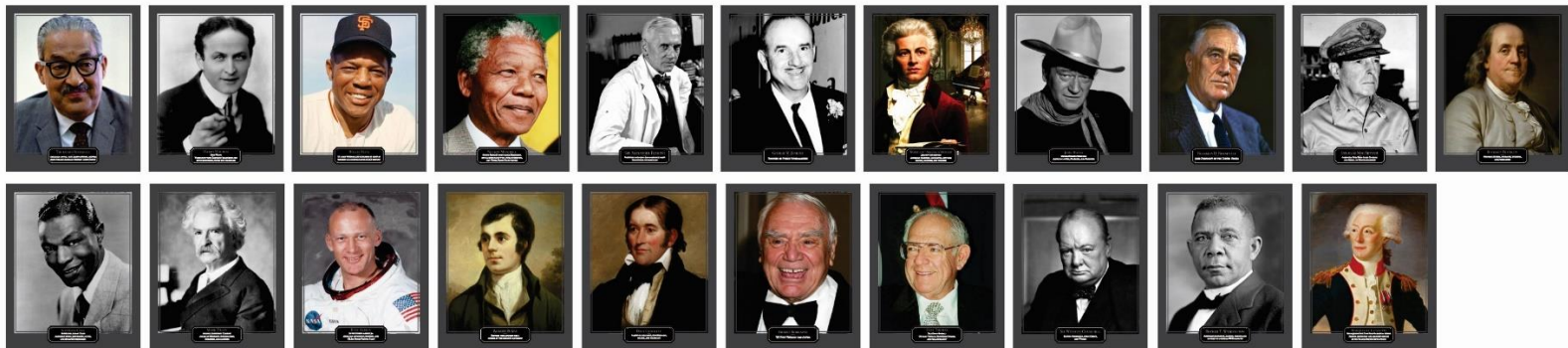
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg

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, RHD - 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
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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.

Brethren,

If there has been any change in your address or personal information, please email me your updates so I can make the changes to your records.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates:

June 2023.

- 1st Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 5th 7:PM - Friendship Chapter No. 209 (Circle of Friends evening).**
- 6th 6:30 – 9:30 Monthly Lodge visit to Pearl of the West.**
- 7th 6:PM – 7:PM, MLT, 7:PM – 8:PM, District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154.**
- 9th 7:PM – 8:PM, Masonic Park Board Meeting @ 5017 E Washington St, Tampa, FL 33619.**
- 13th 6:30 PM, Officer Meeting then Degree Practice.**
- 15th Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 16th Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7:00 PM.**
- 17th Trestleboard Articles to W.: Sklet.**
- 19th 7:30 PM - Friendship Chapter No. 209. (Landmark Night) Order of the Eastern Star meeting.**
- 20th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.**
- 24th No Open Books for June. Will be back in July**
- 26th 6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Temple.**
- 27th Entered Apprentice Degree , J. F. Swartsel Lodge, (Mr. Dennis Graham Monefeldt & Mr. Robert William Fernandez), Dinner is at 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**

From the Worthy Matron: Sister Barbara Grant

To our Masonic Brothers of J.F. Swartsel Masonic Lodge #251 and Holyrood Masonic Lodge #257.

To keep in touch and in the know we are excited and are on the go. Great news regarding the elevator installation hopefully completed this month. Thank you for sharing the information. A bit of news from our Chapter. Our Grand

Chapter of Florida was held in April. The Friendship Chapter was well represented. I was excited to see our Masons, who are officers present with their wives this year. Many of our members are Past Grand Officers and have responsibilities, as well as 3 who are involved in the "behind the scenes" making sure our Credentials are in order. There are fun times, beautiful programs presented, and friendly get togethers for dinner and fellowship. We are honored this year to have Sister Suzan Moore, serving as our District 16 Instructor. Our Official Inspection was held May 15, with our Past Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron present. A delicious meal was prepared by our members, a fun courtesy program written by Sister Susan Ferrell, and presented by Jennifer Nunez, Elizabeth McAbee, and Charlotte Miller who escorted our honorees.

Again, to our Brothers, we appreciate you, I thank you for helping to set the rug and furniture in the Lodge Room prior to our meetings.

Star Love,
Barbara Gant, Worthy Matron
2023-2024

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Wade Angel

When I first became a Mason, I asked all of the Masons I knew to tell me about the local Lodges. When they got to J. F. Swartsel, all they said was, "Great group of guys there." That's what I was looking for, and I have never regretted my decision to come to this Lodge. Now, these same great guys are attracting more men to join. Lodges that are having a tough time are choosing us to merge with. Now we have even more "Great guys." With growth though, there is often growing pains.

We find ourselves balloting almost every meeting which takes time. We discuss Lodge improvements which take time. As a result, our meetings are tough to keep within bounds. I do not want to keep you out too late, and I do not want to make it difficult for us to continue our post meeting fellowship that we enjoy. I will continue to try to keep our agendas manageable and enjoyable. Just keep being great guys and we will work together to have great meetings. You all make this a Great Lodge. Together we are growing.

