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

R.: H.: Adam Feldman - W.: Jerry M. Snell Jr. – W.: Marty Greif – Br. Allan Jenkins  
W.: Wade Angel – Br. Jack Jones – Br. Dennis Monefeldt



### **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

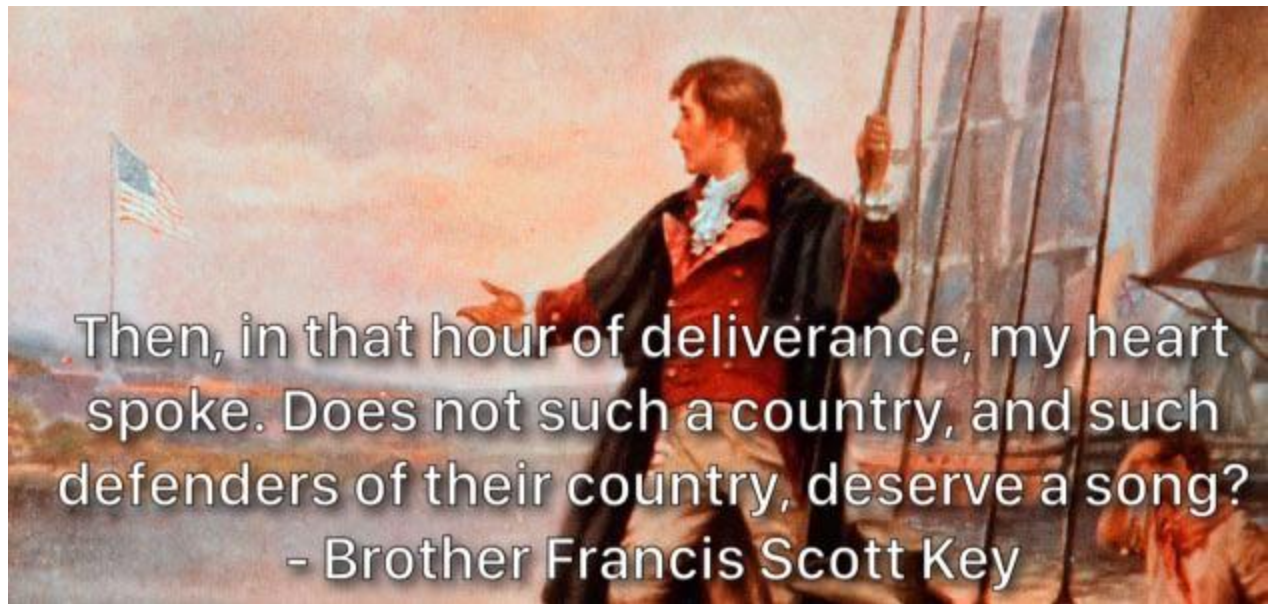
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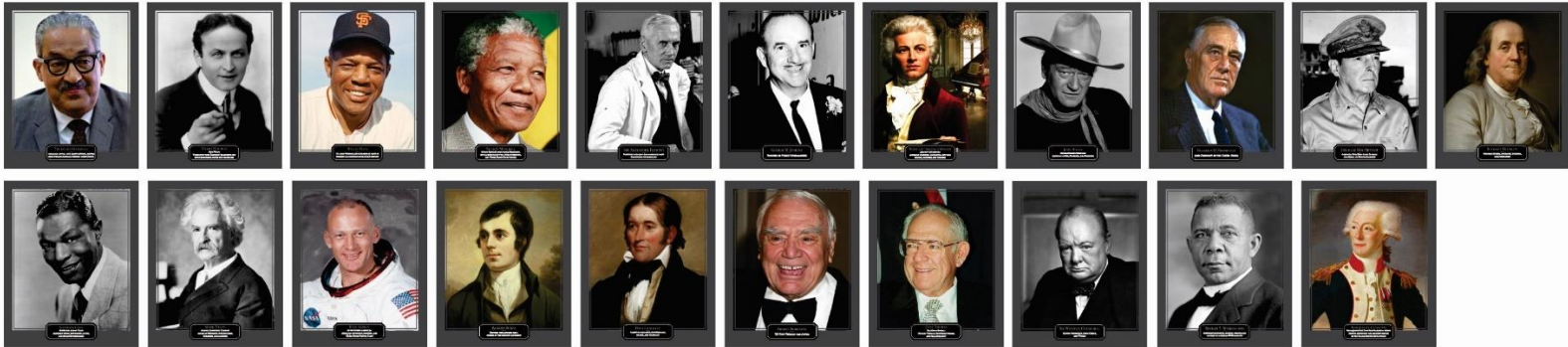
Monthly Bingo jackpots at the Florida Masonic Home in St. Petersburg

