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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

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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)

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Shriners’ Hospital

Lifepath Hospice

Jobs’ Daughters

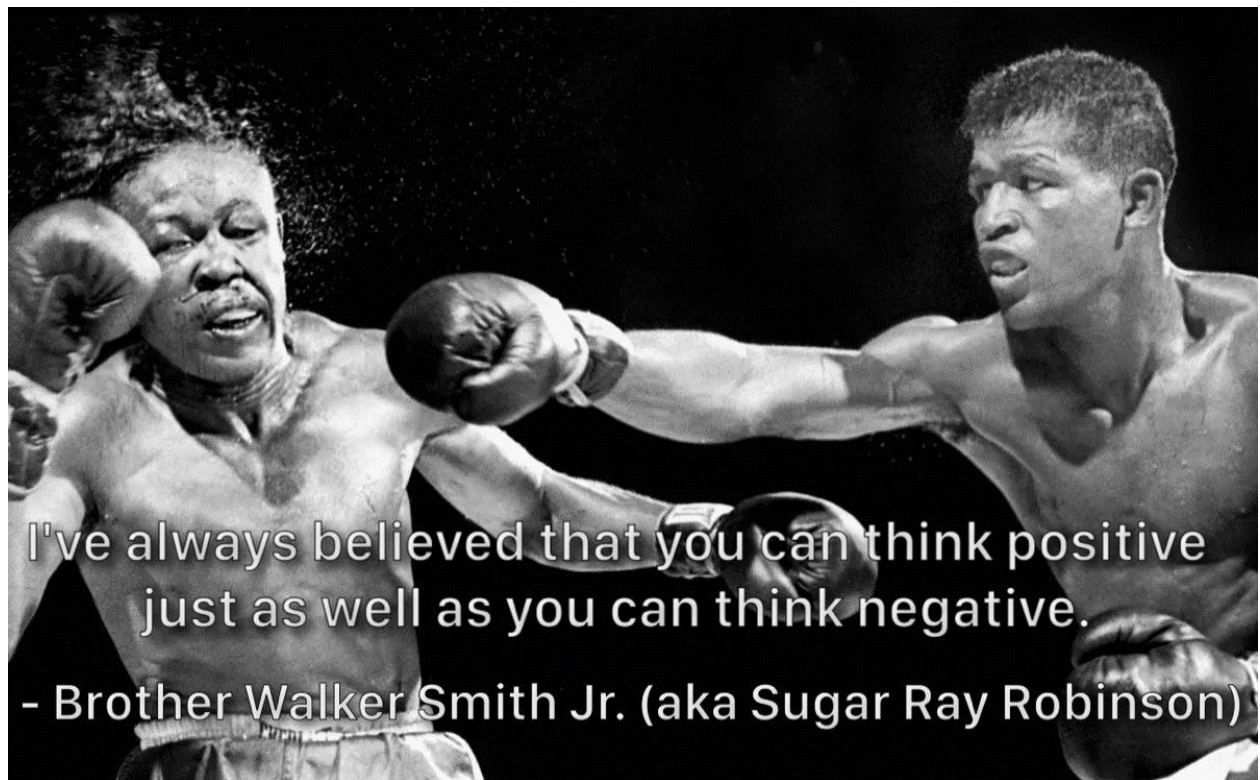
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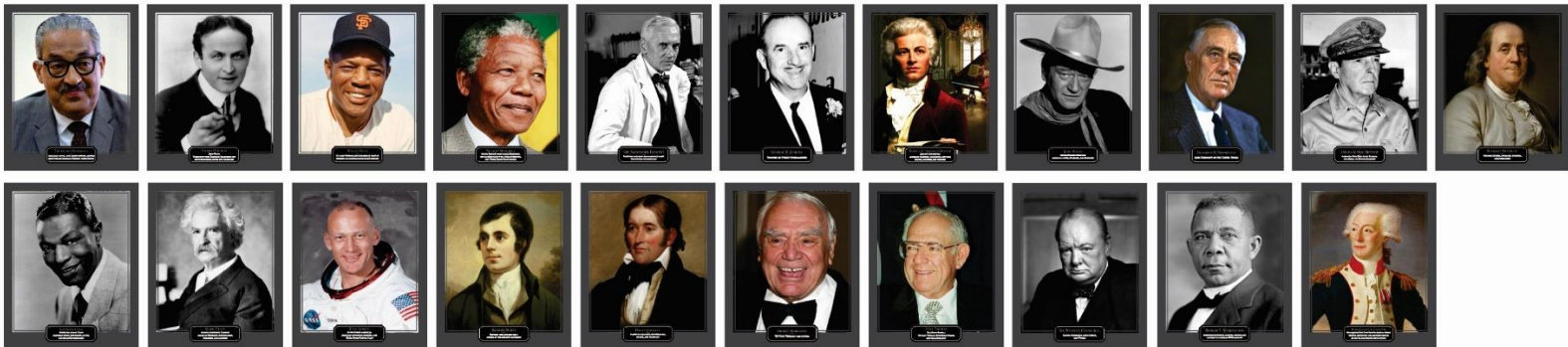
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg

