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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

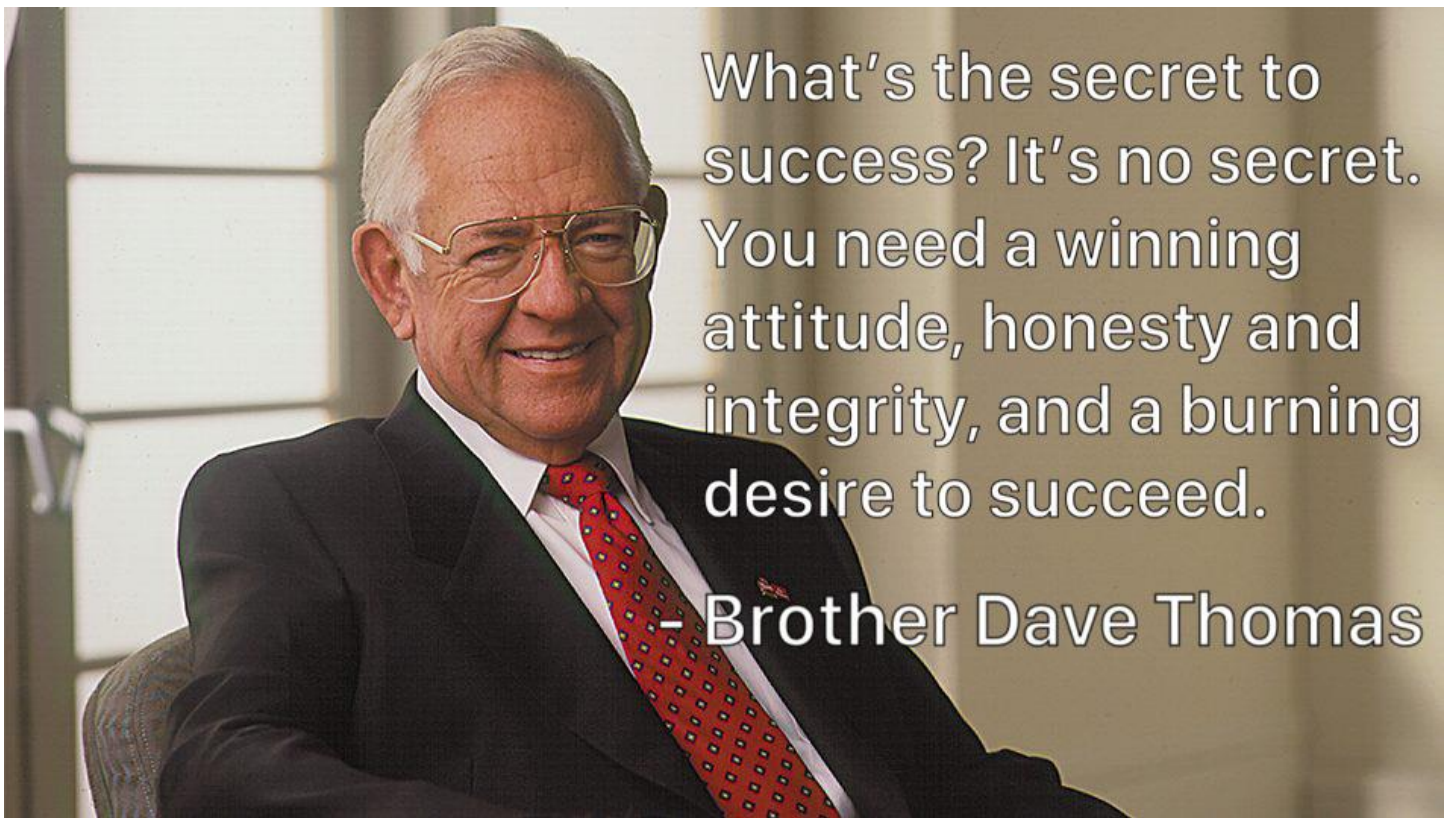
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Steinbrenner High School

