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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

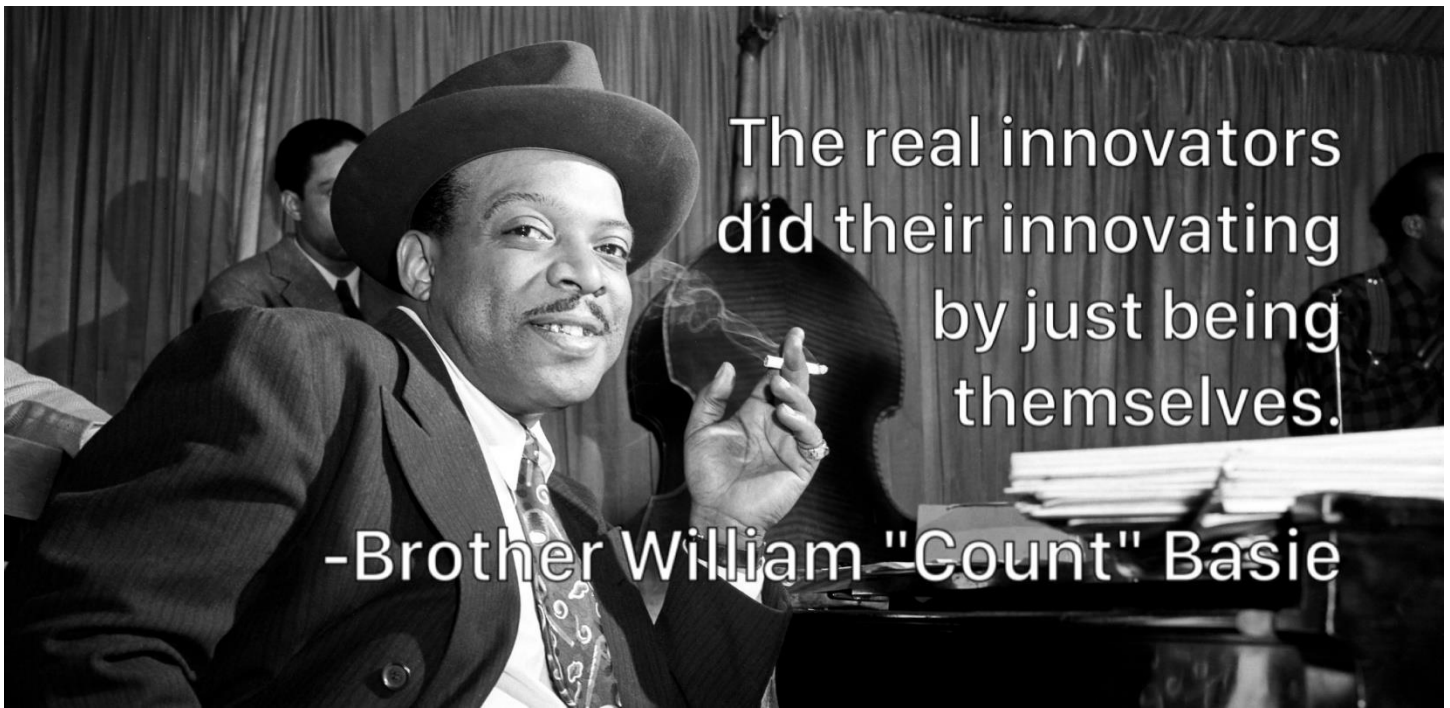
Land O Lakes High School

Steinbrenner High School

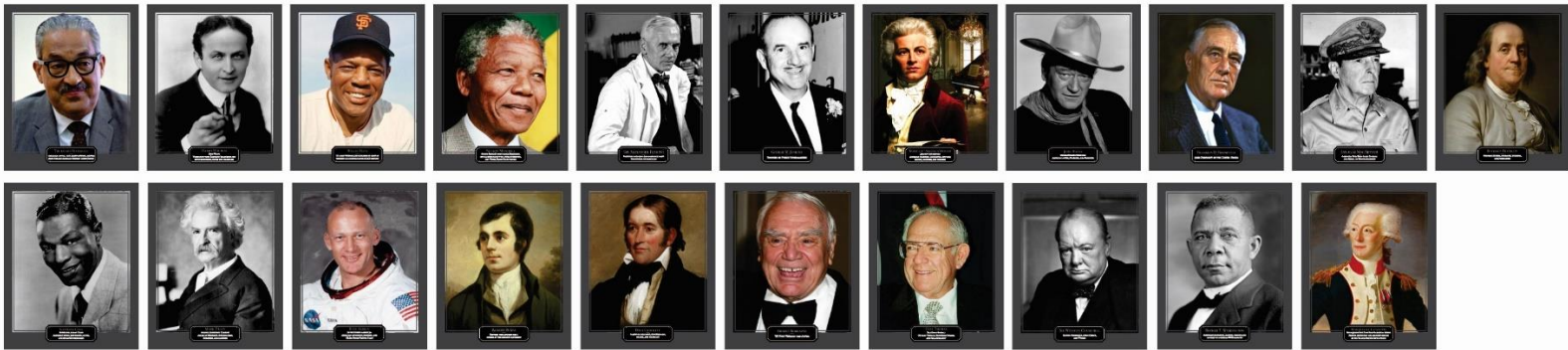
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg

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  
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 2001 W • James R. Lambert - 2001 W • John W. Warren © - 2002 W • Gregory A. Lambert 2003 W • Joseph E. Fara, Sr.  
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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

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**Your 2023 J. F. Swartsel Officers are as follows:**

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	<b>Brother Wade Edward Angel</b>
<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>Brother Brian Andrew Reach</b>
<b>Junior Warden</b>	<b>Brother Allan Arthur Jenkins</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>Brother Demetrios Thomas Dellis</b>
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	<b>Brother Joe Circhirillo</b>
<b>Senior Steward</b>	<b>Brother Thomas Holland Overman</b>
<b>Junior Steward</b>	<b>Brother Dickey Parrish Davis</b>
<b>Tyler</b>	
<b>Musician</b>	<b>Brother John S Nagy</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>W : Samuel McPherson</b>





**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.

From the Secretary's station: W.: David B. Lambert, Sr.

Brethren,

**Please check your Dues Card to see if you have paid your 2023 Dues,** and 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.

### **Calendar of Important Lodge Dates:**

#### **July 2023.**

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, DDGM's Official Visit, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**

11<sup>th</sup> 6:PM - Officers Meeting, Degree Practice to follow.

