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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.: Stephan Edson – W.: Raymond Ciunci – Br. Allan 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

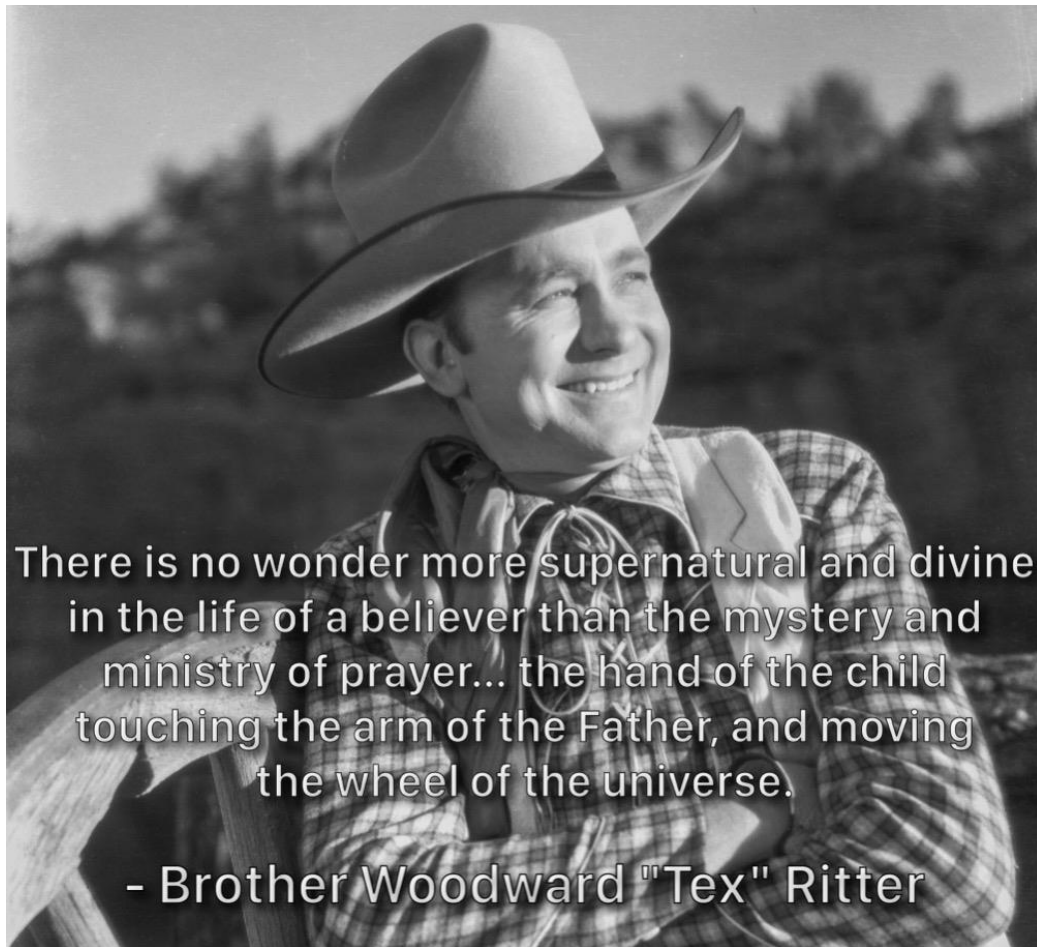
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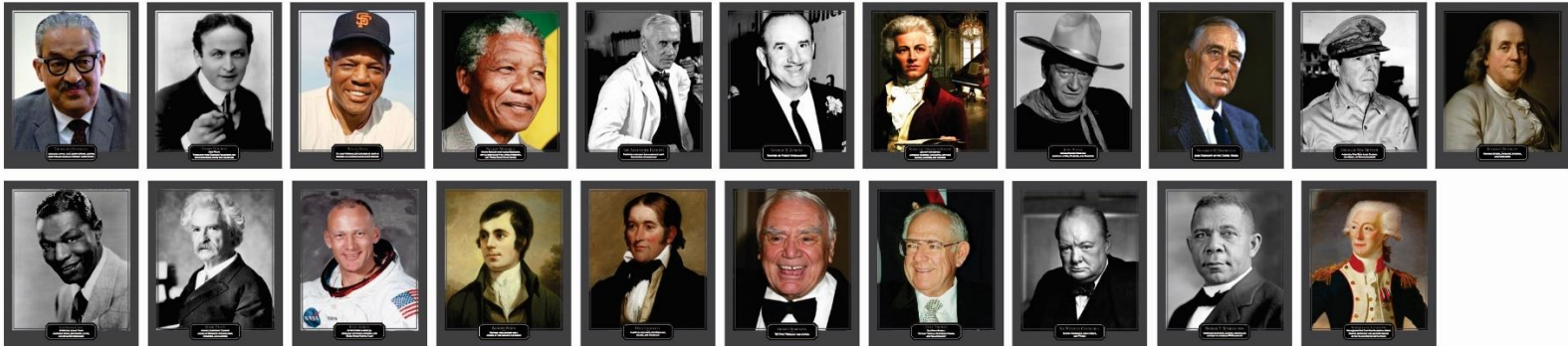
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg