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

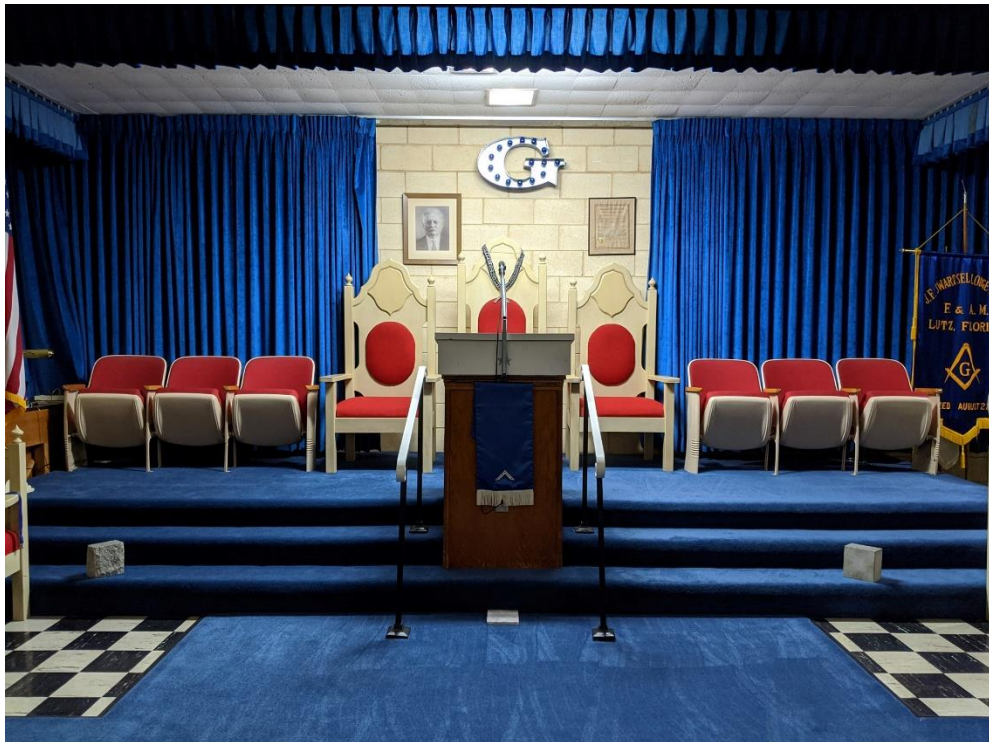
[The Past Masters of J.F. Swartsel and Community Lodge](#)

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.

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.

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:

October 2024.

- 3rd 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 4th (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM), District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).
- 5th **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 10th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 12th **Holyrood Lodge No. 257 Stated Meeting @ J. F. Swartsel 251, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 13th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple. **(Check for ZOOM meeting).**
- 16th **7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 meeting.**
- 17th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 19th **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 20th **Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7: PM.**
- 21st Trestleboard Articles to W.: Sklet.
- 23rd **6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Shrine.**
- 24th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 28th **9:AM – Noon, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ Brandon Lodge No. 114.**
- 31st 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Wade Angel

Calling all Past Masters!!! As the remodeling of the fellowship Hall is nearing completion, it is time to begin getting the monitors up and loaded with the Past Master's pictures and biographies. I am asking all Past Masters of J. F. Swartsel Lodge to write a brief Bio for their picture. Remember it must be 1 page double spaced. It will be loaded into the Power Point presentation in bullet point format. Things you might want to consider adding are:

- Year you were WM
- Your Home town / where you became a mason
- Major accomplishment for your year
- Something humorous for the year if it happened
- 1 sentence philosophy of Masonry (or favorite Quote)
- 1 sentence on your feelings about J.F. Swartsel Lodge
- What is/was your employment
- Any 1 line item you think people should now about you.