13<sup>th</sup> **Holyrood Lodge No. 257 Stated Meeting @ J. F. Swartsel 251, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**

14<sup>th</sup> 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ Egypt Shrine. **(Check for ZOOM meeting).**

18<sup>th</sup> 6:20 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.: Sklet.

**21<sup>st</sup> Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7: PM.**

22<sup>nd</sup> 9:AM – Noon, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ John Darling 154.

24<sup>th</sup> **6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Shrine.**

25<sup>th</sup> 6:20 PM, Degree Practice.

27<sup>th</sup> **6:30 PM, Holyrood Lodge No. 257 Degree Practice.**

## **From the Worthy Matron: Sister Barbara Grant**

To our Masonic Brothers,

Since our Installation of Officers in March, we have held two of our busiest and most important meetings. In these, we have fulfilled 2 requirements from the Grand Chapter of Florida with one being the Official Inspection of our Associate Grand Matron. We do have several more to complete. As stated in our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, our Chapter will not hold meetings in July and August. We look forward to our meetings beginning again in September. Look forward to the Fish Frys, always fun to make new acquaintances. Once again just so you know, we appreciate your assistance in placing the rug and furniture in the Lodge for our meetings. We look forward to helping our Brothers if and when called upon.

Star Love,

Barbara Gant, Worthy Matron

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

Another great month for J. F. Swartsel Lodge in June. We had a great turn out at Grand Communication in Orlando. We had 14 Brothers in attendance. That reflects very well on our Lodge when we have that much participation at the biggest single event of the year. We also had a good time going out to dinners while we were there. I for one had a great time.

