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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

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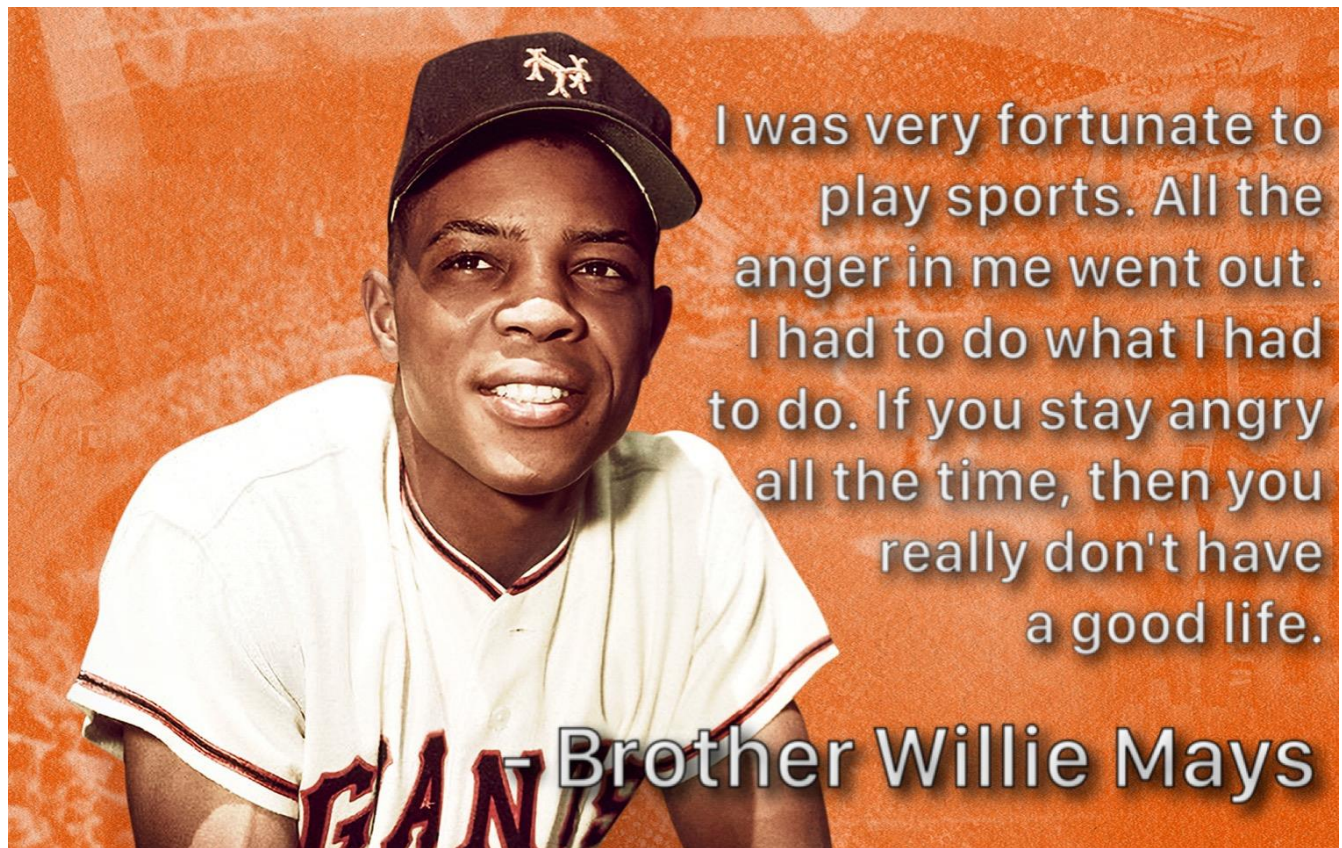
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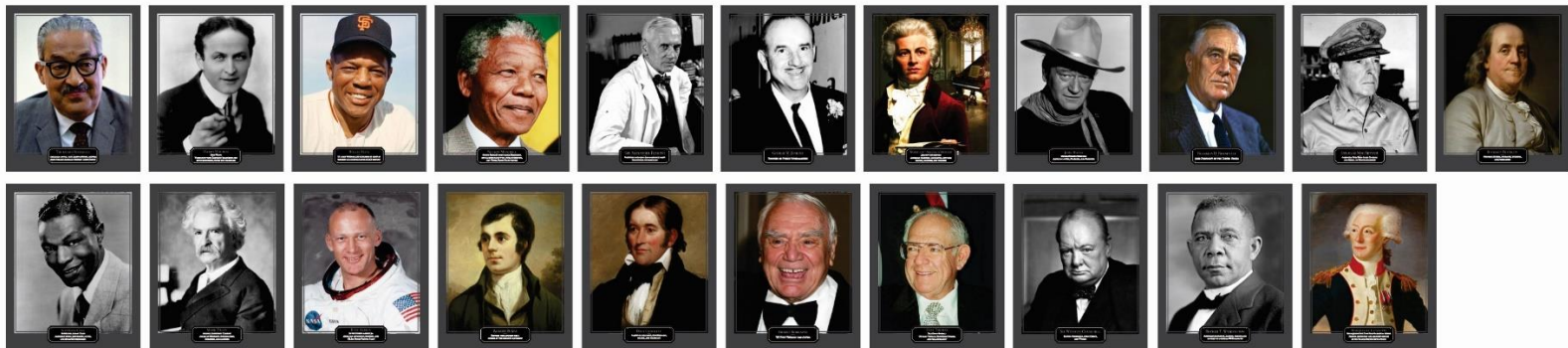
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg

