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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

McKittrick Elementary School

“Helping Paws Program”

Rainbow Assembly (Hillsborough County)

De Molay (Hillsborough County)

Shriners’ Hospital

Lifepath Hospice

Jobs’ Daughters

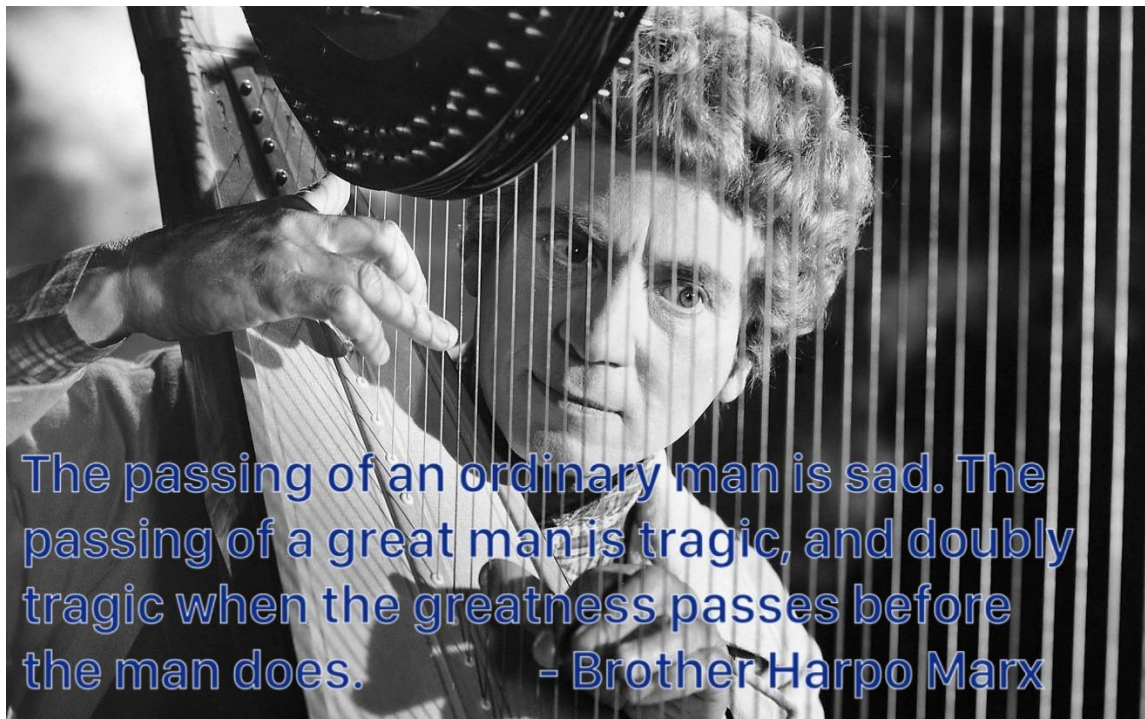
Land O Lakes High School

Steinbrenner High School

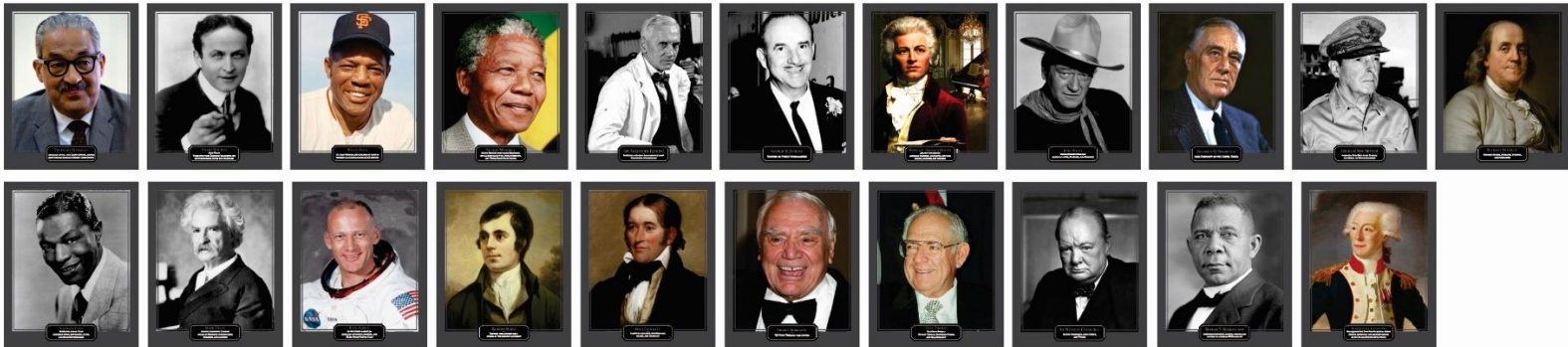
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg

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](#)

Please follow the link to our website for a complete list of past masters.

We are working on getting Palma Ciega Past Masters on the website.

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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 Holland Overman
Junior Steward Brother Dickey Parrish Davis
Tyler
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.

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 so I can update your records. Also check your Dues Card to see if it is current.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: August 2023.

