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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

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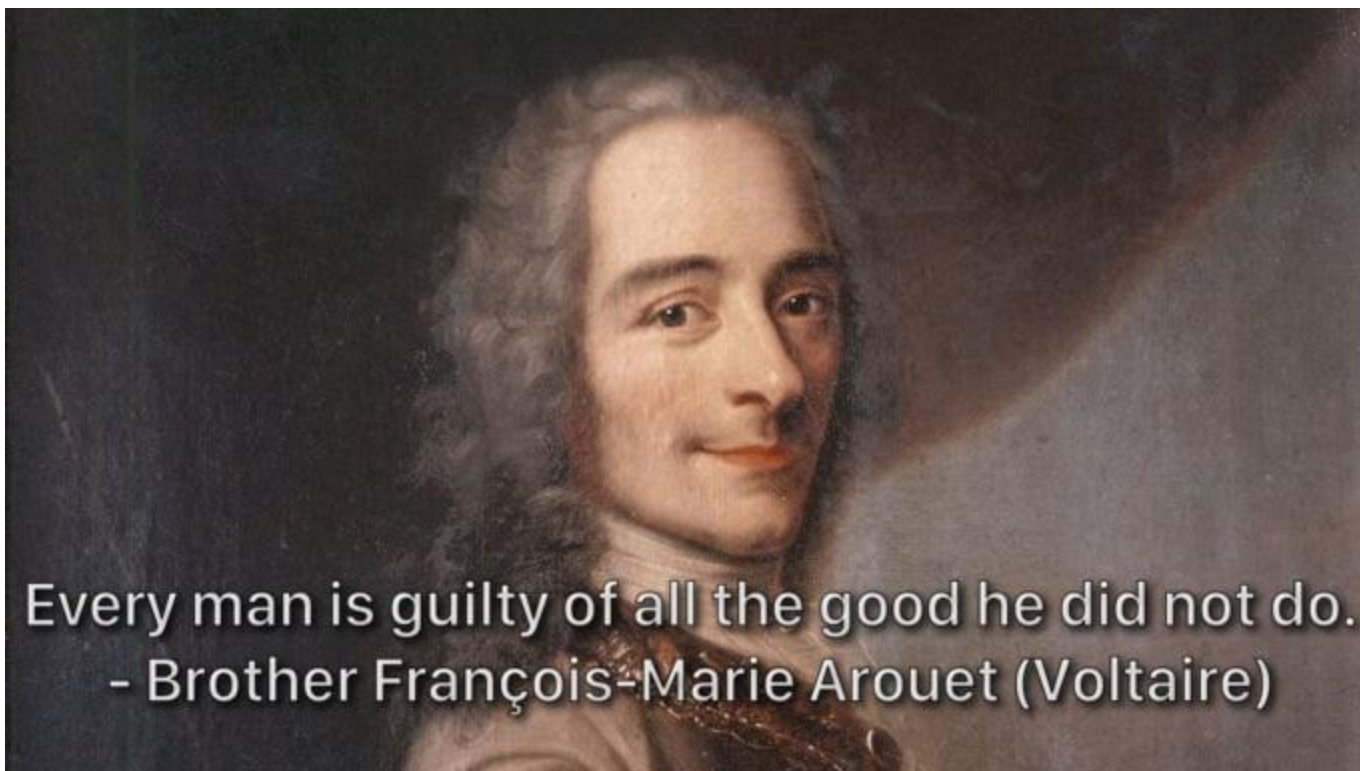
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Steinbrenner High School