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

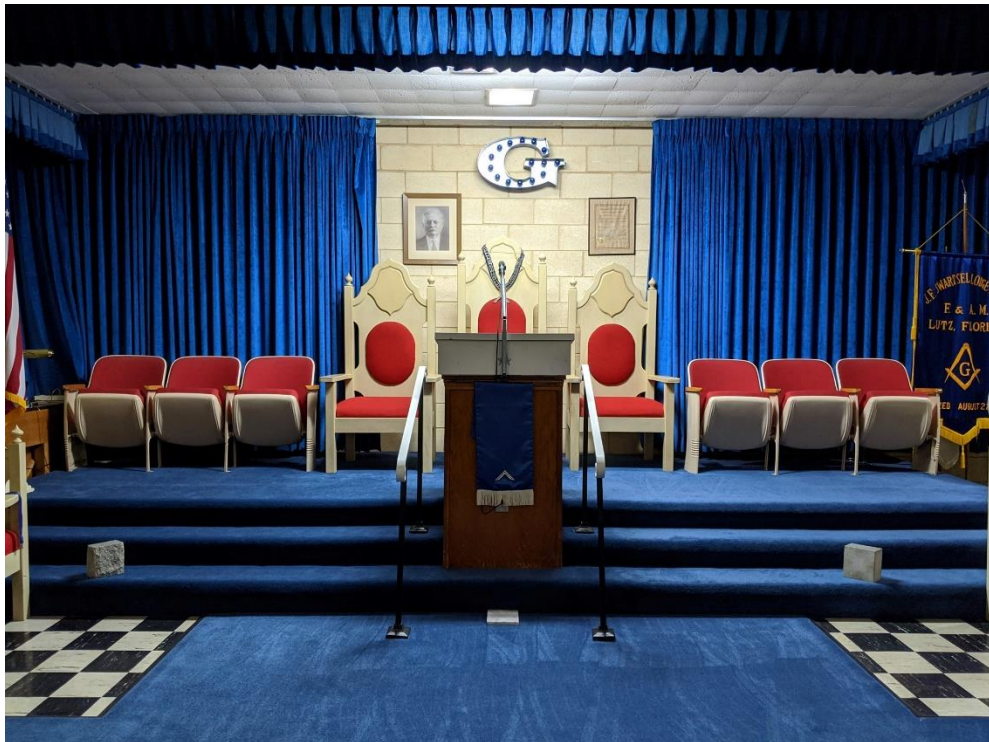
[The Past Masters of J.F. Swartsel and Community Lodge](#)

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.
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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, also your 2024 Dues notices have been mailed out to you. 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.

(FYI, Circumscribe is no longer available, please mail your 2024 and late due to the Lodge).

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates:

December 2024.

- 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, (Election of 2024 Officers), Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 8th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple.
- 12th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 15th Third Friday FULL (Canceled).**
- 15th Trestleboard Articles to W.: Sklet.
- 18th 7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 meeting**
- 19th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 21st Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM**
- 27th 6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Shrine.

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Wade Angel

It's hard to believe, but 2023 is rapidly coming to an end. At the writing of this article, Christmas is just 40 days away. (I better start shopping). I hope that all of my Brothers have a very joyous holiday season. We all love spending time with family and friends this time of year, but it is also a time to remember those who we do not see often. Take the time to call an old friend, or reach out via social media to someone from your past that you don't hear from very often. Let them know that you are thinking about them. Spread the joy of the season. Do something for someone you don't even know. Paying for coffee in the morning always works. Who doesn't like free coffee. A smile goes a long way too. Just keep smiling Brothers. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally Yours,
Wade Angel

From the Senior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

Well another month has flown by ... amazing!

I hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends!