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

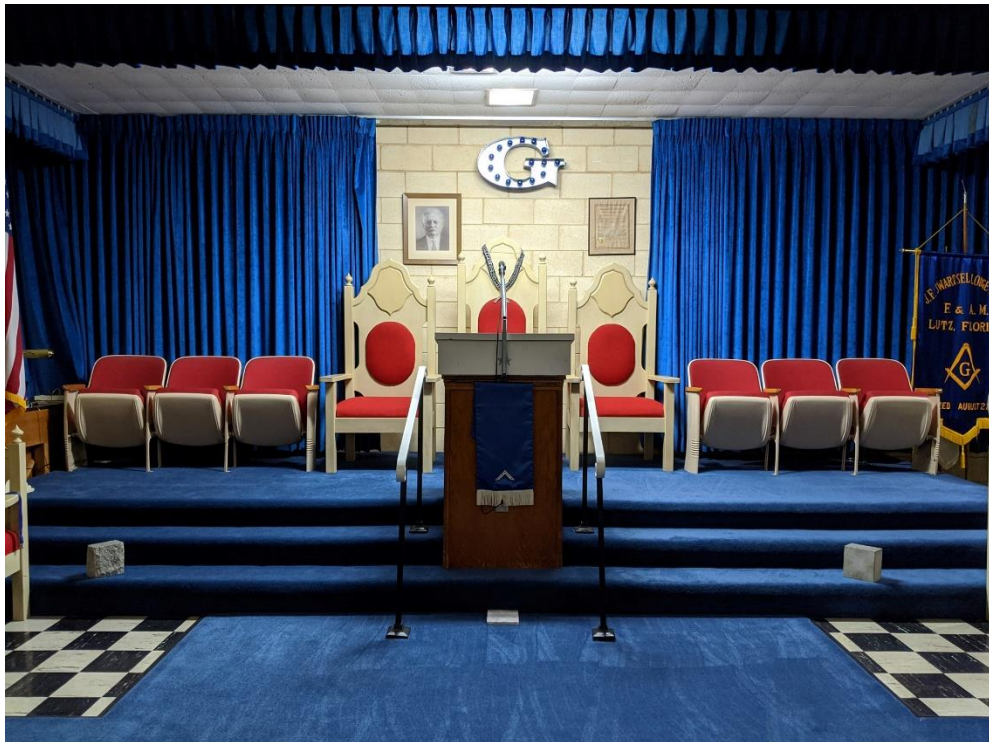
[The Past Masters of J.F. Swartsel and Community Lodge](#)

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 2024 J. F. Swartsel Officers are as follows:

Worshipful Master Brother Brian Andrew Reach
Senior Warden Brother Allan Arthur Jenkins
Junior Warden Brother Demetrios Thomas Dellis
Treasurer W ♂ Jeffrey Thomas Sklet
Secretary W ♂ David Bruce Lambert Sr.
Chaplain Br. Thomas Sheehan
Marshall W ♂ Stephen Douglas Edson
Senior Deacon Brother Joe Circhirillo
Junior Deacon Brother Thomas Holland Overman
Senior Steward Brother Dickey Parrish Davis
Junior Steward Brother Jack Jones
Tyler Brother Lamont Richardson
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 2024 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.

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

Calendar of Important Lodge Dates:

January 2024.

- 2nd 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 3rd (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM), District School of Instruction @ John Darling No. 154).
- 4th **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 9th 6:PM – Degree Practice after meeting.
- 12th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple.
- 13th **10:AM – 1:PM, J. F. Swartsel Lodge Installation of 2024 Officer's.**
- 15th **7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 meeting.**
- 16th 6:30 PM, Officers Meeting, Degree Practice.
- 18th **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM**
- 19th **Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7: PM.**
- 19th Trestleboard Articles to W.: Sklet.
- 22nd **6:30 – 8:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Shrine.**
- 23rd 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 27th **9:AM – Noon, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ John Darling Lodge No. 154.**
- 30th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Wade Angel

It's hard to believe that 2023 is over. I want to thank all of the officers of the Lodge for their support during 2023. WM Elect Brian Reach is going to be a terrific leader for our Lodge. With the continued support of the officers of the Lodge, we can look forward to another great year. I already look forward to Grand Communication 2024. J. F. Swartsel will have another good showing in Orlando.

