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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

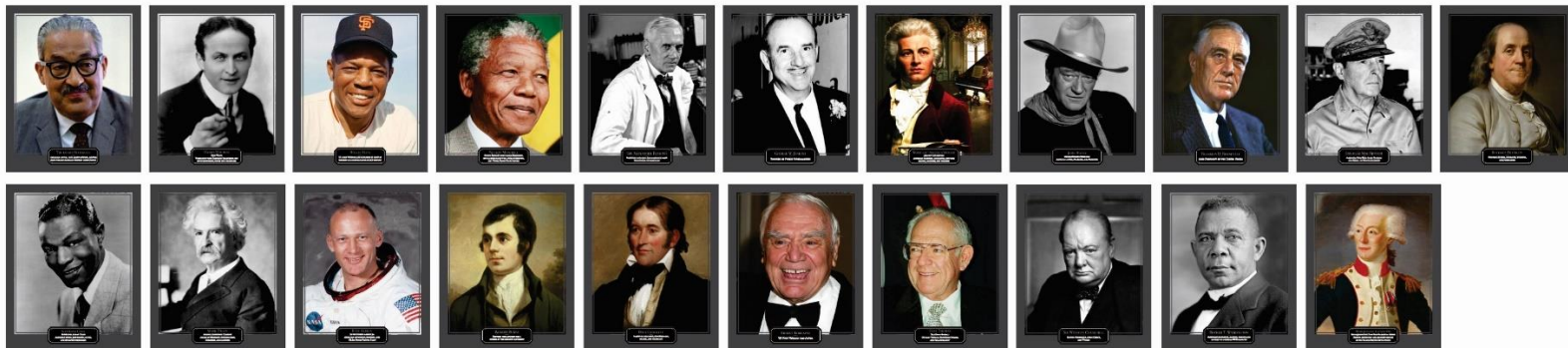


Who does J. F. Swartsel Lodge support in the community?

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.

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates: September 2023.

- 5th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 6th (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM), District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).
- 7th Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 8th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple. **(Check for ZOOM meeting).**
- 12th 6:PM - Officers Meeting @ J. F. Swartsel Lodge, 6:45 PM, Degree Practice.
- 14th Holyrood Lodge No. 257 Stated Meeting @ J. F. Swartsel 251, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 15th Trestleboard Articles to W.: Sklet.**
- 15th Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7: PM.**
- 19th 7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 meeting.**
- 21st Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 23rd 9:AM – Noon, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ John Darling 154.
- 25th 6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Shrine.
- 26th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Wade Angel

I usually prefer to write articles that are upbeat, even inspirational, but this month I have a different call to action. As we approach our Centennial celebration, it is important that we make improvements other than remodeling the Lodge and improving the grounds. It is important to maintain our culture as a Lodge. On August 17th we had a Master Mason Degree ceremony. This was the second consecutive time that we had to get assistance from other Lodges to fill the positions. In the past we did our degree work “in-House”. As we should. The same Brothers have been putting on Degrees for a long time. We need our members to step up and help out with bringing our new Brothers up through the ranks. Just like others did for us. It is our “main” responsibility as masons. Participation is what keeps a Lodge going. In last month’s Trestleboard, I finished by saying, “A rolling stone gathers no moss”. We keep moving forward with Participation. We are all busy. I get that. I am not asking for a lifetime commitment. What we need are for the Brothers of this Lodge to volunteer to help out for 1 degree every now and then. Don’t like public speaking? Fine, there are non-speaking roles too. There are parts with 1 or 2 lines. There are supporting roles. We need more participation.

To keep the Lodge moving forward into our 2nd century, we need to strengthen our Lodge work. The same Brothers who participate in the Degree work, are the same Brothers that go to District functions like District School, Master mason Association, GMOV meetings and working the fish fries. It is time to help the Lodge, and us by increasing our participation in masonic events both inside and out. We are a strong Lodge but it takes work to stay that way. I encourage all Brothers to ask what you can do to help. Everyone has talents. Let’s pick each other up and share the load. Thank you Brothers.

Fraternally Yours,

Wade Angel

From the Senior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

At the risk of sounding like I’m nag ... I am going to echo the sentiments of the Worshipful Master above. Brothers, our degree team numbers are shrinking. Many times we have Brothers running from one station to another due to missing Brothers. I had hoped the J. F. Swartsel could, not only participate as part of the District team, but also field a team of our own. So, I urge you all to let our Sr. Deacon know and come out to Tuesday night’s practices. Thank you in advance! See you there!

Calling all bowlers! Rummers 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.

Come out and join the fun!!

Brother Brian Reach SW

From the Junior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins

My Brothers,

September represents back to school for many families and the return of football season. One of our missions every year is to find a way to help the underserved schools. So please be on the lookout for upcoming ways to give. We will be getting together with the school to see what they need us to do.

