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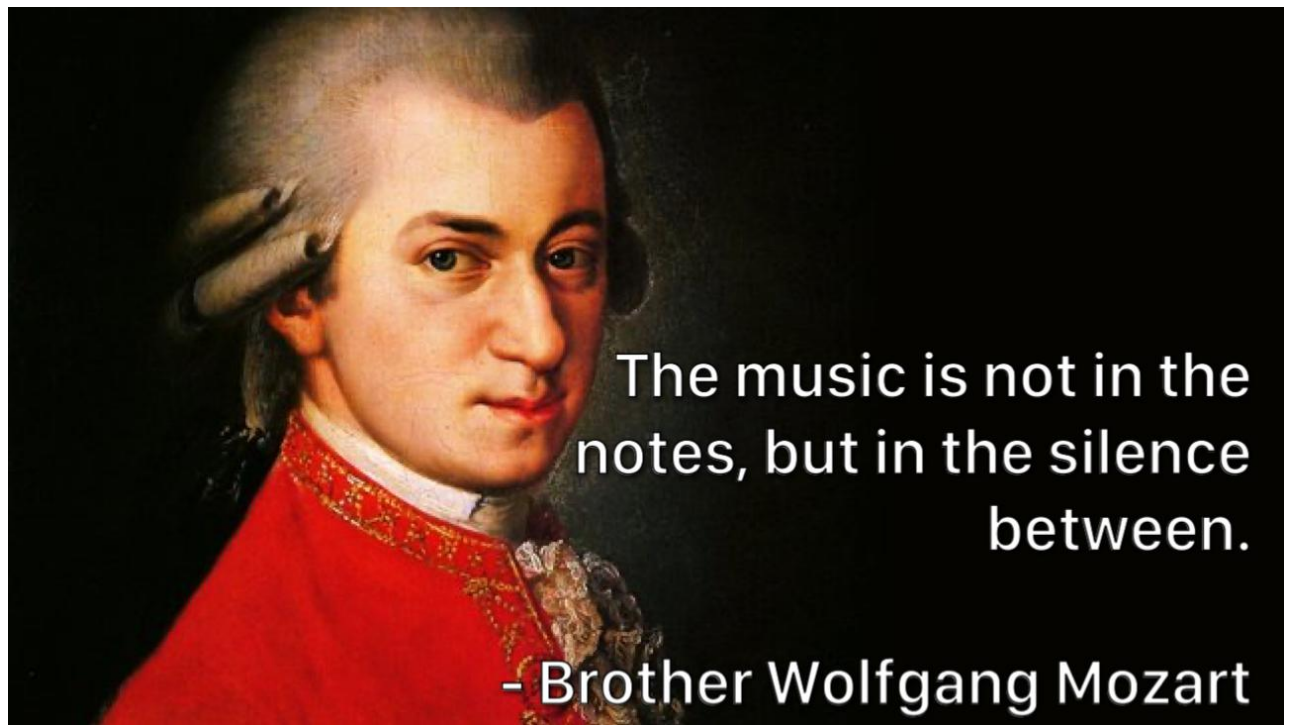
Your Catechism Instructors for the three symbolic degrees in Freemasonry are:

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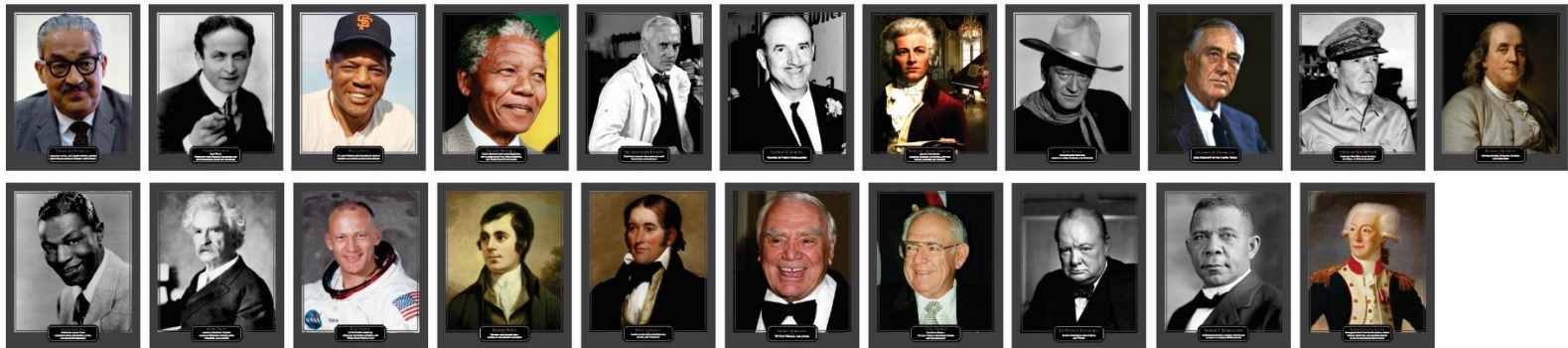