Remember to make it brief but also remember that future potential Masons will be reading them. We want them to get to know **YOU** in this brief statement. **YOU**, all of you, are the real history of this Lodge, and we want to honor you and your service to this lodge in a way that does not go "unspoken," but is there for all future Masons to see and learn from. Just write your info down and email it to me wangell@verizon.net. If it turns out to be too long, we can work together on editing.

I need these by 11/10/2023 please

Fraternally Yours,
Wade Angel

From the Senior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

I hope all of you got your checks in to our Secretary for the District 19 & 20 fishing trip on October 28. I am looking forward to it. Hope to see you on board!

Please remember that our official DDGM's visit is scheduled for the October 19 meeting; so please come and look sharp.

There is still work to be done in the fellowship hall. The work, so far, has fallen on a small number of our Brothers. So there will be working parties announced to finish it up. Please help if you can.

October is a time of Home Comings! Let us hope that some of our absent Brothers find the time to 'come home' and renew the bonds of fellowship! We would love to welcome you home Brothers!

Fraternally,
Brian Reach SW

From the Junior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins

My Brothers,

This year is passing quickly and I have begun the count down for meals left for me to cook. If you are curious at all it is 8!

As we enter the last quarter of 2023, it is crucial that we take stock of our lodge's attendance and participation. I am grateful for the strong start to the year, but we have had a clear dip this last month. I fully support and suggest that we reach out to our fellow brothers who have been absent from our meetings recently. It's part of our obligation to ensure the well-being of our brothers, and sometimes a simple check-in can make a significant difference in someone's life. Let's not forget the importance of our fraternity and the bonds we share.

If you have noticed a brother who has been absent, please take the time to call and find out how they are doing. It's only through these conversations that we can truly understand if they are in need of assistance or simply need a friendly nudge to return to lodge. Our lodge is stronger when we are together, and it is our responsibility to make sure it remains a welcoming and supportive lodge.

October holds 20 brother's birthdays, if you see them around the lodge remember to wish them a happy birthday!

Craig Muth
Sam Pesola
Aaron Allen
Glenn Bornemann
Arthur Baker Jr.
Chris Tremble
Brad Sollenberger
Don Bell
Gary Mabry
Richard Sego

Dickey Davis
Christopher Stall
Jay Haywood
Sam Scoggins
Thomas Buckman
Keith Crew
Gill Major
Robert Parrish
James Lambert
Richard Henderson

The meeting dates | Meals | Masonic Education
October 5th - Cheeseburger Sliders - W. Rich Andrews
October 19th - Meatloaf - DDGM Official Visit so no additional education

Fraternally,
Allan Jenkins JW

A message from the Worthy Matron: Sister Barbara Grant

The Lodge Dining Hall is updated, so clean and masculinely decorated. New tablecloths, napkin holders and serving tables ready for the next events. The OES Chapter has so many upcoming events some are for beneficent purposes. One, the "Big Red Blood Bank Bus" will be in the parking lot Friday, Oct. 20, same date as Fish Fry. Hopefully we will be able to help with donations as they are always in need. We are making donations for a member's son n law who is deployed and on the USS Bataan. Any items nonperishable are welcomed. You can make donations in the box at the entry hall. As pictured, cookies and watermelon were taken to the Lutz and Van Dyke Fire Stations. We had a super fun visit with those on duty. Our Masonic Veterans and First Responders will be honored on October 2, in the Dining Hall, with dinner at 6:00 P.M. Four members of our Chapter attended a Seminar in St. Augustine presented by the Grand Line Officers and Past Grand Matrons/Patrons. Thanks to our Masonic Brothers for help with our furniture for our meetings.

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

York Rite Lesson

Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights, what noted patriot, killed in the battle of Bunker Hill, was a Mason? General Warren

“Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind.” Theodore Roosevelt

Was Masonry practiced in the Revolutionary Army? Yes.

“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.” Confucius

How many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were Masons? Fifty-three.

“Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted.” Albert Einstein

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.

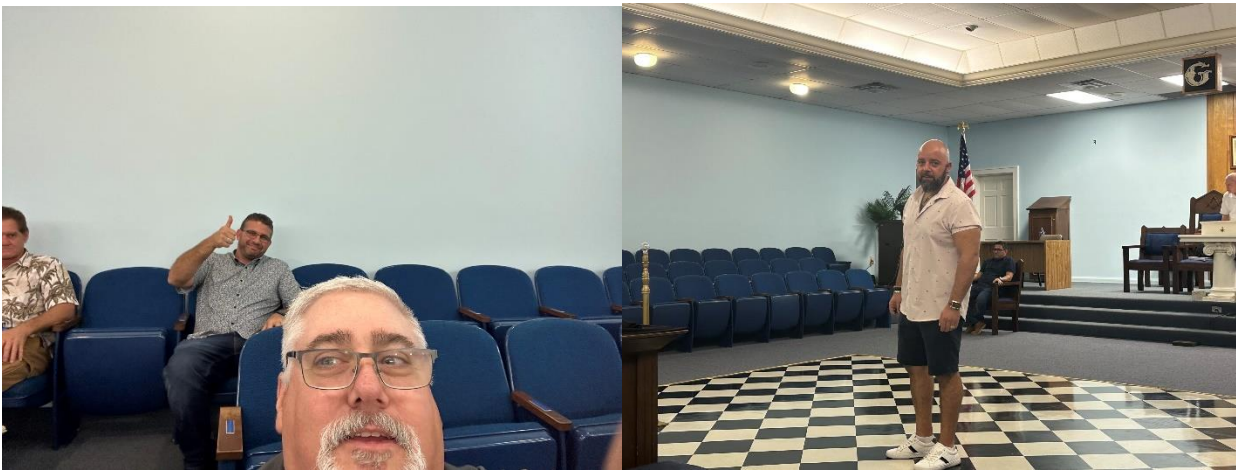


What have we been up to?

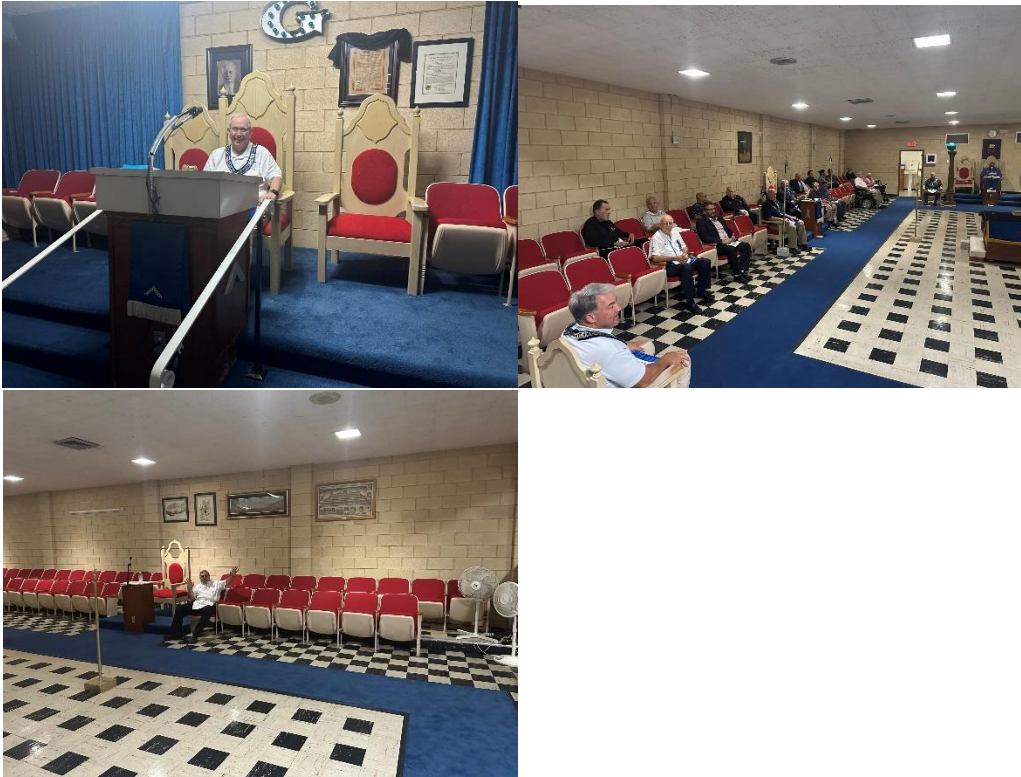
9/05/2023 – Attending Hillsborough 25's Annual Table Lodge



09/06/2023 Attending district school of instruction at John Darling Lodge with newly raised Brother Valdes. Learning a lot from R.: H.: Feldman!