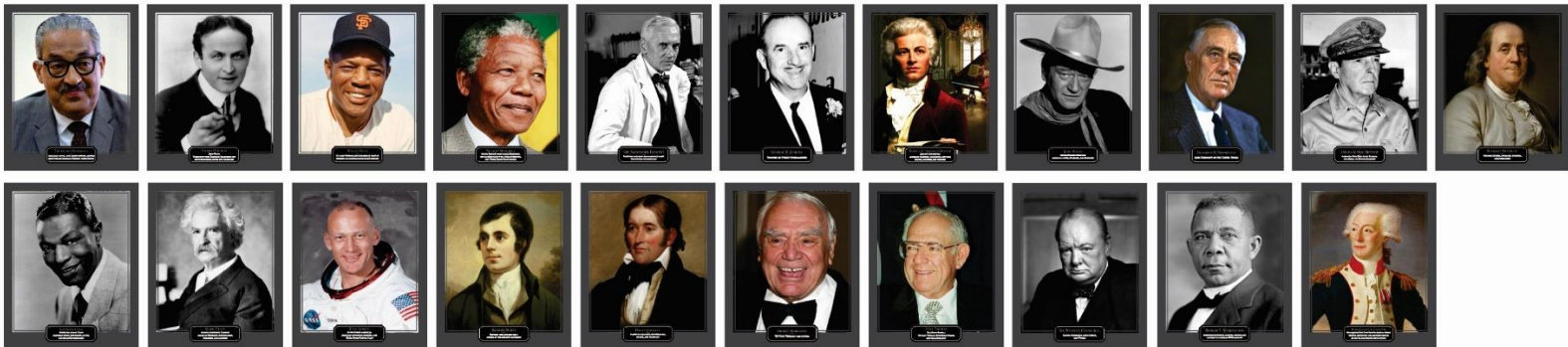
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg

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.

Your 2023 J. F. Swartzel 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.

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:

November 2024.

- 1st (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM), District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).
- 2nd **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, (Election of Officers Nomination forms due to Lodge Secretary), Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 7th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 9th **Holyrood Lodge No. 257 Stated Meeting @ J. F. Swartsel 251, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 10th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple.
- 14th 6:PM, Officers meeting, 6:45 PM, Degree Practice.
- 16th **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM**
- 17th **Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7: PM.**
- 18th **Trestleboard Articles to W.: Sklet.**
- 18th 4:PM, Outdoor Degree at the Masonic Park & Youth Camp.
- 20th **7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 meeting.**
- 21st 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 21st **Trestleboard Articles to W.: Sklet.**
- 27th **6:30 – 7:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Shrine.**
- 28th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 30th 6:30, Family Night at J. F. Swartsel Lodge.

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Wade Angel

Fall is here, and with that we are entering into the holiday season. That time of year to be with family and friends. As Brothers of this Lodge, you are all family and friends, and as such, we should all spend time together this holiday season. I would like to see big turnouts for our Stated Communications and close out 2023 with a bang. If anyone wants to put together a Christmas / Holiday party, that would be great as well. Our big 75-inch TV is installed and will be great for your favorite Christmas movie too. I think it will be a great Holiday season for all.

The holidays are also a time of giving, and we should remember those who need our help. And I know that I am preaching to the choir here, but we have to remember that the same people that we help out during the holidays also need help throughout the year. With the economic situation today, we will find many more people needing a little help.

Yes, I am starting the Holiday theme just a tad early, (It's not even Thanksgiving yet), but I feel the holiday mood already. I blame the stores that started decorating for Christmas in September. Now if it would just get a little cooler. Is that too much to ask? Take care Brothers. I Love you all.

Fraternally Yours,
Wade Angel

From the Senior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

My Brothers, as we look forward to the season of "Family Holidays" and all that joyous time we will spend together with those close to us, I have also been thinking about our Brotherhood. It grieves me to think that we have lost Brothers this past year. We have lost them to the ravages of time, to sickness, but the loss that I just can't understand is the loss of a Brother to another organization. It's like when someone becomes a friend just to move on to what their real goal was and forgets their original commitment.

I would hope my Brothers that you can find time in your life for both of your "friends". Mainly because we miss you! We miss you when we make decisions about the directions J. F. Swartzel will take; but especially when we come together in fellowship!!

Hoping to see you soon!

From the Junior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins

Welcome to November my brothers!!!

Well 2023 is coming to a close very fast and the holiday season is upon us. This is the time of year that we evaluate our accomplishments, enjoy some family and friendship time, and put plans in place for our 2024 year. What better way to kick off the season than with a family night. This month we have a 5th Thursday (a.k.a. Family night 11/30). I will be making and taking suggestions as to what we want to do for that night? Also, this time of year it is very important for each of us to reach out to one another. Staying in contact with each other is the key to our fraternity. So let's all do our part.