**Who does J. F. Swartsel Lodge support in the community?**

- 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
- Heart Dance Foundation
- Metropolitan Ministries
- The Joshua House
- Friendship Chapter No 209 Order of the Eastern Star



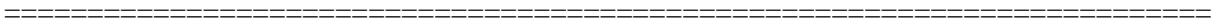
If they could do the things they did then,



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, Palma Ceia and Community Lodge](#)**

Please follow the link to our website for a complete list of past masters.



**Your 2026 J. F. Swartzel Officers are as follows:**

**Worshipful Master** Brother Joe Circhirillo  
**Senior Warden** Brother Thomas Holland Overman  
**Junior Warden** Brother Jack Wilbur Jones  
**Treasurer** R :: H :: Jeffrey Thomas Sklet  
**Secretary** W :: David Bruce Lambert Sr.  
**Chaplain** W :: Wade Edward Angel  
**Marshall** R :: H :: Adam Scott Feldman  
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**Junior Deacon** Brother Kyle John Jesso  
**Senior Steward** Brother Per Henrik Johann Nordstrom  
**Junior Steward** Brother Carlos Andres Perez  
**Tyler** Brother Jose Luis Valdes Jr.  
**Musician** Brother John S Nagy  
**Historian** W :: Samuel McPherson





Please remember your Lodge boosters and thank them!



## Chair Chatter

### From the Secretary: Worshipful David Lambert, Sr.

Brethren,

**Please check your Dues Card to see if you have paid your 2026 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:

##### April 2026.

- 1<sup>st</sup>** (6:PM – 7:PM, MLT), (7:PM – 8:PM), District 19 School of Instruction @ John Darling Masonic Center.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 4<sup>th</sup>** **10:30 AM – E.A. Degree Competition @ Brandon Lodge.**
- 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 10<sup>th</sup> 7:PM - Masonic Park Board Meeting @ EGYPT Temple.
- 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ Universal John Darling Masonic Center
- 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 15<sup>th</sup> 7:PM – Plant City York Rite at J. F. Swartsel No. 251, (Chapter & Council).
- 16<sup>th</sup>** **Stated Communication of J. F. Swartsel Lodge, Dinner 6:30 PM, Lodge Opens at 7:30 PM.**
- 17<sup>th</sup>** **5:PM – 7:PM, Third Friday FULL Menu Fish Fry at J.F. Swartsel.**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Trestleboard Articles to R.: H.: Jeff Sklet.
- 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM – Friendship Chapter No. 209 meeting.
- 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.
- 25<sup>th</sup> 9:AM – Noon, Open Books at Zone School of Instruction @ Brandon Lodge
- 27<sup>th</sup>** **6:30 – 8:30 Master Mason Association of Hillsborough County @ EGYPT Shrine.**
- 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM, Degree Practice.

## **From the Worshipful Master: Worshipful Joe Circhirillo**

My Brothers,

This is your worshipful master big Joe Chic in the east. I want to thank all the Brothers that helped with the fish fry in March, it was another success for charity. I would like to see some new Brothers out there with us at the fish fry. This is the way we support the community, and we stick together as a team by helping, and we're doing it for good causes like I say again I want to thank all the Brothers that came out and worked or supported us during our fish fry we are looking forward to our master mason degree. We had to move it up to May 2 which is a Saturday. We will be putting through two Brothers from our lodge and two Brothers from other lodges. I want to remind you the reason we are so strong is because we stick together. I was very lucky to meet with our Most Worshipful Grandmaster Atala at DeSoto Lodge for breakfast he had nothing but praise for our lodge Brothers. We have to keep up the good work. We're starting to get recognized in the community and I want to see a lot of our old Brothers at our meetings if you know of any Brother that hasn't been to the lodge in a in a few months, I want you to contact him and invite him to the lodge. Tell him how much we miss our member Brothers. I want to thank all my instructors for doing a wonderful job with all our new Brothers and also a thank you to all the Brothers that traveled to Windhorst Lodge to deliver King Solomon's crown to them. See you at the Lodge.