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

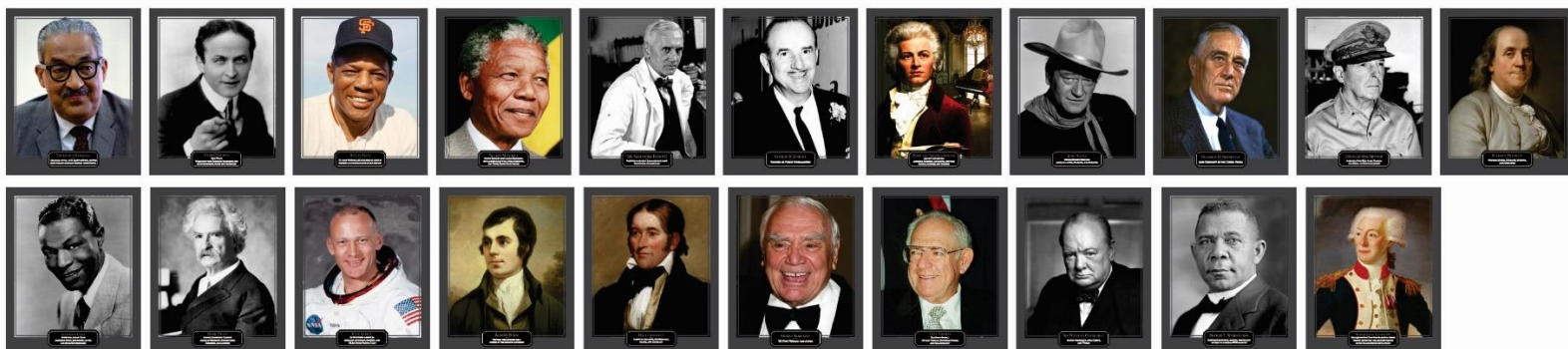
Metropolitan Ministries

The Joshua House



Every man is guilty of all the good he did not do.
- Brother François-Marie Arouet (Voltaire)

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:

March 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, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 8th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple.
- 12th 6:PM Officer's Meeting, 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 15th **Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel Lodge – Serving from 5 - 7: PM.**
- 16th 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**
- 23rd 9:AM – Noon, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ John Darling Lodge No. 154.
- 25th 6:30 – 8:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Shrine.
- 26th 6:30 PM, Lodge visit to Hillsborough Lodge No. 25. 508 E Kennedy Blvd, Tampa 33602.

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Brian Reach

From the East

2024 so far: two meetings down, a successful fish fry, a Brother Raised, and 3 perspective members have submitted petitions for the 3 Symbolic Degrees. We are doing great Brothers! Keep up the good work!

Our monthly Lodge visits are back and going strong. I will be updating this portion of my Trestleboard articles as we identify the Lodges.

Hillsborough 25	Tuesday March 26	Down town
Paul Revere 419	Tuesday April date TBD	Brooksville
Tampa 252	Tuesday May date TBD	Safety Harbor

I hope that all of you who joined us for Family Night at Villaggio's had a great time and a satisfying dinner.

As you may know, my focus this year is on the kitchen. To that end, funds have been allocated to buy a drink display case for the dinning room and the purchase is moving forward. Once on site, the drinks can be moved to the new case which will make much needed refrigerator space in the kitchen. Our next focus will be the repair or replacement of the kitchen stoves, which have been unreliable lately.

Our Lodge will be receiving an official visit from the DDGM between now and May. Fortunately, our very own District 19 Instructor is going to be teaching us all how to do it properly at the very next District School of Instruction being held at John Darling Lodge on Wednesday March 6. Come out and lets get smarter!!

I am looking forward to the coming year as we continue to improve and grow our Lodge with the help of all the Brothers!

Hope to see you in Lodge soon!

Fraternally yours,
W:. Brian Reach

From the Senior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins

My Brothers,

First of all, I want to congratulate Brother Denis Monefeldt on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. He has put in the work and spent many hours building deep masonic relationships. I am happy to see him sitting with us during the monthly communications. I would also be remiss if I did not recognize the performance of the degree team. Everyone really delivered an excellent degree for Brother Monefeldt.

In March, we will not be having a degree, but we will be practicing every Tuesday night. The exciting part is that the next degree we should have 4-5 candidates for our Entered Apprentice Degree. So if you have any interest in getting involved in the degree work, I would encourage you to be at the practices. You do not need to be invited to be there. This is a great way to become more involved with our Lodge.

Have a Blessed March my Brothers!!

Allan Jenkins - SW

From the Junior Warden: Brother Demetrios Dellis

Nothing from the South

A message from the Worthy Matron: Sister Barbara Grant

As of this writing, we will initiate 3 petitioners with the newly elected officers holding the ceremony. Another has petitioned desiring membership in our Chapter. I am so happy to see our Chapter continue to grow with new membership. Soon we will have had the good fortune of 13 added to our roster. My excitement is to see our Masonic Brothers (and wives) join with the Order of the Eastern Star as our fraternities are so closely bound. Our Ritualistic work indicates throughout the Ceremonies held, how closely we are related in the words of our work. Those of us who have worked together have realized how much fun and the good feeling of enjoying family nights, Christmas party and the joy of helping each other in our efforts to bond the two closer as it seems it was intended to be as written by our founder Dr. Rob Morris. Some of us attended the Pink Lodge presented by Eastern Star Members entertaining the MWGM of Florida and many Grand Officers. Well attended and as a fundraiser was very successful.

Thank you guys for all you do for us...Tremendous help to have the heavy furniture and rugs all out for our Chapter meetings.