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:**

<b>Worshipful Master</b>	<b>Brother Brian Andrew Reach</b>
<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>Brother Allan Arthur Jenkins</b>
<b>Junior Warden</b>	<b>Brother Demetrios Thomas Dellis</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>W : Jeffrey Thomas Sklet</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>W : David Bruce Lambert Sr.</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>Br. Thomas Martin Sheehan</b>
<b>Marshall</b>	<b>W : Stephen Douglas Edson</b>
<b>Senior Deacon</b>	<b>Brother Joe Circhirillo</b>
<b>Junior Deacon</b>	<b>Brother Thomas Holland Overman</b>
<b>Senior Steward</b>	<b>Brother Dickey Parrish Davis</b>
<b>Junior Steward</b>	<b>Brother Jack Wilbur Jones</b>
<b>Tyler</b>	<b>Brother Lamont Jay Richardson</b>
<b>Musician</b>	<b>Brother John S Nagy</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>W : Samuel McPherson</b>







**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](mailto:dlambert7907@gmail.com) so I can update your records.

#### **Calendar of Important Lodge Dates:**

##### **July 2024.**

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

## **From the Worshipful Master: Brother Brian Reach**

Fishing trip: Just so you know, we will be arranging another fishing trip aboard the Two Georges the fall. While nothing is set yet, watch this space for news about the trip.

Bowling outing: I would like to get together with our Brothers and Sisters and go bowling. If we are anywhere near respectable, we will see if any Lodges will accept our challenge to a spirited game!! Please let me know if you are interested at [wm@jfwartsel251.org](mailto:wm@jfwartsel251.org)

Upcoming EA degree

J. F. Swartsel will be holding an EA Degree for Mr. Galzerano on Tuesday, July 16. Dinner: 18:30 (6:30 pm) Degree: 19:30 (7:30 pm)  
Degree team dress code: White jackets.

Upcoming Lodge visits:

Paul Revere Lodge No 419	Tuesday, August 13
13402 Montour St., Brooksville, FL 34613	
Tampa Bay Lodge No 252	Tuesday, September 17
354 Main St., Safety Harbor, FL 34695	

I hope you have a safe and fun July 4

Fraternally yours,  
W.: Brian Reach

## **From the Senior Warden: Brother Allan Jenkins**

My Brothers, we have just attended the 195<sup>th</sup> Grand Communication in Orlando. There was business that was conducted (which I will talk about shortly) and a ton of fellowship and brotherly love.

There are 2 distinct things that occur during Grand Lodge. First, we take care of the Crafts business at the state level. All primary officers from all lodges are required to attend as they are the only voting members of that lodge. This is why we cover the edicts and measures to be voted on with the craft in the meetings prior. We always want the will of the lodge to be expressed and carried forward at the event. It is important get as much participation during our lodge meetings as we can. If you want your input taken into account, then you must be there to let us know. I believe that people support an environment that they help create and mold. Your input is your ability to help create and mold those votes outside our four walls and inside them. So, I encourage everyone to always attend their blue lodge as that is where it all starts.

Secondly, the fellowship that occurs during the Grand Communication is priceless. Bonds are built, friendships and lasting ties occur at a different level when attending this event. Whether you go golfing with a group, dinner, lunches, visiting the pool or just hanging out at the bar having a few adult beverages with a brother, you get to know them on a different level and that is part of what Masonry is all about. If you have not been to a Grand Communication I would highly encourage you to do that next year. In closing, my overall message is as Masons whether it is Grand Lodge, your home Lodge or traveling the district with other brothers, it is very important to show up. Showing up makes all of the difference.

Have a great day!

Fraternally,  
S.W. Allan A. Jenkins

## **From the Junior Warden: Brother Demetrios Dellis**

Nothing from the South

## **From Friendship Chapter Oder of the Eastern Star**

To the Brothers in J. F. Swartsel Lodge,

Just a short note to let you know, I miss being in and around seeing each of you “in action”.

