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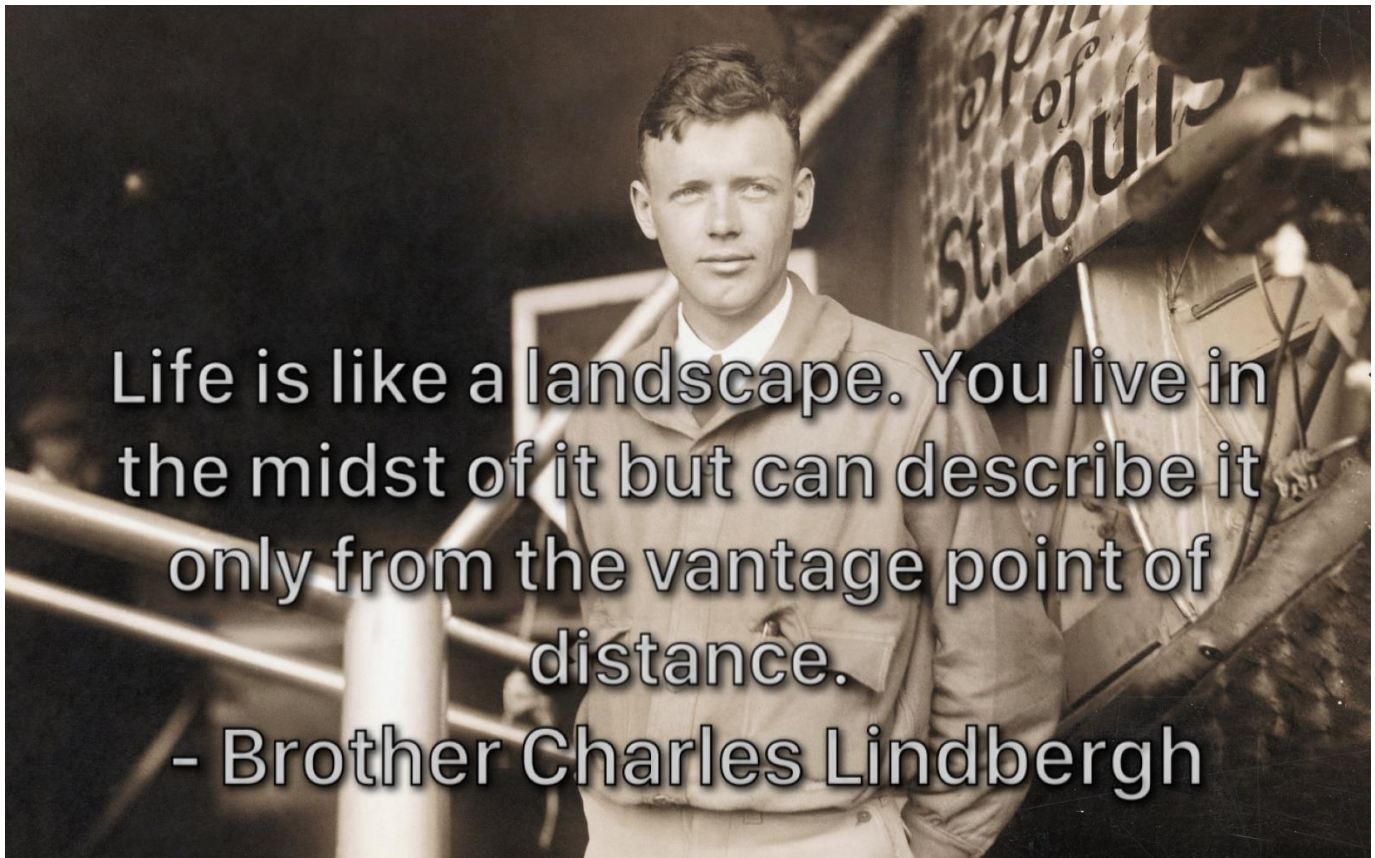
Your Catechism Instructors for the three symbolic degrees in Freemasonry are:

W.: Jerry M. Snell Jr. – W.: Stephan Edson – W.: Raymond Ciunci – Br. Allan Jenkins