My prayer is that we continue this comradery for all to enjoy and participate in our special events and social activities, that we may always be worthy of the protection of our Masonic Brothers.

Star Love,

Barbara Gant, Worthy Matron

2023- 2024

What have we been up to?

2/1/2024 Stated Communication.

Wow! Must be something in the water up here in Lutz (rhymes with boots). Thank you to all the Brothers who came out to support the Lodge. It is great to see everyone.



2/3/2024 Master Mason Degree – thank you to everyone who came out to help Raise our newest Master Mason



2/6/2024 - Road Trip!

Tonight, we travel to the other end of District 19 to visit with the Brothers of PTF United Lodge. They are a great group of Brothers and showed us a great time! We had 14 Brothers in attendance.



2/7/2024 MLT and District School of Instruction

Good turn out by all Lodges of the District but the Column Under Construction can only go to one Lodge. Congratulations to Hillsborough Lodge No. 25! Swartsel lost in another run off 🤔. We'll get it back next month!



2/13/2024 Fellow Craft Degree at Pearl of the West. A group from Swartsel went to see the Degree.



2/15/2024 Stated Communication. Great turn out from the Brothers to support their Lodge. We balloted on one new member and received three new petitions. If you're not growing then you're dying!



Hardest working man at Swartsel!

2/16/2024 Fish Fry Friday! The Brothers debuted our new team shirts for the fish fry. We looked good! Thanks to everyone who came out. We had a very good night. Raised a lot of money for Charity. Thanks to the Ladies of the Star and the Brothers for helping out. We can't do it without you.



2/20/2024 Degree Practice

Getting ready for an upcoming EA Degree. Thanks to all the Brothers who came out for fun and fellowship. We made some good progress. Looking forward to more practice.

PS: we still have the traveling gavel. Any Lodge in 19 or 20 want to come and get it?





February 23, 2024

J. F. Swartsel Masonic Lodge #251
Secretary: Bro. David Lambert, Sr.
3109 W. Lutz Lake Fern Rd.
Lutz, Florida 33558

Dear Bro. Brian, Worshipful Master, and all Brothers.

I am overwhelmed by your generous contribution to Friendship Chapter #209, and of course the honor bestowed upon me with the absolutely beautiful and so meaningful
Plaque awarded at my last meeting as Worthy Matron of Friendship Chapter #209.

I began visiting this Chapter in 2018 and noticed there was not much togetherness among our fraternities. The fish fries are always a delightful place to see the camaraderie among the Brothers working as a team. I thought how nice it would be to have social activities for us to work together in all aspects when open to all guests.

I became W.M., Bro. Wade Angel was Worshipful Master, and together we decided to try to make it happen. Bro. Brian, whom I called upon many times to get in and out of this building without having the fire department invade, was interested in continuing our goal. I would be remiss if I didn't say a huge Thank you to Bro. David Lambert for chancing my request to serve with me in the East. He has supported 100%. AND of course there were many Eastern Star members helping, not just me.

The cheerful companionship and Initiation of Brothers into our Chapter have absolutely made my experience in Florida one of the most rewarding and happy days in my years of service to the Order of the Eastern Star.

Thank you each and every one of you whom I have been in contact with for various activities and to all for this honor, I say, "My Husband would be elated to know this has happened as he was a dedicated member of both fraternities and truly believed we should work together as we are dedicated to charity, hope, and loving kindness".