We are moving ahead with our Lodge building improvements too. The elevator/Lift is GOING IN!!!! 5/22/2023. Our remodeling of the fellowship hall will begin in July/August. Go Swartsel.

From the Senior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

We had a very good fish fry in May! It was great to have a new face helping ... thank you Brother Farmer!

I hope by the time you are reading this the new lift is installed and is available for use!! The contractor is due on site Monday May 22 to install it!

We have some new members who will be going through the Entered Apprentice degree shortly. A degree team will be forming shortly. So if you have any interest, practice is every Tuesday night starting at 6:30 pm.

Brother Brian Reach SW

From the Junior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins

My Brothers,

As we close out Spring and head into Summer, we have done good work in the previous seasons. We have finished the lift, we have taken new member applications, we have initiated, passed and raised some brothers. We have voted to upgrade the Fellowship Hall and that work will start at the end of July or beginning of August. So as a lodge we are progressing nicely this year. I say all of that to say that most groups of men in this world today are splintering yet the special bond and work we do as a group has held us tight together. We need to continue to be that example for the world to see. We are the oldest fraternity in the world so we have endured times of change before.

I look forward to what the rest of this year has to bring.

Our next month's meetings are as follows:

June 1st - Sloppy Joes - W. Rich Andrews
June 15th - Chicken Spaghetti - John Nagy

Lastly, but certainly not less importantly the Birthday wishes:

R.H. Adam Feldman	James Garren
Otis Bass	Mark Weiners
Thomas Salters	John Elliot
Shawn Ferrell	James Cline
Daniel Mattsen	Jerry Robbins
John Zagar	David Lambert II
Jerry Kautz	James Burch III
Dan Allen	Charles Johnson
Eric Lozano	
Earl Spatz Jr.	Steve Suhlman
Phillip Getz	Troy Rendueles
Austin Root	Brian Rubright

Have a great month my brothers.

Allan Jenkins
Junior Warden

York Rite Lesson

How was Moses commanded to build Stone altars? Not from hewn stone ‘for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it’”. Ex 20:25

“My philosophy of life is that if we make up our mind what we are going to make our lives, then work hard toward that goal, we never lose – somehow we win out.” Ronald Reagan

When is a Masonic Lodge tiled? When all necessary precautions have been taken to prevent the approach of intruding, unauthorized persons.

“We can achieve what we can conceive and believe.” Mark Twain

What are the oldest Lodges on the North American Continent? St. John’s Lodge, Boston; Solomon’s Lodge, Charleston, S.C.; Solomon’s Lodge, Savannah, Ga.

“To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.” Eleanor Roosevelt

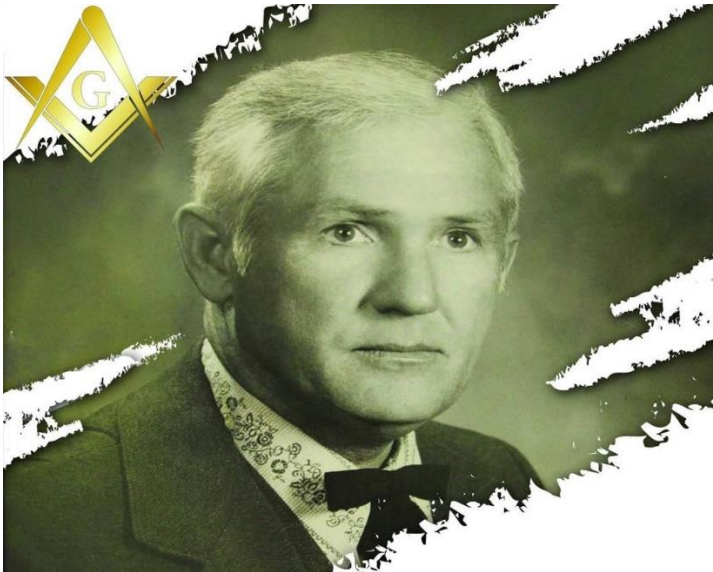
If it ain’t York, it ain’t Rite

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?

5/11/2023 100 Master Mason Night! We help celebrate a great man and Mason



**100 MASTER
MASONS NIGHT**

Thursday, May 11th, 2023
Stated Communication Honoring W. Henry Barron
Past Master (1960) of Brandon Lodge

All Are Welcome for Dinner!

Please join us as we fill our lodge room with 100 Master Masons honoring
W. Barron, Brandon Lodge's oldest Gold Card recipient.
W. Barron will be joining us from the Masonic Home along with some of his fellow residents.
We will be entertained with a variety show performed by Bro. Barron and then he will be presented
with a replacement Gold Card.

RH Love will be presenting Masonic education pertaining to the EA Degree.

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5/16/2023 Fellowcraft Degree for Brother Valdez. Thanks for all the Brothers who came out for support. R.: W.: Chavez delivered an excellent lecture.



5/22/2023 – Scholarship Award Day at Land O’ Lakes High School. Thank you, Brother Jenkins, for going out a delivering the scholarships for us. Last year we were able to give 1 student a scholarship, this year we were able to give 2 students a scholarship. It makes us proud to be able to help those that work hard.



Eastern Star Convention



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