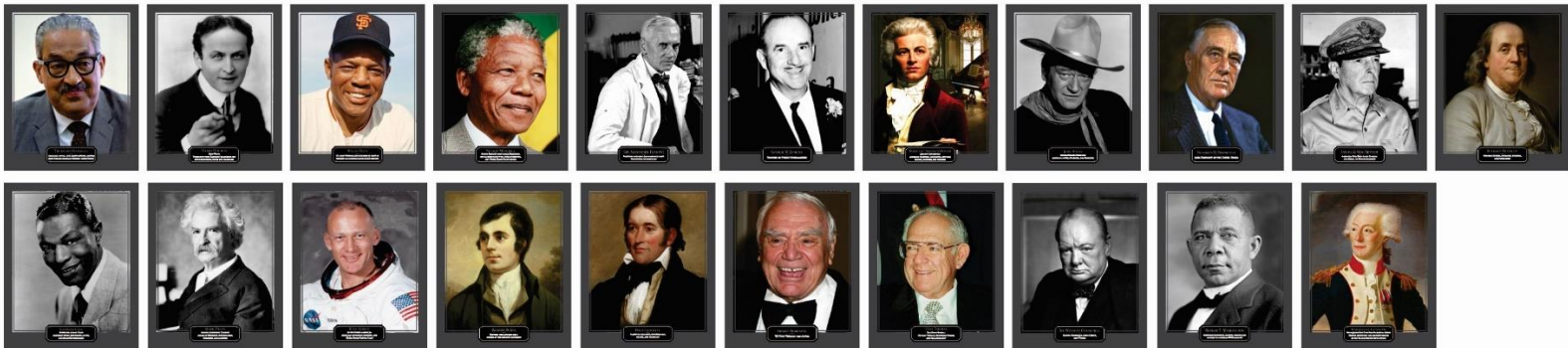


Who does J. F. Swartsel Lodge support in the community?

- 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
- McKitrick Elementary School
- “Helping Paws Program”
- Rainbow Assembly (Hillsborough County)
- De Molay (Hillsborough County)
- Shriners’ Hospital
- Lifepath Hospice
- Jobs’ Daughters
- Land O Lakes High School
- 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. Swartzel 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. Swartzel Officers are as follows:

Worshipful Master Brother Brian Andrew Reach
Senior Warden Brother Allan Arthur Jenkins
Junior Warden Brother Demetrios Thomas Dellis
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Tyler Brother Lamont Jay 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:

May 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, Dinner @ 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**

7th 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.

9th Monthly Lodge visit to Holyrood Lodge No. 257

10th 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple.

14th 6:pm Officer's Meeting, Degree Practice to follow.

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.**

20th **7:30 - Friendship Chapter No. 209 meeting.**

21st 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.

27th thru 29th The 195th Grand Communication, Starts Monday, May 27th @ 9:AM through Wednesday, May 29th, 2024. It will be held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel, 9700 International Drive, Orlando, Florida, 32819. (407) 996-9700

From the Worshipful Master: Brother Brian Reach

Our monthly Lodge visits are back and going strong. Our April Lodge visit to Tarpon Lodge No. 112 was great ... sharing good food and good Fellowship with the Brothers of Tarpon Lodge! I want to thank all the Brothers who were able to attend. I will be updating this portion of my Trestleboard articles as we identify the Lodges.

HolyRood Lodge No. 257
A. W. Windhorst No. 185

Thursday May 9
June but nothing confirmed

I you haven't heard the news, we have lost the Traveling Gavel at the April 18 SC ... but what a wonderful way to have it happen. W:M: Juan Heredia along with 14 other Brothers from Universal Lodge No. 178 attended Lodge with us and captured the Gavel!!

They also witnessed three of our Brothers: Denis Graham Monefeldt, Thomas Martin Sheehan and Jose Luis Valdes, Jr. successfully give back their MM catechism. A big thank you to Brother Jim Cline for being their Inquisitor.

Well done Brothers all!!

Finally congratulations go out to Bro. Joseph Lloyd Gracey who received his 70-year Certificate and Grand Honors at the April 18 SC.

I am very much looking forward to the Grand Communication and meeting all the Brothers from across the State and from other countries. If you are not going this year, consider making plans to do so next year!

Hope to see you in Lodge soon!

Fraternally yours,
W: Brian Reach

From the Senior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins

First, I would like to congratulate our newly entered Brothers (names). This degree is the foundation of Freemasonry and the beginning of your Masonic journey. Enjoy it, Learn from it, and start to build life long bonds.