Luv ya bunches and bunches for all you do for our community and thanks again,

Barbara Gant, Worthy Matron
Friendship Chapter #209
2023-2024

J.F. Swartsel Lodge No. 251

2024 Proposed Budget

	Proposed 2023 Budget	Actuals	PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET
Income			
4003 2021 Membership Dues		\$210.00	\$241.50
4004 2022 Membership Dues	\$25,078.10		\$0.00
4005 2023 Membership Dues		\$22,603.50	\$22,603.50
4020 Building rent income	\$6,300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
4040 Other lodge donations	\$500.00	\$100.00	
4060 Ciphers (Red Book) sold	\$120.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
4075 Floorwork Books Sold	\$60.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
4080 Fish Fry	\$10,000.00	\$8,498.00	\$10,000.00
4090 Charity Basket Donations	\$1,000.00	\$2,267.00	\$900.00
4099 misc lodge income	\$100.00	\$7.00	\$2,500.00
4100 Lodge Kitchen Income	\$300.00		\$500.00
4110 E A Degree Fees	\$800.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00
4120 F C Degree Fees	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
4125 MM Degree Fee	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
4140 Bank interest received	\$5.00	\$5.15	\$6.00
4201 Poll Worker Income	\$500.00	\$1,840.00	\$2,000.00
4250 Perpetual Membership Income	\$8,300.00	\$6,418.00	\$8,000.00
4260 Trestleboard Boosters/Advertising	\$0.00		\$300.00
4280 Income from Eastern Star	\$1,200.00	\$645.00	\$960.00
4281 Income From Holyrood Rental	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	
4290 Back ground Check Income	\$150.00	\$105.00	\$120.00
4410 Sale of Lodge Pins and other accessories	\$20.00		\$0.00
4605 Invest Income/loss from Ed Jones Portfolio	\$20,500.00		\$4,000.00
4604 Cash income from Lodge Merger	\$0.00		
Total Income	\$75,933.10	\$49,658.65	\$54,491.00
Gross Profit			
Expenses			
6000 Fish Fry Expense	\$8,250.00	\$4,494.59	\$5,168.78
6050 Lodge Electricity	\$3,000.00	\$5,852.05	\$3,000.00
6060 Lodge Yard Maintenance	\$200.00		\$1,000.00
6061 Lodge Building Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$1,964.00	\$2,000.00
6070 Lodge Building and Capital Expense	\$8,000.00	\$141.67	\$162.92
6080 Lodge Water/Sewer	\$600.00	\$71.25	\$600.00
6090 Lodge Property Taxes	\$500.00		\$600.00
6091 Lodge Taxes	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$207.00
6110 Sales Tax Paid	\$300.00		\$300.00
6120 Purchase of Masonic Digests	\$100.00		\$0.00
6145 Lodge Donations - McKittrick	\$600.00		\$1,000.00
6150 Purchase of Masonic Bibles	\$400.00		\$500.00
6170 Monitors Purchased	\$200.00		\$300.00
6200 Grand Line Officer Homecoming Expenses	\$400.00		\$0.00
6201 GMOV	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00
6220 Background check expenses	\$150.00	\$74.95	\$86.19
6230 Office Supplies and expenses	\$1,000.00	\$2,539.38	\$3,200.00
6250 Lodge Cleaning Supplies	\$350.00	\$28.64	\$100.00
6260 Bank Charges	\$100.00		\$200.00
6261 Edward Jones Expenses	\$500.00		\$0.00
6270 Lodge Kitchen Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$582.10	\$670.00
6290 Non Meeting Lodge Food Purchases	\$2,000.00	\$829.35	\$1,000.00
6315 Fire/Security Alarm expense	\$1,500.00	\$738.50	\$1,200.00
6360 Property Insurance Expenses	\$2,700.00		\$3,000.00
6370 Liability Insurance Expenses	\$7,000.00	\$4,809.00	\$3,000.00
6390 Lodge Secretary Stipend	\$6,000.00	\$5,400.00	\$7,200.00
6400 Postage	\$600.00	\$286.00	\$600.00
6410 Lodge Pins / Wages and Other Accessories	\$700.00		\$700.00
6411 Internet Expense	\$2,500.00	\$2,432.56	\$3,000.00
6431 Telephone	\$700.00		\$0.00
6441 Grand Lodge Travel	\$0.00	\$4,865.00	\$7,000.00
6451 Grand Lodge Per Capita Expenses	\$7,000.00	\$6,742.50	\$0.00
6461 LP Gas	\$0.00		\$0.00
6471 Advertising/Promotional	\$600.00	\$1,089.00	\$1,500.00
6481 Masonic Charitable Contributions	\$700.00	\$48.00	\$55.20
6491 Non Masonic Charitable Contributions	\$500.00	\$2,800.00	\$1,000.00
6501 Grand Lodge of Florida - LYPMGC	\$2,100.00	\$1,359.00	\$2,000.00
6511 Entertainment	\$2,000.00	\$125.00	\$0.00
6521 Other Grand Lodge Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$61.25	\$100.00
6522 Grand Communication Expenses	\$5,000.00		\$0.00
6531 Masters and Wardens expenses	\$400.00		\$0.00
6602 Paid Scholarship Expense	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
6604 Lodge Costumes and Uniforms		\$266.00	\$300.00
6902 Florida Dept of Agriculture		\$128.00	\$150.00
6951 Masonic Paraphernalia		\$548.00	\$600.00
Bank Charges & Fees	\$100.00		\$0.00
Other Business Expenses	\$100.00		\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$75,850.00	\$50,255.79	\$53,500.09
Net Operating Income	\$83.10		\$990.91

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