- 1st 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 2nd (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM, District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).
- 3rd Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 8th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 10th Holyrood Lodge No. 257 Stated Meeting @ J. F. Swartsel 251, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 11th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple. **(Check for ZOOM meeting).**
- 15th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 17th Stated Communication (Master Mason Degree this evening) of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 18th Trestleboard Articles to W.: Sklet.
- 18th Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7: PM.**
- 22nd 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 26th 9:AM – Noon, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ Brandon 114.**
- 28th 6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Shrine.**
- 29th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 31st FAMILY NIGHT**

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Wade Angel

At the writing of this article, there is a lot of work going on at the Lodge. The remodeling of the Fellowship Hall will be done by our first meeting of August. There are other projects to be done however, and the Brothers are encouraged to pitch in. There are always multiple things to do. We had the highest turnout for Master Mason's Association this month again. Let's keep that up. We had a good time on the dolphin watch cruise with the Eastern Star. If there is something that you would like to do as a Lodge, please let us know, we want to get as many Brothers out to do things as a group as we can. Not everybody likes to do the same things so let us know what you like to do. How about a baseball game? Movie? Golf outing? What ever. We have another family night this month too. Any ideas? Let's keep moving and doing **Brothers. A rolling stone gathers no moss.**

Fraternally Yours,
Wade Angel

From the Senior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

Calling all bowlers! Rumors have emerged about a rematch with Universal Lodge on the ten pin field of glory! Anyone up for a pre-rematch practice game let me know.

Flyers have been emailed out about the Districts 19 & 20 Masonic Fishing Trip October 28, 2023, departing from Tarpon Springs, FL It's only \$100 per adult and \$75 per child under 12 years old. The rates include EVERYTHING you need to catch your limit. Fishing equipment, tackle, bait, parking, license and tax are all included for this low rate.

We'll have a contest for the biggest fish caught with a 50/50 pool.

To participate we must have your check by September 30th.

Come out and join the fun!!

Brother Brian Reach SW

From the Junior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins

My Brothers,

As we make our way through the dog days of summer, enjoying our vacations, time with family and any other travel that we may have or get to do, remember when you are in town to make visiting your lodge family a priority. It is a few hours a couple times a month. Our attendance has been surprisingly strong to start this summer. I believe the bonds and fellowship at J.F. Swartsel are driving the attendance.

At our next meeting on August 3rd, the fellowship hall will have a fresh look to it. New walls and paint, as well as some other surprises for you to take in. So come join us for dinner and a meeting. Let's see if we can get 50 plus brothers to a lodge meeting in August.

August 3rd
Dinner - Chili
Education - W. Rich Andrews

August 17th
Dinner - Taco Bar

Education - Master Mason Degree

Last but not least, let's remember the upcoming Birthdays in August:

Demetri Dellis	Larry Phillips
Dennis Martin	Robert Parlett
Gene Murray	Kal Sayed
John Hunt	Danny Valdez
Norman Manning	Carlos Adam
Lamont Richardson	Al Cochran
Marty Greif	Marlin Mullin
Terrence McVittie	Terrace McDaniels
Thomas O'Berry	Jeff Clay
Neil Pressley	Robert Parrish Jr.
Stephen Edson	Thomas Beukelaer
Thomas Overman	Harold Spaw
Shawn Whited	Demetrius Brown
Thomas Sacher-Brown	Ray Ciunci

Enjoy the summer my Brothers,

Allan Jenkins - JW

A message from the Worthy Matron: Sister Barbara Grant

To our favorites, our Masonic Brothers,

Time is flying, Friendship Chapter Order of the Eastern Star doesn't meet during July and August. However, our calendars are full with activities among our friends and attending our Grand Chapter of Florida Eastern Star activities. Some have attended the Honor programs for Grand Chapter Line Officers, hosted by Members of each District, in various areas of our State. These dinners and entertaining programs have been fun gatherings. We enjoyed our fellowship with our Brothers at Villaggio's Restaurant in July; how fun to meet new people and refresh our friendships with those we know. The Fish Fry seemed to be another big success, just gets better each Month. The Secretary/Treasurer's and Line Officers Officers' seminar was held in July in St. Augustine, and a Dolphin Cruise with our Sisters and Brothers registering and a Dinner after at Yianni's in Tarpon Springs. Have a blessed rest of your summer. Thank you again for your help in setting up our Chapter furniture.

Star Love,
Barbara Gant, W.M.

York Rite Lesson

Where did Enoch construct the (Secret) Vaults? Under Mount Moriah.

“Truth never damages a cause that is just.” Mahatma Gandhi

Who was Tubal Cain? The seventh man from Adam, “an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron.” The name of a son of Lamech by his first wife Zillah.

“I can be a better me than anyone can.” Diana Ross

Who established the first Grand Lodge in America? Henry Price, Grand Master, New England.

“The art of conversation lies in listening” Malcolm Forbes

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?

6/29/2023 Family Night at Villaggio Restorante. There was a great turnout from Swartsel and Holyrood. Food was awesome and the fellowship was even better



7/4/2023 – Happy Fourth of July




7/5/2023 MLT and District School of Instruction

District 19

School of Instruction

District School of Instruction is a great place for Master Masons to learn more about the ritual and special ceremonies. Master Masons only.

First Wednesday Most Months
Held at John Darling Lodge
4601 N Habana Ave Tampa
MLT at 6pm
District School at 7pm
Done by 8pm



Right Honorable Adam S. Feldman, District Instructor

7/6/2023 Stated Communication - Another great turn out tonight at our first stated meeting of the month. It is especially good to see Brother Chester Lowe in Lodge. It makes all the time and money worth it for our lift.

7/12/2023 Send off for Brother Gene McAbee on his Honor Flight.



7/17/2023 Work begins on the Fellowship Hall. Getting ready for our 100-year Celebration



7/20/2023 Stated Communication - Another great night at Swartsel Lodge! Thanks to all the Brothers for coming out to support the Lodge. We had an informative presentation from R.: W.: Rick Wendling. He is a candidate for the Grand South. Thank you R.: W.: Wendling for coming to our Lodge and letting us get to know you.



Making Progress on the fellowship Hall



7/21/2023 Fish Fry - Another great turnout at our Fish Fry! Thanks to everyone who came out. A special thanks to the Brothers and Sisters who showed up to help.





7/24/2023 Master Mason association of Hillsborough County



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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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