I am excited for what was accomplished this year and look forward to planning for next year.

Meeting dates:

11/2/2023

Dinner - Ham and Cheese Sliders

Education - W. Rich Andrews

11/16/2023

Dinner - Turkey and Mashed Potatoes

Education - W. Martin Grief

November Birthdays"

Phillip Estep

Jordan Pongase

Sam McPherson

Martin Pollack

Kenneth Wells

William Anton

Gregory Gough

John Warren

Jeff Sklet

Douglas Pasley

John Lofley Jr.

Donald Brazil

Curtis Lee Sutton
James Pearson
Malvin Hines II
Nicholas Brem

Joe Fara Sr.
Jerry Snell Jr.
Ron Stanley
Martin Elton

Have a great month Brothers!!!

Allan Jenkins - JW

A message from the Worthy Matron: Sister Barbara Grant

What another wonderful Month of Activities for Friendship Chapter #209. We invite Friends from other Chapters to join us at our meeting to share fellowship with one another. We held our First Responders and Veterans honor night for Dinner and as pictured we gave stuffed animals to the Patrol Officers to share with children in distress. Lamont, made a special trip to help hang the First Responders Banner in front of the Lodge. The food was delicious and appreciated by those who were able to attend. Thank you to the Food Chairman and Committee. Barbara, Gina, and Cheri took watermelon and cookies to Lutz and Van Dyke Fire Stations. Friendly folks and appreciative, a few snapshots to share below. Pictures below of our Birthday Celebration for Dr. Rob Morris, the founder of our Order. I was delighted to have our Worthy Patron attend this, as well as other members of the Friendship Chapter. A group, Me, Ann, and Jennifer attended the "Roasting" of the Worthy Grand Matron in Orange Park, Florida. A fun time especially when our group wins baskets from a ticket drawing. Sister Maudelene, myself and Jennifer attended the Official Visit, by the Worthy Grand Matron with the Worthy Grand Patron and other Grand Chapter officers at the Brooksville Chapter. An enjoyable evening. The Fish Fry was very successful and those who were successful to donate blood received a T-Shirt and a gift card. Pictured below Gina. Looking forward to the "Fishing Trip" Oct. 28. Quite a few "Star Members" and their friends will come along. Once again THANK YOU to our MASONIC BROTHERS for all you do for the Eastern Star Chapter.

York Rite Lesson

What is the indented Tessel? Tesselated border of the old rituals.

“It is not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” Mother Teresa

What is the earliest mention of Freemasonry. John Mooe came from England to South Carolina in 1680. A letter written by him on 1713 says he spent a few evenings with Masonic Brothers.

“If you take responsibility for yourself, you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams.” Les Brown

“There are no guys, fellows or gentlemen in York Rite Freemasonry.” Wise old Past Master.

“If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.” Napoleon Hill

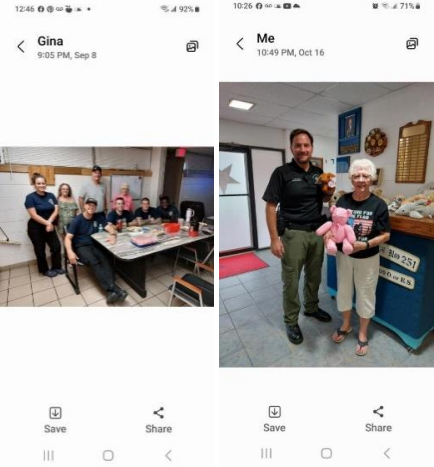
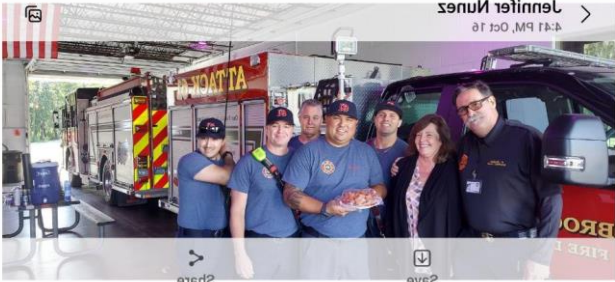
If it ain't York, it ain't Rite

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?