As for the return of football season. Our fellowship hall at the lodge has been redone. We will be putting a 75" TV on the wall in the back of the hall. This will give us the opportunity to get together and watch some football as a lodge and cheer on our teams, deepen our friendships and enjoy our facility. So get ready to come out and enjoy.

Meeting dates:

September 7th

Dinner - Cheeseburger Sliders

Education - W. Andrews

September 21st

Dinner - BBQ Chicken

Education - Bro. Nagy.

Happy Birthday to the following brothers who were born in September:

Joseph Romano	Scott Hatten
Don Carlyle	Ralph Krautheim
Jeffrey Thompson	Jack Scherer
John Strickland III	Steven Crockett
Ken Tudor	Emmett Thompson
John Davis Jr.	Robert Stein
Stephen (Marcus) Lanier	Fred Krauer
John Frost	Robert Bondi
McKinley Osborne	
Scott Hatten	

Fraternally,
Allan Jenkins - JW

A message from the Worthy Matron: Sister Barbara Grant

What a great summer little rain, nice and hot, no hurricanes. No complaints, only Thanks be given for our great Sunshine State. Our first meeting, the third Monday of September will be busy with required things and we honor our OES Friends by invitation to visit our chapter. Many exciting events are in the making for the rest of the year, other than stated meetings. Thank you to our Masonic Brothers for helping with the furniture for our meetings. Thanks for the opportunity to share some events with each other. I cherish this year for the brotherly interest in our Order of the Eastern Star. What a privilege it is to meet in a beautiful building, kept so well inside and outside. The update looking good. The Fire Marshal will be happy we can get through the emergency exit.

Star Love,
Barbara Gant, Worthy Matron\
2023-2024

York Rite Lesson

What is the earliest mention of Freemasonry? John Moore came from England to South Carolina in 1680. A letter written by John in 1715, says he spent a few days with Masons and Brothers.

“Cherish your human connections – your relationships with friends and family.” Barbara Bush

Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights, Masonically, what may be said of the Boston Tea Party? It had its installation in a Masonic Lodge Room, all participating in the raid, were Masons.

“The only way to have a friend is to be one.”

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?

8/17/2023 – Master Mason Degree

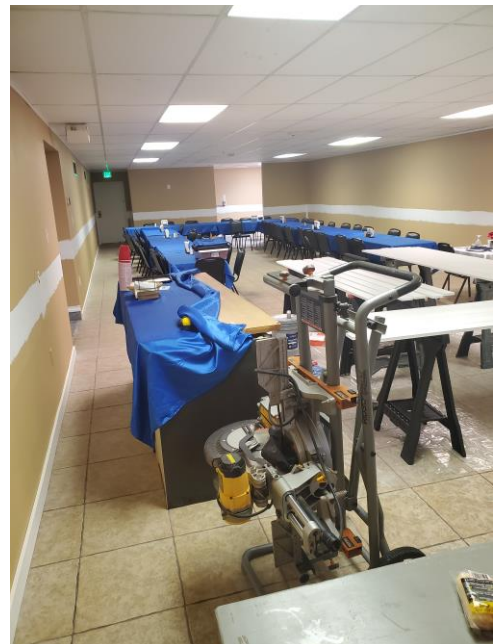
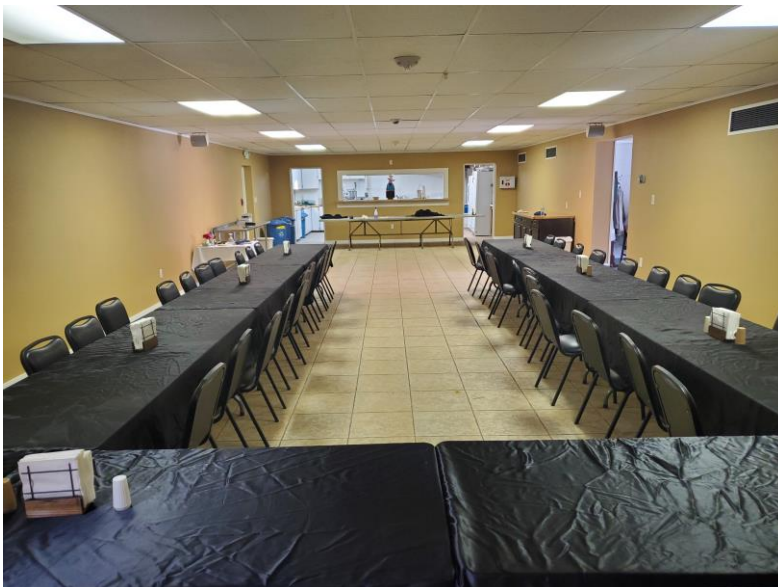


8/18/2023 Fish Fry



Next phase of the remodel. Come on out and see what is going on at your Lodge.

After painting and before next phase.



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