I also want to thank all my Brothers for their great attendance at our meetings and functions throughout the year. The best part of the year was the quality time spent with Brothers of the Lodge. When I first became a Mason, I was told that J. F. Swartsel was, "A great group of guys". That is why I chose this Lodge, and today I feel that I could not have made a better choice.

I want to congratulate WM Elect Brian Reach and look forward to working with him this year. I will do as much as I can to help out on committees and look forward to working with our new Brothers. Thank you all for making my year as Worshipful Master a great experience. God Bless you all, and God Bless J. F. Swartsel.

Fraternally Yours,

PM Wade Angel

From the Senior Warden: Brother Brian Reach

Welcome to 2024 Brothers!! I hope the Holiday Season was a great one for you and yours!!

First, I would like to congratulate Worshipful Wade Angel on a great year in the East! The dinning/fellowship hall looks great! Well done! Not to mention collecting the Traveling Gavel from our Brothers at Universal and receiving the Column under Construction at Master Masons Association.

A BIG thank you to all the Brothers who participated in our Degree work this past year, which include not only those conferring the degrees but all those Brothers who helped us practice by serving as candidates, conductors, and prompters.

Further, let us not forget all the hours our very own District Instructor R.:H.: Adam Feldman has dedicated to our Lodge. Because of his efforts I believe our ritual and degree work is among the best!!

In closing I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as Senior Warden this past year and the honor of serving you as Master of the Lodge for 2024

Hoping to see you all real soon in Lodge,

Br Brian Reach

From the Junior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins

Brothers, I hope your Holiday season was all that you wished for, filled with great memories, and loved ones around you. I would like to congratulate W. Wade Angel on his year in the East. His year was filled with many projects, from finishing off the lift to renovating fellowship hall! Thank you for all you do!

I would also like to Congratulate Worshipful Master - elect Brain Reach! I cannot wait to see what his plans for 2024 will bring us. His year marks a huge milestone for J.F. Swartsel lodge No.251, this is year 99 in our existence. We close out a century under his watch and leadership. I wish him the best and hope all the brothers will participate in supporting him, I know I will.

Our Meeting dates, Meal, and Education:

January 4th - Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans and a Salad – W. Andrews will deliver the Education.

Brother Dellis's First Meal!!!

January 18th – Chicken Parm – Education to follow...

Lastly, I will sign off with the January Birthdays!!!

Robert Crowell

Jerry Devault

Matt Jones

Steven Lutz

Robert Moore

Robert Tibideaux

Frank Fernandez

Melvin Wilber

Kenneth Williams

Charles Osborne

It has been my pleasure to serve this lodge and each one of you as your Junior Warden this year. I am leaving you all in the very capable hands of Brother Dellis. I am excited to see what he cooks for us all this year.

Happy New Year,

Brother Jenkins - JW

A message from the Worthy Matron: Sister Barbara Grant

From our house to your house, what great food, fun, and fellowship was enjoyed by all 40 members of our Masonic Fraternity and Order of the Eastern Star at our Christmas party in December. Maudelene McCleary furnished A snowball game, and a game allowing all present to exchange gifts through narration of a game using the Wright family as center of attention, and Gina McNairy supplied a game of wrapped items with participants using mitts to open saran wrap to get the gift. Dice thrown with doubles being the winner of the opportunity to try to open the stuck saran wrap. How exciting to see happiness being spread among our fraternities? Thanks to our Brothers and Sisters who brought their spouse or friend. Many thanks to all who helped in the kitchen and to Bro. Wade Angel, Worshipful Master, and J.F. Swartsel Lodge for the meat, desserts, and all those who brought delicious food for this occasion. Our invitation in November, to join our Brothers at their Family Night, was attended by many of us who brought covered dishes for this gala occasion.

Looking forward to continuing our social activities as soon there will be a newly elected corp of officers for our Organizations.

Star Love,

Barbara Gant, Worthy Matron

2023-2024

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What have we been up to?

11/21/2023 Lodge Visit to Pearl of the West Lodge. What do you do on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and degree practice is canceled? Go west young man! We had a great time visiting the Brothers of Pearl of the West. A great bunch of Brothers.



11/30/2023 - Family Night at J.F. Swartsel and Friendship Chapter. Great turn out and as usual too much dessert. That is a good thing!



12/06/2023 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



12/07/2023 - Stated communication of J.F. Swartsel and election of Officers. We also had Brothers from two different Lodges in Canada visit, who presented us with a beautiful wooden plaque with both names of their Lodges carved in it. A very special night for us. Behold how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity!