10/02/2023 First Responders and Veterans Appreciation Night by Friendship Chapter OES



10/04/2023 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



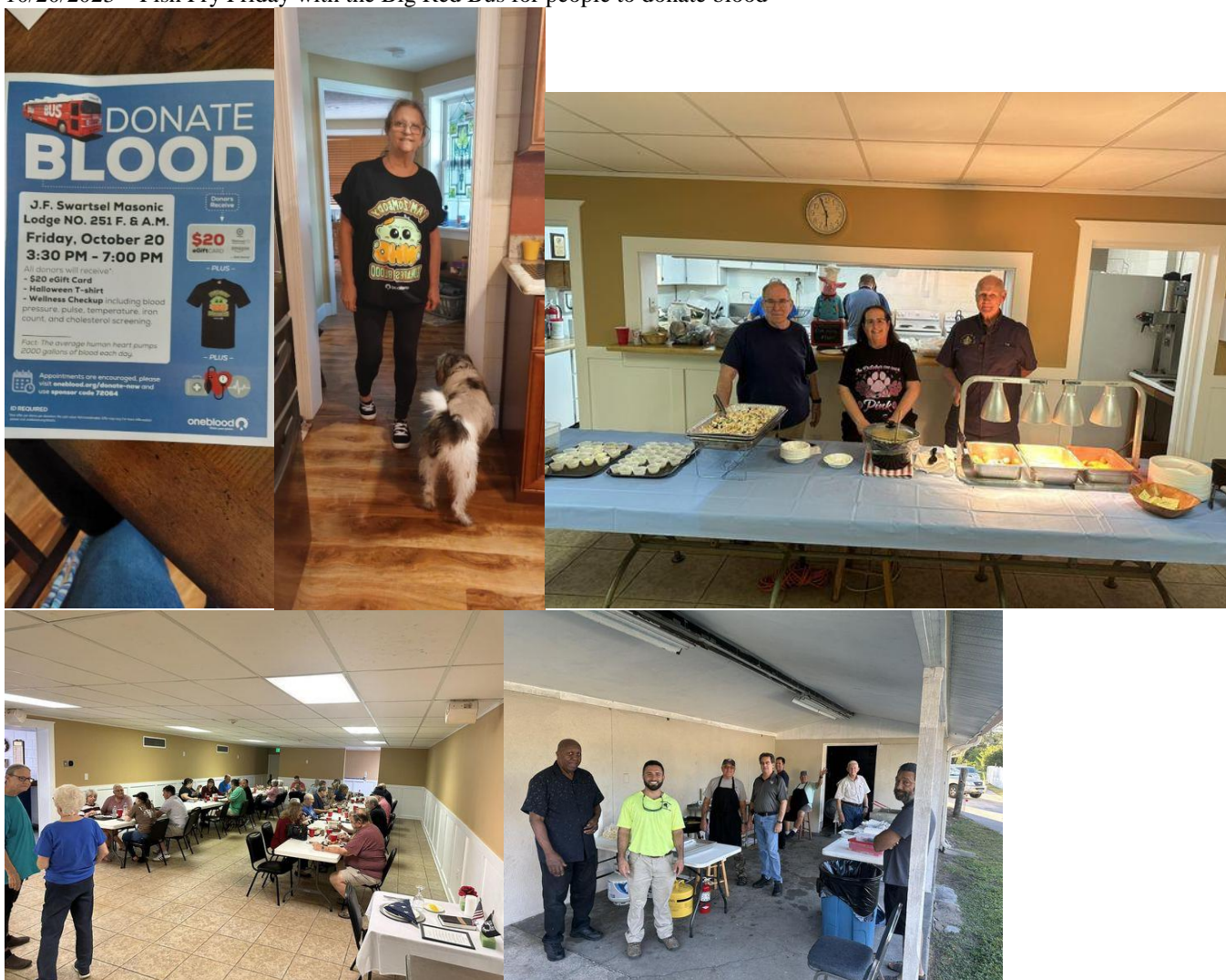
10/05/2023 Stated communication



10/19/2023 We had the pleasure of receiving R:. W.: Billy Scott, District Deputy Grand Master of the 19th Masonic District, last night. Thanks to all the Brothers who came out and supported him and the Lodge. The group photographer's finger must have slipped



10/20/2023 – Fish Fry Friday with the Big Red Bus for people to donate blood



Birthday Celebration of Dr. Rob Morris, the founder of The Order of the Eastern Star.



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