The next big event was the installation of the Lift!!! We still have cosmetic finishes to complete, but the lift itself is finally functional. Worshipful Ray Ciunci was the first official rider to go up in it. After the cosmetics are completed it will be on to our next project of remodeling the fellowship hall. That project should go much faster. Please Lord let it go faster. The lift project tested us all far too long.

Our fish fry in June was another success. We had a great turn out from the Brothers to help out. The scholarship fund got another boost. Thank you Brothers. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Stated Communication was very well attended as well. Our participation in events is getting better and better. We still need more Brothers to attend District School and Master Mason Association meetings though. Please make it a point to attend. It is good seeing the Brothers all participating so well. Keep up the great work.

Fraternally Yours,

Wade Angel

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

I very much enjoyed the 194 Grand Communication. It was a great chance to learn and meet Brothers from all over Florida and beyond. Given that we had a lot of J. F. Swartsel Brothers attending, there were many opportunities to enjoy dinner and fellowship with our Brothers and their Ladies.

The new lift is installed and is available for use!! It has been a long road and I want to take this opportunity to thank all the Masters and Brothers over the years that played a part in getting this project started and over the finish line!

Remember Brothers, none of us are perfect; and as such, we all are in need, on occasion, a private quite word to correct a misstep and help us be the best we can be. Never in the presence of others, because in my experience that is a power move designed to elevate some and diminish others. Remember, a quite word is all that is required.

Brother Brian Reach, SW

## From the Junior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins

My Brothers, do you know that Freemasonry and the 4th of July are connected? How you ask? Well read this tidbit below:

This colossus in New York's harbor was conceived by Freemasons, financed by Freemasons, built by Freemasons, and installed by Freemasons in a Freemasonic ceremony. The poem about "the huddled masses" inscribed on its base was written by American Jewess, Emma Lazarus. The maker of the statue was Freemason **Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi**.

So while we all get ready to enjoy our celebration of Freedom, remember that the Statue of Liberty was inspired, financed and built by Freemasons.

This month's meals and educations are as follows:

July 6th:

Education - W. Rich Andrews

Meal - Chicken Spaghetti

July 20th:

Education - Bro. John Nagy

Meal - Mississippi Pot Roast

Lastly, I would like to say Happy Birthday to the following Brothers:

Gary Carver

John Couey

Michael Crawford

Patrick Osborne

Raymond Padgett

Charles McBride

David Butler Jr.

Reginald Causey

William Schmidt

Derek Degains

Dana Gary

James Crew

Ronald Smith

Floyd Dozier

John Bates

James Dickerson

Fraternally, Allan Jenkins JW

## York Rite Lesson

What was the attitude of the Colonial Lodges toward the Revolution? The Ancients favored the Colonies, the Moderns, the Crown.

“Take a chance! All life is a chance. The person who goes the furthest is generally the one who is willing to do and dare.” Dale Carnegie

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For what was Thomas Smith Webb distinguished? For his “Freemason’s Monitor.”

“No legacy is so rich as honesty.” William Shakespeare

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What is the legend of the Triangular Chain? When the Jewish Masons were led in captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar, they were bound by triangular chains, as an insult, because, to them the triangle was a symbol of Deity, to be made use of only on sacred occasions.

“The art of conversation lies in listening” Malcolm Forbes

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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?

Eastern Star delivers fresh produce and strawberry desserts to the local fire house.