Fraternally,

W.:M.: Joe Circhirillo

## **From the Senior Warden: Brother Thomas Overman**

Brothers,

Good news. We are going to have a Master Mason Degree on Saturday May 2, 2026 with four Brothers, 2 from J. F. Swartsel, 1 from Pearl of the West, and potentially 1 from Zephr Lodge. We expect a big turn out with 3 lodges having Brothers in the mix. We know our JW will step it up. But to practice for four candidates we need more Brothers to help us get ready for this big event. It's our time to shine.

Fraternally,

Brother Thomas Overman

## **From the Junior Warden: Brother Jack Jones**

### **The Junior Warden: Guardian of Vigilance in Freemasonry**

My Brothers with PRIDE we are Freemasons! A brotherhood of the world's oldest and most storied fraternal organization, built on a structure of officers who guide and protect the lodge. Among them, my office as the Junior Warden plays a vital role as a guardian of order and vigilance.

Elected by the brethren, the Junior Warden is tasked with overseeing the conduct of the lodge particularly while at “refreshment”. My duty is to ensure decorum and harmony among the Craft, but even more importantly, my focus is vigilance—keeping a watchful eye both inside and outside the lodge. This vigilance is not just about security; it is about moral and ethical oversight. I aim to watch for subtle disruptions in “fraternal affection and unity,” ensuring that every member stays aligned with the principles of respect, integrity and charity.

In addition, my duties also include managing external vigilance—ensuring the safety of the brethren as they gather, and keeping watch for any disruptions or outside influences that could disturb the peace. Whether ensuring the lodge is safe from harm or fostering a culture of constant mindfulness, I as the Junior Warden, seek to be a shepherd of vigilance.

I do my best to maintain a steady watch and focused dedication to ensure that the lodge remains a place of brotherly love, camaraderie, learning, and moral fortitude—ever aspiring to be true guardian of the craft.

**Remember:** The most important Masonic Lodge in the entirety of Freemasonry is OUR LODGE; we must continue to create and build upon our solid cornerstone made up of Wisdom, Strength, Love and Respect... it is up to us!

***We ARE Swartsel #251, BABY !!!***

***~~ May Brotherly Love & \* Great Food \* Prevail ~~***

Fraternally,  
Brother Jack Jones



J.F. SWARTSEL  
LODGE NO. 251

# FISH FRY

*Fundraiser*

05:00-7:00 PM

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> 2026**

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Price includes *all you can eat* swai fillets, french fries, hushpuppies, cole slaw, grits, tea & dessert

## What have we been up to?

MLT and District School. Great turnout. Thank you Brothers for coming out and supporting the District and improving yourselves in Freemasonry.



What an evening!

An outstanding dinner served to Brothers from eight different Lodges, followed by Masonic Education that will have us thinking for days to come. The fellowship in the room reminded us what our Fraternity is all about.

We also appreciated hearing Right Worshipful Dragneff share his ideas and vision for the Grand Lodge.

Nights like this remind us how strong the Craft is when good men come together.





Lodge work day. Thanks to the Brothers who came out to make our Lodge look beautiful. We look forward to receiving our DDGM on March 19. Come on out and fill the seats!



Practice for receiving the DDGM.



It's not easy being a premier lodge—and nights like this prove why. A full evening on the trestle board: a spectacular dinner, a well-earned Fellowcraft proficiency, and the honor of hosting our DDGM. Three pillars of the Craft—hospitality, ritual excellence, and leadership—executed with purpose. This is what it looks like when standards matter and tradition is upheld.





The after DDGM visit party! A great way to top off a great evening with more fellowship.



Last fish fry of Lent. Thanks to all who came out to support us and our charities. We hit a personal best with plates sold. A big thanks to the Brothers who came out to help in cooking and serving. A special thanks to the Ladies for showing up and helping. We can't do it without you.



Great night of fellowship between the lodges of district 19 and 20 at our monthly Master Mason Association meeting. Maybe Swartsel will win the coin in the near future.



Helping out the Survivor of Elections and raising some money for our charities. We had three teams scattered across Hillsborough county last night manning drop sites for the special election. We also had a team of very hard working Brothers at the Lodge manning the polling place. It was a good day of service and fun and fellowship. Looking forward to doing it again in the fall!



Visiting A.W. Windhorst with some Brothers! (and a little present)



Sultan's Stumble. Some Brothers from Swartsel who are also members of Egypt Temple participated in the annual Sultan Stumble. A charity golf scramble.



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