Secondly, we had several brothers in new chairs for the first time. It was a great learning process. I am proud to see you all step up and challenge yourself. I encourage all of the brothers in the line and not in the line to get involved in the degree process. This process is one that will truly reward you and enrich your life. You will get 10 fold out of masonry with a few extra hours put into it. Plus you get to be involved in the development of our newly entered brother.

I would like to end this month's message by quoting Brother Harland Sanders (the Colonel). "I've only had two rules: Do all you can and do it the best you can. It's the only way you will ever get that feeling of accomplishing something".

From the Junior Warden: Brother Demetrios Dellis

Nothing from the South

What have we been up to?

4/3/2024 MLT! W.: Tabak does a great job. District School is up next. If you leave now you can make it 😊



4/3/2024 District School of Construction. A fantastic night of education! Swartsel had a good turnout and we won the Column Under Construction. It will be proudly displayed at our stated communication on Thursday right next to the Traveling Gavel, which we have as well. Come on out and you can behold both at the same place 😊



4/4/2024 Stated Communication. Another packed house at Swartsel! Thank you to all the Brothers for coming out. You Brothers make the Lodge come alive. Dinner was great. Looking forward to some good fellowship.
Swartsel is also home to the Column Under Construction and the No Longer Traveling Gavel, as it has not left Swartsel in sometime



4/9/2024 Degree Practice. Practice night! Great turnout. Thanks to all the Brothers for coming out to support the new candidates.

PS: don't get you line wrong and upset the District Instructor

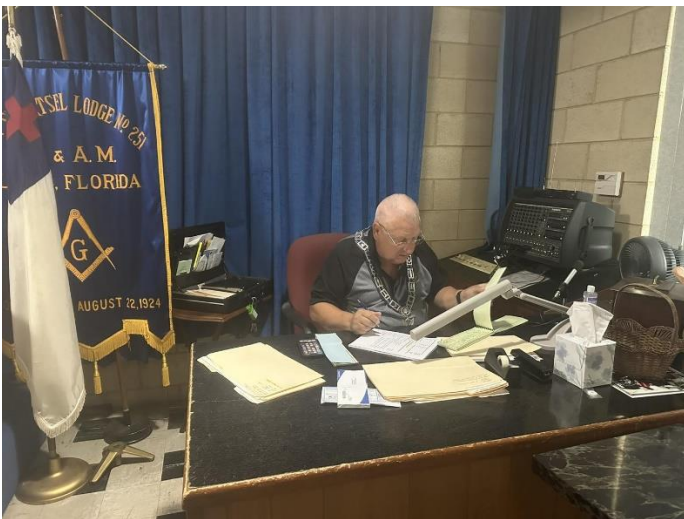
PPS: the No Longer Traveling Gavel is still at Swartsel. Come and get Brothers. 😊



4/11/2024 Monthly Lodge Visit. We went to Tarpon Lodge in April.



4/18/2024 Stated Communication. Another great turnout! We had a large contingent of Brothers from Universal Lodge. They came for the Traveling Gavel. Finally it's traveling again. We hope this encourages the other Lodges of 19 and 20 to travel around and see their Brothers. Great fun and fellowship was had by all.



4/18/2024 Stated Communication. End of meeting photos. What a turnout by both Lodges. Sadly the Traveling Gavel has left its longtime home. 😞. One day it will return. To all the other Lodges, we'll see ya down the road.



4/18/2024 - 70 service award presentation. Brothers these don't come around all that often. It was great to have so many Brothers present to witness it. Brother Joseph Lloyd Gracey was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on the 28th day of December 1953! Congratulations my Brother.

As a side note, we finally received the paperwork from Grand Lodge and we were able to vote on Brother Gracey's membership into Swartsel.



4/19/2024 Fish Fry Friday! Another busy night at the fish fry. So busy we forgot to take pictures when we were full. Thanks to everyone who came out and to all the hard working Brothers.



4/23/2024 Entered Apprentice Degree. Congratulations to our newest Entered Apprentices! Thanks to R.: W.: Jim Rocha for a great lecture and W.: Wade Angel for the Charge. Brother John Nagy made the night special with his music. We had the privilege of having several new EAs from other Lodges attend. Thank you to the Brothers from Temple Terrace and Hillsborough for coming out. We had the additional privilege of having R.: W.: Don Cowart, the Deputy Grand Master in attendance.



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