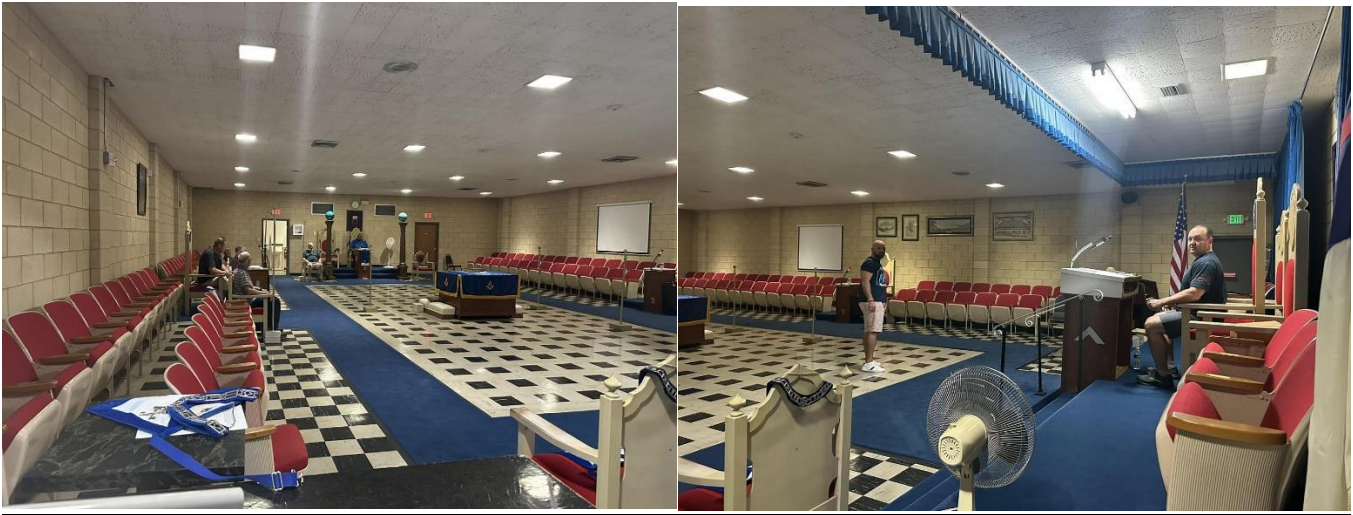


5/28/2023 – Adventures at Grand Lodge





6/13/2023 – Degree Practice



6/15/2023 THE LIFT IS OPERATIONAL – HALLELUJAH!!



6/15/2023 Stated Meeting



6/16/2023 Fish Fry



6/17/2023 GMOV to Districts 19 and 20

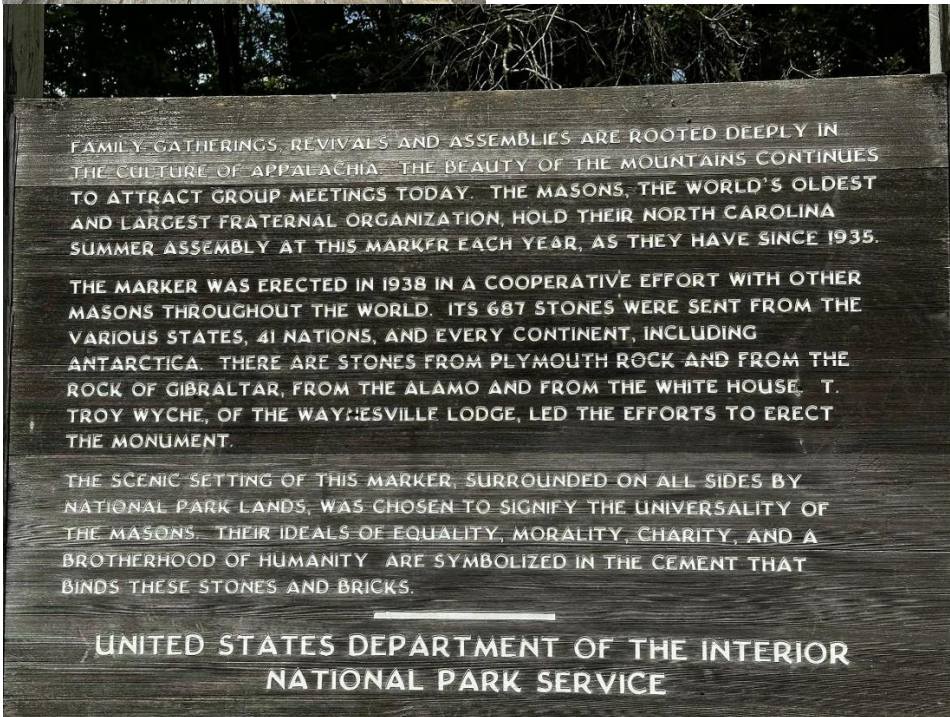


6/17/2023 GMOV Continued





6/18/2023 Pictures from brother Jim Cline's travels.



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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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