For those of you who could not make the Outdoor degree hosted by the Brothers of Universal Lodge, you missed something special! The Brothers did a wonderful job! Their commitment to their roles in a second section was amazing; with lots of passion throughout. The fact that it was all done in Spanish did not detract from the degree. The weather even cooperated and provided a beautiful night to sit outside. Afterwards, a hearty country stew was served to the Brothers in attendance ... delicious!

Finally, I'd like to thank the Worthy Matron and the Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star for their work in the kitchen, serving line, and clean up afterward during our Turkey dinner! And lest I forget, the decorations in the dining hall made the place look great!

May the spirit of the season be with you and yours!
Hope to see you all in Lodge soon!

Brother Brian Reach SW

From the Junior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins

My Brothers,

We are in that time of year where family and friends are around to celebrate. Take this time to enjoy all of the blessings that we have been given throughout this year. I am sure that there are some of us that feel we have only had tribulation this year. The Grand Geometrician of the Universe says in his book that through struggle there is JOY. Your tribulation is preparing you for something more so celebrate the gift of preparation as we head into the magical season. I am grateful for all of the fellowship and friendships that I have developed by being part of this fraternity and look forward to deepening them this upcoming year.

Meeting dates, Meals and education.

Date: December 7th,
Meal: Spaghetti and Meatballs
Education: Worshipful Rich Andrews

Date: December 21st
Meal: Chili
Education: None. We will not stay late at the lodge this close to Christmas because of me!

Birthdays:

Walter Bartsch	Joseph Tarica
William Owens	William Nation
Mark Lager	Walter Scott
Richard Peck III	Tony Hedyat
Robert Weiner	Robert Williams
George Grimes	Doug Haeberlein
Marco Barabin	Rush Miller
Mark Campbell	Morrison Kimball
Bruce Clement	Alfred Telbow

Clayton Eller
Kenneth Clark
Alfo Carrocetto

John Nelson
Lewis McAbee
Joseph Cooper

I hope everyone has an amazing Holiday Season.

Allan Jenkins - JW

A message from the Worthy Matron: Sister Barbara Grant

Another exciting month in the Friendship Chapter #209, Order of the Eastern Star. We have continued our beneficent purposes as we collected items deemed necessary for those less fortunate. On Nov. 4, 2023, we had the good fortune to Initiate 5 new members into our Order. Bro. Wade Angel, Worshipful Master, Bro. Brian Reach, Sr. Warden, Bro. John Zachieus and Tod Farmer, members of the J.F. Swartsel Masonic Lodge #251. Along with these initiates was Sister Stacey Hudson. The officers were outstanding in their lectures. Bro. Steve Johnson, AP, from Gulf Beach Chapter protomed as Associate Patron, with a beautiful rendition of his memory work. Sister Lois Cacassia, PGM and husband, Bro. Joe and members from Chapters in our area were present. As we join our Fraternities in the delight of cheerful companionship and social activities we look forward to increasing purposes of our organizations. Several attended and the Official Inspection of the Magnolia Chapter in Largo, by Sister Mary Ann Holt, Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of Florida. Members of Friendship Chapter assisted in serving the Thanksgiving Dinner for our Masonic Brothers. As we remember the reason for Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations, from our Membership to your Membership, We thank the Great Architect of the Universe for our blessings.

Barbara Gant, Worthy Matron

What have we been up to?

11/02/2023 Stated meeting. Thanks to the Brothers who keep us fed. Nice turnout for the meeting. You can see we are making a lot of improvements downstairs.



11/07/2023 Friendship Chapter Order of the Eastern Star - Initiation night. Great turn out and congratulations to the newest members. Thank you for everyone who came out to support the new members. Things are moving in the right direction at Friendship Chapter.



11/13/2023 Worshipful Master and Youth Appreciation Night at the Valley of Tampa Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Thanks to all the Brothers of J.F. Swartsel who came out to support W.: M.: Wade Angel and the Youth Organizations from around the Valley. The night was filled with fun and fellowship.



11/14/2023 Annual Don Belcher Farmer's Degree. The one time a year most of us dust off our bib overalls and put on a Degree. Good fun and fellowship was had by all. Already looking forward to next year!



11/14/2023 Elsewhere in District 19, a great night for the Fraternity was happening at Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. The night was special for two reasons:

1. R.: W.: Billy D Scott the III made his official visit to his home Lodge
2. A large delegation from the Grand Lodge of France was in attendance.



11/16/2023 Thanksgiving Dinner at the Lodge. Brother Allen Jenkins our JW fried up a great turkey. The Worth Matron and the Sisters of Friendship Chapter Order of the Eastern Star came out to take care of us. Thank you to all the Brothers for coming out to support your Lodge.



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