09/07/2023 Great night at Lodge tonight! Sidelines were full and with W:. M:. Angel out of town our Senior Warden, Br. Brian Reach, got a preview of next year. He did a good job. We even had a sighting of our stealth Mason, W:. Marty Greif (25)



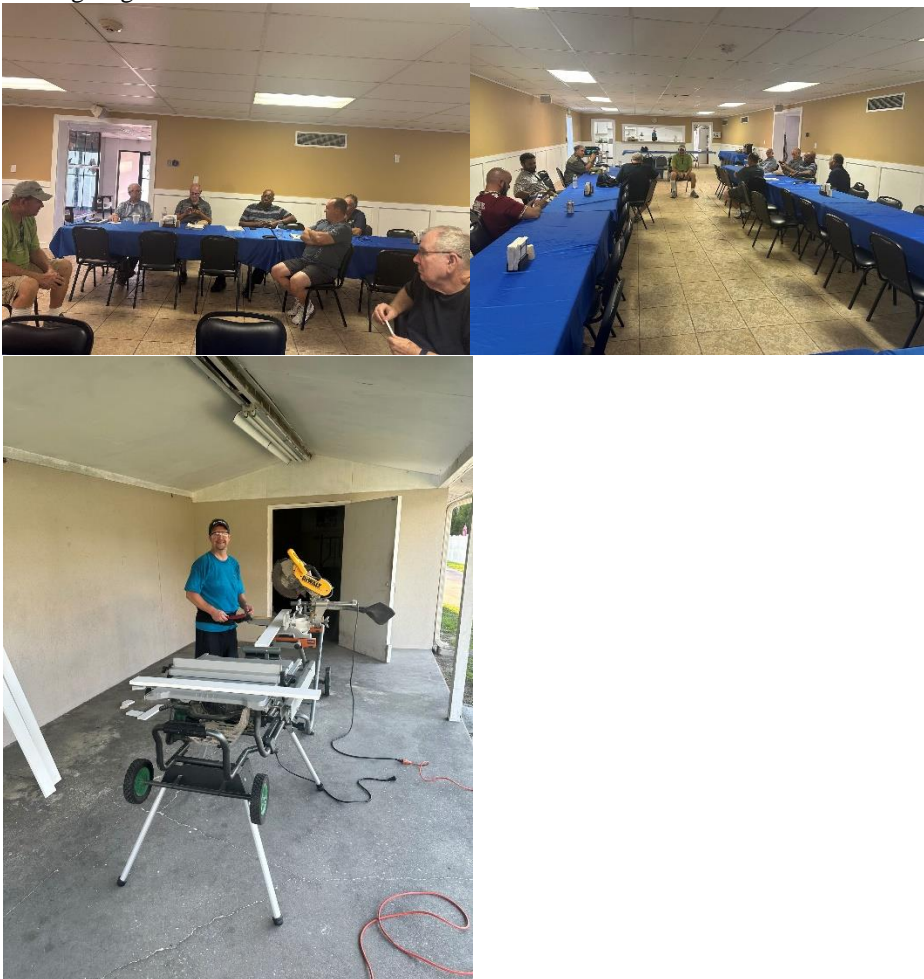
09/08/2023 Attending the Park Board meeting. Doing our best for the Brothers of the Lodge. Thanks to Br. Reach for coming out to support us.



09/09/2023 Members of J.F. Swartsel assisting with a Fellowcraft Degree at John Darling on 9/09/2023. Great fun and fellowship.



09/12/2023 All kinds of good work going on at the Lodge tonight. Officer's meeting and ongoing renovations. The future is looking bright for Swartsel!



09/15/2023 Another great turnout for the fish fry. Thanks to all our customers for coming out. A special thanks to the Brothers who came out to help!



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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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