Since I have been a member in Friendship Chapter #209 Order of the Easter Star, there have many Changes in the appearance of the Lodge Building inside and outside. It had a beautiful and warm Appearance before and now through these past years, with the Worshipful Masters each attaining Their goals of their wishes to “make it better”.

I would like to give warm kudos to people I call Unsung Heroes. They do things without being acknowledged, as they do not do them to be acknowledged. There will be many unmentioned, yet I know you are all in helping whatever and wherever needed.

I would like to thank, Bro. David Lambert for the many tasks he completes, Bro. Lamont Richardson for his continuing to do whatever he can to help, Bro. Tom Sheehan, for painting the cabinet in the Women’s restroom, and interior of the dining hall, wow what an improvement, Bro. Wade Angel for the TVs and pictures of Past Masters, Bro. Tom Overman, who has helped getting rid of “stuff” to the dump with his trailer, no fee charged, just a happy smile to be fulfilling the Masonic creed, Helping wives, daughters, mothers, widows and orphans. Of course always great to see ya’ll expediting the excellence of the Fish Frys.

Star Love and Happy Trails

*Barbara Gant, P.M.*

*Liaison*



## **Masonic Education – The Sons of Liberty**

The Sons of Liberty was an organization formed in the years before the American Revolution.

In 1765 the British government, who were unhappy supporting the 10,000 troops stationed in the American colonies, decided to levy a tax. This was called the Stamp Act of 1765. In the act anything printed in the colonies, whether a legal document, playing cards or anything in between, was required by law to be printed on paper created in London and embossed with a revenue stamp. This caused a series of legislative actions in various colonies in opposition, starting in Virginia. The motto for this resistance became "No taxation without Representation." This caused groups to form in all of the colonies who violently opposed the Stamp Act and other levied taxes.



In August of 1765, the Sons of Liberty formed in Boston, Massachusetts. Soon a committee was formed in New York to communicate with other colonies and to coordinate efforts in opposing the taxes. Some of the violence led to tar and featherings. This was meant to injure and humiliate the tax collectors.

On December 16th, 1773 the Sons of Liberty in Boston held their most famous act of rebellion against the tax acts. The Boston Tea Party had the members of the Sons of Liberty climbing on board British merchant ships and dumping taxed tea into Boston harbor. This action led directly to the American Revolution.

The Sons of Liberty in Boston was largely made of Freemasons from the area. Although it was not a Masonic organization and did not have an exclusive masonic membership, many of the leaders of the organization were Freemasons. A masonic legend holds the night of the Boston Tea Party, St. Andrew's Lodge of Boston, which owned the Green Dragon tavern meeting place of both the lodge and the Sons of Liberty, had their regular meeting. In the minutes it allegedly stated the meeting was canceled due to lack of quorum. Presumably all the members were off dumping tea in Boston Harbor.

While most associate the Sons of Liberty with Boston, it wasn't their only chapter. The Sons of Liberty had groups in almost all of the colonies. While Committees of correspondence were used for more formal communication between the colonies, the Sons of liberty leaned more toward action.

Throughout the world, non-masonic organizations like the Sons of Liberty have sprung up during times of revolution in those countries. This includes in the Philippines, Ecuador and Mexico. Despite being non-masonic, many in their ranks are members in the fraternity.

## **What have we been up to?**

Pretty good turn out for MLT. RH Tabak doing double duty tonight. More to come from District School coming up next.





District School of Instruction. More Brothers came out. A lot of good instruction and fellowship.



After learning and fellowship, fellowship. Hope to see more Brothers next time



You never know when a couple Brothers from JF Swartsel Lodge No. 251 will show up at San Gabriel Lodge No. 89 in Georgetown, TX. W.: Ron Speaks and Brother David Docimo. We miss these Brothers every day. We are sure they are a huge asset to their new Lodge.



Going over the books with our DDGM. Fun times!





Great turn out for the District Deputy Grand Master's official visit to Swartsel! We were honored to receive R. W. Robert Martin and his party. The Committeemen made good presentations and the Grand Master's message was inspiring. Good food and fellowship was had by all. The Banana Pudding was excellent!





Excellent fellowship tonight following our DDGM Visit. Thank you to all who attended!





Another fabulous fish fry Friday! 🐟. Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy the food and good times.







Here for the Master Mason Association of Hillsborough monthly meeting. Good food and fellowship. Heard a presentation from R.: W.: Rob Estell candidate for the Grand South.



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