12/07/2023 – Happy Hanukkah



12/19/2023 - Thanks to the generosity of the Brothers of J.F. Swartsel, we were able to give a substantial Christmas gift to McKittrick elementary. A big thanks to all the Brothers who made that extra donation.

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill

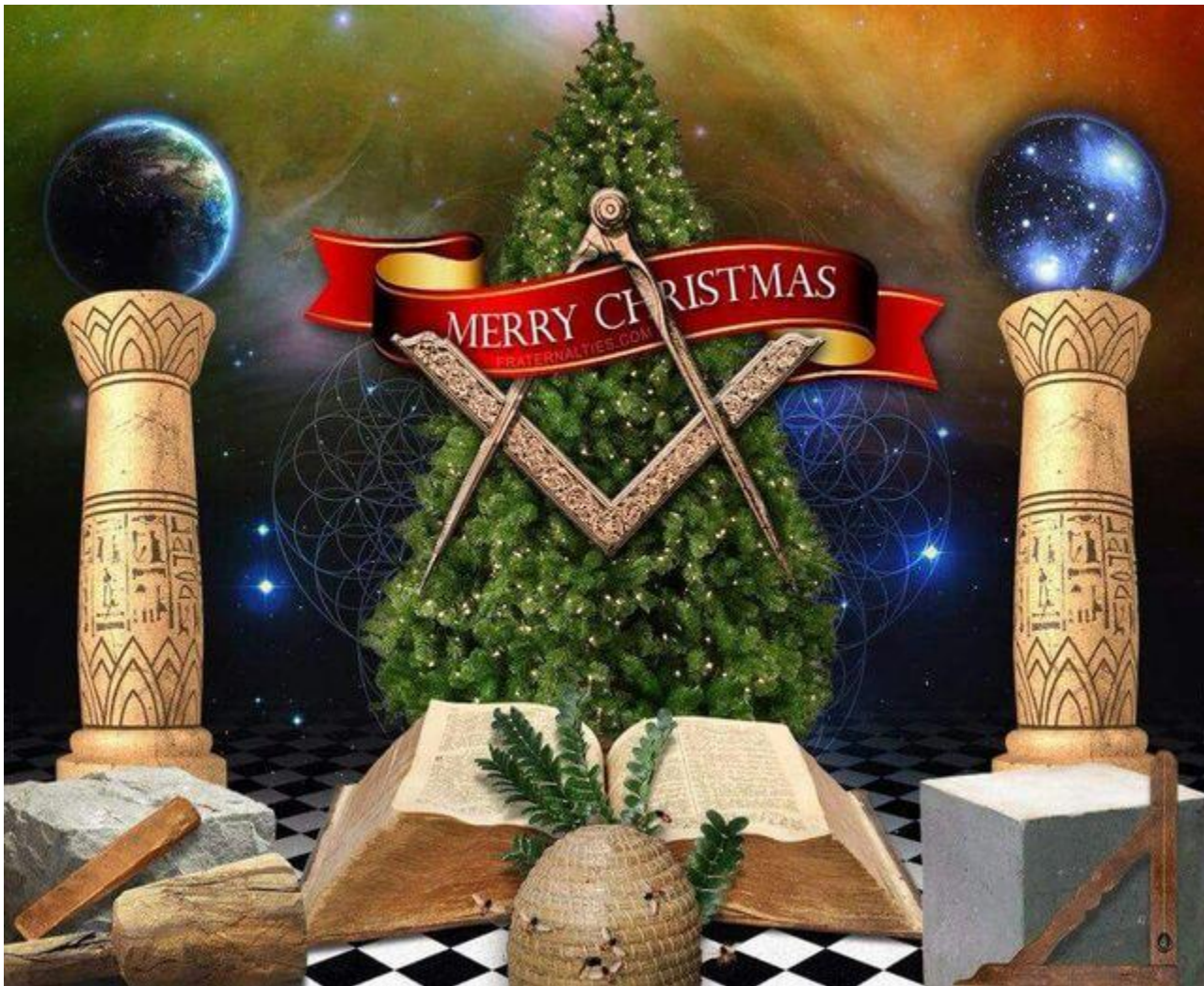


12/19-2023 - The Brothers of Swartsel traveled down to Universal Lodge No. 78 for the purpose of getting the Traveling Gavel and be with the Brothers and W. M. Jose Ruiz for his last meeting. As you can see we were successful. It is always a great time at Universal. The Brothers are the best and the food ain't too bad either 😊.

So to all the other Lodges of 19 and 20, come and get it!



12/25/2023 – Merry Christmas



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